



Students' Association Board Meeting

March 27, 2024
Exchange District Campus
Room E155
6:27 pm – 9:12 pm

MINUTES

Attendance: Prachi Chawla, Mohitpreet Kaur, Joshua Malam, Steve Nachtigall, Laureen Janzen, Ryan Rutherford, Awe Olufisayo Melissa Ghidoni, Harjinder Dhesi, Colin Tirschmann, Annie Wiebe, Huong Giang Nguyen, Vishal Singh, Kaye Dimatatac, Mayra Cota, Preetinder Kaur Gill, Eva Khattra,

Regrets: Akshita

1) Call to Order at 6:27 pm

2) Land Acknowledgement

- President read land acknowledgment.

3) President's Opening Remarks

- Welcomed the three new board members that were appointed.
- Welcomed Awe Olufisayo back to the board as his appeal was granted by the chair.
- Melinda Yanick resigned her position as VP Internal effective immediately.

4) Call for Proxy

Motion – To allow proxy voting for the duration of the meeting.

Mover: Eva

Seconder: Huong

CARRIED

➤ Akshita to Huong.

5) Adoption of the agenda

Motion – To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Eva

Seconded: Huong

CARRIED

6) Accept the SAB meeting minutes from January 17, 2024.

Motion – To accept the SAB meeting minutes from January 17, 2024.

Mover: Ryan

Seconded: Huong

CARRIED

7) Accept the SAB meeting minutes from February 12, 2024.

Motion – To accept the SAB meeting minutes from February 12, 2024.

Mover: Preetinder

Seconded: Ryan

CARRIED

8) Executive Reports

A) President Report

Attached

- We had 12 candidates run in the elections this year and Lauren the CRO will provide a report.
- We want to thank three new board members for joining us, Kaye, Myra, and Vishal.
- A comment was made about the election and the response was that the CRO deals with issues, and hands out demerits.

B) Vice President Academic Report

Attached

- The last remaining scholarships are being evaluated and will be handed out soon.

C) Vice President Internal Report

- Nothing to report as she resigned.

D) Vice President External Affairs Report

Not Attached

- CASA conference took up most of the time which included the AGM.

- There have been quite a number of appeals come in that are being dealt with.

9) Managers Reports

A) Executive Director Report

Attached

- Working on the MOU and budgets as Melinda is no longer here.
- Was involved in supporting the elections including providing orientations to candidates with the president and CRO.
- Looking into Gallivan's services that may fill gaps with the current RRC Polytech services.

B) Director, Student Support Services

Not Attached

- Counseling is discontinuing their Wellness Check-ins as they are not being used.
- The MOU has had a few delays and will go into April.
- The Retention Committee is looking for individuals for their focus group and will be coming to the SA.
- The Peer Support Program is looking to be up and running in the Fall. There will be student training, consultations, and planning.

10) Committee Reports were skipped due to time restraints.

- i) **Finance Committee** - Steve taking over to support this committee.
- ii) **Elections Appointment & Referendum Committee** – Prachi and Joshua as Co-Chair
- iii) **Building Trust Fund Committee** – Steve is taking over to support this committee.
- iv) **Scholarships Committee** – Mohitpreet as Chair
- v) **Advocacy Committee** – Joshua as Chair
- vi) **Governance & Internal Review Committee** – Prachi and Mohitpreet as Co-Chair

11) Salopek

- Minnie from Salopek presented their findings and recommendations to the board.

- The overall recommendation was to include 3 new positions; HR, communications, and advocacy.
- One issue was communication within the association and needing to improve this.
- Recommendations included changing some job descriptions, reporting structure changes, and not always going to 'Steve' for everything.
- Next steps include:
 1. Communication about this report.
 2. Conversations with the staff including changes to job descriptions/expectations/titles/reporting structure.
 3. Approve budget and hire 3 new positions.
- Discussion:
 1. Other SA's compared with were Bow Valley, Kalona Community College, Mount Royal University, NAITSA, SAITSA, and some USA Polytechnics.
 2. Young leadership (execs and board) needs to be trained and transitioned into their role to understand the distinction between Governance by the student leaders/execs and Operations done by the staff which are separate.
 3. Standard Operating Procedures need to be put in place as things are cyclical in the SA. We don't need to reinvent things, just inform, and follow the processes from the past.
 4. With this investment in the report, we need to keep these changes for a while and see them through. We can't just stop and change it next year.

12) Financials

- They were emailed out and if anyone has any questions, please contact Steve.

13) Election Results

Motion: To accept the 2024-25 Executive Election results as follows:

Mover: Annie

Seconded: Mayra

CARRIED

President	
Milagros Monjaraz	483
Vedarth Narula	387
Abstain	137
Total Ballots Cast*	1528
*Total Ballots Cast includes 521 votes for Gurleen Kaur, who withdrew from the election	
Vice President Academic	
Gursharan Kaur Brar	597
Komalvir Singh	394
Abstain	386
Total Ballots Cast	1377
Vice President External Affairs	
Shaganpreet Singh Sran	403
Juan Barbosa	381
Akshita	348
Benjamin Omoregie	224
Kashish	108
Harsh Ambekar	44
Abstain	118
Total Ballots Cast	1626
Vice President Internal	
Yes for Angela Felipe	998
No for Angela Felipe	168
Abstain	140
Total Ballots Cast	1306

14) Pow Wow Funding

Motion – To approve \$2000 to support the School of Indigenous Education department RRC Polytech Pow Wow event on May 3, 2024.

Mover: Mayra

Seconded: Huong

CARRIED

15) SA Fees

- No discussion was held on fees.

16) Open Forum

- There is an Election Celebration party on Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 4-6pm in the Cave Lounge.

17) Adjournment at 9:12 pm.