

**Minutes**

**Student Administrative Council (SAC)**

**Meeting # 8**

**January 9, 2023**

**Zoom**

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**Present:** Ian Foss, General Manager  
Ismail Aravai, FSU President

Mohammad Areeb Shamsi – Director, Board Chair  
Anila Mohan - Director  
Alexzander Thompson – Director  
Rebecca Tamang – Director  
Theone Abalos – Director  
Angelica Gamarra - Director

Greta Robertson (Recording Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm.

**Approval of Agenda**

8.1 It was:  
MOVED by Theone Abalos, SECONDED by Alexzander Thompson and  
CARRIED to approve the agenda for Meeting #8.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from Meeting #6**

Angelica noted that her status on the meeting minutes should reflect “Incoming Director”.

8.2 It was:  
MOVED by Anila Mohan, SECONDED by Theone Abalos and CARRIED  
to approve the Meeting Minutes from Meeting #6 with the correction noted  
above.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from Meeting #7**

8.3 It was:  
MOVED by Alexzander Thompson, SECONDED by Theone Abalos and  
CARRIED to approve the Meeting Minutes from Meeting #7.

### **Implementation Committee Motion**

8.4 It was:

MOVED by Theone Abalos, SECONDED by Alexzander Thompson and CARRIED to release the funds of \$15,000.00 to the Implementation Committee, as requested by Ismail Aravai, and as unanimously voted in favour of at the December 6, 2022 special meeting of the Board.

### **Interview Panel – New Directors**

Ian explained that the Executive Committee will come together to review the applicants and bring the candidate pool down to five candidates to interview. The Executive Committee consists of Mohammad Areeb Shamsi, Anila Mohan and Ismail Aravai. Ian Foss will also sit in on the interviews.

It was asked about having a personal relationship with one of the candidates and if that affects the selection and voting in of new Directors, and Ian confirmed that if you have a personal relationship with any of the candidates, you are to make the Board aware of your relationships and recuse yourself from the voting process.

ACTION ITEM: Administrative Coordinator to forward all nomination packages to the Executive Committee and interviews be conducted as soon as possible.

### **Elections**

#### **a. Appointment of Chief Returning Officer (CRO)**

Ian has made a request of the previous CRO to return this year but unfortunately, he seems to have moved on from the role he held at the time of the last elections. Ian is in the process of obtaining other contact information for Allan Bushel and will hopefully be able to get in touch with him soon. Ian explained that the CRO is in charge of and oversees the election process.

8.5 It was:

MOVED by Theone Abalos, SECONDED by Alexzander Thompson and CARRIED to appoint Alan Bushell as CRO if he's available and/or to allow Ian Foss to continue with the search for and appointment of the CRO if needed.

#### **b. Approval of 2023 Election Schedule**

Mohammad Areeb verbally went through each line of the proposed 2023 election schedule. A question was brought forward regarding the policy of the current president being able to run for a second year. It was noted that this policy is still tabled and is still being worked on and any decision won't be in place for this

year's elections. The Governance Committee will review and make a recommendation to the Board.

It was confirmed that the length of the term for President and Director is one year, commencing on May 1, 2023 until April 30, 2024.

8.6 It was:

MOVED by Theone Abalos, SECONDED by Angelica Gamarra and CARRIED to approve the 2023 Election Schedule as presented.

### **New Business**

- a) A discussion regarding the upcoming elections was held, specifically about how the Directors could assist with the process. Ian encouraged the Directors to talk to students about running for Director or President, seek them out and have conversations.

A reminder was issued that campaigning and self-advocating prior to the start of the campaigning period is not allowed and could result in demerit points and possibly even being disqualified from the entire process. Directors have a responsibility to put a stop to it and communicate with Ian. Candidates have to be vetted, given all the rules and regulations, and thus ensure that the process is transparent and fair.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 6, 2023 @ 10:30am in SC 2016

### **Adjournment**

8.7 It was:

MOVED by Alexzander Thompson, SECONDED by Theone Abalos and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 12:47p.m.