**Executive Board Meeting 20-10**

**Thursday, September 24, 2020 @ 1:00pm**

**Remote Meeting, Microsoft Teams**

**This meeting was done remotely through Microsoft Teams, due to unusual circumstance laid out by the response to COVID19**

**Called to Order 1:05pm**

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| **Present** | Anderson, Au-Yeung, Da-Ré, Dixit, Mesic, Noble, Singh, Tse |
| **Late** |  |
| **Absent** | Nakua |
| **Others Present** | J. McGowan (General Manager), V. Scott (Recording Secretary), M. Wooder (MCD), Hannan Minhas (FFC Director) |

**1. Adopt Agenda**

**Moved** by Anderson, **seconded** by Dixit to adopt the agenda, as presented.

**Amendments**

* Noble – Add Closed Session

**Moved** by Anderson, **seconded** by Dixit to adopt the agenda, as amended.

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**2. Adopt Minutes**

**Moved** by Singh, **seconded** by Anderson to adopt the minutes from Executive Board meetings 20-09 – September 17, 2020, as circulated.

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**3. Diversity Services – report not submitted**

* Noble stated that the PTM asked if they could submit it late on Monday. They added that discussions are ongoing about the report being submitted on time and the report will be presented at the next meeting.

**4. EFRT Report – report circulated**

* Noble went over the report with the Board. They stated that the EFRT Advisory Committee meeting is coming up in a month and there will be a discussion on whether the service will be available next term, as well as discussing the situation of volunteers and hiring.

**Questions**

* Anderson stated that McGowan, Kevin Park, and they met for conversations about the flooring. They explained that they will be reaching out to Student Wellness to see what they used for their flooring. Anderson stated that the original plan was to get renovations during Fall Break but now it’s not as large of a rush to escalate.
* Da-Ré asked what the out of Jurisdiction charge was on the budget. Anderson responded that it was for First Aid training for an out of province student.

**5. FCC Report – Hannan Minhas presented**

* Minhas summarized the report.

**Questions**

* Noble stated that they were proud of the work that has been done so far and that getting into the space was a huge milestone. They asked if Minhas spoke to the SHEC PTM about the coordination of supplies in the office. Minhas responded that the supplies are in the office and will pick them up after a couple of days of quarantining.
* Singh asked about the challenges with the Community Kitchen, and if this was preventing the Coordinator from being able to reschedule. Minhas responded that the Coordinator has access in their Hamilton house and was set up for October 6. They explained that they don’t know too much about the situation but knew that they were living in contact with someone with COVID and it was hard to access the kitchen.
* Au-Yeung stated that it was good to see all the work being done. They asked if they would be continuing with their tackling the racism embedded programming. Minhas responded that they haven’t spoken about continuing it but that that would be a good idea, and will bring it up with their exec.
* Noble asked Minhas to confirm if everything has been set with Campus Store. Minhas responded that everything has been figured out and they will be able to use the same lockers as last year.

**6. Closed Session**

**Moved** by Singh, **seconded** by Dixit to move into Closed Session.

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**7. Return to Open Session**

**Information and Questions**

* Scott reminded everyone that the Health and Dental opt-out closes on September 30.
* Singh asked for more information about the University’s plans for tuition for all students. They stated that they may or may not be meeting with the faculty Dean tomorrow and wanted to have more information than what the AVP (UA) shared a couple weeks ago. Da-Ré responded that the Board have let the University Admin know on a number of occasions that this was something that students are asking the MSU to push for. They added that the University will be getting feedback from instructors on how the teaching experience has been so far and formalized feedback for students in a couple of weeks. Da-Ré stated that SSC met yesterday and they MSU was pushing for any changes to ancillary fees but noting has been completely confirmed. They added that there was a President’s Council meeting on Tuesday, and it seems as though the only faculty society president who has spoken to their Dean was MES. They explained that that conversation seemed like there wasn’t a strong appetite to reduce international tuition for a few reasons: when comparing tuition to other universities it wasn’t off target and that McMaster’s tuition was lower, as well as not likely receiving huge changes of financial support from the government. Da-Ré stated that they know that faculty society presidents have been planning on bringing this forward and are possibly looking at more international representation to help push this. Tse added that there have been multiple meetings with University Admin about tuition and it will remain a priority for them in this role.
* Noble stated that they will be sending out an email to PTMs about hours, such as getting approval before seeking to do things outside of their job descriptions and potentially go over their hours. They stated that there has been a lot of conversations about exec sizes and discussions on updating job descriptions as well. Noble reported that there will be movement of policies from different titles in the current system and to keep an eye out for that.
* Wooder reported that on the communications side of things there will be Health and Dental promo and will be targeting the efforts on the tail ends of #maccares.
* Da-Ré reported that the flu vaccine will be here soon and will be available at SWC and Shopper’s, and when that happens the MSU will be assisting on amplifying that.
* McGowan reported that the Board and he are working with the HSR for next steps for the winter term. He added that the MSU is continuing to look at our fees to see how they can provide savings to students. He explained that it does have its challenges though as revenue usually generated by Underground, UM and TwelvEighty are little and the generation of revenue through sidewalk sale, poster sales, and concerts that would usually help with bringing the actual operating fee down went from $100,000 down to zero. McGowan stated that enrollment is up more than budgeted, which was good news, and that the government announced that the wage subsidy was still in place.
* Anderson reported that they are on track to do a soft launch of their new website during Fall Break. They explained that they’re still trying to figure out e-commerce, and that the last thing that needs to be updated will be job postings. They explained that Maddison Hampel has been helping with this so that she can understand the back end of the website. Anderson stated that they are still trying to figure out the HSR and pricing and will be drafting something for City Council. Anderson added that they’re re-envisioning things to help students feel supported and suggested to SSAC that SLEF be re-allocated to be a financial assistance bursary or program. They explained that it could possibly be used for reimbursement for bus passes, and other things, so that students can be supported.
* Noble reported that Hampel, the Admin Team Research Assistant, and themselves are in the works with meeting with res life to look at options for hiring systems.

**8. Adjournment and Time of Next Meeting**

**Time of Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

**1:00pm**

**Remote Meeting, Microsoft Teams**

**Moved** by Singh, **seconded** by Dixit that the Executive Board meeting be adjourned.

**Passes Unanimously**

**Adjourned at 1:58pm**

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