



Student Union of NSCAD
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August 14th, 2019

Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Kassidy, Olivia, Peri, Liam

Absent:

Regrets: Asha

Chair: Kassidy

Secretary: Liam R.

Call to order 5:03PM.

Peri motions to approve the agenda. Olivia seconds.

Peri motions to approve the last three meetings' minutes. Olivia seconds.

Kassidy begins the meeting by recognizing we are situated on unceded and unsurrendered Mi'kmaq territory, which is covered under the Peace and Friendship Treaties since 1725. It is our responsibility to understand our relationship with the land as stewards, arrivants, and settlers.

Signatures:

President

Resource Coordinator

Reports

Kassidy Bernard, She/Her // President // president@sunscad.org

Since August 7th

- Attended the Campus QTs event, Body Positive Beach Day, at Rainbow Haven Beach. Assisted with a car ride for students.
- Prepared social media posts and published throughout the week, promoting council positions and clubs and collectives.
- Answered and organized emails, and followed up with old business from those.
- Reviewed resources from the website of the MMIWG Inquiry, including an educators guide that would be useful for our purposes.
- Held office hours that involved planning some orientation and upcoming beach day with VP Internal.
- Prepared for the Senate Executive Committee. Attended the SEC meeting, where we passed motions to recommend changes to the credit system at NSCAD, the appeal review structure, agenda prep for Senate, and more. This was also the first SEC meeting with our new president Aoife McNamara; who spoke in depth with James Barmby and Ann-Barbara Graff about what we can do to improve the appeal process for students that proactively helps them mid-term where problems may begin, that is collaborative between the instructor, admin, and the student.

Peri McFarlane, She/Her // VP Finance // finance@sunscad.org

- Foodbank
- discussed orientation
- table day planning
- discussed beach day
- emailed clubs
- talked with students about concerns
- talked with clubs
- talked with Bill Travis
- bias training
- Dean search committee meeting
- spoke with Tara about seeds gallery

Olivia Fay, She/Her // VP Internal // internal@sunscad.org

Since August 7th

- Finalized beach day event
- confirmed professors for crit survival event
- met with melanie colosimo

Since August 14th

- Worked on solidifying orientation plans and 1st semester events

Asha Galloway, She/Her // VP External // external@sunscad.org

None at this time.

Tara Fleming // Resource Coordinator // suadmin@sunscad.org

Since August 7th

- E-mails regarding everything. Ex. Health plan, audit, orientation
- Did simply accounting
- Worked on the Health brochure
- Read the minutes
- Wrote cheques for bills
- Checked mail
- Helped students in the learning commons
- Month end

General Discussion

New Business

Food bank assistants call out, Designer call out, Secretary call out

Omnibus motion to approve a call out sent by Cassidy to the students that is based off the previous call outs for these positions, with a deadline of August 20th for applications, and August 27th for interviews. Motion by Peri, seconded by Olivia.

Peri noted that the Summer designer is working on projects that will carry him into the fall. Cassidy suggests that he be offered an honorarium to finish his work, and the Fall designer will work on pursuant projects. Peri acknowledges that there is enough money to cover a \$250 honorarium for the Summer designer, if he accepts. Motion by Peri, seconded by Olivia.

MMIWG Inquiry Report Check-In

Kassidy reviewed the inquiry resource page, which has a guide called “Their Voices Will Guide Us”, with a section on how post-secondary educators can use the Report. Cassidy wants to use it to inform how the workshops are approached. Peri says we may have to wait until October to start the workshop so that we have an Indigenous overseer. Cassidy wants peer mentors and advisors to be present as well. The idea of having an honorarium/callout for a student to lead the group was raised. As there is already a student interested in taking on the mantle of Indigenous Rep, Cassidy will ask them if they’d like to lead the reading group themselves, or have another student handle it.

Anti-Racism Toolkit Check-In

Kassidy started reading it, and noted that it’s all based on student union work with a strong grassroots focus. The guide notes that it should only be used generally, and actors should focus on what is relevant to their own campus. Cassidy wants to put together a committee to go over it and figured out what NSCAD needs. Peri likes the idea, and wants the Racialized Rep to be involved. Cassidy wants more reps in general because there are already a lot of projects planned for this year that they are needed for. A discussion was held regarding the relative lack of enthusiasm this year from the student body regarding student government. Peri believes it is due to general apathy, while Cassidy believes it is caused by economic stress. Cassidy believes that since we have more surplus this year, we should offer honorariums to the Reps.

Orientation:

Table Day

Bill Travis wants a tables for the wellness club, and other clubs. SMU Health wants a table because NSCAD students use their health services. Peri want to approve a second day for the table event specifically for community members external to NSCAD so that Peri can hold discussions about offering them space. Cassidy suggested doing “external day” at Fountain Campus after the events have finished, but Peri says there won’t be enough non-first-year students around at that time. Cassidy said that external table day can be done during orientation week after the 5th, when all the students are back. Regarding time and place; Olivia says midday, Cassidy says in the Student Lounge area.

Orientation Thursday Night

The plan is to do a talk on consent and sex trivia. Venus Envy can’t do thursday, but Cassidy would like to invite them for another time. They were originally going to host the workshop, but instead they can donate their gift basket, South House will do the Sex Talk, and we will host the Trivia game ourselves. Olivia noted that we must be careful with the budget, and we might not even hire South House for this reason (they charged \$120 last year, which we might be able to cover depending on other circumstances). The two events could be combined into one consent/sex trivia event that we host ourselves, if necessary. Peri noted that the Dal student bar does trivia, and they might have a sex-positive set we can use. Cassidy would still like to invite Venus Envy and South House to cover events through the year. Olivia wants to number people as they enter for the trivia game so that no one gets paired with people they already know.

