



Meeting Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Sheridan Student Union Incorporated (SSUI)

Meeting #:	321
Date:	March 28, 2022
Time:	7:00PM [EST]
Location:	Teleconference (Zoom)

Director	In Attendance	Calling In	Absent	Late (Time Arrived)
Chairperson: Sarah Jewell	X			
Vice-Chairperson: Kash (Kashyapkumar) Patel	X			
Rhema Javed	X			
Hasan Iqbal	X			
Riddhi Mihir Shah	X			
Tejaswini Shah	X			
Rashad Haque				7:04PM
Parth Thummar	X			
Vanessa (Matifadza) Manyika				7:10PM
Zeravan Aswad	X			
Raghuveer Vakharia	X			
Shweta Ravel	X			

Quorum is reached with 10 of the required 8 directors being present.

Ex-Officio Member	In Attendance	Calling In	Absent	Late (Time Arrived)
Jamie (James) King, General Manager	X			
Kyle Budge, President	X			
Maria Lucido-Bezely, Dean of Students			X	
Saz (Sarah) McKean, Executive Coordinator & Board Secretary	X			

<b>Guests In Attendance</b>	Gaby (Gabrielle) Moryoussef, Vice President of Staff & College Engagement
	Julia Bertola, Vice President of Community Development
	Hanh Ngo, Finance Director

<b>Agenda Item 01</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting is called to order by Sarah Jewell at 7:01PM[EST].</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item 02</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board has reached quorum and is able to proceed with the meeting.</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item 03</b>	<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaby says the Sheridan Land Acknowledgement.</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item 04</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item 05</b>	<b>Approval of Current Meeting Agenda</b>		
Motion:	I move that we approve the Agenda for the 321st SSU Board Meeting.		
Moved By:	Sarah Jewell	Seconded By:	Kashyapkumar Patel
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	11	0	0
Special Instructions/Interpretations:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rashad joins the meeting at 7:04PM. Rashad votes for the motion.</li> </ul>			

<b>Agenda Item 06</b>	<b>Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes</b>		
Motion:	I move that we approve the 320 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes, as presented to the Board.		
Moved By:	Rhema Javed	Seconded By:	Tejaswini Shah
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>			
Motion Carries			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	11	0	0

<b>Agenda Item 07</b>	<b>Declaration of Conflicts of Interest</b>
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	

## Notes:

- No strike:
  - Kyle still held the open forum, though only 3-4 people attended.
    - Gave the same information that was given to the Board.
    - He recapped all the events leading up to the potential strike and the cancellation of the strike.
    - Opened the floor for students to ask questions and give feedback but did not receive any.
  - Kyle got feedback from people in little bits throughout the year:
    - Somebody was wondering if we could have more open forum style events each semester, just in a way of giving feedback and giving recognition to the students and going over some of the issues that they might be having.
    - Feedback that Kyle received leading up to this open forum, was how difficult this last school year has been with all of the uncertainty, all of the changes, all of the rule changes, and even in September not knowing if they will be virtual or on campus.
  - Strike has been completely averted. We will be good for at least another two years.
- Office Hours:
  - Kyle wants to move forward and start doing Office Hours.
  - Kyle has pitched this to the Board before, but it hasn't taken, so it is planned to have Office Hours with the executive team.
  - This would be once a week, being 3-4 hours, where we would sit around and be available for students to come in to talk to us, share any of their feedback, let us know what they're going through, and we can take that information and do what we need.
  - Works a lot better in-person, so we are going to focus on doing that once back on campus.
  - Likely won't start until late into the summer, or potentially in the fall semester.
  - We will need a big push on promoting it to ensure everybody is aware it's happening and that they can come out and see us.
  - Won't be something that will pick up immediately; it's going to be something that will have to grow over time as students get to recognize it, then more students will come out to it. Kyle expects that for the first couple months we won't see anybody, and then we'll start to see more people here and there.
- Colleges Ontario meet-up:
  - Kyle will be going downtown Toronto next Monday to meet with other colleges across Ontario, at the Colleges Ontario headquarters.
  - There should be 35-36 people there from between 12-15 schools.
  - They're going to meet in a large room and talk about how they can form a super union, or to advocate together to make sure everyone is on the same page.
  - There's a lot going into this; it's planned to be from 9am-5pm. There's a chance there will be follow ups after that.
  - Kyle was talking with Jamie today, and it's likely we are going to offer our space to all of these colleges to come out for follow up meetings. The SSU is a neutral party; we are not part of other groups such as CSA or CFS. We will be able to be neutral ground so everyone can come to us, talk to us about what they want to talk about, and not be influenced by any of these parties. We are also a large student union and have the resources to facilitate something like this.
  - Many presidents, VPs, etc. that are going to be there Monday will not be returning to their position for next year. Chances are, anything that is being talked about at this meeting will lose a bit of momentum after they all leave; having that follow up meeting on our grounds will allow us to continue that momentum and have that initiative with the incoming elected members/student leaders.
- OUSA:
  - Possibly joining OUSA (Ontario Undergrad Student Association).
  - Typically, this is through universities, there are no colleges part of this group. OUSA is what the CSA would be for universities.
  - We have spoken with some university student unions to see if we can get sponsorship through them to join their collective group, and they were open to it.
  - Kyle is going to look into that and work towards getting SSU to be the first college to join OUSA.
  - Students are students, whether you're in university or college; you're dealing with a lot of the same things. Getting that collective support from all universities and colleges, we could get support all over Ontario for every student in post-secondary. Would be a great opportunity to make sure that we have 500 000 students across Ontario advocating for whatever it is that needs to be changed.
  - This is a long-term goal, over the course of the next year or so we should cover some ground in making that partnership.

- Sick Kids update:
  - Julia updates the Board that we've raised over \$600! We're fundraising until the end of the month.

