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Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2024

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

Regrets: Alexandra

Absent:

Chair: Kalani, Owen near the end

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 11:09 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, Chris seconds, unanimous. Motion passed

Minutes: Tabled till next meeting (not discussed)

Signatures:

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Exec Member Resource Coordinator

**Reports**

**Owen**

* Met with President, Chair of BOG, Academic Dean, discussed student issues

**Prabnoor**

* N/A

**Mohammed**

* N/A

**Chris**

* N/A

**SUNSCAD Archive**

* Figuring out safe storage for documents- document safe will likely be best
* Chris will look into costs for different storage options
* Discussed displaying materials in the student lounge and having storage in our office and possibly a piece of the library archive

**Financial reporting**

* For council meetings, a list of deadlines for submitting reports may be helpful, then they can be requested from Tara

**Reconsideration of student lounge**

* Owen spoke to King’s Student Union about different texts they are distributing, would like to restart zine distribution in our student lounge
* We should speak with Kate about using school store’s zine rack, Deirdre may also be able to help due to their prior experience
* For printing zines- we are supposed to have a code for the printer that charges costs to the school
* Dispose of broken/unneeded items in student lounge- James Ray can help with removal
* $500 to purchase plates, mugs, cutlery will be discussed next meeting

**Indigenous Pop-up+ Spring Market**

* Ava wants to hold the indigenous pop-up market on the same day as the spring market- Prabnoor can manage any questions
* Chris will reach out to Erin, who hosted the Spring market previously
* Owen motions that we hold both markets on the same day, Chris seconds, unanimous, motion passed

**Sexual Violence Reporting Tool**

* A group that makes an anonymous sexual violence reporting tool reached out to us
* Students have felt uncomfortable in the past reporting incidents through internal channels

**Withholding meeting minutes**

* Owen motions to withhold minutes from the Resource Coordinator and keep them to executives only till after the relevant conflict is over, Chris seconds, Mohammed approves, majority approval, motion passed

**Office key for Kalani**

* Owen motions that we provide Kalani with a key to the VP office, Chris seconds, Mohammed approves, majority approval, motion passed

**Extra hours for Kalani**

* Early on, Kalani worked 8 hours in 2 weeks, limit is 6 hours
* Chris motions to add 2 additional hours of payment to Kalani’s paycheck to account for overtime worked, Mohammed seconds, Prabnoor approves, unanimous, motion passed.
* Discussed approving additional hours as need arises, by-laws should be checked

**Pocket Guide to Pronouns**

* Courtney from OSE wants to put pronoun educational material in washrooms
* Pocket Guide to Pronouns author quoted us $15/ book, $500 for a 1-hour virtual lecture
* Lecture is too expensive, we should purchase 1 book first before making a larger order
* Owen motions to purchase one copy of the book, Chris seconds, unanimous, motion passed

**SUNSCAD Dispatch Video**

* Owen motions that we devote $150 to a pilot project to pay film students to make a video for the next SUNSCAD Dispatch, Chris seconds, Mohammed approves, majority approval, motion passed

Owen motions to adjourn the meeting, Chris seconds, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm