

**McMaster Association of Part-Time Students
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
Thursday October 29, 2009 at 5:30 pm
MAPS Office Boardroom**

PRESENT Elaine Marion (Chair), Min-Ju Evans, Violet Wakeman-Ajandi
BY PROXY Jeanette Button, Rose O'Connor, Kate Pratas, Candace Waterkamp, Ian Walker
ABSENT None
STAFF Sam Minniti (Executive Director)
GUESTS None

CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING

A quorum of directors being present, Marion called the meeting to order.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE MINUTES

- Executive Director's Report
- Donation Request from Faculty of Social Sciences

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Wakeman-Ajandi, seconded by Evans to adopt the agenda.
Carried Unanimously.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Marion indicated that she had no formal written report given that the Executive Director's Report would highlight all of the same issues and meetings.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Minniti presented his written report (a copy annexed to the master copy of the minutes).

4. CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

Motion: Moved by Wakeman-Ajandi, seconded by Evans to move into closed session.
Carried Unanimously.

Motion: Moved by Wakeman-Ajandi, seconded by Evans to return to open session.
Carried Unanimously.

5. FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES DONATION REQUEST

Minniti indicated that he received a donation request via e-mail from Darlene Savoy, Administrative Assistant, School of Social Work, on behalf of the organizers of "Disabilities Awareness Day", an event designed to raise awareness about disability and to stimulate students to think about disability and people with disabilities in new ways via activities that present the diversity and complexity of both disability as a category and the lived experience of disability. Minniti indicated that the 2006-2007 MAPS Board of Directors had eliminated a donation line from the MAPS budget given that the majority of donation requests came from full-time students who were members of the McMaster Students Union (MSU), and therefore more appropriately funded by the MSU. Minniti indicated that he decided to bring this donation request forward given the rather distinct link to a particular cohort of part-time students: students with disabilities. Minniti noted that the School of Social Work is co-hosting an event with MSU Diversity Services titled "Disabilities Awareness Day" as part of "Diversity Week" to be held on Monday February 8, 2010. The request indicated that Dr. Charlotte Yates, Dean of Social Sciences, had kindly donated \$500.00 towards this event, and the organizers were wondering if MAPS could match this donation.

Marion indicated that this event seems like a good fit for part-time students with disabilities, but more information from the organizers about guest speakers and events would be helpful before a decision would be made.

Minniti indicated that he would contact Darlene Savoy in order to obtain more information in time for the next meeting.

Motion: Moved by Wakeman-Ajandi, seconded by Evans, that the Faculty of Social Sciences Donation Request be deferred until the next MAPS Board meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED / OTHER BUSINESS

There was no unfinished or other business.

7. TIME OF NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

Minniti indicated that the next meeting of the MAPS Board would take place on Thursday December 3, 2009. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.