



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

Meeting #:	349
Date:	3 rd October, 2023
Time:	7:00 PM (EST)
Location:	HMC

Director	In Attendance	Calling In	Absent	Late
Chairperson: Harjot Sidhu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Darshil Vaviya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gulsher Cheema	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ademidun Abimbola	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kishan Khavas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mohammedsaifali Multani	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nhu Y Lai Tran	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rajdeepkaur Jat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sara Haider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shrey Jani	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Siddhi Gandhi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vidhya Ganapathy Subramanian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total	6	4	0	2

Quorum is reached with 12 directors being present.

Ex-Officio Member	In Attendance	Calling In	Absent	Late
Kyle Budge, President, Interim Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jamie (James) King, Managing Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria Lucido-Bezely, Dean of Students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guests In Attendance	Danny Connelly, Dilas Siddiqui
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Agenda Item 01	Call to Order
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting is called to order at 7:30 PM. 	

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. Shrey and Harjot are not currently in attendance. 	

Agenda Item 03	Opening Remarks
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naya says the Land Acknowledgement Kyle introduces Dilas, the new Governance Coordinator and CRO. 	

Agenda Item 04	Approval of Current Meeting Agenda		
Motion:	I move that we approve the agenda for the 349 SSU Board Meeting.		
Moved By:	Darshil	Seconded By:	Sara
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kyle shows the agenda on screen 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	9	0	

Agenda Item 05	Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes		
Motion:	I move that we approve the 348 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented to the Board.		
Moved By:	Vidya	Seconded By:	Darshil
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	9	0	0

Agenda Item 06	Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle mentions that Darshil will be presenting a leave of absence to the board later on- potential conflict of interest. 	

Agenda Item 07	Fall Semester Event Preview
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle introduces Danny, Director of Events • Danny mentions that the Events team has been hard at work over September creating events for students, and that many of the events have been successful and seen large crowds of students. • An inexhaustive list of events held in September: Color Party Concert, Pub nights. • Danny mentioned that the Events team has been planning events for the upcoming months as well. • These include Bingo and Trivia nights all through October and November • Turn It Up pop ups. • Burnout week • Danny mentioned that Cameron, VP of Community, is also collaborating with Events to conduct ‘Vengeance Van.’ • Vengeance van will be a sort of smash room experience for students where they will be provided with safety goggles and equipment to smash things. It aims to provide students with a fun way to relieve stress. • While students wait in line for the Vengeance Van, the events team will also have another activity going on at the same time, axe throwing. • TRC and Davis are the campuses where this will take place. • Danny also mentioned that a trip to Halloween Haunt at Wonderland is planned for October. • SSU charters one bus per campus but will occasionally try for another if there is a demand from students living on residence. • Another event for Halloween includes the Halloween Pub Night at TRC on October 19, which aims to be a dry, all ages event. • The SSU has gathered that TRC has a high under 19 student population and this event was brought out by a large demand for that. • Open mic nights at TRC in the Marquee and Davis at the Coffee House are slated to occur through November as well. • Although the Events will try to host an open mic night at HMC as well, they’ve found they’re more popular at TRC. • A Gharba event is also planned to occur at Davis. • Gharba night will also take place at hmc in the evening. • Darshil- Will tickets grant you entry to both events at hmc and Davis? • Danny- Tickets only grant you entry to the hmc event. • Two Halloween events for Sheridan students with kids have also been planned. • Danny mentioned that the SSU has received and acknowledged feedback that a lot of students have kids and plan events for them accordingly. • There will also be a Halloween costume party for families. • There will also be a family holiday party later in December. • Another family friendly event for students includes an off-campus trip to Downey’s Farm where kids can pick pumpkins and play on the farm. • Danny mentioned that there’s a Diwali event as well, the cost of the ticket will be \$10 per student. 	

