

**Executive Board Meeting 22-17
Friday, November 25, 2022 @ 10:30am
MSU Main Boardroom, MUSC 201**

This meeting was done hybrid in-person and through Microsoft Teams, due to unusual circumstance laid out by the response to COVID19

Called to Order 10:35am

Present Burton, Dawdy, German, Larrazabal Zea, Singh
Late Chui
Absent Arora, Wang, Wong
Others Present J. McGowan (GM), V. Scott (Recording Secretary), Justin Phung (AVP (Services)), Emily Liang (SHEC Director), Fayth Frank (FYC Coordinator), Sinead George (Maroons Coordinator), Jadyn Sandhu (Macademics Coordinator)

1. Adopt Agenda

Moved by German, **seconded** by Burton to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

- Larrazabal Zea – Add “CUPE Strike Discussion”

Moved by German, **seconded** by Burton to adopt the agenda, as amended.

Motion Passes

2. Adopt Minutes

Moved by German, **seconded** by Larrazabal Zea to approve the minutes from Executive Board meeting 22-15 – November 4, 2022 and 22-16 – November 11, 2022, as circulated.

Passes Unanimously

3. FYC Coordinator – Fayth Frank presented

- Frank summarized the report.

Chui arrived at 10:38am

Questions

- Singh asked for Frank to orient their reports on how they’re facilitating support for FYC, as the FYC Chair will report on FYC at the SRA.

- McGowan asked about if there was interest in attending Charity Ball and doing something fun to promote it. Frank responded that any questions that they received about first year formal were then directed to Charity Ball. They added that FYC would still like to do a first-year event next semester.

4. Macademics Report – Jadyndy Sandhu presented

- Sandhu summarized the report.

Questions

- German thanked Sandhu for the report. They stated that it was fantastic about the engagement with the nominations. Sandhu stated that they had a contest to win a \$50 gift card to the Campus Store and it helped keep numbers up.
- Singh asked if Sandhu had an idea about how many TAs and Instructors were nominated individually. Sandhu responded that there were over 300 individual TAs nominated but was not sure about the instructors.
- Phung thanked Sandhu for their report. They asked about the challenges with the volunteers. Sandhu responded that they think it's just that nominations fall in the November month, which is a busier time for students. They added that there will be a meeting in the future before standardization and explain situations more clearly to address concerns earlier.

5. Maccess Report – report circulated

Questions

- Chui stated that the PTM marked one of their challenges as using more than 2/3 of the Maccess promo budget and asked how the MSU could better support the PTM with the budget. German responded that they did have a conversation with the PTM about that and suggested that Chui reach out to touch base.

6. Maroons Report – Sinead George presented

- George summarized the report.

Questions

- McGowan asked how the team was doing, as he found that a lot of the 'extroverted' services responsible for team and community building are dealing with fatigue. George stated that it was very prevalent during Welcome Week, but now things are good.

7. PCC Report – report circulated

8. SHEC report – Emily Liang presented

- Liang summarized the report.

Questions

- Scott asked Liang if they had thought about opening more volunteer positions. Liang responded that they had but that would mean extra trainings to run, as the service would then have to rerun fall training in some capacity. They added that they could speak to their Assistant Director about it though.
- German thanked Liang for the report. They added that they were glad that PCC could join in on the exam programming. German asked if SHEC ever kept a waitlist of those didn't make the cut for hiring. Liang responded that they didn't keep one, but some of those who didn't make the cut would make great volunteers. German suggested doing that, as that was what they did with Spark last year. They explained that this would skip the massive process of opening and closing the job, as long as there is proper documentation. Liang stated that they will recommend this for hiring next year.
- Burton asked when the care packages will be prepared for. Liang stated that they will be meeting with the other PTMs this weekend or early next week, and that they will create the packages the last week of school. They added that this would be a good inter-service social.
- German reminded Liang that the expectation is to make sure the services are watching their hours and saving them to hand out the exam kits, as they don't want them working when they're not being paid. Liang responded that they won't need too many volunteers as it will be spread across the other services.

9. CUPE Strike Discussion

- Larrazabal Zea stated that the Engineering Caucus was contacted by students to get support with the strike. They explained that the students thought the support would be helpful since the demands are related to undergraduates. They decided to bring it here for discussion.
- Singh stated that the Operating Policy referring to Labour Disputes doesn't have an explicit sentence stating anything about a stance. They explained that an official statement could be done through the SRA, but this Board of Directors and past Boards have gone down the route of the policy and being neutral. They added that they would like to be in a position of what is best for the students in the long-term. Singh explained that the MSU has been increasing opportunities for communication and amplifying student voices, and the Office Clerks have been given similar messaging to give out. They explained that they felt that the 'hands-off' approach would allow appropriate bargaining between both sides. Singh added that undergraduate students are important stakeholders, but most of this was on the graduate students and it was less important for the MSU to take a stance. They explained that this could change and be discussed by the SRA, and if Larrazabal Zea would like more support with that Singh would help with that.
- Executive Board continued the discussion of what could be done but also stated that the last SRA meeting of this was this weekend, and nothing could be done due to MSU bylaws at this point in time.

10. Information and Questions

- German stated that the internal policies will remain the same during the strike, but there are larger impacts than anticipated. They explained that there are volunteers not wanting to come to campus, so as a result, some services will be modified at some point. German added that PCC did release a statement that they would be moving to the hybrid format, as they couldn't get enough volunteers on campus to provide in-person supports. They re-assured EB that they had a discussion with the PTM letting them know that these decisions need go to them and then Executive Board for approval.
- Chui stated that the HSR survey is finally ready to be published, it will be from December 8th to the 22nd and they will need help circulating graphics and giving out rave cards in MUSC. Chui thanked Phung for making the survey.
- Singh stated that they are sending their unified proposal about OERs to the libraries and Provost in December, asking for an extended grant. They informed EB that they will be doing Lobby Week in Ottawa next week, so German will be chairing.
- Chui stated that the BoD received another tour on the Hub and Ath & Rec Centre.
- Scott let everyone know that hiring committees will be struck at the next meeting, for hiring to begin in January. She asked that the form that she will circulate be completed before the next meeting.

11. Adjournment and Time of Next Meeting

Time of Next Meeting:

Friday, December 2, 2022
10:30am
MSU Boardroom, MUSC 201

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

Passed by General Consent

Adjourned at 11:45am

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