

SSD Council Minutes

April 14th, 2016

Adjunct Meeting: called to order by Heather at 10:11 am

The Office Coordinator was present

Office Coordinator Staff Report

- The Office Coordinator referred to the previous staff report dated March 18th. The Office Coordinator emphasized the importance of reviewing staff reports in order to ensure that there is work for the Office Coordinator to complete. The Office Coordinator reported that there were many students coming into the space, but she emphasized that she had much more time available and that action items were required from the board.
 - Heather noted that there were action items on Basecamp, but the Office Coordinator requested deliverables.
 - The board discussed a timeline for planning action items.
- The Office Coordinator reported on contacts with CARSA, VDRC, NDP MLAs, TAPS, and others.
- The Office Coordinator reported that some of the SSD projects were doing well, especially Disability + Wellness, but that more community outreach was required for others.
- The Office Coordinator discussed concerns that had been raised about the AGM elections and recommended issuing a statement regarding them.

Meeting called to order by Heather at 10:28am

- *Attendance:* Guthrie, Joseph, Ravi, Terry, Heather, and Patrick attended

Acknowledgement of Territories: Joseph acknowledged the territories

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Heather, seconded by Terry, carried

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Heather, seconded by Guthrie

- Heather moved to add an acknowledgement (**find exact wording of motion already**) that an email motion had been passed. Seconded by Joseph, carried.
- Carried.

Reports:

- Guthrie reported to the Board that there were anonymous complaints about the electoral process of the AGM and that a petition was circulating regarding it.
- Due to time constraints Heather proposed writing a verbal report on her activities, and the consensus of the board was this was appropriate.

In Camera Session

Motions:

- BIRT the suggestions from the suggestions jar are read and consider them as separate motions. Moved by Guthrie, seconded by Patrick.
 - Joseph moved to amend to “BIRT the suggestions from the suggestions jar are read and consider them as separate discussion items.” Moved by Joseph, seconded by Guthrie, carried.
 - Carried.

- BIRT the UVSS advocate for a separate location by the SUB to smoke Medicinal Marijuana that is not in the same location as the tobacco smoking locations on campus. Moved by Guthrie, seconded by Ravi.
 - BIRT that “UVSS” be struck and “SSD” be inserted. Moved by Patrick, seconded by Joseph, carried.
 - In discussion, a member of the SSD explained that some people were allergic to tobacco and required a separate space.
 - In discussion, the importance of preventing illegal use of the space was emphasized.
 - BIRT that “to smoke Medicinal Marijuana” be struck and “for persons with legally-issued federal licenses to smoke Medicinal Marijuana.” Moved by Joseph, seconded by Guthrie, carried.
 - Main motion carried.

- BIRT \$1500 is approved for the annual Enablement Summit event. Moved by Heather, seconded by Patrick.
 - BIRT “to be held in September” be inserted. Moved by Heather, seconded by Joseph, carried.
 - Main motion carried.

- BIRT \$200 is approved for staff gifts to show appreciation for the year of work at SSD. Moved by Heather, seconded by Patrick, carried.

- BIRT \$130 is approved for food at staff appreciation event/ TLP presentation. Moved by Heather, seconded by Patrick, carried.

- BIRT nominations are opened for SSD signing authorities. Moved by Patrick.
 - Ravi nominated himself.
 - Guthrie nominated themselves.
 - The Council voted to approve Ravi and Guthrie as signing authorities.

- BIRT the new SSD Board will continue to support the TLP project. Moved by Patrick, seconded by Joseph, carried.

- BIRT to increase the weekly Snack budget by \$50 and weekly community lunch by \$50. Moved by Heather, seconded by Terry, carried.
- BIRT to have weekly evening picnics at the cost of \$150 each week. Moved by Heather, seconded by Patrick.
 - Heather moved to insert “during the summertime.” Moved by Heather, seconded by Guthrie, carried.
 - Main motion carried.

Heather moved to have a short recess, seconded by Joseph. Resumed at 11:54am.

Discussion Items:

Reading of an anonymous letter about the SSD AGM and response

- Heather moved to move the item to the end of agenda. Seconded by Patrick, carried.

Heather moved to have a short recess, seconded by Patrick. Resumed at 11:57am.

Board orientation meeting

- Heather requested the summer schedules of board members in order to arrange times and interpreting services.

Boards future visions/ideas

- Ravi suggested that the SSD should become more politically involved and engage in more lobbying, such as with regards to PWD and student loans.
- Terry discussed the Office Coordinator’s work with regards to political advocacy.
- Patrick recommended assigning action items and deliverables with regards to the TLP. Heather agreed.
- Ravi suggested becoming engaged with students’ transitions into the workforce.
- Patrick agreed that transitions to workforce was a crucial issue, but suggesting focused on the TLP in the short term.

Minutes of Adjunct Meetings

- The consensus of the board was that minutes should be taken of adjunct meetings, which should include staff reports.

Reading of Suggestions from Jar

- Board members read suggestions.
- Patrick gave notice of his intention to bring forward the following suggestions as motions at the next meeting:
 - Procedures for office closures
 - Movies
 - Other social events
 - Emergency supplies
- Heather gave notice of her intention to bring forward the following suggestions as

motions at the next meeting:

- Board games
- Karaoke
- Other Outdoor activities

Reading of an anonymous letter about the SSD AGM and response

- Patrick suggested reviewing the letter by email due to time. A member suggested omitting words and inserted [WORD REDACTED] to cover up instances of offensive language.
- The consensus of the board was to proceed with reading aloud.
- The consensus of the board was to circulate the response draft by the Chair.

Heather moved to adjourn at 12:24pm, seconded by Guthrie.