- Following the success of their recent ‘Weekend Getaway’ at Rattlesnake Point, the Events team will continue to host off campus ‘getaways’ over the weekend throughout the year.
- There will be a day trip to Niagara in November, a trip to Skyzone in February 2024 and a trip to the Holiday Market in downtown Toronto later in the year.
- Danny and the events team are also in contact with SheridanLife radio and will be hosting concerts in the Marquee throughout the year.
- Danny mentioned that Pride Week has been moved to November this year. This includes pride prom and other pride community engagements. This was done to bring in more engagement from students since it was held in April last time and was more subdued.
- Additional December events include Taylor swift pub night at TRC and Volunteer week with the holiday helper’s organization.
- Darshil asks Danny if it would be possible to hold a 19+ event at HMC. Danny declines and states license issues as the reason. Danny asks Jamie for his opinion on HMC’s liquor license.
- Jamie states that obtaining the liquor license is still in the works and Maria from the Hospitality department is facilitating that discussion. The license is a priority, but if the SSU is unable to obtain it before the event, the option of bringing in an external vendor that provides alcohol is an option.
- Darshil asks if it’s possible for there to be fireworks at the Diwali event and Danny declines because HMC is in the midst of high-rise apartments and that poses a fire and health risk.
- Danny mentioned that alternative ideas about ‘sparklers’ could be considered such as glowsticks.
- Adimedun states that students have asked if there would be any events showcasing Gospel music. Danny says not currently but if there’s a demand for them, they could be considered.
- Kyle also mentioned the ‘Bridges’ club at Davis for students interested in joining a community of Christian students.
- Danny continued to state that regarding the construction of the Den at Davis, it’s still on schedule for reopening in January.
- Jamie chimed in and stated that there may be a possibility of it not being completely finished by January, but it would still open in January.

[Harjot Sidhu joins the meeting virtually at 8:07 PM (EST)]

Agenda Item 08		Quarterly Report and Audit Presentation	
Motion:	I move that the SSUI Board of Directors accept the fiscal year 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements as presented by MacGilvray Chartered Accountants.		
Moved By:	Kyle	Seconded By:	Darshil
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail Almand and Hanh Ngo present the Audited Statements. [Shrey Jani joins the meeting in person at 8:22 PM (EST)] 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	12	0	

Agenda Item 09		Quarterly Report and Audit Presentation	
Motion:	I move that the SSUI Board of Directors renew the contract with the current auditing firm, MacGillivray Chartered Public Accountants and Business Advisors, for a term of 5 years, beginning Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and ending Fiscal Year 2028-2029, and change the lead partner in charge of auditing from Gail Almand to Jamie Mitchell.		
Moved By:	Saif	Seconded By:	Darshil
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanh Ngo presents the pros and cons of different audit firms and asks the board to decide which audit firm the SSU should form an agreement with for audit services related to the 2024-2025 fiscal year. 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	12	0	

Agenda Item 10		Quarterly Report and Audit Presentation	
Motion:	I move that the SSUI Board of Directors accept the Q1 Quarterly Report as submitted, and at the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Review Committee.		
Moved By:	Shrey	Seconded By:	Darshil
Notes:			
Jamie King presents an abbreviated version of the Quarterly Report to the Board.			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	12	0	

Agenda Item 11		Executive Committee Updates	
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kyle Budge provides an update on the activities of the executive team. He mentioned that Cameron Spencer, the VP of Community created the Dance for Fun workshop, planned for October for which there is a high demand. Sarah Stone and Cameron also conducted the workshop ‘Lets Taco About Sex’ in collaboration with SHAVS (Sexual Health and Violence Committee). In addition, they conducted a financial literacy workshop and other workshops that educated the Punjabi community about health and provided naloxone training. They also cohosted a podcast about healthy online dating habits. Leia Ali, VP of International Affairs has been hard at work creating events that benefit the international community. She attended the Welcome Meet and Greet Event for international students where she gave a speech and held a marketplace event for International Mental Health Day. She also visited Sheridan residences and talked to international students about their experience at Sheridan and what could be done to make it a more positive one. Leia is also currently creating a list of FAQs for international students on what to expect when coming to Canada. Sarah, VP of Advocacy, has also been busy attending conferences and creating events related to Health Services and consent programming. She conducted the Advocacy event where everything went well, and goals were laid out for the rest of the year. 			