NOTE: Vanessa joins the meeting at 7:10PM.

<b>Agenda Item 09</b>	<b>2022/23 Operating Budget Review &amp; Approval</b>
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Motion:	<i>I move that the SSU Board of Directors Approve the 2022 - 2023 Fiscal Operational Budget as presented.</i>
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Moved By:	Rhema Javed	Seconded By:	Kashyapkumar Patel
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**Notes:**

- Seeking approval for the budget for next year, that will guide the SSU from May 1<sup>st</sup> onwards.
- Jamie shares his screen to present the SSU 2022-23 Operating Budget Overview presentation.
  - Referenced documents are in SharePoint.
- Some challenges faced this year:
  - Continued uncertainty surrounding the pandemic response
  - Continues to be uncertainty around student enrolment. This is important because 85-90% of our funding comes from student fees, which is directly impacted by student enrollment, particularly uncertainty in the international area.
- This budget was made anticipating for a return to campus and hoping to invest in student experience on campus as well. First year that the SSU will have the new HMC2A building open, the new student centre; there will be new expenses that the organization is not used to paying and want to ensure to have a budget set up for that.
- Continue to be in some consultancy concerning the future of the Food and Beverage operations at Davis and TRC.
- Jamie starts breaking down the proposed budget for next year:
  - Graph compares the proposed 2022-23 budget with this year's 2021-22 budget.
  - See significant new investments in terms of revenue and expenses in the SSU next year resulting in a deficit budget.
- As the Board will recall, the SSU has been running surpluses for the past several years and this year, even though a deficit was budgeted, the fact is the SSU will be recognizing a surplus come year end. As a result, building a budget with a projected loss of about \$686 000, in the organization's perspective, is a responsible budget.
- Jamie breaks down the proposed budget with the revenue and expenses, all detailed in the report in Meeting Reference Documents on SharePoint.
- Jamie thanks the finance and audit committee for reviewing the budget.
  - Wants the Board to be aware that Hanh has had many meetings with Jamie, Kyle, and divisional managers to go over each of the divisional budgets.
  - Many meetings with the college, especially on the issue of enrollment; trying to understand Sheridan's enrollment projection and establish a projection we think is defensible.
- Done a reserve analysis to look at the SSU bank holdings to ensure if we realize that we will be running a deficit next year, we will be in a position to get through it confidently, however this will not be a long-term strategy. This is an okay position for the next 1- 2 years, but we need to transition back to a balanced budget within 2-3 years probably.
- Much of the money set aside in this budget is 'just in case money' in the case something big happens, if we need to spend it on something larger, if we're maxing out on everybody's hours across the organization; that's what we account for.
- Hanh explains the budget review in August that will allow us to adjust the budget, if necessary, with the next Board.
- **After motion:**
  - Kyle suggests to still read the large report; it was made so that reading the highlights will be easy to understand and follow.

**Motion Carries**

Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	12	0	0

**Special Instructions/Interpretations:**

- Hanh leaves the meeting at 7:47PM.

<b>Agenda Item 10</b>	<b>Road Trip Recap</b>
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyle and Julia share their screens. Julia shows a slideshow of pictures, and Kyle shows a slideshow of highlights and lowlights of the trip.</li> <li>• Hope to go to Seneca, Guelph, and X University (Ryerson) another time.</li> <li>• Schools we visited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brock University – BUSU</li> <li>○ Mohawk College – MSA</li> <li>○ McMaster University – MSU</li> <li>○ University of Waterloo – WUSA</li> <li>○ Wilfred Laurier University (waterloo) – WLUSU</li> <li>○ George Brown College (Casa Loma) – SA of GBC</li> <li>○ UofT – UofT SU</li> <li>○ Ontario Tech University – OTSU</li> <li>○ Trent - TCSA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We are in a very good position where we own our buildings and have a good relationship with the college.</li> <li>• It was interesting to learn about how other student unions run and see we do well compared to other student unions.</li> <li>• Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rhema really likes the idea of Humans vs Zombies activity from U of Waterloo, explaining that she has spoken to other students that want more physical events. Other directors agree.</li> <li>○ Rhema thinks that the free pregnancy tests that George Brown College would be a hit.</li> <li>○ Raghuveer and Sarah express that having a gaming lounge would be great.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item 11</b>	<b>Transportation Discussion</b>
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parth says that Ontario announced that students have a reduced price of 40% on GO-buses.</li> <li>• Parth recommends that we advertise or let students know about the GO-transit student discount.</li> <li>• Kyle explains that there are still many uncertainties and that realistically having it wouldn't be another year until a solid transit option funded by the SSU would be able to start.</li> </ul>	

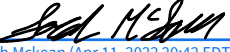
<b>Agenda Item 12</b>	<b>New Business</b>
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item 13</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>		
Motion:	I move that we adjourn the 321st Meeting of the Board.		
Moved By:	Sarah Jewell	Seconded By:	Vanessa Manyika
Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>			
<b>Motion Carries</b>			
Votes:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
	12	0	0
Special Instructions/Interpretations:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting is adjourned by Sarah Jewell at 8:44PM [EST].</li> </ul>			

**Referenced Documents:**

- 320<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes
- 321<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting Agenda
- 2022-23 Capital Budget - Capital Asset Purchase Request
- 2022-23 SSU Operating Budget Overview - Consolidated report (final)
- 7. SSU FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING 7 - Mar 9, 2022

Respectfully submitted by,


  
Sarah Mckean (Apr 11, 2022 20:42 EDT)

(Signature of Secretary of the Board)

Adopted by the SSU Board of Directors in the  
meeting of

April 11, 2022

(Date of Meeting)

  
Sarah Jewel (Apr 11, 2022 22:09 EDT)

(Signature of Board Chairperson)