

**Executive Board Meeting 24-14**  
**Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 9:30am**  
**MSU Boardroom, MUSC 201**

**Called to Order 9:35pm**

**Present** Arora, Bolca, A. El-Kadi, Hobbs, Long, Popovic, Schaub, Sweeney

**Late**

**Absent** Abbott (OUSA Conference)

**Others Present** S. Hackett (CAD), V. Scott (Recording Secretary), M. Wooder (GM),  
Priya John (AVP (Services)), Serena Butera (Macademics  
Coordinator), Abdullah Masudi (FYC Coordinator)

**1. Adopt Agenda**

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

**Amendments**

- Scott – Strike closing the Sponsorship & Donations seat

**Moved** by Arora, **seconded** by El-Kadi to adopt the agenda, as amended.

**Passes Unanimously**

**2. FYC Coordinator Report – report circulated**

- Masudi summarized the report.

**Questions**

- El-Kadi thanked Masudi for their report. They asked for Masudi's thoughts on how FYC could be more active with First-Year Formal and the collaboration process. Masudi stated that the agreement between FYC and Spark has been that FYC deals with the promotions aspect, and Spark handles the rest. They explained that by the time FYC is elected by the end of September the previous cohort is gone, and planning for the formal is already happening. Masudi added their contract started in August, so it was hard to help with the process until then. El-Kadi stated that it would be helpful to have conversations early on with Spark, so that there would be a mutual understanding.
- El-Kadi asked about EOHSS forms, and if there wasn't a way for other members of the team could submit the forms or by coaching the FYC members to submit themselves. Masudi stated that they were happy to look into that.
- Sweeney suggested having some members on the team who can help with the admin work. They asked what the plan was for the promotions budget line. Masudi responded that they're currently working on an arrangement with P. Scott at the Underground for promotions for residence events. They explained that they will pay \$120 for the first

post, receive an editable template, and then it will be \$20 for every event after that. Masudi added that they're expecting to pay more for promo through Underground.

- Sweeney asked what the key advocacy points were for this year. Masudi responded that FYC has settled on housing, resources for first-year students, and increasing transparency within residences. They added that they're looking into that last point for this year and next, and are looking into ways of holding Residence Life accountable and making sure students are not left in the dark when issues arise.
- Hackett asked what the plan was for doing the takeover style videos. Masudi responded that they will be doing 'A day in the life' and allowing any FYC member to put their name out in the community and showcase what they're doing. Butera asked if they were doing a story or reel format as Macademics wanted to do the same. Masudi responded that they're trying to figure that out, and offered to give Butera the Vice-Chair External's contact information. Hackett suggested connecting with the Media Production Coordinator as well, even if they don't want Comms to help film, as they will be able to offer advice.

### **3. Macademics Report – Serena Butera presented**

- Butera summarized the report.

#### **Questions**

- El-Kadi let Butera know that they had sent over the contact for booking therapy dogs.
- Hackett added that Cubby was utilized in SWC, and that the MSU was in talks to have the therapy dog at the exam wellness event.
- El-Kadi thanked Butera for the report and added that they were a fan of executive summaries. They asked about the financial summary statement. Butera responded that they haven't spent anything from the last time they reported but will put together the summaries moving forward.
- El-Kadi mentioned that in Misc. the Coordinator spoke about hiring another Research and Resources Coordinator and let Butera know that no approval was needed to hire two in that position. Scott added that if the OP has (s) beside Coordinator, then they're able to hire more than one without permission, but that the OP could be quickly changed if that isn't the case.
- Hackett asked if Macademics had graphics yet for the exam wellness event. Butera responded that they're currently working with Underground on this.
- Arora asked if any of Macademics discretionary spending would be going towards SRN. Butera responded that they would only be paying for promotions of the Awards that get presented at SRN. They listed out the other items they would be spending their budget on.

### **4. Maccess Report – report circulated**

- El-Kadi summarized the report.

## 5. Surplus Bike Parts Donation

**Moved** by Sweeney, **seconded** by Arora that the Executive Board approve the donation of miscellaneous bicycle parts to Thode Library's Makerspace program.

- Wooder went over the memo with the Board.
- Sweeney stated that this was a great opportunity to get rid of the excess parts and to give to students to gain use out of the items.
- Arora added that they knew that engineering students like these types of things and it would provide an opportunity to learn.

### Vote on Motion

**Passes Unanimously**

## 6. Closed Session

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

- El-Kadi stated that they had updates to provide to EB.

### Vote on Motion

**Passes Unanimously**

**Bolca left 10:27am**

## 7. Return to Open Session

### Information and Questions

- Wooder stated that an interesting development came forward for the radio station. He explained that the current infrastructure levels will not be supported by Bell starting in 2026. Wooder added that this was a CRTC regulation as well. He stated that they've been struggling to get Cogeco to run fibre but they have found a hub to run it through from the third floor of Gilmore Hall to the basement of MUSC. Wooder added that there were no projections of costs, so it may come to a future EB meeting.
- Scott asked the Board to please circulate their class schedules to her ASAP, as she would like to have the meetings scheduled before the winter closure. She informed the Board that the opt-out reimbursement cheques have been delayed due to the postal strike and hoped that it would be resolved soon but will be looking into alternate methods.
- Sweeney asked what the breakdown between cheques and direct deposits was. Scott responded that she didn't have the numbers in front of her but that typically students chose direct deposit over cheque, so it would be over half of those who opted out.

- Hackett announced that two videos will be released next week, one to promote Your City survey, and the other promoting online ordering at TwelvEighty. Hackett let the Board know that the Holiday Market starts next week.

#### **Schaub left at 10:41am**

- Hackett announced that Santa will be in MUSC next week. He added that there will be reindeer and live ice sculpture carving during the market. Hackett stated that Campus Events will be in Campus Connect handing out rave cards to promote club night tomorrow 'Y2K' and the Holiday Market.

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

##### **Time of Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, November 26, 2024**

**9:30am**

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**Moved** by El-Kadi, **seconded** by Arora that the Executive Board meeting be adjourned.

**In Favour: 6 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0**  
**Motion Passes**

**Adjourned at 10:44am**

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