

# Sheridan Student Union 170<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes TRAFALGAR

## 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### **Members in Attendance:**

Xinxin Zhang – Acting Chair, Director

Marin Qureshi – Secretary, Director

Nicolas Mazur - Director

Shanise Collins - Director

Rachel Pusateri – Director

Russel Neal – Director

Kaushalsingh Devda- Director

Gurpreet Singh – Director

### **Absent:**

Sunny Pathak-Director

Muhammad Tayyab Asrar- Director

Michael Burnside- Chair of the Board

Krittika Malhotra – Director (**attempted to call in but poor connection**)

### **Ex-Officio Members**

Sylvia Ibrahim- President

Jamie King- General Manager

Jenna Pulver- Student Leadership & Engagement (Minute Taker)

Kaitlyn Di Ilio- Project coordinator and CRO

Maria Lucido Bezely- Dean of Student

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Call the meeting to order 7:11pm

Approval of Current Agenda

First: Shanise, Seconded- Russel  
**Motion Carried**

Approval of 169<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as amended

First: Shanise, Seconded- Marina  
**Motion Carried**

\*Kaitlyn added an edit to the final motion after the in camera session to add Board reconvened with no report from closed session

### **Taxation Position**

Russel introduces the idea of bringing in a professional during tax time to help people with finances. Nicolas brought up that the Finance club does do this already but limitedly and it isn't accessible to all students and perhaps they can help with budgeting etc.

Sylvia said she would investigate with the collaborating with the College and or bringing it to the engagement committee to look at a workshop.

Jenna suggests looking at coop students with the supervision of faculty. But a student helping student system may be a good option.

Direction is given direction to look into options but to ultimately bring in someone to do taxes for students.

Russel asks permission for the Finance Committee to have the ability to make decision If need be, unanimous agreement

### **President Update**

Sylvia outlines some challenges voiced by some student leaders and outlines her resolution process. This included a meeting with students to understand challenges and then a group workshop with full time staff and student union

#### **Resolution**

EVPs meet with the coordinators from their campus to ensure decisions are student led and then each campus "committee" would bring the ideas forward to an events calendar meeting.

he all in one meetings previously attended mostly by full time staff are going to adjust timing to ensure that student staff are available to come.

In addition Sylvia is going to evaluate job descriptions to ensure positions, responsibility, and accountability is insured.

EVP's are going to attend promo meetings to make sure all messaging and communication is explained thoroughly

60 day rule where creative requests are needed in advance does not have any immediate solutions but will continue to evaluate the needs.

\*Humber College executive are going to be coming to Sheridan on the January 21<sup>st</sup>.

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### Leadership Symposium

Jenna explains based on the Boards goal of working on HMC2A. We are looking to have a leadership symposium in which one aspect will be to allow our student leaders at HMC to tell us what they would like in another HMC Building. The date at this point looks like it will be in March but still undecided. As more details develop the Board will be updated

### Policy Changes

#### Katie walks through changes:

1) 1.4 nominators change to nominees

2) 1.7 Policy never stated that the all candidate meeting is mandatory for all candidates in an election

Added a campaigning forum-instead of campaign speeches there is a forum where they have the ability to bring their own personality.

\* Much like a clubs fair candidates can set up booths where students can approach them with several talking points. This helps to ensure that candidates are more familiarized with topics, and be more informed on what more Board topics are

3) 2.2.7 Changing "Inspection of Student Record Authorization" form because SU no longer has access to Records.

\*while multiple solutions were possible. Maria, Sylvia and Kaitlyn are going to investigate what the best solution might be.

4) **Additions to our forms** (not all are mandatory) When a candidate has a complaint of another candidate, they now how to fill out the "Violation Report"

**Proof of involvement form**-meant to get candidates thinking about experience and why they are a good candidate. Not a requirement

**Platform**-All candidates have to create a platform (mandatory).

**Campaign Table Request Form**-On this form candidates can request tables in advance by circling available times.

**Policy Violation form**- to be completed when submitting a complaint to the CRO as evidence to a violation of the policy

5) **Policy 2 – 3.1.2** Adds that once candidates hand in a package they cannot request for it back.

