

Executive Board Meeting 12-12
Friday, October 14, 2012 @ 12:30pm
MSU Boardroom, MUSC rm 201

Call to Order @ 12:38 p.m.

Present Bergen, Campbell, Daniel, Granat, Jamieson, Morrow, Saeed, Wyngaarden

Late

Absent Stewart

Others Present J. McGowan (General Manager), J. Bauman (Recording Secretary), James Dowdall (SWHAT Coordinator)

1. Adopt Agenda

Moved by Wyngaarden, **seconded** by Morrow that the Executive Board adopt the agenda as presented.

Vote on Agenda

Passes Unanimously

2. Advocacy Report – Report attached

3. EFRT Report – Report attached

Questions

- Daniel asked if there was a typo in the report, or if >3 minutes in response time should have actually read <3 minutes?
- Wyngaarden replied it was a typo, as EFRT's average response time is around three minutes.
- Daniel asked if the current challenges EFRT reported regarding prescription medication was relevant to this year, if it would affect the service provision, or if it would be worked out.
- McGowan noted he would follow up with EFRT regarding that issue.

4. MACgreen Report – Report attached

5. Maroons Report – Report attached

6. Yearplans

- Campbell apologized for the amount of reading, and reflected he should have broken up the approval of the year plans. Campbell noted that questions about yearplans could be brought up at anytime.
- Granat noted he would not be opposed to postponing the yearplans for another week.

Moved by Granat, **seconded** by Saeed to postpone the approval of the yearplans for Diversity Services, EFRT, Elections, MACgreen, QSCC, SHEC, SWHAT, and TAC until EB 12-13.

Discussion

- Dowdall stated he doesn't mind waiting for the approval of his yearplan. Dowdall noted there was no point in approving the yearplans if everyone hasn't read them yet.
- Campbell noted he has looked over all of the yearplans and provided feedback, and reassured the members the PTMS have been working with a mandate and a direction.

Vote to Postpone

Passes Unanimously

7. Information and Question Period

- Saeed updated he had a breakthrough meeting regarding wifi on campus. Saeed is part of a team who will be creating a three-year proposal to the McMaster budget, which would allow wifi to be installed everywhere on campus. Saeed noted the working group have maps from other universities to show what their coverage of wifi is, as there is one for McMaster as well. There has been \$100,000 allocated to fund this as a pilot project, and the money will be spent before December. Some of the areas which have already been identified were MUSC and TSH. Saeed noted they are looking for more spots to add wifi. In conjunction with the SMC, Saeed will be running a poll next week to ask students where they would like to see increased wifi coverage. Some options are DSB, LSB, ABB, and the JHE Annex. Saeed stated one of the challenges is that no one was willing to explain why the Faculty of Engineering is preventing wifi from being installed in JHE 276 and JHE 376. Saeed is working on getting information from the Registrar and Faculty offices to see what other faculties are using those rooms, and will be bringing this information to the Provost. Across the province, there is talk about classroom technology, but Engineering, which is supposed to be an innovative faculty, is saying no. Saeed noted he also heard rumours that an Engineering professor said he would tear the router out if wifi was installed in JHE.
- Granat asked where the best wifi on campus currently is.
- Saeed noted students have the best signal in MDCL. There are decent routers in MUSC, but if a student has an older laptop and hasn't updated their software, it can destroy the wifi signal for everyone.
- Saeed noted OUSA will be on campus next week, running a "hired education" campaign. OUSA will be running focus groups on Tuesday, and Saeed asked members to attend if they are available. Saeed will also be hosting an online chat, and is hoping to get Patrick Deane involved. McMaster's State of the Academy was last week, and the Provost discussed the systems renewal project and how it will change a number of things at McMaster. The University's budget process is changing; departments will submit proposals for their budget, making it a more organic and transparent process. The University is also changing the VP Student Affairs and VP Academic positions to be VP Student Learning and VP Faculty.
- Daniel asked if there were any updates regarding pursuing ancillary fee violations.
- Saeed stated Dr. Smith doesn't think there are any violations, which Saeed thinks is arguable. There is a disingenuous loophole, where profs can just add the extra weight to the final exams. According to the ancillary fee legislation, there is nothing illegal about that process. Saeed noted it would be brought up at the next AdminCon meeting, and the Board will state this loophole is unacceptable. If Saeed has a chance to meet with the MTCU, Glen Murray, he will discuss it with the Minister as well. Saeed stated the only way he can guarantee a refund is if there is a blatant case of where a student has to buy extra software, and you get graded on it.
- McGowan noted there was a MUSC Board of Management meeting this week. McGowan received a draft back from TNT regarding a potential partnership with Campus Events, Mr. Saeed got a haircut, and the University is reevaluating their alcohol policy, so the EB might hear something about that in the future.
- Saeed also attended a meeting about alcohol policy. Saeed suggested promoting students to "be a friend", because first years are going off campus with huge groups of friends they don't know, and that is when medical attention is often needed.
- Dowdall noted he is working with the safe walk home program with Queen's University. Together, they are providing assistance to a former volunteer, who is looking to start a safe walk program at the University of Manchester (UK).
- Bergen asked about printing courseware at Underground. Bergen asked if there is a report or presentation he could bring to a professor or a group of professors, on why they should have their courseware printed at Underground.
- Saeed noted that Underground had been working directly with SRA members in the past. There is no Board member right now who is going out and soliciting business. Saeed suggested contracting the professor, and asking someone from Underground to accompany Bergen with handouts specific to the program, to alleviate any fears the professors have. The other selling point is that the profits from everything that is being sold at the Underground go directly back into supporting student services and initiatives.

- Wyngaarden thanked the EB for giving him the opportunity to take two course this semester, and reported that he unfortunately had to drop Physics. Wyngaarden stated his work was more important. Wyngaarden reported that the MUSC Board of Management is working on a survey to find out what students would like to do with the surplus money, noting there are parameters to what can be done. Wyngaarden hopes the survey will be ready for a November launch. The City of Hamilton was asking for free space in the Atrium, and the MUSC Board of Management said no. The City will now be partnering with Student Affairs. Another issue brought to that board was that Pangaea typically runs their event in the MUSC, and has never been charged for the space. This year, Pangaea was charged, and the MSU is looking into that. Wyngaarden noted the MUSC rules state if a ticket is being sold to an event, regardless of whether it is to make profit, that group must pay for the space in MUSC. Wyngaarden stated the alternative would be to make every event free, so students would be paying indirectly through the MSU or Student Affairs fees.
- Campbell asked where his Booster Juice was.
- McGowan has a meeting with Albert Ng, and will follow up with that next week.
- Wyngaarden reported he has been working with Hospitality Services regarding Paradise Catering. Wyngaarden stated the rumours circulating that the catering contract is up, are false. Wyngaarden noted there will be a news release coming out shortly about changes to the catering contract for students using Paradise Catering's services.
- Campbell thanked everyone who came out to the Welcome Week discussions, noting there were some really cool recommendations that came out of those meetings. Night Market occurred on Wednesday, and Campbell thought it was a success. Details about the finances will be coming out soon, and EB will hear about them when the Diversity Services Directors have their next report.

8. Adjournment and Time of Next Meeting

Time of Next Meeting:

**Friday, October 19, 2012
12:30 p.m.
MSU Boardroom, MUSC room 201**

Moved by Granat, **seconded** by Wyngaarden that the meeting be adjourned.

Passes Unanimously

Meeting adjourned @ 1:10 p.m.

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