

Minutes

Student Administrative Council (SAC)

Meeting #9

February 6, 2023

SC 2016

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
Kirstie Mae Paderes – Incoming Director
Krystina Chase – Incoming Director

Greta Robertson (Recording Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 10:27am.

Approval of Agenda

9.1 It was:
MOVED by Rebecca Tamang, SECONDED by Theone Abalos and
CARRIED to approve the agenda for Meeting #9.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from Meeting #8

9.2 It was:
MOVED by Alexzander Thompson, SECONDED by Angelica Gamarra
and CARRIED to approve the meeting minutes from Meeting #8.

New Board Directors

Interviews of the Board Director applicants were conducted on January 19, 2023. As a result of these interviews, two students were selected to become Directors of the SAC Board.

The two Incoming Directors were asked to introduce themselves to the Board and then asked to leave the room and a vote was held.

9.3 It was:
MOVED by Anila Mohan, SECONDED by Theone Abalos, and CARRIED to accept Krystina Chase as a Director of the Fanshawe Student Union.

9.4 It was:
MOVED by Alexzander Thompson, SECONDED by Angelica Gamarra and CARRIED to accept Kirstie Mae Paderes as a Director of the Fanshawe Student Union.

The Incoming Directors were welcomed back into the Boardroom and officially welcomed to the Student Administrative Council Board.

Committees

A brief overview of the different committees was given, and Kirstie Mae expressed her interest to join the Finance Committee and Krystina Chase expressed her interest to join the Governance Committee.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee reported that they had their first meeting, which was an introduction to the committee and overview of the breakdown. It was shown that the FSU is in a healthy position, financially. The auditor is present today to review last year's financials.

Governance Committee: The Governance Committee had a meeting. They will continue to meet and make recommendations to the Board.

Sustainability Task Force: The first step of the task force is to review where the FSU is currently at in regards to sustainability and then understand the key points on what is the desired result. Meetings will be held to understand the whole context, including research.

Angelica suggested that the Governance Committee review the qualifications for Director and President, specifically in regards to the required GPA, and a requirement for being involved with the community prior to applying.

ACTION ITEM: The Governance Committee to review President and Director nomination requirements.

PWC Audit Review

The meeting went to an in-camera session at 10:42am to meet with Dipesh Parmar regarding the PWC audit.

The in-camera session ended at 11:10am.

At 11:15am, Dipesh Parmar from PWC presented the results of the audit (see attached). PWC is an independent auditor that is accountable to the Board and works closely with FSU management to prepare the audit. Dipesh also presented the financial statements. No questions were asked about the audit or financial statements.

9.5 It was:

MOVED by Alexzander Thompson, SECONDED by Rebecca Tamang and CARRIED to accept the audit and financial statements as presented by PWC.

A vote was held and all were in favour.

Fee Package Review

Ian reported that the fee package shows no increase in ancillary fees for the 2023-2024 academic year. The government has not yet released information about tuition fees. Ian and Ismail have reviewed program fees, and noted that the program fees are going up for a lot of courses as a result of inflation and the covid pandemic. (Programs such as dentistry, photography, and trades are affected the most.) The management team did challenge some increases and asked for more details where necessary. The key element in the fee package review is the ancillary fees, which will not be increased.

Ian also reported that the FSU is working with the Western USC in regards to the London Transit Commission (LTC) contract. Currently, less than 50% of students are using the student bus pass regularly. Many options are being looked at and considered.

9.6 It was:

MOVED by Rebecca Tamang, SECONDED by Anila Mohan and CARRIED to accept the ancillary fee package as presented.

A vote was held with the majority in favour. Alexzander Thompson and Angelica Gamarra abstained.

Referendum

Ismail gave an overview of the history of how Ontario Student Voices (OSV) got started. Currently, the FSU does not collect any fees for advocacy. The fee would be \$3.00 per term which will go towards the OSV organization. The referendum question will be listed as "advocacy fee" rather than specifically noted towards the organization in case the Board decides to no longer support OSV.

It was asked: how are we communicating to the students that this referendum is happening? Ismail has met with communications team, on the FSU website, social media, etc. Will also use red squad volunteers to promote. There is also the consideration of having a portable voting station, volunteers to go around and ask students to vote.

It was also asked if there is any way to make sure the students actually know what they

are voting on prior to the vote? We can provide opportunities for the students to inform themselves about what they are voting for.

9.7 It was:

MOVED by Alexzander Thompson, SECONDED by Rebecca Tamang and CARRIED to approve the referendum for a student advocacy fee.

A vote was held and all were in favour.

9.8 It was:

MOVED by Rebecca Tamang, SECONDED by Angelica Gamarra, and CARRIED to approve the referendum question as follows: "Are you in favour of the addition of a \$6.00 per year student advocacy fee to the student ancillary fee package?"

A vote was held and all were in favour.

Reports

9.9 It was:

MOVED by Anila Mohan, SECONDED by Alexzander Thompson and CARRIED to accept the President's report and the General Manager's report as sent to the Directors prior to the meeting.

A vote was held and the majority in favour. Abstained by Krystina Chase, Kirstie Mae Paderes, and Angelica Gamarra.

New Business

If anybody wishes to join the Sustainability Task Force, they are welcome to do so.

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 6, 2023 @ 11am.

Adjournment

9.10 It was:

MOVED by Rebecca Tamang, SECONDED by Alexzander Thompson and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 12:32pm.