6) **Policy 4- 1.1.1** changed to If a candidate or his/her Agent is not present at the All Candidates/All-Parties Meeting, Mandatory Board Meeting or Campaigning Forum said candidate shall be immediately disqualified.

7) **Policy 5** add 1.2 Addition to policy after Section 1.2 Responsibility of Candidates: Candidates shall be responsible for the action, and the violations stemming from such actions, of any non-arm's length party (agents, team members, classmates or any other individuals), however occurring.

8) **Policy 5 – 2.6** The CRO, with approval of the Board of Directors will be responsible for determining the start and end of the campaign period.

9) **Policy 5 -3.4** Under no circumstances is a candidate allowed to pool, share or donate his funds or resources with another candidate.

10) **Policy 5-** Section 4 change the title to Campaign Forum from Campaign Speeches

11) **Policy 5 – 5.2** change to- It is the responsibility of all candidates to provide their approved platform to the CRO upon submission of their nomination package.

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12) **Policy 6** -1.3 Remove - table booking process has changed and at HMC they require minimum 2 week notice to get the tables from the college, so we are having a table request form in the nomination package so we can be sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to campaign, and also bring awareness to this opportunity

13) **Policy 6**- 1.3.1 Remove-Table booking request must be made 2 weeks in advance now as the process has changed so we can remove this all together as it won't apply for elections

14) **Policy 6** 1.5 Remove- we can make this process more streamlined and promote candidates equally through a "Meet Your candidates" poster that will be put together by marketing and posted on our poster boards during the campaigning and voting period. It will include the candidate pictures and their platform/bio. This will prevent students from taking down posters and putting them in new places and also show that the student union does not directly support one candidate if say one student decides to use posters and another doesn't. Candidates will still be able to have posters and other campaign materials to use at their campaign tables etc.

15) **Policy 6** – Add 1.7 If organized by the CRO, Candidates must participate in a mandatory Campaign Forum where they will interact with and answer student questions regarding their experience and platform.

16) **Policy 6**- 1.6 change to- Campaign materials must adhere to the SSUI Posting Policy and not contain any content that contains:

17) **Policy 7** -2.7 fix grammar to “If applicable”

18) **Policy 7** -3.2 – fix grammar to “If applicable, when”

19) **Policy 7**- add 3.4.4- The instructions for marking their choice on the ballot are not completed fully.

20) **Policy 7**- correction to 4.3.1 Votes discounted as per this section shall only be discounted for the individual who has withdrawn, therefore the ballot will still be counted for the remaining candidates

21) **Policy 7**- Should say 5.1 (not 4.1) and correction to Unofficial results will be released on the last day of voting prior to 7:00pm. This is to allow more time for ballot counting in changing from online voting.

22) **Policy 8**- 1.1.2 change to - In the case of a severe infraction by a candidate, agents, scrutineers or other individuals (Policy 5, Section 1, 1.2) the CRO may disqualify the candidate.

23) **Policy 8** - Framing another candidate for a violation will result in disqualification at the discretion of the CRO.

\*There was a lengthy discussion on the topic of slating (teams) in elections. Due to the time constraints for policies for the upcoming elections the Board has decided to Table the topic for another meeting but agreed the 2016-2017 elections has policies that discourage them.

\*The board was unaware that SSUI was going back to ballot voting so there was a discussion about that process. The board agreed with the rationale quality votes over quantity.

\*Sylvia requests that the elections schedule changes slightly. Extending campaigning to benefit communication to students, and allow candidates to campaign as best as possible. In addition voting

**Be it resolved that the SSUI Board of directors extend campaigning to the 25<sup>th</sup> and change voting days to March 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.**

First: Nicolas, Seconded: Gurpreet  
**Motion Carried**

**Be it resolved that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the campaign policies as presented.**

First: Rachel, Seconded: Nicolas  
**Motion Carried**

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Be it resolved that the SSUI Board of Directors go in camera.

First: Russel, Seconded: Marina  
**Motion Carried**

Be it resolved that the SSUI Board of Directors agree to leave in camera.

First: Russel, Seconded: Marina  
**Motion Carried**

### Meeting Adjournment

Be it resolved that the SSUI Board of Directors agree to adjourn the meeting.

First by Xin, Seconded by Kritika  
**Motion Carried**