



Student Union of NSCAD
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July 31st, 2019

Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Kassidy, Peri, Liam

Absent: Asha

Regrets:

Chair:

Secretary: Liam R.

Call to order 4:58PM.

Peri motions to approve the agenda. Olivia seconds.

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

- Held office hours and spoke with students
- Met with Collette from the Sexual Violence Prevention Committee of CONSUP
- Attended the Youth Thinkers Climate Change Retreat from July 25-28th with 20 other youth from across Atlantic Canada, ages 15-29. We held deep discussions and attended workshops throughout the weekend including an anti-oppression workshop, personal narrative discussion, KAIROS blanket exercise, rally and tree planting ceremony, and a skills discussion.
- Have been responding to emails

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

- met with collette earlier this week
- met with designer about collective space
- tended to the food bank
- managed SUNSCAD social media
- attended potluck
- held a conference call for Dean Search Committee, going over candidates.

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

- attended the potluck
- worked on Beach Day planning
- Barbara Louder for crit survival workshop on sept 20th.

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

None at this time.

General Discussion

New Business

Orientation

Scavenger Hunt

As Asha is unavailable, Olivia proposes that she take over responsibility for the scavenger hunt. Peri volunteered to help out as well. Asha says that once she is able to return to work, she will catch up as quickly as possible.

Deserres wants to take part, and will offer coupons. Olivia says to focus on businesses between Granville and on Barrington, and go no further than Spring Garden.

Community Table Day

Kassidy will take over community table day, which will be held during the breakfast. Jim asked about the food needed. A proportion order from last year is in Peri or Tara's email, and will be a guideline for how much food should be ordered. The food has consistently been ordered from Smiths, but Glitterbean or Birds' Nest could be options this year. Kassidy suggested starting a list on Slack for food options. It should be noted that SUNSCAD only organizes the breakfast, and everything else is handled by OSE - icebreaker questions, etc. Jim wants presentations to be kept short this year, and everyone should come up with a little blurb about what SUNSCAD does. There is a presentation template available on the computer. Kassidy noted that last year it was already quite short, so she isn't sure how it can be further shortened. It was also noted that this year, SUNSCAD needs to be more proactive about having handouts and materials that engage new students and let them ask questions. Olivia will talk to Marco about pamphlets and calendar events. Peri will email clubs from last year to see who wants to ratify.

The budget for orientation is \$3000, which will probably be around \$1200 after the food has been purchased. The city scavenger hunt shouldn't cost much. Shanti Yoga has provided a gift card for five free lessons as a scavenger hunt prize.

It was noted that the Fast Friends Free Food event should not take place in the art bar this year, as there were complaints last year that it was too loud and crowded as a venue. Asha suggested it be held outside if the weather is good, near the Lions.

A Kings/NSCAD mixer is on September 5th. Olivia will message Levi about it.

The party at ArtBar is planned for September 6th, aiming for 9pm to 2am.

Handybags

Kassidy got a response regarding the handybags, they'll be ready to go this Friday. The artists need the screen, however, which is missing. Peri says that we could ask them to make a new

one, but that wasn't part of the job description, so it would feel unfair. Kassidy suggested that they be paid more to cover the cost of a new screen and the labour involved. The council agreed on a cap of \$100 from capital purchases for the making of the frame, and that money will be used to meet the quote that the artists give. Peri motions to approve spending, Olivia seconds.

By-elections

The By-elections are happening in the fall. Because of the timing of the skills conference, Kassidy wishes to hold the elections in the first two weeks of October. Peri notes that reading week is in November, and Asha notes that Nocturne is the 17th to the 19th. Olivia suggested mid-October, and Kassidy agreed. Kassidy will take to Tara regarding the matter.

Seeds Gallery

Peri wants to relaunch the Seeds Gallery, either as a physical venue or an online store. It feels like there is a gap at NSCAD where art is being made, but it is not being showcased for sale. Olivia noted that the annual art market is extremely profitable, so a more permanent venue would be welcomed - the problem is getting plans in motion in case the next Executive Council doesn't believe the operation would be a priority. Regarding a physical venue; Olivia asked if a small part of the Anna could be used as a marketplace, Kassidy said that space is already at a premium there, and suggested the Library street-level windows instead. Asha suggests the reading commons, but Olivia wants it to be accessible to the public. An online platform was noted as being the most accessible format. NSCAD administration, The Anna Gallery, and the Alumni Association were all noted as avenues to explore to realize the idea. Peri proposed that she put a budget together with Tara, including an allowance for a full-time manager (or alternatively, have wages be taken from a percentage of sales made through the store). Olivia asked about a Spring Pop-Up market, but Peri says that time of year is already very busy with grad exhibits.

In the meantime, the Teichert Gallery could be advertised to NSCAD Students as a venue to make money from their work.

VIA shuttle service

Kassidy likes the idea, but doesn't like the company or how they approached us, noting that the email read like spam. Kassidy noted that, regardless, we should look into options regarding the matter. Tara can do more research on companies.

Beach day

Olivia was concerned that the beach day event had hit a roadblock because there were too many students who wanted to attend the event for the number of cars they had on hand to transport

students there. She was in contact with a bus company, and said that it would be \$845 to rent a bus with a driver to get to the beach and back. Having the bus would make the number of attendants a non-issue. The council was initially hesitant to approach this plan, but Peri revealed that the surplus budget has more than enough money to cover the expense. Peri motions to allow \$845 to rent a bus and driver from the surplus budget. Olivia seconds.

It was noted, afterwards, that Dalhousie has a bus. We can still look into alternative forms of transport. Olivia will talk to OSE.

Asha suggested that there should be a photographer. Cassidy says she will bring a camera. Further discussions about having a dedicated photographer will be held in the future.

Check-in for review of toolkit and inquiry report

Asha's response from a first glance is that it's really intense. The book club format will be useful so that everyone can support each other through the reading.

Old Business

None at this time.

Announcements

None at this time.

Kassidy motions to adjourn.

Meeting adjourns at 5:49pm.