

Executive Board Meeting 24-10
Thursday, October 10, 2024 @ 9:30am
MSU Boardroom, MUSC 201

Called to Order 9:35pm

Present Arora, El-Kadi, Long, Popovic, Schaub, Sweeney
Late Hobbs
Absent Abbott, Bolca
Others Present V. Scott (Recording Secretary), M. Wooder (GM), Priya John (AVP (Services)), Jonathan Guan (SWHAT Coordinator), Anne Peiris (WGEN Director)

1. Adopt Agenda

Moved by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Long to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Passes Unanimously

Hobbs arrived at 9:36am

2. Adopt Minutes

Moved by Long, **seconded** by El-Kadi to adopt the minutes of Executive Board meeting 24-08 – September 26, 2024, as circulated.

Passes Unanimously

3. PCC Repot – report circulated

- El-Kadi summarized the report.

Questions

- Sweeney stated that they haven't received any purchase orders from the Director. El-Kadi stated that they will follow up on that.

4. SHEC Report – report circulated

- El-Kadi summarized the report.

5. SWHAT Report – Jonathan Guan presented

- Guan summarized the report.

Questions

- El-Kadi stated that Guan did a great job. El-Kadi asked Guan if they could put together a quick how-to for tiktoks and reels, as that would be very helpful. Guan stated that they could get something sorted.
- Wooder thanked Guan for the report. He reminded them to make sure they're working with Paula at the Underground when purchasing clothing items, to ensure that everything is priced properly. Guan thanked Wooder and let him know that they're looking for everything online, and once the items have been found they will be sourced out.

6. WGEN Report – Anne Peiris presented

- Peiris summarized the report. They added that the Resources Coordinators are trying to get the WGEN Library to be synced with the McMaster library system.

Questions

- El-Kadi let Peiris know that they're doing a great job. They asked how WGEN was assessing applications for Collective Care and determining who receives the help. Peiris responded that there is a form for students to fill out, and that they can request a specific category for items or a dollar amount. Peiris added that they will usually give out \$25, and if it was for gender affirming gear they give around \$50, and that the hard limit for amounts/items is \$100.
- Sweeney stated that WGEN did great work with the collaboration with the YWCA. They stated that they're hoping more services take advantage of what external partners, that match the needs of that service, have to offer.
- Long asked how WGEN's library will be connected with McMaster's. Peiris responded that this will allow students to have access to a wider range of books. They explained that if the McMaster Library doesn't have the book that a student is looking for available, then it could be borrowed from WGEN. They added that it helps WGEN out as the student will need to visit the space to pick up the book.

7. Space Allocation

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Sweeney that the Executive Board approve the re-allocation of MSU spaces, effective immediately, as circulated and attached.

- Popovic briefly went over the memo with the Board.

Vote on Motion

Passes Unanimously

8. Closed Session

Moved by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Long that the Executive Board move into Closed Session.

Passes Unanimously

9. Return to Open Session

Information and Questions

- Wooder announced that he has updates on the Hub, and that the fridge equipment has come in for the Student Market. He explained that they were hoping to have the Student Market open after Fall Break, but the fridges came in with the wrong orientations as needed. Wooder added that this could be fixed this week or next month, as they're waiting on the new end units so that the fridges can properly connect. Wooder announced that the Community Kitchen is now operational and is a booked programming space and will not be for random people to use.

Long left at 10:22am

- Wooder announced that they will be hiring the Clubs Administrator soon, and that interviews will be held shortly and will have post Fall Break onboarding if all goes well.
- El-Kadi announced that FCC opened the Food Bank on October 1 and in its first week of operation has saved students around \$520 in groceries. They stated that a lot of students have gone into the space where it used to be 10 per week in the old space, and they served 40 in the first week. They added that since the closure of the Community Fridge, those who used to donate to that space have been asking about donating to FCC instead. El-Kadi announced that they asked the FCC Directors to keep track of numbers until the end of the year so that FCC can send an email to partners about usage. They added that they're very excited and proud of the team. Wooder stated that there was something inherently sad about the success of the food bank, and the fact that so many people need it. He stated that this is part of the narrative, and they need to look at how much can help the students and continue to get reinforcements. He added that they will benefit from having conversations with partners since food insecurity is rampant. Scott asked if FCC has looked into wholesale ordering so that they don't have to pay retail pricing to stock up on items. El-Kadi stated that it was on the list but wasn't sure where they left off on that.
- Scott announced that SRA By-Election nominations close on Friday, October 11 at 5pm for the following seats: Business (2), Engineering (4), Humanities, Nursing, and Science.
- Sweeney asked if there was a way to fill the SRA seats with a general makeup of students if they've extended nominations for long enough and seats were perpetually not being filled. Scott and Wooder responded that this would require possible constitution and bylaw changes. The Board had a quick discussion of what this could possibly look like.

10. Adjournment and Time of Next Meeting

Time of Next Meeting:

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Moved by Sweeney, **seconded** by Hobbs that the Executive Board meeting be adjourned.

**In Favour: 5 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes**

Adjourned at 10:35am

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