

Executive Board Meeting 23-27
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 @ 2:30pm
MSU Boardroom, MUSC 201

Called to Order 2:36pm

Present Ahmad, Arora, El-Kadi, Khan, Otchere, Popovic, Wang, Yang

Late

Absent Samuels

Others Present J. McGowan (GM), V. Scott (Recording Secretary), M. Wooder (MCD),
Sheridan Fong (SHEC Director)

1. Adopt Agenda

Moved by Wang, **seconded** by Arora to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Amendment

- Scott – strike PCC report
- Otchere – move Sponsorship & Donations Committee Recommendations to after Adopt Minutes.

Moved by Wang, **seconded** by Arora to adopt the agenda, as amended.

Passes Unanimously

2. Adopt Minutes

Moved by Wang, **seconded** by Otchere to adopt the minutes from Executive Board meeting 23-25 – February 14, 2024, as circulated.

Passes Unanimously

3. Sponsorship & Donations Committee Recommendations

Moved by Otchere, **seconded** by Wang that the Executive Board approve the following recommendations from the Sponsorship & Donations Committee:

- \$300 Sponsorship to McMaster Hindu Student's Association (Bhajan Night)
- \$300 Sponsorship to McMaster Hindu Student's Association & Bollywood at Mac (Garba at McMaster)
- \$250 Donation to Arts and Science Program Art Show
- \$100 Donation to HerCare
- \$400 Sponsorship to MSA Al Qalam Arts Collective
- \$200 Sponsorship to Moonlit Soiree
- \$250 Sponsorship for McMaster International & Exchange Club
- \$1000 Sponsorship to TedX McMaster

- Otchere went over the memo with the board.
- Khan asked about TedX and if the group was followed up with.
- Otchere responded that they were followed up with and that the AVP (Finance) felt that the proper steps were taken after the event.
- Yang stated that what the MSU received was the Bronze sponsorship, but the MSU was going to pay for Silver. They added that they didn't see anything at the in-person event.
- Wang added that logo placement for the MSU wasn't on the slides, and while there was recognition on social media outlets it was after the event was done.
- El-Kadi stated that the website does list the MSU as a sponsor and wasn't sure if that factored into it.
- Scott stated that no one knows if that was done after the event or not.
- Arora asked if there was a contract fulfillment to make sure that those the MSU sponsors actually held up their end.
- Wooder responded that the AVP would check the commitment and ask questions to demonstrate evidence.
- Arora asked if the sponsored parties automatically do it on their end or does the AVP follow-up.
- Wooder responded that it's a case by case basis, and it hasn't happened all year. He followed up by saying the AVP (Finance) has stated that it was good, but nothing happened. He added that they don't know if all the boxes were checked. He suggested a conditional motion where the AVP would then check to make sure the needs were met.
- Otchere stated that it was supposed to come to last week's meeting but not everything was met. They asked if everyone was okay with the AVP going to TedX to see if obligations were met, and if not then cut down the sponsorship.
- Scott stated that she wasn't a fan of conditional motions, as there would still need to be an update to the Board and it could get complicated. She suggested that if the Board wasn't happy with this, then they should amend the motion to take the sponsorship out. She added that this way the AVP can go check everything out and then can bring forward another recommendation for the full amount of half, depending on the outcome.
- Otchere stated that he will get his AVP to do a checklist and bring everything back to the next meeting.

Amendment

Moved by Otchere, **seconded** by Wang to amend the motion and strike the sponsorship to TedX

Passes Unanimously

Vote on Main Motion

Moved by Otchere, **seconded** by Wang that the Executive Board approve the following recommendations from the Sponsorship & Donations Committee:

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Passes Unanimously

Otchere left at 2:56pm

4. Maroons Report – report circulated

- Khan summarized the report.

Questions

- Arora asked how much the sports pass would cost. Khan responded that it was a weekend pass, and wasn't sure how much it would cost. Popovic stated that it was \$90 for the weekend. El-Kadi stated that discretionary spending still has \$3,000 and added that they didn't see an issue to funding the rep tickets with that. Khan stated that it was a lot of money for reps, as there would be 20 reps.
- Arora asked how much Maroons was being utilized by the Hub. They asked if they see Maroons creating an LT position for that space. Khan responded that it would be a nice thing to see, but that it might be best to watch the Hub grow and see if Maroons need to be stationed around.

5. SHEC report – Sheridan Fong presented

- Fong summarized the report.

Questions

- Arora stated that this was a great report. They asked about what brought about the Volunteer Coordinator stating that SHEC had too many volunteers. Fong responded that SHEC wanted longer operational hours in the fall but found that no one was coming by the space between 5:30-6:30pm and with cutting back on hours four became too many volunteers on shift.
- El-Kadi agreed that this was a great report. They stated that they will follow-up with SLEF as they hadn't heard back from them as to where the money was. McGowan added on that they could float a loan to SHEC until the SLEF money came in, so that they didn't have to wait to purchase items.
- Wooder stated that four volunteers on shift at a time does seem like a lot. He stated that he wasn't suggested to have less but it doesn't shock him that the service was

going between having too many and too little. He suggested playing around with the numbers to see where it comes out to.

6. Information and Questions

- Scott stated that PTM transition report rough drafts have been handed in, and feedback will be given soon. She announced that Elections was still looking for people to run for Engineering, Nursing, and Social Sciences and that the nominations will be open until March 11. She explained that if no one applies during this time, then the seats will be pushed to the October by-election. Scott announced that voting started today for Health Sciences, as well as the referenda questions for the Food Accessibility Initiative and the Mac Bike Share pass. She added that nominations are now open for VP and Speaker elections.
- El-Kadi wished Yang good luck in their election.
- Arora asked how abstentions worked. Scott explained that abstentions didn't count towards the amount of votes needed for someone to win, and that they would need at least 50% of those who voted to say yes for the Candidate to win.
- Wooder announced that Battle of the Bands was back this Friday. FCC was continuing to make their transition to the Hub. Wooder stated that General Assembly will be March 27 at 5pm in Burrige Gym and that artwork is now circulating. He explained that MSU members can submit a motion by March 18. Wooder stated that OUSA GA is being hosted by the MSU this weekend and that a lot of people have put a lot of work into this event.

7. Adjournment and Time of Next Meeting

Time of Next Meeting:

March 13, 2024
2:30pm EST
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Moved by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Arora that the Executive Board meeting be adjourned.

Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 3:23pm

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