



Minutes of the 273rd Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting
Sheridan Student Union Incorporated (SSUI)

Date: March 3, 2020

Time: 8:00 PM

Location: A402f, Hazel McCallion Campus

Directors Present: Xinxin Zhang, Director, TRA, Chairperson
Michelle Lee, Director, TRA, Vice-Chairperson
Yash Amitbhai Karkar, Director, DAV, Secretary
Chiragkumar Patel, Director, DAV
Mireille Dubé, Director, DAV
Ty Defreitas, Director, HMC
Maiya Samuel, Director, HMC

Teleconference: N/A

Directors Late: Abhishek Hastir, Director, DAV (*arrived at 8:12 pm*)

Directors Absent: N/A

Ex-Officio Members Present: Ben LeBlanc, President, Sheridan Student Union
Jamie King, General Manager, Sheridan Student Union

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Maria Lucido-Bezely, Dean of Students, Sheridan College

Guests Present: Laura DiViesti, Special Projects Coordinator & CRO, Sheridan Student Union
Noel Abingwa, Student, HMC

I Call to order at 8:08 PM by the Chairperson.

II Quorum 6 Board members present. (6 required for quorum)

III Declaration of Conflicts of Interest No conflicts identified.

IV Approval of the Agenda

- Zhang requests the addition of another in-camera item at the bottom of the agenda. LeBlanc suggests they simply extend the time of the current in-camera session from 30 minutes to 45 minutes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors extend the in-camera session by 15 minutes.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Karkar

Motion Carries (3 In favour, 2 against, 1 abstain)

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the 273rd meeting agenda as amended.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Dube

Motion Carries (6 In favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

V Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Zhang suggests an amendment to the 272nd meeting minutes, adding in further clarification on agenda item four: Presidential Review Process.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the 272nd Meeting Minutes as amended.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Karkar

Motion Carries (7 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the Emergency Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Karkar

Motion Carries (7 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

VI In-Camera Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors enter in-camera session with directors only.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Samuel

Motion Carries (7 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

LeBlanc, King, DiViesti, Abingwa exit the meeting at 8:13 pm.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors exit in-camera session.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Karkar

Motion Carries (7 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

LeBlanc, King, DiViesti, Abingwa re-enter the meeting at 8:19 pm.

VII Item One: HMC2A Update

- King and LeBlanc outline the report.
- Project update document; King participates in monthly meetings related to the HMC2A project.
- The summary of major impacts on cost and time: Permit and regulatory requirements delay, as built conditions of HMC2 building, Issues related to tariff on steel and aluminum, building alignment, weather conditions from the previous winter, trade strikes, consulting fees, additional fixtures, furnishings and equipment, and a contingency refresh.
- Samuel asks if this is the same company working on HMC2A as worked on HMC. King clarifies that this is a different company which has proven to create a higher level of satisfaction with the SSU and the College.
- Another issue we have come across is the transition between senior managements
- Additional costs are approx. \$7.4 million; of which SSU's portion is \$1,959,000 bringing the overall contribution to \$19,959,000. The lowest point in the reserve will be around \$388,000; but we will be able to recoup that reserve.
- Zhang asks how the 1.9 million will be spent; King informs the Board that most of it will go to contingency and when the project wraps up, should the full contribution to the contingency not be used, it will come back to SSU
- LeBlanc provides an older report from November 2017 about where the money comes from being a combination of down payment, financing via college's strategy and pulling from the building reserve. LeBlanc will add this to the SharePoint.

BE IT RESOLVED That the SSUI Board authorizes management to access an additional \$1,959,000 from the SSU Building Fund to pay the SSU's share of additional costs identified in the HMC2A Project as outlined in recent reports received from Sheridan College. This raises SSU's commitment to the HMC2A Project from \$18 million to \$19,959,000.

Moved: Karkar
Seconded: Patel

Motion Carries (7 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

VIII Item Two: Elections Update

- LeBlanc provides an update to the Board on the status of the elections. The original timeline that was presented had nominations starting on March 2nd 2020. As per elections policy, we are required to give at least 5 days notice of the nomination period prior to it being open, which would require us to have that notice out by February 24th 2020. This deadline was not met. King states that clear direction of the deadline was given to our marketing division, he has indicated in discussions with the department that this error was not acceptable. The department regrets the cause of this delay and apologizes for the fact it needs to come back to the Board.
- LeBlanc reviews the proposed timeline, with nominations starting March 11th until March 24th. The original campaigning and voting periods are not impacted.
- Karkar asks if a current director is interested in running for office again if they need to vacate their seat; LeBlanc clarifies there is no need to do this.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the revised timeline for the 2020-2021 General Elections as presented.

