

Executive Board Meeting 16-06
Thursday, July 28, 2016 @ 10:30am
MSU Boardroom, MUSC room 201

Called to Order 10:35am

Present Almeida, Eom, Farah, MacDonald, Nadarajah, Shingleton-Smith
Late Flowers
Absent Monaco-Barnes, Oliver
Others Present J. McGowan (Business Manager), V. Scott (Recording Secretary), M. Wooder (SLDC), M. O'Brien (Maroons Coordinator), R. Khanano (Horizons Coordinator), A. Tran (MACycle Coordinator), B. Tomar (SCSN Coordinator), A. Khalifa (QSCC Coordinator)

1. Adopt Agenda

Moved by MacDonald, **seconded** by Almeida to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendments

- Nadarajah – Add OPERATING POLICY - SCSN

Moved by MacDonald, **seconded** by Almeida to adopt the agenda, as amended.

Passes Unanimously

2. Adopt Minutes

Moved by Shingleton-Smith, **seconded** by Eom that the Executive Board adopt the minutes from Executive Board meetings 16-04 – June 30, 2016 and 16-05 – July 14, 2016, as circulated.

Passes Unanimously

3. Horizons Report – Raymond Khanano presented

- Khanano summarized the report.

Flowers arrived at 10:38am.

Balie Tomar arrived at 10:30am.

Questions

- Shingleton-Smith asked why they booked single rooms. Khanano responded that they booked all the doubles so they had to book the remainder as singles.
- Almeida asked if closing registration at a later date will hinder planning for dietary restrictions. Khanano responded that they've made it the cut-off for food items, and they're really lucky that no one has gluten intolerance this year.
- Nadarajah asked why 200 delegates weren't met. She also asked if the conference considered using Hedden, and what impact would there be if they did. Khanano responded that they spent a lot of time on this and felt that one year was a precedent. He explained that the conference has struggled to get 150 delegates with the costs associated in the past, but having 180 was a good number. He stated that it was the second highest registration. Khanano explained that they hold the conference in Les Prince because of the convenience of the washrooms being in each room, but Hedden is something that they can look into for next year.

Aly Khalifa arrived at 10:51am

- Almeida asked when the students who applied for jobs will be getting their feedback. She explained that a lot of students have reached out to her because they want to apply for Spark. Khanano responded that things have come up and he currently doesn't have time to do it. He added that he offered this out of generosity and that he's not mandated to do it.
- Eom asked how sponsorships have been. Khanano responded that they haven't reached last year's amount yet but currently they are at \$4,500.

4. **MACycle report – Andy Tran presented**

- Tran summarized the report.

Questions

- MacDonald stated that he was glad that they were increasing their membership. He asked if Tran has reached out to Underground about promo. Tran responded that he had and they are currently working on it.
- MacDonald asked about the Health and Safety report and if there were any updates on that as there were six items noted that needed to be done. Tran responded that he looked at it and he still needs to work on it.

5. **Maroons Report – Megan O'Brien presented**

- O'Brien summarized the report.

Questions

- Shingleton-Smith thought that the new initiative to hire 20 first year reps was awesome. He asked if this will be based giving opportunities to first years or just expanding the team. O'Brien responded that it was a little bit of both. She explained that there will be an objective hiring practise.
- Flowers asked if suits and training would be provided to the first year reps. O'Brien responded that there are two training weekends split up for Welcome Week and year-long. The year-long training is scheduled for September 17, and will include everyone.
- MacDonald stated that he was against the idea at first but now that he has thought about it, it was a great idea to push the service forward. He reminded O'Brien to make sure the exec team doesn't get overworked.
- Shingleton-Smith pointed out that it would be quite a heavy commitment for some people as it might be hard to adapt to their course load as first year student. O'Brien responded that they will let everyone know that it would be a large commitment, but there will be a team of 70 so there will be support for everyone. She added that she can also pair the first years with buddies.
- Eom stated her concern about the potential of a power dynamic as this position would be very exclusive. She was concerned about it being unequal. O'Brien stated that it was fair to bring this to her attention, but that hiring a whole new team wouldn't be good and having 100 reps would be too large.
- Flowers asked how the Maroons are going to ensure that the first year reps are integrated into being a part of the team. O'Brien stated that training and having the buddy system would help.

6. **OPERATING POLICY – STUDENT COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK**

Moved by Nadarajah, **seconded** by Shingleton-Smith that the Executive Board approve the changes to OPERATING POLICY – STUDENT COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK, as circulated.

- Tomar went over the OP with the Board.
- Almeida asked Tomar to go into more depth about what the Social and Political Advocacy Coordinator would do. Tomar went over details of the job.

Vote on Motion**Passes Unanimously****7. OPERATING POLICY - QUEER SUPPORT COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Moved by Nadarajah, **seconded** by Almeida that the Executive Board approve the changes to OPERATING POLICY – QUEER SUPPORT COMMUNITY CENTRE, as circulated and attached.

- Khalifa went over the OP with the Board.