- She's also planning the Walk for Charity event.
- The executive team is also planning a trip to Ottawa, in the middle of November for the CASA conference where they could converse with MP's and suggest legislation that could benefit students.
- There is also a potential to talk to the Prime Minister and attend the question period at the House of Commons.
- Kyle has currently been working with Ritz, VP of Engagement, to design, plan and create a new student center at TRC.
- The budget is expected to be \$80M with \$40M being put forward by the SSU and the rest potentially being funded by external parties.
- Kyle mentioned that he will be pitching to the local government to secure \$10M.
- He plans to provide the board with updates on how that goes.
- The goal for the new student center is to have 5 floors of working spaces with another 15 floors for student residences with loft style rooms.

Agenda Item 12	Question Period
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle asks the board if they have any questions. • MohammedSaifAli asks about the booking of the Clubsroom on Fridays for the MSA to hold their prayers and why that will not be happening in the future. • Kyle mentions that the MSA has been booking that room for their prayers for over a year but due to the recent increase in the amount of people showing up, it poses a health and safety risk. • Furthermore, many students have mentioned that they feel uncomfortable praying in the clubsroom since it only has glass walls. • Sara Haider mentioned that praying on Friday is an obligation for Muslim students and that this issue should be resolved as soon as possible. • Kyle chimed in and said that the MSA booked the space last Friday as well, and since the issue had only been brought up in the past 2 business days, it would take some time to provide another solution. • He mentioned that the SSU had been working diligently with the MSA executive team and Sheridan to provide a solution. • Maria, Dean of Students, chimed in by emphasizing that there is a multi-faith prayer room for students, but it is not built to accommodate the number of students showing up for Friday prayers. • She concluded by saying that the College is doing everything they can to find another space for Muslim students. • Moving on to a different topic, Darshil inquired about the existence of a survey geared for students that asks them about their experience at SSU events and what they would like to see in the future, • Kyle stated that he would talk to Danny about the creation and distribution of a survey like that. 	

Agenda Item 13	Board Retreat Update
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle provides an update on the planned Board Retreat. • The options currently include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelling to Collingwood for Blue Mountain 	

- Travelling to Waterloo for recreational activities and professional development activities such as conferences. This would be closer and cheaper.
- Travelling to London, it would cost around \$200/room for a night.
- Travelling to Elora, ON
- Travelling to Hamilton, ON
- Travelling to Guelph, a good opportunity to attend professional conferences and a stay at the Delta Hotel.
- Kyle asked the board for their opinion, reminding them that the week they agreed upon for the retreat to occur was only a few weeks away and it would be difficult to find accommodations in that timeframe.
- Sara talked about a possible retreat to Mont Blanc, but Kyle said that it would go over the budget and a trip would not be able to be planned that quickly.
- After much discussion the board comes to a cautious agreement on Tobermory, ON.
- Kyle says he will investigate it and provide an update to the board in the next meeting.

Agenda Item 14	Transportation Solution Summary
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie gives the board an update on transportation between campuses. • According to Jamie, running a campus shuttle service would be impossible under the current government. • Costs would be too high, and it would not be a financially sustainable venture. • Instead, the SSU can refocus their efforts towards building connections with transit services and providing a discount to students. • Kyle mentions that he could hold talks between the SSU and MiWay, Zoom and Oakville Transit to see if any discounts could be offered to Sheridan students. • Currently, GO does provide students with a 40% discount for their GO fare. <p>[Maria and Sara Haider leave at 9:13 PM (EST)]</p>	

