

Executive Board Meeting 21-07
Thursday, September 2, 2021 @ 2:00pm
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 2:04pm

Present Baig, Della-Vedova, Devarapalli, Dhiloon, Fleming, Jayachandran, McCauley, Teel

Late Chui

Absent

Others Present J. McGowan (General Manager), V. Scott (Recording Secretary), M. Wooder (MCD), Anika Anand (SHEC Director), Neha Shah (WGEN Director), Mitchell German (Spark Director), Sofia Ivanisevic (Maroons Coordinator), Stephanie Chin (PCC Director)

1. Adopt Agenda

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Fleming to adopt the agenda, as presented.

2. Adopt Minutes

Moved by Fleming, **seconded** by Della-Vedova to adopt the minutes from Executive Board meeting 21-06 – August 19, 2021, as circulated.

Motion Passes

3. Maroons Report – Sofia Ivanisevic presented

- Ivanisevic summarized the report.

4. SHEC Report – Anika Anand presented

- Anand summarized the report

Questions

- Teel asked if there was any way they could help right away with funding or have a conversation about long-term funding. Anand responded that they would like to meet with someone about funding for Welcome Week compared from last year to this year. They explained that they were planning on events based off of previous years and funding. Anand stated that this wasn't a sentiment from just them, and that it was shared by other PTMs.

- Devarapalli stated that they will connect Anand with SSC, Jayachandran and themselves about this.

5. Spark Report – Mitchell German presented

- German summarized the report.

Chui arrived at 2:22pm

Questions

- Della-Vedova stated that German was more than welcome to go to the proposed meeting with SSC as well.
- German stated that in their challenges they put that webinars were made but can't be found on the cloud anymore. They asked if anyone had experience with being able to find them. Wooder suggested contacting the Director of IT.

6. WGEN Report- Neha Shah presented

- Shah summarized the report. They thanked Scott and Devarapalli for the help with tabling for Welcome Week. They added that they've been finding that funding for the full year has been difficult and that they did apply for special projects funding. They asked for any support to help fulfil their mandate of WGEN.

Questions

- Anand asked if there was an explanation about the special projects funding from last year compared to this year. Jayachandran responded that the Service Special Projects funding is different from the MSU Special Projects. They explained that in the span of three weeks they received three applications and have already used up half of the budget already. Jayachandran asked that SHEC could apply to the MSU's special projects funding.
- Shah asked how they could apply. Jayachandran stated that it would be a Board approval.

7. PCC Report – Stephanie Chin presented

- Chin summarized the report.

Questions

- Jayachandran stated that in terms of the Hub there is information and messaging on Instagram about it, and there will be more updates once they get them.
- McGowan stated that as more information becomes available about the Hub can share it.

- Scott asked that while there was a peer support hub, the MSU wouldn't be moving any of the peer support services from their current offices. McGowan affirmed.
- Shah asked if there was any way they could be involved in what spaces would look like and help prepare. Chin added that it would be beneficial to be actively involved in planning of the space. Scott stated that the planning stages have already been completed as the building is now in the construction phase. She explained that this meant that rooms are already set.
- Della-Vedova stated that it would be best to have a conversation after this meeting about current space accessibility with McGowan afterwards.
- Wooder pointed out that there was one thing he wanted to get ahead of and that was the concept of lack of consultation. He explained that this project goes back to 2017 and there were detailed conversations with students and services. He added that there were excellent questions about how everything is applied post-COVID and how it would look like. He explained that he just didn't want anyone to think that these questions weren't asked ahead of time.

8. Information and Question Period

- Scott reminded everyone of the attendance requirements for the meetings. She updated everyone on the Health and Dental plans and opt-out, as well as the SAP. Scott asked everyone to send their class schedules ASAP.
- Baig asked if meetings will be online. Scott stated that they would be for this term.
- McGowan stated he had a few things regarding what was brought up at the meeting today. Specifically, Welcome Week funding he would love to clarify what can be done in regard to part-time services and is hoping to have a positive update for the next meeting. He stated that in regards to the Hub there was a long consultation process over the year and that meeting with the project team is frustrating. He stated that he recommends that the MSU waits until all services are back in person so that they know about the utilization of the spaces. McGowan explained that one of the large intents of the Hub was to minimize office space and make what's available for the general student with more areas to congregate for non-academic events. McGowan updated the Board that the main MSU office will now be open Tuesday to Thursdays from 11-1 with contact tracing for those being in the office over 15 minutes. McGowan stated the student cards have been slightly delayed for first year students so they are emailing the HSR to ask for them to be mindful that students might not have cards at this time.
- Baig asked if they were switching Health and Dental providers. Scott responded that they only switched providers for the SAP and that H&D will stay the same.
- Della-Vedova stated that they have intentions to have meetings with SSC throughout the Fall to straighten out what's going on with the Welcome Week funding as the MSU had a hard time with this and how everything was being divvied up.
- Wooder stated that information about the HSR is online. He stated that from a student perspective they won't notice a difference with the SAP as the interactions will be similar just different ways to contact. Wooder announced that the comms team has

surpassed the 10,000 mark on Instagram and can now utilize the swipe up feature to send people directly to postings.

9. Adjournment and Time of Next Meeting

Time of Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021
3:30pm
Remote Meeting, Microsoft Teams**

Moved by Baig, **seconded** by Chui that the Executive Board meeting be adjourned.

Motion Passes

Adjourned at 3:04pm

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