

Laurentian University SGA/AGÉ Board of Directors Meeting



July 23, 2018 / 6:00pm-8:00pm / Location: Executive Learning Center

AGENDA:

Land Acknowledgment by Andrew Bradley.

Presentations:

Action Items

1. Approval of agenda
 - a. Motion moved by Rob Moyer.
 - b. Seconded by Leah McGillivary.
 - c. Kathryn Kettle moves to amend the agenda to include a new motion as the second action item. Added motion shall be to ratify Sami Prichard as Speaker of the Board for this meeting.
 - i. Motion seconded by Leah McGillivary.
 - ii. In favour (12)
 - iii. Against (0)
 - iv. Abstentions (0)
 - v. Motion to amend the agenda passes.
 - d. Andrew Bradley moves to amend the agenda to strike Action Item #4 regarding the Executive Agenda Motion.
 - i. Motion seconded by Rob Moyer.
 - ii. In favour (12)
 - iii. Against (0)
 - iv. Abstentions (0)
 - v. Motion to amend the agenda passes.
 - e. In favour (12)
 - f. Against (0)
 - g. Abstentions (0)
 - h. Motion to adopt the agenda with the proposed amendments passes.

2. Ratification of Sami Prichard as Speaker of this Board meeting.
 - a. Motion moved by Eric Chappell.
 - b. Seconded by Matthew Keith.
 - c. In favour (12)
 - d. Against (0)
 - e. Abstentions (0)
 - f. Motion passes to ratify Speaker passes.

3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion moved by Kathryn Kettle.
 - b. Seconded by Neill Martin.
 - c. No discussion.
 - d. In favour (12)
 - e. Against (0)
 - f. Abstentions (0)
 - g. Motion to approve previous minutes passes.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
 - a. No conflicts declared.

5. Ad Hoc Board of Directors Election Committee Motion
 - a. Motion moved by Executive Committee.
 - b. Seconded by Leah McGillivray.
 - c. Discussion
 - i. Motion was written with the intent of having Board Members elected by the students, as opposed to being selected by the Executives.
 - ii. Motion shall ensure equity and fairness in the selection of the Board Members, thereby also ensuring that the Executive Members are better held accountable for their actions.
 - iii. Point of information: Meeting times will be flexible and will work to accommodate working students.
 - d. Andrew Bradley moves to amend the motion to include an additional BIRT clause that states that the Ad Hoc Committee is dissolved in November 2018
 - i. Seconded by Leah McGillivray.
 - ii. Discussion
 - a. Committee is exclusively for upcoming Board of Directors Election, so there is no need to keep the committee active after the election.
 - iii. In favour (14)
 - iv. Against (0)
 - v. Abstentions (0)
 - vi. Motion passes.
 - e. Kathryn Kettle moves to amend the motion to add the VPSL in the composition of this committee.
 - i. Seconded by Leah McGillivray.
 - ii. Discussion
 - a. As a member of the Executive, it is suggested that the VPSL should provide input on this committee.
 - iii. In favour (11)
 - iv. Against (0)
 - v. Abstentions (3)
 - vi. Motion passes.
 - f. Discussion After Amendments

- i. It was suggested that the motion include a more permanent clause that ensures that the committee is reformed annually with every election.
- ii. Point of information: this committee shall be used to elect the Directors of the Board for the 2018-2019 year.
- iii. Point of information: this committee shall be responsible for investigating the processes involved in electing Board members and ensuring fairness. Concerns regarding the election policies of student associations that are affiliated with the SGA/AGÉ are to be directed to this committee.
- g. In favour (14)
- h. Against (0)
- i. Abstentions (0)
- j. Motion to create an Ad Hoc Elections Committee passes.

6. Constitution Committee Motion

- a. Motion moved by the Executive Committee.
- b. Seconded by Leah McGillivary.
- c. Discussion
 - i. Proposed committee will be responsible for assessing the current Constitution and making amendments as needed to present to the AGM in April 2019.
 - ii. Point of Information: the three voting Board members that shall be on this committee must be Board members at the time of nomination.
 - iii. Point of Information: Board members who were not present at this meeting due to unforeseen circumstances had the opportunity to state interest in participating on this committee.
 - iv. Point of Information: all committee members shall be voting members on the committee, except for the Policy Writer who is only responsible for recording minutes. The Chairperson may only vote to break ties.
- d. Leah McGillivary moves to amend the motion to include an additional line underneath the third point in the second BIRT clause that states that if a Board member on the committee ceases to become a Board member for whatever reason, a new Board member shall be nominated at the next Board of Directors meeting.
 - i. Seconded by Rob Moyer.
 - ii. Discussion
 - a. It is suggested that this amendment to the motion should be implemented to ensure that all positions on the committee are filled and that there are no vacancies.
 - iii. In favour (11)
 - iv. Against (0)
 - v. Abstention (1)
 - vi. Motion passes.