Moved by Almeida, **seconded** by Eom to amend section 3.4.1 of the Operating Policy to say: Be responsible for outreach and encouraging dialogue on the intersections of queer identities with other identities on campus.

Vote on Amendment**Passes Unanimously****Vote on Main Motion**

Moved by Nadarajah, **seconded** by Almeida that the Executive Board approve the changes to OPERATING POLICY – QUEER SUPPORT COMMUNITY CENTRE, as circulated and amended.

Passes Unanimously**8. QSCC Job Descriptions**

Moved by Nadarajah, **seconded** by Eom that the Executive Board approve the following QSCC job descriptions, as circulated and attached:

- Desk Shift Volunteer
 - Peer Support Volunteer
 - Trans Peer Support Group Facilitator
- Khalifa went over the job descriptions with the Board.

Vote on Motion**Passes Unanimously****9. Yearplans**

Moved by Nadarajah, **seconded** by Eom that the Executive Board approve the following yearplans, as circulated:

- Macycle Co-op
 - Training Resources Research Assistant
- Tran went over his yearplan with the Board.
 - Nadarajah went over the TRRA yearplan with the Board.
 - Farah asked if the safe talk training was still being facilitated with the students. Nadarajah responded that the TRRA was working with each PTM to target support with respect to suicide. She explained that it shifted towards this as with safe talk is just a primer.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously**10. FYC Discussion**

- MacDonald stated that at the last SRA meeting EB was granted the exception to change the FYC bylaw. He explained that the proposed structure isn't complete but he suggested the idea of there being a Chair, vice-chair external, vice-chair internal, vice-chair events, and then having first year reps and faculty society first year reps. MacDonald stated that the old structure didn't really work as the success of FYC would depend on the MSU President taking an interest in the council. He added that the rationale for a new system was due to the fact that the IRC has been removed as a recognized student group and the MSU has been asked to design something in consultation with Residence Life. MacDonald added that they are also looking into having an upper year student to be a Coordinator and help FYC out with booking meetings, budgets, etc. He asked the Board what they thought of the structure and what they would want to do for the res reps.
- The Board liked the structure. There were concerns brought up about hiring a new coordinator for the position when there were already so many ex-officios on the council that could help out. The response was that the MSU would have to add it to someone's job description and that most of those roles were already full to begin with.

Action Item

- MacDonald stated that the bylaw would be coming forward to the next meeting. MacDonald will have a conversation with Kevin Beatty about FYC.

11. Committee of the Whole – Services

Moved by Nadarajah, **seconded** by Shingleton-Smith that the Executive Board move into Committee of the Whole to discuss Services.

Passes Unanimously

Moved by MacDonald, **seconded** by Almeida to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

Passes Unanimously

Meeting extended at 12:30pm

Moved by Nadarajah, **seconded** by Farah that the Executive Board move out of Committee of the Whole and to Rise and Report.

Passes Unanimously

Rise and Report**Horizons**

- Nadarajah reported that they had a discussion on why Horizons didn't reach 200 delegates, and one of the factors being that it could have been the lack of financial accessibility for the conference. Nadarajah reported that the Board wanted to look into the idea of moving the conference back to Hedden Hall to save on housing costs, and to also develop a long-term contract for SRA Retreat, PTM Retreat, and Horizons. The Board identified that the PTM was looking stressed and that he may need additional support and requested that the VP Admin and VP Finance check-in more often. The Board also request that the PTM provides feedback for those who didn't get LD positions and requested it.

MACycle

- Nadarajah reported that Tran was a great PTM to work with and was very receptive to new and innovative ideas. Nadarajah reported that the Board should help with making the space more comfortable during extreme weather conditions. The Board requested for more in-depth reporting for the future.

Maroons

- Nadarajah reported that there were concerns brought up about the first year reps and power dynamics, integration into the team, and if first year students could handle the stress. Nadarajah reported that the Board would like to see first year reps considered to be 'returning reps' if they chose to apply to come back. The Board asked O'Brien to look into the areas of concerns and address them as she goes ahead with the plan.

12. Action Items**a) MAC Farmstand**

- MacDonald stated that the machine was 'broken' due to Hospitality upgrading everything. He stated that they have ordered a new portable one for September.

b) Shine Day

- Nadarajah stated that Jones will provide a comprehensive plan for the next EB report. She explained that Shinerama partnered up with Blue Line Taxi and they will be supporting the MSU on Shine Day.
- MacDonald asked Nadarajah to make sure that they call security about all of the buses and cars.

c) EFRT

- Nadarajah stated that she followed up with Black and MacDonald about Homecoming.
- MacDonald stated that everything will be fine.

13. Information and Questions

- MacDonald reported that Jess Bauman, Nadarajah, and he have been working hard on the part-time wage review. He stated that they are almost on the final draft of the questionnaire, and that he will be bringing it forward for feedback and detailing next steps soon.

14. Adjournment and Time of Next Meeting**Time of Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, August 11, 2016
10:30am
MSU Boardroom, MUSC 201**

Moved by MacDonald, **seconded** by Nadarajah that the meeting of the Executive Board be adjourned.

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 12:49pm

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