



Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2024

Present: Alexandra, Owen, Chris, Mohammed, Kalani, Karina

Regrets:

Absent: Prabnoor

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 11:36 am

Kalani begins the meeting by acknowledging we are in Mi'kma'ki, the territory of the Mi'kmaq. As Treaty people, we are committed to reconciliation. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. As a union of students operating within a colonizing university, we must fulfill our responsibility to fight collectively and collaboratively for such outcomes as free and universal education, which are themselves aspects of the project of decolonization, as well as other outcomes which are in the interest of First Nations students at NSCAD. We recognize that Nova Scotia is the home to over 50 African Nova Scotian communities, whose culture, heritage and histories have been, and remain a key part of this province for more than 400 years.

Agenda: Owen motions to approve the agenda, unanimous. Motion passed

Minutes: Owen motions to table last week's minutes, unanimous. Motion tabled

Signatures:

Exec Member

Resource Coordinator

Reports

Chris

- N/A

Alexandra

- N/A

Prabnoor

- N/A

Mohammed

- N/A

Owen

- N/A

Funding 2024 Fashion Show

- Cassandra Lloyd submitted a funding request form, asking for \$2200 of funding for the upcoming student Fashion show, she would also be serving as treasurer for the funding
- Discussion, some disagreement regarding whether large funding amounts have to go through Council or if we can approve this as Executive
- Owen asks Chris to send out an email motion to Council and request votes by end-of-day today (5 pm)

Allowing President to solicit legal services

- Owen needs to be able to access legal services as needed in order to meet deadlines
- Owen motions for the SUNSCAD President to be given authority to solicit legal services relating to the former RC case, (including liability), in the interest of SUNSCAD from Andrea MacNevin, and for these services to be reported to the Executive
- Owen, Chris, and Alexandra vote in favor, Mohammed abstains, majority, motion passed

Bursary for medical cost

- Chris motions to fund a one-time \$250 bursary to pay for one month's cost of a diabetes monitor for a student's child, unanimous, motion passed

12:09-12:14 pm- Recess

Compensation for VP Finance

- Owen asks Chris for specifics on what work was done, requests a report before approving extra compensation
- Chris worked ~400 hours on the financial investigation, not requesting that all of this time be compensated, but at least some portion
- Chris will prepare a report with details on the work that was done and specific numbers, to be ready for next week's meeting
- Owen motions to table the item until next week's Executive meeting, Owen, Chris and Alexandra vote in favor, Mohammed abstains, majority, motion tabled

Hiring a temp worker for finances

- Owen motions for the SUNSCAD President to be given authority to solicit accounting services in the interest of SUNSCAD (including for interim bookkeeping, payroll, etc.), and for these services to be reported to the Executive, unanimous, motion passed
- Owen requests that Chris creates a list of tasks that need to be done by the accountant

Additional funding for Port Dance

- Chris motions to fund an additional \$140 that was needed for the Port Dance, unanimous, motion passed

Funding Anti-Oppression and Active Listening trainings

- NSPIRG said Mid-May is the earliest date they can do the trainings, we need to do this as soon as possible so the new Executive can be in compliance with the Bylaws
- Chris suggests we fund this from the 'Conferences' budget line
- Owen motions to fund \$400 for Anti-Oppression and Active Listening training, for Mid-May, unanimous, motion passed

Engaging an auditor/accounting firm

- Chris motions to engage an auditor/accounting firm to conduct an audit for SUNSCAD, unanimous, motion passed
- Include this information in the email to be sent to students on Friday

Signing authority changes

- Owen motions to add Mohammed and Chelsea as signing authorities on checks, and to remove Chris and Prabnoor as signing authorities, unanimous, motion passed

Training day

- Owen motions for part of the Executive meeting on May 2 to be devoted to training purposes for the new Executives, with the Executive meeting to start sometime between 10 am and 12 pm
- Owen, Alexandra, and Chris vote in favor, Mohammed abstains, majority, motion passed

Announcements

- Chris has been working ~30 hours per week taking on financial and other administrative tasks, bringing this up for consideration by Executive
- Next Working/Executive meetings on Thursday, May 2nd from 10 am-12 pm

Owen motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm