



Student Union of NSCAD
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April 30th, 2021

Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Kris, Sam, Jacey, Raquel, Hannah, Liz

Absent:

Regrets:

Chair: Laura

Secretary: Nicole

Call to order 5:38 PM.

Jacey motions to approve the agenda. Raquel seconds.

Laura begins the meeting by recognizing we are situated on unceded and unsurrendered Mi'kmaq territory, which is covered under the Peace and Friendship Treaties since 1725. It is our responsibility to understand our relationship with the land as stewards, arrivants, and settlers.

Signatures:

President

Resource Coordinator

Present/Reports

Kris Reppas, He/Him // President // president@sunscad.org

Jacey Byrne, They/Them // VP Finance and Equity // equity@sunscad.org

Raquel Silva, She/Her // VP Academic // academic@sunscad.org

Sam Shaffelburg, She/Her // VP External // external@sunscad.org

Laura Lima Nishida, She/Her // Chairperson // chairperson@sunscad.org

Nicole Maggio, She/Her // Secretary // secretary@sunscad.org

AGENDA

- **Approve the April 23rd Council & Executive Meeting Minutes**
- **Final Pay Period reminder**
- **Accessibility Resource Booklet**
- **Foodbank Update**
- **Discord Update**
- **Executive Changeover Roundtable**

Approving the April 23rd Council & Executive Meeting Minutes

- Kris motions to approve the April 23rd Council & Executive Meeting minutes.
 - Jacey seconds.
 - No oppositions.

Final Pay Period

- Kris
 - Reminds everyone that the final pay period is next Thursday May 6th.
 - For the incoming Executive members, in order to get paid for all training, a motion must be passed during your first meeting. Your first pay sheet will reflect both your training and work done up until May 6th.

Accessibility Resource Booklet

- Kris
 - A student reached out to him on the Instagram page, re: starting up an Accessibility Resource Booklet.

- Drafted an Instagram post responding to this student and will be sending it out tomorrow.
- The student is looking for any resources or apps to make this learning resource more accessible.
- This will be a project for the next executive.
- Nicole
 - Asks about the committee that Emily began two months ago and if anything came out of it.
- Kris
 - That sort of fell through when Emily stopped attending meetings.
 - Will follow up with Emily on any work done.
- Hannah
 - Will work with Bill Travis regarding accessibility services.

Foodbank Update

- Jacey
 - Needed to close the Foodbank for the first time since the pandemic hit last March.
 - There is no budget for delivery; SUNSCAD has no access to a car; no deliveries have been made since last summer.
 - Training will now be done online for Hannah, Liz and Nicole.
 - I can provide Video/Instructions once I go back to campus.
 - Got a call from a student who has been bringing foodbank items to the Friendship Centre. They needed a lot of cans and we are overflowing with cans.
 - Will be sending this information to Laura so she can communicate with this student.

Discord Update

- Jacey
 - The NSCAD Discord hosts events. Hannah contributes.
 - This was fronted by myself and Elyssa.
 - Elyssa is graduating and I am leaving SUNSCAD.
 - SUNSCAD has been running the Discord and monitoring it to make sure people aren't being inconsiderate or using inappropriate language.
 - Everyone should make an account and be active.
 - There is going to be an end-of-term meeting to decide whether or not SUNSCAD should run it or just students. Dates will be sent out via Jacey.
 - Jacey can train Laura and Nicole.

Executive Changeover Roundtable

- Kris
 - Last meeting Jacey proposed a question/clarification roundtable meeting with the incoming Executive members.
 - I emailed the tech guy at CFS about the email switchover. We will wait until May 3 to do this.
 - Your phone numbers which are needed for a security thing to access the SUNSCAD email accounts on your personal devices.
- Jacey
 - We want to make you as comfortable as possible with this position.
 - Do you have any questions about Free Coffee, when students are rude to you, board, admin, office, events, etc.
- Kris
 - The new CFS organizer is Laura Cutmore starts tomorrow with Kris.
 - When you get non-so-nice messages from students, take a deep breath and answer each one of their concerns
 - Remember that “screenshotting” emails and posting them on social media is a possibility.
- Jacey
 - There has been a significant history of distress with SUNSCAD; from students boycotting the ArtBar due to allegations of sexual assault against the owner
 - We are all politicians in this role because we were all voted in.
 - It’s impossible to please everyone.
 - Don’t get too bogged down by negative reactions from students or admin.
 - Overall, this is not a thankless position. There are a lot of benefits. You grow a lot.
- Sam
 - Excited for what you will experience.
- Raquel
 - The good outweighs the bad.
- Jacey
 - Suggests turning off email notifications in the evening in order to set yourself a schedule.
 - Avoid responding to emails as soon as you get them.
- Nicole
 - Agrees with Jacey that immediate response to emails sets an impossible precedent.

Kris motions to adjourn. Sam seconds.

Meeting adjourns at 6:56 PM.