

DATE:	Sunday, October 29 th , 2017
TIME:	4:45pm for 5:00pm
LOCATION:	CLARI Space, 3 rd Floor Atrium
PRESENT:	Ms. Deeksha Bhaskar (Chair), Ms. Jane Raeburn Jans (Vice-Chair), Mr. Lindsay Garwe, Mr. Mitchell Archibald, Mr. Ollando Brown, Mr. Omar Smeda, Mr. Oyindamola Oshobu, Ms. Valerie Caswell, Ms. Vicky Li
ABSENT:	None
GUESTS:	Mr. Ossama Nasrallah (President), Mr. Denis Amirault (VP Communications), Ms. Mary Navas (VP Student Affairs), Ms. Lexa Danielle Ali (VP Academic & Advocacy), Mr. Lawson Morassutti (VP Equity & Wellness)
RESOURCE:	Ms. Maeve Mulroy, Recording Secretary

1. Ms. Bhaskar called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.
2. Adoption of the Agenda:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Smeda and seconded by Mr. Oshobu that the agenda be adopted as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.**
3. Board Minutes Approval:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Ms. Li to approve the meeting minutes from September 24th, 2017 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.**
4. WUSC Endowment Policy:
 - a. The WUSC Endowment amount for this year will be approximately within the range of two hundred to four hundred dollars.
 - b. During the board's September 24th, 2017 meeting it was determined that a plan would be created for equitable distribution of the endowment funds.
 - c. In light of the high need of second, third, and fourth year WUSC students, it was determined that the endowment would be distributed among these students.

- d. As per the policy discussed during the September 24th, 2017 meeting, second, third, and fourth year WUSC students will apply to receive endowment funds, and the endowment will be distributed equally among all applicants, with no further criteria being imposed upon the applicants.
 - e. **It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Ms. Raeburn Jans that the WUSC Endowment policy discussed at the board's September 24th, 2017 meeting be approved as is. The motion was passed unanimously.**
5. HR & Governance Committee Mandate:
- a. The board reviewed the charter of the HR & Governance Committee.
 - b. It was determined that the mandate should be amended to specify that a two-thirds majority would be required to constitute a quorum.
 - c. It was determined that the mandate should be amended to specify that the Committee will appoint the Committee Chair from amongst its members.
 - d. It was determined that the mandate should be amended to reflect that the appointed members of this committee shall serve at the pleasure of the board until the conclusion of the academic term.
 - e. **It was moved by Ms. Raeburn Jans and seconded by Ms. Caswell that the HR & Governance Committee Charter be approved, with discussed amendments. The motion was passed unanimously.**
6. Finance Committee Mandate:
- a. The board reviewed the charter of the Finance Committee.
 - b. **It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Ms. Raeburn Jans that the HR & Governance Committee Charter be approved as is. The motion was passed unanimously.**
7. Striking of Elections Committee:
- a. Three board members who will not be running for any positions in the 2018-2019 academic year were selected to oversee the upcoming elections for that academic year.

- b. The Elections Committee will be responsible for reviewing the elections policy, overseeing the elections process, and hiring and overseeing the Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer.
 - c. **It was moved by Mr. Oshobu and seconded by Mr. Archibald that all nominations be approved and the Elections Committee formed. The motion was passed unanimously.**
 - d. The Elections Committee will be comprised of Mr. Lindsay Garwe, Mr. Ollando Brown, and Mr. Omar Hany.
8. President's Report:
- a. SMUSA is working closely with Student Services and other departments to organize Winter Welcome Week 2018.
 - b. A list of recommendations for the Academic Senate is being prepared and will likely be ready to present to the board at its next meeting.
 - c. Student participation in SMUSA's on-campus programs has increased significantly after the Fall Welcome Week.
 - d. Wellness Week, Homecoming, and participation in Mi'kmaq History Month were also successful.
 - e. The First Year Experience Committee is collaborating with various departments to enhance communication with first year students through new First Year Seminars.
 - f. Construction of the Gorsebrook patio will begin on October 30th, and the patio will be available for use in May 2018.
 - g. SMUSA participated in a Government-Student Roundtable on Tuesday, October 3rd, discussing the 2017-18 budget and recent advocacy successes.
 - h. Provincial Advocacy Week will take place from November 5th to November 9th, and Federal Advocacy Week will take place in Ottawa during the last week of November.
 - i. The SMUSA Street Team will be initiating a new campaign to survey students regarding issues such as the length of the Fall break.

9. Chief Governance Officer's Report:

- a. SMUSA's Annual General Meeting on October 19th was a success.
- b. Work is underway on projects among the board's various committees.
- c. Ms. Ali has been working on projects with regard to the Academic Senate. The board will be updated when any project is completed.
- d. An orientation session was held at a recent meeting with the university's Board of Governors, attended by Ms. Bhaskar, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Amirault, and Mr. Nasrallah. The positive working relationship between SMUSA and university administration thus far was recognized.

10. Other Business:

- a. The board recognized the strong efforts and success of Mr. Morassutti and the SMUSA executive team in their organization and execution of Wellness Week.
 - i. Positive feedback from students was received regarding this endeavour.
- b. The HR & Governance Committee is currently developing a macro-agenda for governance updates. New content and policies can be added as needed.

11. In-camera:

- a. It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Ms. Li that the meeting move in-camera at 6:28pm. The motion was passed unanimously.**
- b. It was moved by Ms. Caswell and seconded by Ms. Li that Mr. Nasrallah be included in the in-camera discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

12. Out of camera:

- a. The Board arose out of camera at 7:05pm.**

13. Adjournment:

- a. It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Ms. Raeburn Jans that the meeting be adjourned at 7:07pm. The motion was passed unanimously.**