

**McMaster Association of Part-Time Students  
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes  
Saturday July 10, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.  
Conestoga Room, The Stone Crock, St. Jacobs, Ontario**

**PRESENT** Min-Ju Evans, Jeanette Button, Elaine Marion (Chair), Rose O'Connor, Violet Wakeman-Ajandi, Ian Walker, Candace Waterkamp

**ABSENT** Kate Pratas, Nathan Shaw

**STAFF** Sam Minniti (Executive Director), Terri Jones (Office Administrator)

**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

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion:** Moved by Waterkamp, seconded by O'Connor 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 the showdown at the Board of Governors regarding the University Student Fees Committee (USFC) proposal to eliminate free tuition and supplementary fees for seniors (students aged 65 and over). Minniti noted that he had written a lengthy letter to the USFC and Finance Committee and had read the letter at Board of Governors meeting. Minniti added that the letter described a cascade of consequences that would have negative impacts on seniors including bursaries designed to offset tuition being considered income and therefore taxed, cuts from the federal government to seniors' Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) by 50% of the value of the bursary, a corresponding reduction or elimination of seniors' provincial Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS), the requirement that seniors pay a monthly increase in rent totalling 30% of the value of the bursary, and seniors risking continued eligibility for subsidized housing. Minniti added that several individuals on the Board of Governors spoke against the proposal to eliminate free tuition and supplementary fees for seniors, including Dr. Betty Ann Levy (McMaster University Retirees Association representative), Stanley Govenlock (graduate student representative) and Dr. John Berlinksy (McMaster University Faculty Association representative), the latter two of which were initially in favour of the proposal at the Finance Committee and lamented that MAPS' letter was not circulated and that a poor job was done summarizing it for the Finance Committee. Minniti concluded that in the end, the proposal was pulled entirely given that it was clearly going to fail given the plethora of individuals speaking against it.

Wakeman-Ajandi noted that she enjoyed attending the Board of Governors meeting with Minniti, even if she did not speak.

Minniti agreed and indicated that Wakeman-Ajandi's presence at the Board of Governors meeting literally put a face to the students that would be negatively affected by such an ill-conceived proposal.

Marion congratulated Minniti and Wakeman-Ajandi on a thoroughly excellent advocacy campaign.

### **3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Button presented a year-to-date update on the 2010 actuals.

### **4. UNFINISHED / OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished or other business.

### **5. TIME OF NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT**

Minniti indicated that the next meeting of the MAPS Board of Directors would be in the fall and that he would be soliciting Board members via e-mail in the month of September in order to ascertain which weeknight would be best for Board meetings. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**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.