

Minutes

Student Administrative Council (SAC)

Meeting #12

February 29, 2024

SC 2016

Present: Stephin Sathya, FSU President
 Shade Dias – Director, Chair (arrived at 2:17pm)
 Krystina Chase – Director, Secretary
 Jitendra Singh Rathore – Director
 Zain Nizamuddin – Director
 Ritchie Regidor - Director
 Shabnoor Abdul Lateef – Director

 John Riddell, Executive Director
 Greta Robertson (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Janki Hiteshkumar Gosai – Director

Absent: Sooraj Sudevan - Director

Krystina Chase called the meeting to order at 2:15pm.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations of conflict were stated.

Approval of Agenda – Meeting #12

12.1 It was:

 MOVED by Zain Nizamuddin, SECONDED by Jitendra Singh Rathore and
 CARRIED to approve the Agenda for Meeting #12.

Consent Agenda

12.2 It was:

 MOVED by Jitendra Singh Rathore, SECONDED by Shabnoor Abdul Lateef and
 CARRIED to approve the Meeting Minutes from SAC Meeting #11, the
 Governance Committee meeting minutes, and the Membership Report, as
 presented.

President's Update

Stephin reported that he has been responding to interview requests regarding the CBC article about Fanshawe College's number of international student study permits.

Next week, Stephin will be meeting with Ontario Student Voices (OSV), along with John Riddell. OSV is scheduling a meeting for all Student Unions to meet.

Stephin will be attending the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Annual General Meeting near the end of March. The AGM includes an end of the year meeting, deciding next year's event locations, strategic plan, and policies.

Krystina passed the Chair to Shade Dias.

Mission Moment

John Riddell commented on the FSU Elections, one of the most exciting periods of a student association. There were some great things shared in the speeches and the debate; it's exciting to see some engagement.

John commented on the re-opening of the physical location of the Sharing Shop. More will be done to increase the awareness of the location; it is staffed by volunteers recruited and trained for that process and it looks great inside. It is well-stocked and a way to reach students who really need support.

John shared a copy of the email sent to Tyler Hetherington, Esports Coordinator, who received a message of appreciation for his continued commitment to create an exceptional experience for students with disabilities.

Executive Director's Update

John Riddell presented an overview of what meetings are remaining for this year: Finance Committee, Governance Committee, Board Retreat, Board Meeting, and the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The SAC retreat will be a chance to go off-site and spend some time discussing the strategic direction of the FSU. It will be a time to step back and evaluate the question: what is our path forward? Look for opportunities to evaluate services, and that the services/supports/activities that the FSU invests in are the ones that students value. Find an opportunity to engage the students, the College, and external stakeholders and ask: what is the FSU and what should it be? While the current Board is unable to answer all these questions, the Board can map out the first stages in that process and approve the direction to create the framework.

John noted that he will send out an agenda for the Board retreat at least one week prior to the retreat, including some pre-reading materials. Things to think about: at this point in your involvement, what do you see? You know more than when you started, your perspective might be different, shaped by your experience, and it is important to capture that. Stephin asked the Directors to start collecting their thoughts, jotting down notes, etc. to allow for meaningful discussion at the retreat. Create a transition piece from this year's board to next year's board and give the incoming board direction.

New Business

2024 Elections & Referendum Update: Board Directors are encouraged to go to students and talk about the referendum. When you have time, talk to students, encourage them to vote, let their voice be known, either yes or no. This is an opportunity to create a budget in difficult times of between \$150,000 - \$200,000 at all campuses. Food security has been a challenge for students for years, it's not a new challenge. Face to face conversations is critical for success.

Next Meeting

Monday, April 1, 2024 @ 11:00am – SC 2016

Adjournment

12.3 It was:

MOVED by Krystina Chase, SECONDED by Zain Nizamuddin and
CARRIED to adjourn the meeting @ 3:05pm.