



Student Union of NSCAD
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June 5, 2019

Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Cassidy, Asha, Olivia

Absent:

Regrets: Peri

Chair: Cassidy

Secretary: Cassidy

Call to order 6:40PM.

Olivia motions to approve the agenda. Asha seconds.

Cassidy motions to approve the last meetings' minutes. Olivia seconds.

Cassidy 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

Met with James Rae, alongside Olivia, to speak about D270 twice more

- James had a proposal for a new space for SUNSCAD. This is confidential information, shared only with executive at this time.
- Also spoke with Jade to get more thoughts on D270 situation.

Did training with Cat, new food bank assistant for the summer.

Helped with food bank delivery on June 3rd. Cat will come in on Thursday to clean.

Has contacted Jade to get CFS to change incorrect flight return date, succeeded this time.

Wrote and edited minutes for last exec meeting.

Attended the Senate Executive meeting this afternoon.

- Passed motions to begin hiring process for several positions. Will need to be approved at next Senate meeting.
- Passed motion to adopt EDI pilot grant program with letter of intent. Will be approved at Board of Governors meeting.
- Next Senate Executive meeting is June 12th.

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

No report at this time.

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

Met with James with Kassidy.

Met with Bill Travis to talk about student concerns from our previous executive meeting.

- Access to mental health: students can declare at ANY time, so he changed the wording on the NSCAD website. Have access to BIII and can talk to professors about anything, but the only thing that makes it hard is exams. A day or two days before an exam can be too short notice, because he needs to find a room for you to take the exam in and he can't always do that.

- At the beginning of the year, we should meet with students that have recurring problems with mental health that they preemptively let Bill Travis and/or their professors know. They have a safety net, they just need to communicate that they may need that.
- Uncomfortable situations for marginalized communities: Bill doesn't have any sway to get them to go to a sensitivity conference. He says that when he does it, the same five people come every time and not necessarily the people who really need it.
- He suggests meeting with AB to try and implement this training. They need specific incidents and they need to not be anonymous per se, to be able to go to AB with something. They need to know the names of the professors. At least two people to do a specific report.

Got into a real good discussion with Kate from the Art Bar. Telling Olivia about events from her time at NSCAD. Is the Art Bar available for events to book, likes the idea of using the space.

- A boat called Queen of the Harbour was used before for a party. Students were asked to DJ and it was one of the best parties Kate has been to.
- Cake wrestling: SUNSCAD went to Safeway (old cakes) and set up a wrestling ring and people paid \$5 to play with their friends.
- Kate can help us try and find sponsors for events, to avoid any overlap with NSCAD.

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

No report at this time. Would like for more direction for tasks to be done remotely from Bermuda; specifically for preparing for her role in organizing Orientation.

General Discussion

New Business

Student Experience

Olivia's report began a discussion about student experiences at NSCAD and how we can create an environment where students feel safe and included rather than uncomfortable in classrooms where they may be oppressed by the professor by harmful views or discussions that are left unchecked.

Kassidy says it's probably best that as SUNSCAD we can create spaces for students to feel safe and "together" where they speak about experiences with professors and feel that they have a better ability to report, either as individual or with their peers' support.

Olivia suggests we host spaces like that called “Full Disclosure” where its a student-only space that can give students a chance to share their feelings and experiences with one another. Especially for marginalized students.

In-Camera

Olivia motions to move in camera, seconded by Asha. Motion passes.

Peri motions to move out of camera, seconded by Olivia.

Old Business

Handbags

Tara suggests we expand the handbag order to 300 for a cost of \$1500 due to higher enrolment rates for students.

Olivia motions to hire a student to create 300 handbags for \$1500, seconded by Asha.

Announcements

None at this time.

Kassidy motions to adjourn.

Meeting adjourns at 7:20pm as Olivia had to be excused early, and we lost quorum.