Minutes

Student Administrative Council (SAC) # 9

Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

Zoom

**Present:** Franck Albert Sigah, Chair

Sana Abidi, Director

Dany Joshua Bilapati, Director

Barbara Burger, Director

Cadie De Kelver, Director

Ana Carolina De Castro Martins Nelson, Director

Siddharth Patel, Director

Ricardo Souza, FSU President

Thomas Hutchison-Hounsell, Board of Governors Student Representative

Paul Masse, General Manager

Eva Amaya (Recording Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Approval of Agenda

9.1 It was:

MOVED by Dany Joshua Bilapati, SECONDED by Cadie De Kelver and CARRIED to approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

9.2 It was:

MOVED by Barbara Burger, SECONDED by Siddharth Patel and CARRIED to approved the Minutes of Meeting # 8.

Director Status – Paul Masse

Paul has notified the Board that one of the Directors, Prakhar Kapoor is ineligible to continue in the Director role, due to Bylaw 8.5 (E). Prakhar has been notified, is not challenging the restrictions and has resigned in an email to the FSU President, Ricardo.

9.3 It was:

MOVED by Cadie De Kelver, SECONDED by Barbara Burger and CARRIED to accept the resignation of Prakhar Kapoor, in accordance with the Bylaw 8.5 (E).

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

The Director position will be vacant for the rest of the semester, but there is no plan to replace that position at this time, due to the fact that there is three months remaining until the FSU elections, seven active members on the Board and the current environment.

President’s Report - Ricardo Souza

The President’s Report was presented to the Board.

The Executive Team attended the Annual Ombuds Advisory Committee, which met on January 19th. The Committee presented their [Ombuds Report](https://www.fsu.ca/ombuds), which is currently posted on the FSU website. Discussion ensued regarding having a representative from the Ombuds Advisory Committee attend the next Board Meeting and present their Ombuds Report.

Action Item: Rose Padacz (Ombuds Advisory Committee Representative) will be invited to the next Board Meeting.

9.4 It was:

MOVED by Barbara Burger, SECONDED by Dany Joshua Bilapati and CARRIED to accept the President’s Report, as presented.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

General Manager’s Report – Paul Masse

The General Manager’s Report was presented to the Board.

9.5 It was:

MOVED by Cadie De Kelver, SECONDED by Barbara Burger and CARRIED to accept the General Manager’s Report, as presented.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

Board of Governor’s Report - Thomas Hutchison-Hounsell

There was no Board of Governor’s Report at this time. The next Board of Governor’s meeting is on January 27th.

9.6 It was:

MOVED by Siddharth Patel, SECONDED by Cadie De Kelver and CARRIED to accept Board of Governor’s Report, as presented.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

Membership Report - Ricardo Souza

The Membership Report was presented to the Board

9.7 It was:

MOVED by Barbara Burger, SECONDED by Cadie de Kelver and CARRIED to accept the Membership Report, as presented.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

New Business Items:

1. 2021/2022 FSU Election Policy
   1. FSU Election Policy: The recommendation from the Governance Committee related to 1.7.3 Election Policy is to reduce the number of nominations for Director to 25 nominations and for President to 50 nominations. Discussion ensued regarding the eligibility criteria for FSU President and Directors (i.e., reference letters and community involvement). Further discussion will be held in Governance Committee.

9.8 It was:

MOVED by Ana Nelson, SECONDED by Sana Abidi and CARRIED to revise the current addendum outlined in 1.7.3 of G106: Elections – President and Directors Policy, with the proposed amendment; “For the 2022-2023 FSU Election Only – each candidate for Director shall be nominated by at least twenty-five (25) Members of the FSU, each candidate for President shall be nominated by at least fifty (50) Members of the FSU”.

A vote was held, four directors moved, one director abstained, one director opposed, but the motion was carried.

* 1. Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Appointment: The recommendation from the General Manager is for Alan Bushell stand for the position of CRO. The CRO independently has oversight over the election, and mediates any issues or interpretations of the policy. Alan Bushell was the FSU President in 2015/2016, has a background in Public Administration and is currently the Legislative Officer for the Municipality of Thames Centre. He has been described as successful, energetic, policy-driven and highly recommended. Discussion ensued regarding meeting Alan Bushell.

Action Item: Alan Bushell will be invited to the next Board Meeting, February 16th as an introduction to the Board, after the Election Candidates Meeting.

9.9 It was:

MOVED by Barbara Burger, SECONDED by Dany Joshua Bilapati and CARRIED to approve Alan Bushell as the Chief Returning Officer for the 2022-2023 FSU Election.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

Next Meeting– Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

Adjournment

9.10 It was:

MOVED by Barbara Burger, SECONDED by Cadie De Kelver and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.