Moved: Hastir
Seconded: Dube

Motion Carries (7 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

IX Item Three: Bylaw Changes

- Karkar outlines the proposed change to Bylaw 6.8 (a) (i) and (ii); this would amend the bylaw from removal by unanimous vote of the Board, to removal by a special resolution of the Board.
- Zhang, Hastir, Defreitas, and Dube do not agree with the suggested amendment to 6.8 (a) (ii). Defreitas and Dube do not agree with the proposed amendment to 6.8 (a) (i).
- Karkar states that this amendment is being proposed for 6.8 (a) (ii) because hypothetically if a director is being benefitted by the President they wouldn't vote to remove the President, which if a unanimous decision would not remove the President, but would if it were a special resolution vote.
- Concerns come up that if the Board is a small group they could easily vote out the President at a special resolution.
- The Board decides to not vote on the change for 6.8 (a) (ii).

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors amend Bylaw 6.8 (a) (i) to read "By a petition from the membership of no less than 150 members, requiring a vote by the Board of Directors within ten days that must pass as a special resolution".

Moved: Hastir
Seconded: Patel

Motion Carries (5 In Favour, 1 Against, 1 Abstain)

- Dube presents her amendments to bylaw 5.7 (b) and 5.10 (h).
 - 5.7 (b) – The proposed amendment would remove the line about prorating the honorarium based on attendance.
 - 5.10 (h) – The proposed amendment would amend the maximum number of meetings for a leave of absence from 2 to 3 meetings per term in office.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors amend Bylaw 5.7 (b) to read "A Director will receive an honorarium of \$800 paid in two (2) installments in each academic term in office, subject to applicable deductions" subject to take effect on May 1st 2020.

Moved: Dube
Seconded: Karkar

Motion Carries (4 In Favour, 1 Against, 2 Abstain)

- Directors seeking to return are advised to abstain from the vote on Bylaw 5.7 (b). LeBlanc also advises that a poll vote can be taken to identify those who abstained.
- A potential conflict of interest has been noted by Karkar, a poll vote will be taken again.

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Moved: Dube
Seconded: Patel

Motion Fails (3 In Favour [Dube, Hastir, Patel], 1 Against [Defreitas], 3 Abstain [Samuel, Karkar, Zhang])

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors amend Bylaw 5.10 (h) to read “The Board may, by ordinary resolution following a request by a Director, grant a leave of absence to the Director for a maximum of three Meetings, once per term in office. This approved leave of absence will not affect the pro-rating for unattended Meetings”.

Moved: Dube
Seconded: Hastir

Motion Fails (3 In Favour, 1 Against, 3 Abstain)

- The Board would like LeBlanc to explore their options around amending bylaws 5.10 (h) and 5.7 (b).

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors direct the President to explore options to amend Bylaw 5.7 (b) and 5.10 (h).

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Samuel

Motion Carries (6 In Favour, 1 Against, 0 Abstain)

X Item Four: Organizing an Eve Garba Event at the Davis Campus

- Karkar presents the idea of holding a Garba event at the Davis campus. He states that he discussed the idea with LeBlanc, and our programming department has said it was successful in the past. If this is being explored, the department need to be informed as soon as possible so they can start to explore if it is feasible.
- Samuel asks Karkar to explain the event; Karkar states that Garba is a traditional Indian Folk Dance, and this event would be a pub night themed around that.
- Zhang notes that it was his understanding a club ran it; Karkar has reached out to the club president who was not interested in holding it due to other priorities. SISA was also not interested.
- Zhang asks if the Board approves this, if the money for the event will come from the Board’s budget. LeBlanc explains that he has a Special Projects budget line he can use for this on the Board’s behalf.
- Hastir asks LeBlanc what the procedural basis for supporting clubs holding events. LeBlanc states that we can reach out to the club to see if they are interested in supporting us hold the event. Patel states that he was a member of the club and the Club President’s lack of interest could be due to personal reasons.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors authorise the president to undertake the organization of an eve garba event this semester and pull the funding of that from the president’s special project budget line.

