**Board of Directors Meeting Meetings**

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| **Date**  | Wednesday October 19th 2022 |
| **Time** | 7:00PM Atlantic Daylight Time (Canada) |
| **Location** | 5th Floor Student Centre Building at Saint Mary’s University |
| **Invitees** | Alexander Wilson (Board Chair), Ashish Ganapathy (Vice Chair), Francesca Southwell, Mihika Mihika (regrets), Sorav Sogy, Meghan Boudreau, Thomas Waithe, Nikita Nikita, Toni-Ann Bennett |
| **Resource** | Isobel Tyler (SMUSA President), Rilla Barrett (Board Secretary), Kyle Cook (SMUSA VP Advocacy) |

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at **7:04 p.m. ADT** by the Chair.

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

The Chair acknowledges that we are on traditional and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq people. Covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship.

1. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the presented meeting minutes from September 21st, 2022. Moved by Ms. Southwell, seconded by Ms. Boudreau, motion carried.

1. **Welcome Statement – Alex Wilson**

The Chair appreciates the engagement of the SMUSA executive team with students on campus so far. Mr. Wilson further acknowledges the upcoming productive year for the Board of Directors.

* 1. **Welcome Board Secretary**

Mr. Wilson says that the hiring process for the Board Secretary position has ended. The Board conducted interviews last week and the job is now filled. The Chair welcomes Ms. Barrett as the new Board Secretary to the team.

* 1. **CRO / DRO Applications open**

Applications for CRO and DRO are in process and will close on Friday, October 21st. The Chair encourages that Board Members share the application with potential applicants.

1. **President’s Report – Isobel Tyler**
* Ms. Tyler provides an update on the events that have happened over Welcome Week and into October. There has been a lot of in person turn out so far. SMUSA looks forward to having more in person events and hope to further increase engagement.
* Partner Expo was hosted by SMUSA last week where societies were highlighted. Number of societies are expected to increase over the year.
* The Society Summit occurred October 7th. Workshops and presentations included fundraising 101, sexual violence prevention, society regulations, and event planning. Workshops have been created by the Director of Societies that will happen throughout the year to help societies continue to grow.
* An information booth was held in the lobby of the student centre for the first time which was extremely successful. Hoping to have this monthly going forward to increase awareness about SMUSA.
* It is Academic Integrity Week. SMUSA’s VP Academic worked with the university to create events and workshops to engage the SMU community with academic integrity.
* The President is having ongoing conversations with SMU Administration about implementing a potential interfaith space on campus.
* Street team members have been hired by the Director of Communications that will represent SMUSA.
* SMUSA’s VP Advocacy and Director of Communications have created a mural for Truth and Reconciliation to be displayed on campus year-round. This displays post-secondary TRC Calls to Action.

**Questions:**

* Ms. Southwell asks if the interfaith space will be a combined area for all faiths. Ms. Tyler responds that more information will be provided at a further meeting.
* Mr. Ganapathy asked if there was a big turnout for first year students at the student expo. Ms. Tyler says that there was a big turnout and some societies saw over one hundred people sign up.
* Ms. Boudreau asks about the street team and if the people hired have been trained yet. Ms. Tyler replies that after hire, they started in their jobs right away. Training has been provided by the Director of Communications.
* Mr. Waithe asked if Ms. Tyler felt that there would be expected growth in the societies this year. Ms. Tyler says we can expect lots of growth.
* Ms. Mihika sent in a preliminary question asking if the hiring process has closed for the street team.

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the President’s Report from October 19th, 2022, as presented in Appendix 2.

Moved by Ms. Boudreau, seconded by Ms. Nikita, motion carried.

1. **Reports of Standing Committees:**
	1. **Elections Committee – Nikita Nikita**

Applications have been coming in for the CRO and DRO positions and will close this Friday, October 21st.

* 1. **Human Resources & Governance Committee – Meghan Boudreau**

The committee met on October 13th. It was a productive meeting, and the committee will continue working on fair distribution of the President’s bonus.

* 1. **Society Committee – Thomas Waithe**

The committee met and was very happy with the turnout at the society expo. Mr. Waithe mentions the workshops that are planned for societies throughout the year. Mr. Ganapathy asks about the workshops that are planned and if they are the same as the ones planned by the Director of Societies, to which Mr. Waithe responds that they are.

* 1. **Finance Committee – Sorav Sogy**

The committee met last week. They reviewed the finance policy and are working on defining the policy and what its purpose is. Statements, expenses, and budgets were reviewed. Topics of discussion included purpose of the policy, corporate card privileges, CEBA, bursary fund, external audits.

1. **Any Other Business**

N/A

1. **In-Camera Session**

**BIRT** the Board of Directors move to an in-camera session. Moved by Mr. Ganapathy, seconded by Ms. Boudreau, motion carried.

1. **Adjournment**

**BIRT** the Board of Directors adjourned the meeting at **7:19 p.m. ADT** on October 19th, 2022.

Moved by Ms. Nikita, seconded by Ms. Bennett, motion carried.