Agenda Item 15	Legal Case Update		
Motion:	I move that the board move in camera to discuss the current updates regarding an ongoing legal case, including all those currently in attendance.		
Moved By:	Shrey	Seconded By:	Darshil
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie asks the board to move in camera to discuss updates from an ongoing legal case, and the board agrees. 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	7	0	

Agenda Item 16		Legal Case Update	
Motion:	I move that the board move out of camera and back into open session.		
Moved By:	Shrey	Seconded By:	Darshil
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board moves back into open session. 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	7	0	

Agenda Item 17		Indigenous Student Emergency Fund	
Motion:	I move that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the donation of twenty thousand dollars to Sheridan College for the funding of the Indigenous Student Emergency Fund, with the amount coming from the General Reserve.		
Moved By:	Kyle	Seconded By:	Darshil
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kyle talks about how the indigenous student emergency fund came about and how it seeks to better Sheridan College's indigenous students. The fund puts money only towards indigenous students to aid them in their academic journey. The eligibility criteria can make it difficult for them to access funding and financial hardships can derail students' academic trajectory. The emergency fund aims to reduce that and help indigenous students graduate. Kyle asks the board if they would be okay with providing the funds. Dilas Siddiqui asks where the funds would come from. Kyle reiterates they would come out of the general reserve budget. Harjot agrees with the creation of this fund and puts forth an initial amount of 20k for the fund. He also mentions that its impact can be assessed and if needed, more money can be allocated towards the fund. Kyle and the board agree with this statement. Kyle moves motion for funding of indigenous student fund, stating that the amount can be increased in the future. 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	07	0	

Agenda Item 18		Police Chief's Gala Attendance	
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kyle Budge explains to the board that SSU and Sheridan College have been invited to attend the Police Chief's Gala Attendance on October 26th 2023, an event aimed at raising funds for different community safety initiatives. Kyle accepted the invitation on behalf of the SSU and seats at the Sheridan and SSU table at the gala cost around \$3k per individual. Furthermore, he tells the board that there may be an opportunity for another seat and asks them to decide on who would want to attend the event and represent the board. The gala would give SSU an opportunity to talk with the local municipality and the mayor and see what they're doing to help the community. 			

- Additionally, Kyle asks the board if they would be interested in events like these in the future which would not directly help the student body but would assist in the board developing connections with organizations that make the community safer.
- The board agrees that they would be interested in similar opportunities in the future.

Motion Carries			
Votes:	For: 07	Against: 0	Abstain:

Agenda Item 19		Darshil Leave of Absence Request	
Motion:	I move that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the leave of absence for Darshil Vaviya from 7 th October 2023 until 5 th November 2023 inclusive, with his status as a director being unaffected by all absences from duties and responsibilities during this period.		
Moved By:	Darshil	Seconded By:	Shreya
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darshil requests a Leave of Absence from the board since he will be travelling to India to represent Sheridan College and will miss 2 meetings. 			

Motion Carries			
Votes:	For: 07	Against: 0	Abstain:

Agenda Item 20		New Business	
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MohammedSaifAli mentions that the ping pong rackets used at HMC are not in good condition and students have expressed that they don't like using them. • Kyle assures him that the concern will be raised with Madison Hodgson, Director of Services, and new rackets will be ordered. 			

Agenda Item 21		Adjournment	
Motion:	I move that we adjourn the 349 Meeting of the Board.		
Moved By:	Shrey	Seconded By:	Darshil
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting is adjourned at 9:58 PM [EST]. 			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For: 10	Against: 0	Abstain: 0

Referenced Documents:

- ❖ 348th Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ 349th Board Meeting Agenda

Respectfully submitted by,

Dilas Siddiqui

(Signature of Secretary of the Board)

Adopted by the SSU Board of Directors in the meeting of

17th October, 2023

(Date of Meeting)

Harjot S. Sidhu

[Harjot S. Sidhu \(Oct 22, 2023 08:03 EDT\)](#)

(Signature of Board Chairperson)







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Final Audit Report

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