



Saint Mary's University Students' Association

DATE:	Sunday, March 18 th , 2018
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. Omar Smeda, Mr. Oyindamola Oshobu, Mr. Ollando Brown
ABSENT:	Ms. Valerie Caswell, Ms. Vicky Li
GUESTS:	Mr. Ossama Nasrallah (President), Mr. Denis Amirault (VP Communications), Ms. Mary Navas (VP Student Affairs), Mr. Lawson Morassutti (VP Equity & Wellness), Mr. Ryan Walker (Assistant Director of IT), Gabrielle Morrison & Darrell Rooney (Financial Services)
RESOURCE:	Ms. Maeve Mulroy, Recording Secretary

1. Ms. Bhaskar called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.
2. Adoption of the Agenda:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Ms. Raeburn Jans that the agenda be adopted as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.**
3. Board Minutes Approval:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Oshobu and seconded by Mr. Archibald to approve the meeting minutes from November 12th, 2017 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.**
4. In-camera:
 - a. The Saint Mary's University Annual Budget was presented by the representatives from the Financial Services.
5. The Board arose out of camera at 6:02pm.
6. Presentation from Assistant Director of IT:
 - a. The Board heard a presentation from the Assistant Director of IT, Mr. Ryan Walker, regarding the strategic plan for IT for 2017 to 2022.



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- b. The strategic plan will be released by June 29th.
 - c. A committee has been formed with staff, faculty, and students.
 - d. An online survey was circulated to gather wider opinions on IT services and what should be prioritized in the plan.
7. President's Report:
- a. \$11 million in funding from the Provincial Government has been announced for creation of an Entrepreneurship, Discovery and Innovation (EDI) Hub at Saint Mary's, which will aim to connect SMU students and faculty with entrepreneurs and businesses in the wider community.
 - b. The first SMU Student Leadership Conference was held on March 3rd, with a theme of Ideas and Problem Solving. The conference will be continued each year.
 - c. The annual Society Meet and Greet was held on March 15th, and a Student Life Forum will be held on March 23rd in the McNally Main Auditorium.
 - d. The structure of the SMUSA Executive will change in the upcoming year to feature three Vice Presidents, supported by executive assistants, and an Equity and Wellness Officer. Vice President job applications have been posted, with a deadline of March 20th, and interviews to take place the last week of March.
 - e. Pack Leader applications have also been released. SMUSA hopes to hire approximately 70 Pack Leaders, both domestic and international students.
 - f. The final first-aid training session offered through SMUSA will be held on March 24th and March 25th in the Clari.
 - g. Three preferred candidates for the position of Dean of the Sobey School of Business recently visited campus, and the search committee including Mr. Nasrallah will meet soon to finalize and introduce the new Dean.
 - h. SMUSA continues to work closely with Facilities Management regarding the 5th Floor Student Centre Project. Estimated cost of the project is \$450,000, with university support of \$100,000 to \$150,000, and \$300,000 coming from SMUSA's Capital Fund.
 - i. The Gorsebrook's new patio will open in the first week of May 2018.



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- j. StudentsNS and SMUSA hosted Minister Labi Kousoulis on Tuesday February 13th, holding a roundtable discussion.
 - k. Mr. Nasrallah and Ms. Ali will be travelling to Fredericton for the CASA General Meeting, and the StudentsNS Transition Conference will take place at Saint Mary's on Sunday, April 1st.
8. Elections Committee:
- a. Approval of election results:
 - i. It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Semeda that election results be approved as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.**
9. HR & Governance Committee Report:
- a. Recently the HR & Governance Committee has focussed on creating a transition package for the newly elected 2018-2019 Board, and on evaluating Board committee structure with the aim of creating comprehensive recommendations for the future.
 - b. Two motions brought forward by the Committee were discussed and evaluated by the Board.
 - c. It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Mr. Semeda that upon the recommendation of the Human Resources and Governance Committee, the Board approve the Board Honorarium Structure for Directors with amendments. The motion was passed unanimously.**
 - d. It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Mr. Garwe that the Board approve the change in wording of the Association's GP#2a, Page 17, point 3 to read:**
"Strategic leadership rather than administrative detail;"
The motion was passed unanimously.
 - e. It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Mr. Semeda that the Student Society Policy 6.5 be amended to read:**
"Members of the Association's student staff may take any executive or



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signing position in any society, excluding those staff who have a direct responsibility to societies and the Board of Directors members.”

The motion was passed unanimously.

- f. It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Mr. Brown that upon the recommendation of the Human Resources and Governance Committee, policy PL#2i in the Governance Policy be amended as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.**
10. Nomination for Bryan J. Rice Award for Excellence in Governance:
 - a. A secret ballot vote was used to nominate Board members for the Bryan J. Rice Award for Excellence in Governance, to be announced at the Charter Day Awards Ceremony. The Chair recused herself from the vote.
11. In-camera:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Oshobu that the meeting move in-camera at 7:41pm. The motion was passed unanimously.**
12. Out of camera:
 - a. **The Board arose out of camera at 8:28pm.**
 - b. **It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Archibald that the proposal for increase in salary of full-time staff be approved by presented by Mr. Nasrallah. The motion was passed by majority.**
13. Mr. Nasrallah left the meeting at 8:30pm.
14. Adjournment:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Oshobu and seconded by Mr. Brown that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35pm. The motion was passed unanimously.**