- e. Whitney Simpson moves to amend the motion to include an addition to the 4th BIRT clause to allow nominations for students to be open for one week after the closing date.
 - i. Seconded by Neill.
 - ii. Discussion
 - a. It is suggested that this amendment to the motion will provide a solid and fair timeline for students to apply and be chosen for this committee.
 - iii. In favour (14)
 - iv. Against (0)
 - v. Abstention (0)
 - vi. Motion passes.
- f. Rob Moyer moves to amend the motion to remove the fourth BIRT clause, and allow nominations to remain open until August 20th for Board members. Nominees will be ratified or, if more than three names are put forward, elected by secret ballot at the next Board meeting.
 - i. Seconded by Eric.
 - ii. Discussion
 - a. It is suggested that this amendment will allow those who were unable to attend the July meeting or read the agenda due to unforeseen circumstances to put their name forth and potentially participate on the committee.
 - b. It is suggested that members of the Board are responsible for reading the agenda prior to the meeting, and declaring their interest in participating on the council to the Chairperson ahead of time if they cannot attend.
 - c. It is suggested that allowing an additional month will cause unnecessary changes to the envisioned timeline.
 - iii. In favour (3)
 - iv. Opposed (6)
 - v. Abstentions (3)
 - vi. Motion fails.
- g. Kathryn Kettle moves to amend the motion to include the VPSL in the composition of this committee under the second BIRT clause.
 - i. Seconded by Whitney.
 - ii. Discussion
 - a. It is suggested that having all members of the Executive, as this amendment will allow, will be valuable to the committee.
 - b. It is suggested that having two-thirds of the Executives on the committee should be sufficient. Adding another member to the committee may cause further difficulties in planning meeting times.
 - c. It is suggested that the VPPA's position is to represent the Policy and Advocacy aspects of the Association, and that adding the VPSL who doesn't have a role in this does not make sense.

- d. It is suggested that since the Chairperson is the VPPA, the VPPA isn't technically an official member, so the VPSL should be present to provide input.
 - e. It is suggested that there should be minimal overlap in the roles of the Executive so that the VPSL is able to complete their own tasks.
 - iii. In favour (6)
 - iv. Against (3)
 - v. Abstentions (4)
 - vi. Motion passes.
 - h. Andrew Bradley moves to amend the motion to strike out the words "or less" in the last BIRT clause.
 - i. Seconded by Tannys.
 - ii. Discussion
 - a. It is suggested that this motion shall prevent loss of motivation of the committee members and will ensure that the committee meets the required number of times per month.
 - b. It is suggested that this motion is unfair to students who are not members of the Board, and that it is unreasonable to expect them to sacrifice study or personal time during exam season and Christmas break.
 - c. It is suggested that the original motion without the suggested amendment does not imply that the committee will be regularly meeting less than bi-weekly.
 - d. It is suggested that the proposed amendment shall hold committee members accountable and encourage them to complete tasks in a timely fashion.
 - iii. In favour (8)
 - iv. Against (2)
 - v. Abstentions (0)
 - vi. Motion passes.
 - i. Whitney Simpson moves to amend the motion to strike the Policy Writer from the composition of this committee.
 - i. Seconded by Kathryn Kettle.
 - ii. Discussion
 - a. It is suggested that the current Policy Writer's position as a full-time student with many responsibilities should be taken into consideration so that the student is not placed in a precarious situation.
 - b. It is suggested that it will not be very difficult to find an alternative person to record minutes for the committee meetings.
 - c. It is suggested that the Policy Writer may not be able to be rehired after the summer.
 - iii. In favour (7)
 - iv. Against (4)

- v. Abstentions (0)
 - vi. Motion passes.
 - j. In favour (11)
 - k. Against (0)
 - l. Abstentions (0)
 - m. Motion passes.
7. Land Acknowledgment and Smudging Policy
- a. Motion moved by Executive Committee.
 - b. Seconded by Christine Trudeau.
 - c. Discussion
 - i. It is suggested that this policy will ensure that Smudging and Land Acknowledgments are procedures that are continued in the future by the SGA/AGÉ.
 - d. In favour (14)
 - e. Against (0)
 - f. Abstentions (0)
 - g. Motion passes.

Reports/Information Items

- 8. President's Report
 - a. No questions posed.
- 9. VPPA's Report
 - a. No questions posed.
- 10. VPSL's Report
 - a. Question was posed regarding the VPSL's meeting with Aaron Taxi.
 - i. VPSL is looking to cooperate with this company to create a flat rate for students looking for transportation services to or from certain areas in Sudbury.
 - ii. VPSL is also trying to seek ways to provide taxis at a more affordable rate on Pub Nights.
 - iii. VPSL will try to cooperate with other transportation companies in Sudbury to obtain the best deal possible.
 - b. Question was posed regarding who Harrison Browne is.
 - i. VPSL explained that Browne is the first Transgender Professional Athlete in North America.
 - ii. VPSL is cooperating with other student groups at Laurentian to potentially have him come present and explain his journey to students.
- 11. COO's Report
 - a. Question was posed regarding how the staff's job descriptions may be adjusted, and who has the authority to make such adjustments.
- 12. Senator's reports

- a. No questions posed.
- 13. Student Center Update
 - a. There is less work to complete, as construction is already underway and most details have already been discussed.
 - b. There is an upcoming design meeting.
 - c. No questions posed.

Other Business

- 14. Ad Hoc BOD Elections Committee Election
 - a. Andrew Bradley, Matthew Keith, and Eric Chappell named to the Ad Hoc Board of Directors Elections Committee.
- 15. Constitution Overhaul Committee
 - a. Leah McGillivray, Eric Chappell, and Jacob Fielding named to the Constitution Overhaul Committee.

In Camera

- 16. Motion to move in camera
 - a. Moved by Neill Martin.
 - b. Seconded by Rob Moyer.
 - c. Meeting moves in camera.

Adjournment

- 17. Motion to adjourn
 - a. Moved by Leah McGillivray.
 - b. Seconded by Rob Moyer.
 - c. In favour (13)
 - d. Against (0)
 - e. Abstained (0)