

**McMaster Association of Part-Time Students  
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes  
Monday May 17, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.  
Room 230, McMaster University Student Centre**

**PRESENT** Min-Ju Evans, Rose O'Connor, Elaine Marion, Nathan Shaw, Violet Wakeman-Ajandi, Candace Waterkamp

**BY PROXY** Ian Walker (via Elaine Marion)

**ABSENT** Jeanette Button, Kate Pratas

**STAFF** Sam Minniti (Executive Director, Chair)

**CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING**

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

Since the existing chair of the Board of Directors, Elaine Marion, was standing for re-election as MAPS President, Minniti suggested that he chair the meeting so as to avoid any conflict of interest. The Board unanimously consented.

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE MINUTES**

- Executive Director's Report

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion:** Moved by Shaw, seconded by Evans to adopt the agenda.  
**Carried Unanimously.**

**2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

Of particular note for the minutes from the Executive Director's report, Minniti highlighted a recent Senate meeting where the Dean of Humanities, Dr. Suzanne Crosta, tried to close the Art History program. At this meeting, the Provost was asked by an undergraduate student Senator whether or not she and the Dean of Humanities had turned down prospective fundraising opportunities – as high as \$10,000,000 – and the Provost denied this from the Chair of Senate (since Dr. Peter George was away), essentially calling into question the integrity of Minniti and MAPS. Ultimately, this created a shockwave through Senate given that both MAPS and Minniti have a solid and credible reputation of being professional collaborators on campus. Ironically, the substantial amount of doubt that the Provost had instilled in Senators resulted in the motion failing with 15 in favour, 10 opposed, and 8 abstentions (given that the total number of those opposed and abstaining outweighed those in favour). Minniti also noted that the Dean of Humanities put forward a motion to reconsider at the very next Senate meeting. Procedurally, Minniti explained that the Dean required two-thirds of those present to place the Art History closure motion back on the agenda, and if that was achieved, only a simple majority would be required to close Art History. Minniti added that he spoke in opposition to the motion to reconsider and maintained that the Dean was merely hoping for a different outcome give a different composition of Senators and that this was nothing short of contempt for Senate. Ultimately, the motion to reconsider fell three votes shy of achieving a two-thirds majority.

### **3. ELECTION OF THE 2010-2011 MAPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **a) President**

**Motion:** Moved by O'Connor, seconded by Wakeman-Ajandi to open nominations for the position of President.  
**Carried Unanimously.**

O'Connor nominated Marion, Marion accepted.  
There were no other nominations.

**Motion:** Moved by Waterkamp, seconded by Shaw to close nominations for the position of President and ratify Elaine Marion as President for 2010-2011.  
**Carried Unanimously.**

#### **b) Vice-President (Internal)**

**Motion:** Moved by Marion, seconded by Wakeman-Ajandi to open nominations for the position of Vice-President (Internal).  
**Carried Unanimously.**

Marion nominated Waterkamp, Waterkamp accepted.  
There were no other nominations.

**Motion:** Moved by Shaw, seconded by Marion to close nominations for the position of Vice-President (Internal) and ratify Candace Waterkamp as Vice-President (Internal) for 2010-2011.  
**Carried Unanimously.**

#### **c) Vice-President (External)**

**Motion:** Moved by Marion, seconded by Waterkamp to open nominations for the position of Vice-President (External).  
**Carried Unanimously.**

Marion nominated Wakeman-Ajandi, Wakeman-Ajandi accepted.  
There were no other nominations.

**Motion:** Moved by Marion, seconded by Waterkamp to close nominations for the position of Vice-President (External) and ratify Violet Wakeman-Ajandi as Vice-President (External) for 2010-2011.  
**Carried Unanimously.**

#### **d) Treasurer**

**Motion:** Moved by Wakeman-Ajandi, seconded by Shaw to open nominations for the position of Treasurer.  
**Carried Unanimously.**

Minniti shared with the Board that he had a written statement from Jeanette Button accepting nomination for the position of Treasurer should someone nominate her since she was unable to attend the meeting.

Wakeman-Ajandi nominated Button, Button accepted in absentia (via her written statement). There were no other nominations.

