

Executive Board Meeting 17-07
Tuesday, September 12, 2017 @ 12:30pm
MSU Boardroom, MUSC room 201

Called to Order 12:35pm

Present Anas, Anbalagan, Arnold, D'Souza, Deshpande, Ibe, Lee, Lightstone
Late Zheng
Absent Ibe
Others Present V. Scott (Recording Secretary), M. Wooder (MCD), K. Epifano (AVP Services), Nicole Yan (Shinerama Coordinator), Taylor Mertens (MAC Bread Bin Director), Lilian Obeng (Diversity Services Director), Hazra Chowhury (FYC Coordinator), Samantha Aung (EFRT Director)

1. Adopt Agenda

Moved by Lightstone, **seconded** by Anas to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Passes Unanimously

2. Adopt Minutes

Moved by Lee, **seconded** by Arnold that the Executive Board adopt the minutes of Executive Board meeting 17-06 – August 24, 2017, as circulated.

Passes Unanimously

3. Mac Bread Bin Report – Taylor Mertens presented

- Mertens summarized the report.

Questions

- Lightstone asked where the Food Collective Centre (FCC) would be located. Mertens responded that it was in the basement of the Refectory, and that they will be setting up a banner so that students know what is going on.
- Lee asked if there was more of a private time for patrons to come and pick up food from the FCC. He also asked if the Community Kitchen was still happening. Mertens responded that the Community Kitchen was an agreement with Chef Lee that fell through. He explained that he trying to come up with something else this year. Mertens stated that for the FCC will be open during public times as they still have the Lockers of Love for anonymous service.
- Anas asked if the FCC was coherent with Bridges model. Mertens responded that it's not Bridges food, but they are trying to figure out what was best.
- Zheng stated that it may be helpful to log the times to figure out usage rates. He asked about the accessibility issues of getting into the Refectory. Mertens responded that there is an elevator, but the space isn't as accessible as they would like to be.
- Anbalagan asked about the Good Food Box and if they were looking into different options for organics. Mertens responded that he is looking at other farms, but he was in contact with the person at Plan B as they are trying to tackle the Hamilton food deserts. He added that he was trying to stay away from Farmstand's lane where they are about organic and local foods. Mertens added that they are looking at balancing affordability and accessibility. Anbalagan suggested looking into Sovereign Farms.
- Anas asked if they were looking into offering Halal or Kosher options. Mertens responded that since they work off of donations, any meat brought in wasn't Halal. He added that they could look into canned meat that won't break the bank.

- Zheng asked if the volunteers got trained in food safety. Mertens responded that that they don't need training for the FCC as it's non-perishable items.

4. Diversity Services Report – Lilian Obeng presented

- Obeng summarized the report.

Questions

- D'Souza asked if they discussed payment for the training given to SSC. Obeng responded that they hadn't and that they did training for free last year as well.
- Lightstone asked if there were any consequences for those who violated the rules of the Bridges space, and those reps who didn't go to training. Obeng responded that this was part of her complaint, as they saw reps actively get up and leave the room during their presentation and show up when it was almost over. She stated that she told Michele Corbeil and the Welcome Week Faculty Coordinator, but nothing came out of it. Obeng added that she spoke with the SOCS Coordinator about not touching the AV equipment, but there was an incident of a first year singing an inappropriate song. She explained that she told SOCS that if something like that happened again they wouldn't be able to access the space again.
- Lee asked about expectations with SSC. Obeng responded that she hasn't had her follow-up question yet, but in their preliminary meetings they specifically laid out what the presentation would look like and what their expectations were.

5. EFRT Report – Samantha Aung presented

- Aung summarized the report.

Questions

- D'Souza gave a shout out to the EFRT team for Welcome Week. He stated that this year was an anomaly as they weren't sure what would happen with the new concert venue.
- Zheng asked if they knew the kinds of calls that were made during Friday. Aung responded that they don't have those stats right now, but they could look into it.
- Anas asked if the change of location of the concert provided difficulty for providing their service. Aung responded that at Faculty Hollow it was easier to see where the emergencies were, but the Maroons did a great job of sectioning off areas where the patients were so that they could get to them easily. Aung added that she will be talking to Campus Events about the fencing. She explained that she liked the new venue as it was more accessible for ambulances, and that the majority of the calls were for outside of the concert.
- Zheng asked if there was a need to increase the size of EFRT's team due to the influx of students. Aung responded that they were able to accommodate the number of calls because classes hadn't started yet.

6. FYC Coordinator Report – Hazra Chowhury presented

- Chowhury summarized the report.

Questions

- Lee congratulated the Coordinator on the traction of first year council nominations. He stated that he worked with FYC last year about the changes they wanted for Bylaw 9, and that he can provide that to her.
- Anas asked about the elections being promoted off campus. Chowhury responded that they moved it out of residence this year to attract more people who don't live on campus.

7. Shinerama Report – Nicole Yan presented

- Yan summarized the report.

Questions

- Arnold congratulated Yan on raising over \$100,000. She stated that having a shine team was beneficial, and asked if there was a way to have shine reps be around on Shine day instead of the Maroons. She stated that some felt uncomfortable telling people what to do, and that it wasn't their role to do so.
- Epifano stated that she received a lot of good feedback about Shine day and how it was planned. She recommended that for next year they add the ROAs to the shine planning group, as sometimes shine reps don't rely all the information.

Lee left at 1:36pm

- Yan stated that shine reps weren't invited to most Welcome Week events, and they didn't have much to do during these times as everyone would be doing something during Alumni field and they could only walk around. She felt that having them be included would be good for the team so that they don't feel as though they're randomly there.
- Anas stated that a lot of res reps weren't emphasizing Shine Day, and suggested having a shine rep to show up at rep auctions.
- D'Souza asked how Yan handled any dietary restrictions for lunches. Yan responded that the options for the pizza was cheese, pepperoni, or veggie. She explained that the only restriction they couldn't accommodate was gluten-free but reimbursed those who had to buy their lunch due to this restriction.
- Epifano suggested that perhaps students could fill out waivers earlier and give them to res life so that they can add dietary restrictions on to it.

8. Capital Expenditure Request – TwelvEighty

Moved by D'Souza, **seconded** by Zheng that the Executive Board expend \$7,000 from the Capital Fund for the TwelvEighty Café.

- D'Souza went over the memo with the Board.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

9. Discussion on SRA Logos

- Lightstone brought this up as a discussion as they old logos were ugly and that they should be updated. He explained that caucuses and committees are moving apart and becoming more distinct, so he thought it would be nice to create a caucus logo to maintain style and identity.
- The Board discussed the options that were presented to them. They came to the consensus that they liked them and wanted to have something brought forward to approve.

10. Information & Question Period

- Lightstone reported that Thursday was the Engineering Movie Night. He invited everyone to come.
- D'Souza reported that construction was happening on the café for TwelvEighty.
- Anbalagan stated that if board members had more questions for PTMs that they can connect with them outside of this meeting.
- Lightstone asked if reps not showing up for AOP training, and leaving their duties to the way side would be addressed. Anbalagan stated that Welcome Week was a challenge for a lot of people, and that they shouldn't be limiting opportunities, but services should also be planning for absences. The Board discussed this topic and felt that it was just about planning and setting out expectations of each other.
- Epifano reported that Services Committee will be meeting tonight in the Committee Room.

11. Adjournment and Time of Next Meeting

Time of Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017
12:30pm
MSU Boardroom, MUSC 201**

Moved by Anas, **seconded** by D'Souza that the Executive Board meeting be adjourned.

Motion Passes by General Consent

Adjourned at 1:59pm

/vs