



Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Sheridan Student Union Incorporated (SSUI)

Meeting #:	317
Date:	January 31, 2022
Time:	7:00PM [EST]
Location:	Teleconference (Zoom)

Director	In Attendance	Calling In	Absent	Late (Time Arrived)
Chairperson: Sarah Jewell	X			
Vice-Chairperson: Kash (Kashyap Kumar) Patel	X			
Rhema Javed	X			
Hasan Iqbal	X			
Riddhi Mihir Shah	X			
Tejaswini Shah	X			
Rashad Haque	X			
Parth Thummar	X			
Vanessa (Matifadza) Manyika	X			
Zeravan Aswad	X			
Raghuveer Vakharia	X			
Shweta Ravel	X			

Quorum is reached with 12 of the required 8 directors being present.

Ex-Officio Member	In Attendance	Calling In	Absent	Late (Time Arrived)
Jamie (James) King, General Manager	X			
Kyle Budge, President	X			
Maria Lucido-Bezely, Dean of Students			X	
Saz (Sarah) McKean, Executive Coordinator & Board Secretary	X			

Guests In Attendance	Gaby (Gabrielle) Moryoussef, Vice President of Staff & College Engagement
	Julia Bertola, Vice President of Community Development

Agenda Item 01	Call to Order
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting is called to order by Sarah Jewell at 7:02PM [EST]. 	

Agenda Item 02	Roll Call
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board has reached quorum and is able to proceed with the meeting. 	

Agenda Item 03	Land Acknowledgement
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rhema says the Sheridan Land Acknowledgement. Hasan volunteers to say it for next meeting. 	

Agenda Item 04	Opening Remarks
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah gives congratulations to Kyle on his contract renewal. 	

Agenda Item 05	Approval of Current Meeting Agenda		
Motion:	I move that we approve the Agenda for the 317th SSU Board Meeting.		
Moved By:	Tejaswini Shah	Seconded By:	Rhema Javed
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	12	0	0

Agenda Item 06	Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes		
Motion:	I move that we approve the 316th Meeting Minutes, as presented to the Board.		
Moved By:	Sarah Jewell	Seconded By:	Riddhi Mihir Shah
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	12	0	0

Agenda Item 07	Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	

Agenda Item 08**Finance Committee & Budget Update**

Notes:

- Jamie explains that during the meeting, the committee went over the budget timeline and the finance committee's responsibility related to that.
- Jamie wants the Board to be aware that there will be a Budget Workshop on March 24th. They will be introducing the budget to the Board and hoping to have it passed in a motion by late March or early April.
- Also discussed in the meeting was the current fiscal update and quarterly update.
 - Currently projecting a surplus at year-end; will talk about that more in detail during our quarterly update in an upcoming meeting.

Agenda Item 09**Executive Updates**

Notes:

- **New Course Funding**
 - This is the project that Kyle had been working on with a professor to help fund the creation of a new course, Social Justice and Wellness.
 - The project has been slightly delayed due to some coordination issues. There is a new Associate Dean in FHASS which will need to sign off on the agreement between SSU and the college.
 - We are tentatively planning to meet the week of the 14th, so Kyle will likely not have any agreement any earlier than the beginning of March.
 - This is still on schedule for the projected timeline, Kyle having accounted for delays.
 - There have been discussions with other involved faculty members, and it seems like everything is generally approved, the finer details will just need to be made in writing.
 - No additional issues are anticipated with this project.
- **Elections**
 - Elections are happening soon.
 - Kyle is meeting with Allisa later this week to solidify all the final details.
 - Allisa will be coming to the next Board Meeting to discuss all the details discussed.
- **College and University Committees**
 - Recently, Kyle, Gaby, and Saz attended a meeting put on by the CSA.
 - The College Student Alliance is a sort of meta group of student unions that have formed a super union.
 - The SSU used to be a member in the past, but due to some issues we withdrew our membership.
 - If anyone is interested in discussing these issues it would be more suited to an in-camera session.
 - The CSA has begun a monthly meeting of members and non-members to talk about issues that student unions are facing.
 - Additionally, Colleges Ontario, is hosting quarterly meetings to discuss the same topics.
 - Colleges Ontario is a group aimed at advocating to the government on behalf of Ontario's Colleges. They are a governmental organization and are not independently operated by student unions.
 - Both organizations usually require membership fees or some other monetary contribution but have not made a request for any funding so far.
 - Kyle, Gaby, and Saz have been attending meetings with Colleges Ontario for the last nine months. Largely, these meetings have not been beneficial for us.
 - There is a feeling that there will soon be a call to join membership or to make a financial contribution, so Kyle wanted to give the Board some background before that ask happens.
 - If there's interest, Kyle can talk more about the benefits, reasons for not joining, and topics that have been discussed.
- **Advocacy Letter**
 - Early in December the executive team was approached by a student, Lucy, to help advocate for her mother, who has been illegally detained in China since September 2021 for her faith.
 - The team supported Lucy and provided her with the resources that she needed to help raise awareness of the situation.
 - Recently, Kyle began working with Lucy to write a letter to local, provincial, and federal government to push for government intervention for the release of Lucy's mother.
 - Lucy sent her letter Friday evening; Kyle finished his version of the letter today.
 - It will be sent out on behalf of the SSU and our student leaders, so the Board needs to be made aware of the letter being sent. It has been approved by both the MarComm team and Jamie; will likely be sent tomorrow with official SSU stationary.
 - Kyle will not publicly share the letter, so it will not be shared at this meeting.
 - If any Board members have any issue with doing this type of advocacy, let Kyle know so he can address it.

