

MASU Students' Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

The Students' Administrative Council met on February 13th, 2023, beginning at 6:10 pm in AVDX 111.

Call to Order: (6:10 pm)

- Chairperson Nowlan called the meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgement

- The land acknowledgement was done by Chairperson Nowlan.

Approval of the Agenda

- **BE IT RESOLVED** (moved by Councillor Lesser, seconded by Councillor RAP Minocha-Mckenney) that the Monday, February 13th Agenda of the Students' Administrative Council be approved.
 - Councillor RAP Minocha-Mckenney moves to switch the order of the presentations so that the CASA presentation presents first.
 - Amendment: Fix the spelling of Councillor Shelley's name
 - Amendment: Fix Councillor Blakney's attendance

MOTION CLEARLY PASSES

Approval of the Minutes

- **BE IT RESOLVED** (moved by Councillor RAP Minocha-Mckenney, seconded by Councillor Lesser) that the Monday, January 30th Minutes of the Students' Administrative Council be approved.

MOTION CLEARLY PASSES

- **BE IT RESOLVED** (moved by Councillor Warr, seconded by Councillor Jollimore) that the Monday, February 6th Minutes of the Students' Administrative Council be approved.

MOTION CLEARLY PASSES

Reports

a. CASA presentation

- Two guest speakers named Sana Banu and Wasiimah Joomun visited the SAC to talk about what CASA is and what they do for the MASU, as well as the MASU's involvement in the association. This presentation consisted of a broad overview of the association's advocacy efforts, priorities and vision.

Discussion:

- Councillor Lesser: Thank you for coming here today. You mentioned committees and working groups a few times - are only primary and secondary members applicable for these?
- Guest Speaker Wasiimah Joomun: Only the primary and secondary members can be voting members but others can sit in as observers.
- Councillor Lesser: I was also wondering if the data that you collect is available for the public to view?

- Guest Speaker Wasiimah Joomun: You can find this information on our website in the publications section.
- Councillor RAP Minocha-Mckenney: Thank you so much for coming in today. It is great to have CASA down and for council to see what they do and what we get through it with the networks we build.

b. Councillor Rohin Minocha-Mckenney (oral report)

- Councillor RAP Minocha-Mckenney is currently focusing on the strategic plan and is having meetings with various clubs and societies and with Maggie Brewer.
- Councillor RAP Minocha-Mckenney also noted that they are currently working on a lot of other stuff, but it is confidential, so they cannot report it at this time.

c. Councillor Warr (oral report)

- Recently, Councillor Warr has been focusing on having meetings with Maggie Brewer, the residence teams and Karen Geldart, as well as completing administrative duties related to responding to emails from clubs and societies.

d. Councillor Lesser

- Recently, Councillor Lesser has been prioritising transitional work and utilising technology in the meetings of the SAC and the Executive Board. As well, Councillor Lesser has been focusing on the internal budget review and a governance review.

e. Councillor Huynh (oral report)

- Recently, Councillor Huynh has been focusing on the CASA strategic plan, re-elections and budget. As well, Councillor Huynh is currently planning meetings with members of the community to discuss housing and healthcare related issues.

f. Councillor Chun

- Nothing to add to report

g. Councillor Mittal (oral report)

- Councillor Mittal noted that the mandate item in the VPSM portfolio that calls for an annual marketing plan is not appropriate for a student union because we have a set demographic. So, after discussion with Mitch, it was decided that we will instead make a social media roaster that can be updated every year. By doing this, there will be consistency in the transition of this position every year.
- As well, Councillor Mittal noted that the Allisonian is currently out for distributions

Business arising from the Minutes

a. The Path club constitution

- There has been no new communication

New Business (no new business)

Open Forum:

- Councillor Lesser: In the new fiscal year, the Executive will not have two separate email accounts anymore, instead they will be synced.
- Councillor RAP Minocha-Mckenney: At the last meeting of the Board of Regents, the board approved the new policy on sexual violence. A few years ago there was a conversation started at Mount Allison about this, so it is great to see how this has developed.
- Councillor Warr: This week MASU entertainment organised a successful drag show, and there will be Sex Toy Bingo coming up.
- Councillor Krueger: This morning, I had the first meeting of this semester with the scholarship and bursary committee. We had an interesting conversation about rehauling entrance scholarships and major scholarships, and lowering scholarship renewal requirements.
- Councillor Lesser: In the budget development group we have been talking about the fact that we spend a lot on students through scholarships but we have a low satisfaction rate concerning scholarships. The ask about financial aid is complicated because we ask for more dollars every year but we need to shift the conversation to those who need it.

Reminders:

- Councillor Lesser: I sent everybody a technology survey, please fill it out.
- Councillor Mittal: Hiring for all staff positions close Friday. Please apply and get others to apply.

In-Camera:

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Lesser, seconded by Councillor Warr) that the SAC move in-camera.

MOTION CLEARLY PASSES

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor RAP Minocha-Mckenney, seconded by Councillor Lesser) that the SAC allow Isaac Acker and Talla Corkum to be present during in-camera.

MOTION CLEARLY PASSES

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor RAP Minocha-Mckenney, seconded by Councillor Huynh) that the SAC approve the recommendation of the Sustainability Committee to award the \$20,000 from the Green Investment Fund as follows: \$5550 to Eos Energy Solution, \$10,250 to Dr. Baxter Gilbert's lab, and \$4200 to the Dorchester Moving Forward Co-operative.

MOTION CLEARLY PASSES

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Mittal, seconded by Councillor Warr) that the SAC approves the hiring of Bailey Andrews as the Vice President, Communications and Marketing for the 2023-2024 year.

MOTION CLEARLY PASSES

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor RAP Minocha-Mckenney, seconded by Councillor Warr) that the SAC move out of in-camera.

MOTION CLEARLY PASSES

Adjournment:

- The Chairperson adjourned the meeting upon the completion of the agenda at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paige Meisner

Secretary (Deputy Chairperson)