**Motion:** Moved by Marion, seconded by Waterkamp to ratify Jeanette Button as Treasurer for 2009-2010.  
**Carried Unanimously.**

#### **4. ELECTION TO MAPS STANDING COMMITTEES**

Minniti highlighted the various standing committees of MAPS, their respective life cycles, responsibilities, and general time commitments. Minniti suggested it might be more efficient if the Board were to entertain nominations to all standing committees, and then ratify members in an omnibus fashion.

##### **a) Internal Committee**

Waterkamp nominated Evans, O'Connor, and Shaw. Evans, O'Connor, and Shaw accepted. There were no other nominations.

##### **b) External Committee**

Wakeman-Ajandi nominated Evans, O'Connor, and Shaw. Evans, O'Connor, and Shaw all accepted. There were no other nominations.

##### **c) Finance Committee**

O'Connor nominated Evans and Shaw. Evans and Shaw accepted. There were no other nominations.

**Motion:** Moved by Waterkamp, seconded by O'Connor to ratify in an omnibus fashion all individuals nominated to serve on the various MAPS Standing Committees.  
**Carried Unanimously.**

#### **5. ELECTION TO MCMASTER UNVIERSITY COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

Minniti highlighted the various McMaster University committees and boards, their respective life cycles, responsibilities, and general time commitments. Minniti suggested it might be more efficient if the Board were to entertain nominations to all McMaster University committees and boards, and then ratify members in an omnibus fashion.

##### **a) President's Advisory Committee on Building an Inclusive Community (PACBIC)**

There were no nominations. Minniti indicated that he would attend PACBIC meetings on behalf of the MAPS Board.

##### **b) President's Advisory Committee on Community Relations (PACCR)**

There were no nominations. Minniti indicated that he would attend PACCR meetings on behalf of the MAPS Board.

**c) President's Advisory Committee on Transportation & Parking (PACTP)**

There were no nominations. Minniti indicated that he would attend PACTP meetings on behalf of the MAPS Board.

**d) Student Code of Conduct**

O'Connor nominated Waterkamp, Waterkamp accepted.  
There were no other nominations.

**e) Senate Committee on Student Affairs**

O'Connor nominated Waterkamp, Waterkamp accepted.  
There were no other nominations.

**f) Titles Bookstore Advisory Board**

Evans nominated O'Connor, O'Connor accepted.  
There were no other nominations.

**g) Valedictorian Selection Committee**

Waterkamp nominated Evans, Evans accepted.  
There were no other nominations.

**Motion:** Moved by Waterkamp, seconded by Shaw to ratify in an omnibus fashion all individuals nominated to serve on the various McMaster University Committees & Board.  
**Carried Unanimously**

**6. UNFINISHED / OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished or other business.

**7. TIME OF NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT**

Minniti indicated that the next MAPS Board of Directors meeting would take place in conjunction with the Annual Board of Directors Retreat. Minniti informed the Board that he would e-mail everyone to solicit their availability and that the meeting would more than likely take place during a Saturday in July. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Motion:** Moved by Waterkamp, seconded by Wakeman-Ajandi to adjourn.  
**Carried Unanimously**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

During the years 2008 through 2012, the taking of minutes, recording of decisions of the Board, and other normal meeting procedures do not appear to have been followed or in accordance with best practices. However, various documents that appear to be unapproved minutes were found.

In August 2013, the Board of Directors (which was elected in February 2013 as part of a complete Board changeover) instructed that these unapproved minutes be made publicly available in order to advance the current Board's commitment to transparency and improved governance. However, these minutes may not be fully representative of the deliberations or subsequent actions of prior Boards, and the current Board is unable to determine their accuracy as none of the current members were present during these past meetings.

These minutes should thus be read with the following caveats:

1. Unless otherwise indicated, no record exists of these minutes being appropriately reviewed or approved. The minutes' contents are thus provided "as is" for information purposes only.
2. These minutes may accordingly not provide a full or accurate record of prior board decisions. These minutes should thus not be relied upon as authoritative or conclusive.
3. As none of the 2013 members were present, these minutes have not and will not be approved by the 2013 Board. The 2013 Board does not automatically agree with or accept any decisions or discussions that may be in these minutes.
4. For reference, as of 2013, minutes are now reviewed and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting, and signed by the presiding officer and corporate secretary.