Agenda Item 10	Transportation Ideas
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Motion:	I move that we table the transport discussion for the Board Meeting on March 28 th .
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Moved By:	Sarah Jewell	Seconded By:	Kashyapkumar Patel
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- Notes:
- Kash asks, are we able to get the metrics on how many students are in class or online?
 - Kyle does not have any numbers currently but was told by the college that they expect most programs to be at least hybrid as of March 7th.
 - Kash asks if we can do a referendum after March 7th for the U-pass.
 - Kyle wants to make everyone aware that a referendum is a large undertaking; that took us 3-4 months to put together last time.
 - Currently, we don't have any framework in place to be able to enact a referendum because there is no deal with the metro; don't have any options for students.
 - Sarah speaks on this, that directing this to sometime next year instead because of the constantly changing situation. She thinks it would have more impact to assign this to the future Board to go through with this project.
 - Kash requests to make a formal motion.
 - Kyle asks Jamie, what was the timeline with that process of the last Board?
 - Jamie explains that it covered at least two terms of the Board.
 - There was direction to negotiate a deal, then coordinate a referendum after making a deal.
 - The referendum occurred late fall, from Jamie's recollection, and it was a very big undertaking.
 - Raghuvver asks, do we have the metrics of how many students want this?
 - We did a detailed survey for students to take previously; Jamie shares the link to the *Spring 2016 Transit Survey* in chat.
 - If the Board wants us to do surveying, then that can happen if requested.
 - Kash asks, what areas did the previous U-pass cover?
 - Jamie says the deal let full transit access in Oakville, Brampton, and Mississauga 7 days a week.
 - All the factors of fee, days operational, and more depends on the deal we would make. Negotiating another deal does not mean we will be able to make the same deal we previously had.
 - The reason that there was no opt-out of the fees was because that was part of the deal, it was negotiated that 100% students needed to pay the fee.
 - The earliest timeline to roll this out would be September 2024 if we started now. It is likely to be 2025 or 2026; it is a long process.
 - Raghuvver says that doing a shuttle bus service would be best for the current timeline.
 - Kyle says that the shuttle bus service can be implemented faster, explaining where efficient funds will come from to keep it running. He does not recommend subsidizing.
 - Kash requests us to direct the next Board to continue this conversation about transportation options.
 - Sarah says that it would be good to be discussed just before the 2022 Fall semester.
 - Rashad asks that the motion be worded for discussion throughout the 2022 Spring term.
 - Kyle suggests the Board creates more specific terms for the next Board, what direction the next Board does, or even a list of directions.
 - Sarah suggests revisiting this topic after March 7th, in hope that we have a better picture of the pandemic situation.
 - Kyle suggests tabling the topic to March 28th Board Meeting.

Motion Carries			
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Votes:	For: 12	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
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- Special Instructions/Interpretations:
- Julia joins the meeting at 7:28PM.


Agenda Item 11	Board Discussion
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zeravan asks, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why doesn't the SSU have a stronger relationship with students? ○ Why the SSU doesn't try to create relationships with other student unions, not just Canada, but outside of Canada too? • Connecting with our students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kyle expresses his wish that we had a channel to talk with students, that we could get into classrooms at the start of the year. We have been trying to do this, but he perceives this as a SSU and college partnership problem. ○ We cannot just send emails to students, unless if they subscribe to our emailing list, or they follow our social media. We are not an official part of the college. ○ When in person, Kyle gives an example of speaking to maybe hundreds of students every day in the halls at campus. It's much more effective at getting attention. • Connecting with other Student Unions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are connecting with student unions across Canada. ○ Student Unions in England run very similarly to us; want to reach out again to see options, but that would be farther in the future because of current restrictions. ○ We like the idea of a cultural exchange. This would take a long time to get running, even in good conditions. For reference, it is difficult to connect with some colleges in Southern Ontario. 	

Agenda Item 12	New Business
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	

Agenda Item 13	Adjournment		
Motion:	I move that we adjourn the 317th Meeting of the Board.		
Moved By:	Sarah Jewell	Seconded By:	Rashad Haque
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	12	0	0
Special Instructions/Interpretations:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting is adjourned by Sarah Jewell at 8:16PM [EST]. 			

- Referenced Documents:
- 316th Board Meeting Minutes
 - 317th Board Meeting Agenda
 - [Spring 2016 Transit Survey](#)

Respectfully submitted by,



Sarah McKean (Feb 14, 2022 19:26 EST)

(Signature of Secretary of the Board)

Adopted by the SSU Board of Directors in the meeting of

February 14, 2022

(Date of Meeting)


Sarah Jewell (Feb 14, 2022 20:14 EST)

(Signature of Board Chairperson)