



Executive Meeting Minutes 2019

Date: January 25th 2019

Present: Cassidy, Peri, Fern, Erin, Zoe, Robin, Merryn, Darcie, Blossom

Regrets: Isa

Chair: Cassidy

Secretary: Fern

Call to order at 6:34PM

Peri motions to approve the agenda. Merryn seconds.

Erin motions to approve the minutes. Fern seconds.

Kassidy begins the meeting by recognizing we are on unceded and unsundered Mi'kmaq territory. The Mi'kmaq people are hosting us on this land.

Signatures:

President

Resource Coordinator

Reports

Executives

Kassidy, She/Her // President // president@sunscad.org

Peri, She/Her // VP Finance // finance@sunscad.org

Multicultural planning, Agm, Bake sale prep, Office hours, Food bank assist , Presidential search prep, Presidential Search Committee, Dispatch prep, Teaching and learning, Met with Kings president, Met with Tara, Met with Jane Wark briefly, Met with MSVU exec, 2 UCC meetings, Budget Advisory Committee

Fern, They/Them // VP Cultural Affairs // cultural@sunscad.org

Cleaned and tidied food bank, got food organized for port food bank, emails, office hours, got food bank helpers organized, bake sale for multicultural night, cleaned, had meetings with James

Isa, She/Her or They/Them // VP Academic // academic@sunscad.org

Constituency Representatives

Jim, He/Him // International Rep // haomingnao@nscad.ca

Darcie Bernhardt, She/Her // Indigenous Rep // bernhardt@nscad.ca

Eli Warriner, They/Them // LGBTQ+ Rep // eliwarriner@nscad.ca

Divisional Representatives

Erin Riehl, She/Her // Art History Rep // erinriehl@nscad.ca

Michelle Stanlik, She/Her // Craft Rep // michellestanlik@nscad.ca

Zoë Newell, She,Her // Fine Arts Rep // zoenewell@nscad.ca

Merryn Tresidder, He/Him // Graduate Rep // merryntresidder@gmail.com

After the substantially more important land acknowledgment of unceded Mi'kmaq territory, could we please pay respect to Robbie Burns. As an internationally recognised socialist, anti-monarchist, Gallic and english-dialect poet. Burn was a famous supporter of Unionising proletariat populations worldwide, regardless of race or creed, and if you'd allow it, i'd like a moment to pay some small dues.

Previous MFA Forum issues from last term were resolved at the MFA committee over the winter solstice. We now meet on a Wednesday evening and have opened up the event to the public. Feel free to join us at the Art Bar on a Wednesday nights to find out what MFA students are up to, and how you might participate and collaborate, ultimately strengthening our NSCAD community.

Earlier in the month an MFA student had their access to NSCAD property revoked and an artwork destroyed by port campus security.

After sending you the email from Alexis (the graduate student in question) - a sort of statement

of events up to that point, two things have come as a result.

Yesterday, Thursday the 24th of January, after extensive discussions with Alexis, we went to an 'informal' meeting with Sol Nagler, James Barnaby and Randall Turple.

The result of those meetings is that firstly, the security contractor for NSCAD will be changed anyway - and regardless, however in the future they will receive a studio and arts sensitivity training, in order to prevent future such incidents.

Secondly, myself, Alexis and Sol have entered into a cost calculation dialogue regarding how to reimburse Alexis. Meetings will continue into next week. Current pay out is at £750 (bucks sorry), they're seriously considering it. Sol has been of invaluable help and i wish to express solidarity with FUNSCAD as they move to a potential vote to strike.

More to follow on reimbursement and security training talks.

Robin, She / Her // Design Rep // yugu@nscad.ca

Went to CFS conference , Design club started working on a mental health brochure with Bill Travis, Met with Joann about how to help International Students going through their foundation year, talked to Joann about Multicultural Night Poster, Valentine day event, talked about an internship of poster designing for design students, but since the school hasn't hired a communication coordinator, cannot really have any internship for design students.

Blossom Mendoza, She/Her // Film Rep // blossommendoza@nscad.ca

Stephanie St.Amour, She/Her // Foundation Rep // stephstamour17@gmail.com

RATIFICATIONS

Animanics club - A club to watch films and eat snacks.

Erin motions to ratify, Robin seconds.

Funding request for the pizza night that took place on November 23rd. Erin admits she submitted it late - it was originally for study hall.

Fern motions, Merryn seconds.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

MOU

Peri mentions we have been locked out of the discussions. When Peri was at a budget advisory committee meeting, they mentioned that tuition money will increase to its maximum and we won't know how much this maximum until March. MOU is aimed to be in place for 5 years instead of 3. Domestic students are all paying less than international students from \$200 to \$2,000.

Kassidy mentions something we can do is preemptively form mobilize, and possibly team up with more universities in Halifax. Kassidy wants us to talk to people in our classes, find people who are willing to fight against this. Kassidy also wants to advocate through BOG meetings. Many people making these decisions have no connection to NSCAD other than corporate ties. Many of them are lawyers and in real estate, none are artists other than Dianne, 2 faculty, Kassidy, Peri and alumni.
Next BOG February 14th.

OSAP

Kassidy mentions the cuts against student protection in the Ontario government under Doug Ford. This threatens bankruptcy for student unions in Ontario. They are also changing how grants and loans operate, making it more difficult for students to gain access to funding. Peri mentions Nova Scotia may follow this as well. Kassidy mentions that we will be having an information session hopefully this Friday with CFS about OSAP and how and what we can do as students. Kassidy also mentions the hashtag #wearethestudents. Peri mentions that students continue to be shut out of these important, serious conversations.

SUNSCAD VIDEO

Kassidy mentions that a lot of students don't know what SUNSCAD is and the services we provide. Kassidy wants us to have a video introducing who we are.

OSAP

Peri and Kassidy mentions that OSAP wouldn't increase or decrease. Peri mentions that the only way to decrease it would be if all schools in Halifax were on board. We still think having 50% covered is worth it.

Merryn motions, Erin seconds.

TAX PRESENTATION

Peri mentions that CFS provides a service called UFILE that any student can have. Peri mentions freelance work and what information is needed for taxes. Peri would like to have a talk or presentation in February or March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE COFFEE

Peri mentions we have 20 submissions, and submissions end on January 30th. Internal committee will begin to design for it as soon as possible.

ELECTIONS

Kassidy says we haven't hired a CRO yet but we will be very soon. Kassidy brings up the timeline. The CRO call out ends on January 30th and we have one submission so far.

VALENTINES DAY

Robin mentioned there will be heart desserts at Port and was wondering if SUNSCAD could have an event at Duke as well.

INCAMERA

Fern motions to go in camera.

Merryn motions to move out of camera.

Peri motions to support Isa continuing her role as VP Academic for SUNSCAD.

Fern seconds.

Erin motions to appoint Fern as student rep of interdisciplinary arts committee.

Peri seconds.

Fern motions to in camera.

Peri motions to move out of camera.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.