



Minutes/Actes:

Meeting No: 46/10
Date: 11 July 2019
Time: 13:15 - 14:30
Venue: Conf. Room C
Quorum: 10/17 Units

46th Staff Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was quorate with 10 Units present at 13:26. Staff Council Chair Camille McKenzie chaired the meeting and Assistant Secretary Sarah M'Bodji took notes. Units present were: 06, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 30, 31, 33. The President and Second Vice-President were in attendance.

N.B.: One staff unit left the meeting before resolutions were voted upon, thus the voting reflects 9 units voting.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with no changes.

2. Adoption of previous minutes

Minutes of meeting no. 9 were not adopted and remained pending.

3. President's Report and Summary of Communications

A. Report: This week there was no formal Summary of Communications or written report. The President provided a verbal report of activities.

B. 3B UNHQ Gym: The President and Second Vice-President met with DOS to discuss having a committee and terms of reference in place for the gym, with the participation of Management, Staff and UNSRC members

C. G to P: The President had met with ASG Martha Helena López, OHR about G-to-P. They discussed various ideas and would continue the conversation with the ICSC. It was suggested to obtain lessons learned and brainstorm with the Unions from Agencies who have had success in this area.

D. By-Election: The President was keen on getting empty slots filled so all staff have staff reps. She suggested holding a by-election soon.

E. Staff Day: The President had an appointment at Tesla for discussion. In EB it was discussed to make sure we get an eco-friendly car because this is the grand prize.

F. SGB 2008/5: SGB on Abuse of Authority and Harassment. The president will circulate draft documents to the Council asking for comments.

A Council member asked the President if there were any significant changes to the document. She replied to say there are no significant changes, but still she encouraged all in the Council to review and provide comments on the new draft.

4. Executive Board Report

A Council member noted a difference in the amounts needed to purchase the screens between the EB report and the Council Resolution (3,000\$) and asked for a clarification from Leadership. The President clarified this was updated on the resolution, and incorrect on EB report

5. TV Monitors and Resolution

The President had worked with BCSS to put up monitors screening the FIFA Women's Championship. She suggested that the Union purchase its own monitors for its communications and campaigns. BCSS had offered to help procure them at a low price. .

The Assistant Secretary raised the prior Council idea of having a dedicated Communications Committee. The President and 2nd VP agreed that this was a good committee to establish. The president underscored how they could use the TV and videos to promote the reputation and work of the Union. The Assistant Secretary emphasized that the Union needs a strategy, plan and timeline for a coordinated campaign for Union Communications, in order to present its positions on issues and for promotions of ideas and initiatives. The Assistant Treasurer also supported this idea, stating that advertising is a very important component of the promotion of the Union, and underscored that the Staff Day needed advertising.

The Council moved to vote on the draft resolution on the TV monitor purchases and TV carts, as amended. *The resolution approved* UNSU funds in the amount of \$9,797.

The resolution was adopted unanimously as **RES/STC/46/09**.

6. 101 Estate Law Session for Staff

The Assistant Treasurer raised concerns about the timing of the basic estate trainings and stated that her concern is about delaying this until next year. Another opinion not to wait was raised by a Council member

It was suggested that the Council amended the Resolution to read “up to” \$ 2,000”. The resolution was amended.

The resolution was taken to a vote and was adopted as **RES/STC/46/10**, with 7 votes in favour, 1 vote against, and 1 abstention.

7. Staff Day

It was reported that we need more volunteers for Staff Day, 6 September 2019. The volunteer form had been sent out by Broadcast and only 30 volunteers had expressed interest. Another request for volunteers and request for participants will be send shortly.

8. Interns

It was reported that the new intern had started working in the UNSU office, while the President kept working on recruiting a G post and more interns. It was suggested that the Council should adhere to the TJO/JO hiring practices defined in the relevant rules.

9. Reports from Units

Nothing to report.

10. AOB

A member of the Council requested that a staff member be included to the membership of the Legal Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 14:30.