Breakfast

Olivia has two quotes: Birds Nest is \$606.28 (\$596.28 without gluten-free options) for breakfast wraps, fruit tray, coffee and tea, cutlery and plates, cleanup and setup. Cassidy immediately noted that the amount of food they offered was not enough for the 250-300 students who will be attending. Cassidy says to get 100 wraps, with the fruit, with an aim to feed 200. Olivia says it should be first-come-first-serve. Vandals also provided a quote: \$198.00 for donuts.

Accessibility

The Fast Friend Free Food will not be held in the Art Bar due to noise, but that means finding another accessible venue. Academy is not accessible at all, and Fountain has accessibility issues. Peri suggested holding the event on the Citadel, but Cassidy noted that the uneven ground would cause problems. Cassidy suggested the Commons, near a spot with accessible parking,

and then the Historic Properties. Olivia stated that Historic Properties is too public. Olivia suggested the drawing class room next to the student lounge. Cassidy believed it would be too loud, but Peri says it's the best option, because more people can be spread out to counter noise, and that it's private and nearby for students who want to attend campus tours (3pm on the 3rd). A ramp would be needed for the steps between the elevator lobby and the hallway to the Student Lounge. Olivia says we should just ask OSE if anyone with accessibility problems is attending, and Cassidy will ask students to self-identify through an Instagram post.

Olivia will keep the room at Academy Campus booked for the event until further notice.

Miscellaneous

It must be noted that there are inconsistencies in the orientation schedules that Jim is circulating, regarding whether there are tours, the times of them, and whether they are self-guided or not.

Confirm: 7am showup for SUNSCAD members and volunteers. There will be a few pre-filled Handybags for accessibility reasons, but the rest will be take-what-you-need/want that students can fill themselves.

Olivia has to ask OSE when classes finish on Friday, as it relates to the scavenger hunt.

Remaining matters will be discussed over slack due to time limit on meeting.

By-Elections

SUNSCAD By-Elections timeline as suggested by Tara:

1. *Call for CRO goes out Sept 9th*
2. *Hire by Sept 16th*
3. *Nominations open Sept 23*
4. *Nominations close Sept 30*
5. *Campaigning starts Sept 30*
6. *Campaigning closes Oct 14*
7. *Election (voting) happens Oct 15,16,17*

Kassidy can work with Tara to implement this timeline.

Motion to approve. Olivia motions, Peri seconds. All in favour.

Federal Election campaign

Have a plan of action ready to be approved for the next meeting. Asha will review the guide sent by CFS, with Cassidy as a point of contact.

Purchase of cleaning supplies for Food Bank

Motion from Peri to use \$20 from the supplies budget line to purchase cleaning supplies, including reusable dish scrubbers and dish gloves. Olivia motions, Peri seconds. All in favor.

Beach ay Budget

Olivia needs \$150 with tax for Pizza to feed the 44 guests. We will need to accommodate vegan and gluten free diets. There is \$90 left from the original budget, so Olivia asks for a motion to add \$60 from the event budget for pizza. Motion by Olivia, seconded by Peri. All in favor.

The Big To-Do

We need to clean and organize before the event. Cassidy says Tara will look into alternative transport options regarding the Bus at Port Campus.

Marco will do posters for the Rebrand. Olivia asked that the Fall designer have a background in video so that video content can be an option.

Peri will schedule a meeting with Aoife regarding the Collectives room.

Party

The current plan is to brainstorm party ideas, then put out a poll for students. Immediate ideas include a general dance party, a fancy dress dinner (with a best outfit contest), and a collaborative painting party. Olivia is very passionate about having a chocolate fountain. Cassidy feels that a poll is important, as a way of giving power to students.

Peri says that SUNSCAD has large tarps that can be used for a collaborative painting. Cassidy brought up the idea of art battles, and the support and opposition for them. Olivia mentioned that the winter and spring popups need to be advertised.

Barmby

It was decided that it isn't necessary to talk to them. Peri says we will use the same order of pizza as last year, with gluten free and vegan options for students. Students will be told that there will be options.

Clubs To Ratify

Enactus - projects to help community. Olivia motions, Peri seconds.

NSCAD outdoor clubs - organize trips for camping, hiking, etc. Peri motions, Olivia seconds.

Animatics - animation club. Cassidy motions, Olivia seconds.

Contraceptives And Menstrual Products

Peri got an email about condoms, and asks if SUNSCAD wants to purchase more. Olivia says that if the ones we already have aren't expired, we can just put them out in bowls. Peri says the ones we have are all external condoms, and wants to purchase internal condoms and dental dams. The idea of getting a dispenser, or building one in-house, was raised. A dispenser is \$50 if you buy over \$500 worth of condoms. We can do a joint purchase with Kings. Cassidy wants menstrual products to be similarly available. Olivia raised the idea that a student could be hired to make reusable menstrual pads.

Kassidy brought up Friendly Divas, who work on battling period poverty. They can help SUNSCAD get free menstrual cups. There is a period poverty summit in October that we can attend, and students can be subsidized if they want to attend.

Old Business

None at this time.

Announcements

None at this time.

Olivia motions to adjourn.

Meeting adjourns at 6:30pm.