Moved: Defreitas
Seconded: Hastir

Motion Carries (6 In Favour, 1 Against, 0 Abstain)

XI Item Five: Sports Shuttle Bus

- Defreitas states that he had a conversation about the sports shuttle bus; he is looking to have the board allocate the budget to explore this.
- LeBlanc has a meeting with Jim Flack next week which if the Board approves, he can bring up at the meeting. LeBlanc can work to get cost estimates to bring to the board at future meetings.
- Zhang is concerned about the lack of games; Defreitas is looking to implement this starting September 2020.

- Defreitas is looking to get this baked into the 2020-2021 budget. LeBlanc is seeking authorization to undertake the initiative.
- Hastir asks if this is something the college would partner on. LeBlanc informs him that he would not know until he meets with Jim Flack next week.
- Samuel asks if we have the buses or if we would need new ones. LeBlanc informs her that we would need to start from the ground up on this as the existing shuttle buses are being used by the college for their Shuttle program.
- Dube brings up a concern about if this would be a good use of student money considering other issues present to our students including housing and food insecurity.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve LeBlanc in undertaking consideration for a Sports Shuttle Bus and present updates to the Board when available.

Moved: Samuel
Seconded: Hastir

Motion Carries (7 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

XII Executive Updates

- LeBlanc provides the Board with a variety of updates:
 - Training for VPs to serve as DROs was held last week. We look forward to seeing how they serve in their roles as a support to the CRO.
 - The Black History Month Closing Ceremony held today. He highlighted our student staff's contribution to the events. A student noted that one of her favourite events of the month was held by the SSU, Dinner and a Drag Show.
 - He will be speaking at Skilled Trades Competition tomorrow morning at Davis tomorrow.
 - A meeting is being held tomorrow regarding the Principal Path at the Trafalgar SSU Clubsroom @ 11 am. He welcomes board members to come as they were included in the meeting invitation. The meeting is to assist in developing the office for sustainability plan with facilities known as the Principal Path and involves food sourcing, bike racks, environmental impacts of purchasing. Some Directors note that they are unavailable but Defreitas will be connecting via phone after the meeting with the organizer and invites others who cannot make it to join him.
 - LeBlanc and King met regarding the bike hub with office of sustainability. The college is seeking to know if SSU has any interest in it; costs are unknown and will be brought to the board when available.
 - LeBlanc is sitting again on the Convocation ceremony committee; He reminds all directors that are eligible to graduate in the spring to apply via myStudentCentre.
 - The City of Mississauga will be holding a Distracted Driving campaign on campus which he is involved in. More information will come to the Board when available.
 - King and LeBlanc are working on the Operating Agreement with the college
 - The Operating Agreement is that legal framework with the college about the SSU existing and representing the student body
 - Looking to create some changes; looks as though college is open to new collaborations
 - Meeting with Student Affairs, Office of the Registrar and Information Technology; 4-5 meetings to come. Hoping to have the agreement wrapped up by June.
 - As they continue to progress with this, they will provide updates to the Board.

XIII New Business

- Hastir asks LeBlanc for an update on the fee collection that was brought up a few meetings ago; LeBlanc informs him that no information has been provided yet. He is meeting with Carol Altilia in the coming weeks and will send Hastir the invitation.
- Hastir also asks LeBlanc about the Desi Jam that was supposed to happen in the winter semester; he has not seen it advertised. LeBlanc informs him that the event will still be happening, it will just be renamed.

XIV In-Camera Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors enter in-camera session with ex-officio members.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Hastir

Motion Carries (6 In Favour, 0 Against, 1 Abstain)

DiViesti and Abingwa exit the meeting at 9:50 pm.

LeBlanc and King exit the meeting at 10:45 pm.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors exit in-camera session.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Patel

Motion Carries (7 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

XV Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors adjourn the 273rd Meeting of the Board.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Samuel

Motion Carries (7 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

DocuSigned by:
Yash Anilbhai Karkar
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Yash Karkar
Secretary of the Board

Adopted by the Board in the meeting
of **March 17, 2020**,

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(Signature of Board Chair)