

SA BOARD OF DIRECTORS Annual General Meeting

DATE: Friday, March 31, 2023

TIME: 2:00pm

Annual General Meeting

LOCATION: SA Muis Lounge

Attendance

SA Board of Directors

Board Chair:	Bryan Hearn
Board Secretary:	Sanjana Parameswaran
Board Treasurer:	Sarvan Ram Dharmshot
Director:	Daksh Bhavsar
Director:	Zac Perrett
Board Scribe:	Emily Cloutier

SA Staff

President:	Agum Wadhwa
Mgr. of Accounting & Admin:	Brian Foley
Mgr. of Student Engagement:	Daria Bolshakova
Human Resource Coordinator:	Dan Pelletier
Coordinator of Srvc & Operations:	Chris Moreland
Graphic & Tech Coordinator:	Ashley Goodwins
Marketing & Comm Coordinator:	Raquel Paredes
SA Voice Manager:	Sean Allan Ozeer

Guests

Interim President:	Melissa Greenham
CERO Assistant:	Kiruthika Mari
Pub Manager:	Terry McGinn
Board Member-Elect:	Kartikay Rawal
Board Member-Elect:	Paula Andrea Lizarazo Sanabria
Board Member-Elect:	Jasmeet Kaur
Board Member-Elect:	Parmeet Singh
Board Member-Elect:	Matt Chrétien
Special Honorarium Recipient:	Brandon Lyte
Special Honorarium Recipient:	Erin Lang
Special Honorarium Recipient:	Elmar Dionisio

Regrets

Director:	Faraz Haq
Director:	Dhaivat Chandramauli
Executive Director:	Beth Insley



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1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement 2:05PM

a. Quorum Call

- Bryan started the SASLCK Board of Directors Annual General Meeting (AGM) with a First Nations Land Acknowledgement, that SLC is situated on the traditional Lands of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We are grateful to live and learn on these lands.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest 2:05PM

N/A

3. Motion to Approve Agenda 2:06PM

Be it resolved that the membership of the SASLCK Board of Directors approve the Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion by Bryan

1st by Sanjana

2nd by Daksh

All in favor (7/7)

4. Motion to Approve Minutes of Last Meeting 2:06PM

Be it resolved that the membership of the SASLCK Board of Directors approve the Meeting Minutes of March 31st, 2022, AGM.

Motion by Bryan

1st by Zac

2nd by Daksh

All in favor (7/7)

5. Items for Discussion 2:07PM

President's Report – Agum (2:07 pm):

- Agum begins by discussing the events and activities Student Association (SA) has completed this year.
- Agum stated that as President he worked towards creating a positive change and worked towards achieving collaboration with different organizations outside the college.
- **The following outline activities Agum took part in over his time as President:**
 - Collaboration with United Way through college partnership, which raised significant funds to help the community. Participating in events run through the United Way and created a continuing partnership with United Way for the future.
 - Advocating for students during the fee protocol meeting. The committee worked hard to ensure that students' voices were heard. All students deserve affordable education, and the SA will continue to advocate for this.
 - Connecting with student governments and shared updates on different initiatives. Collaboration is key to achieving our goals, and the SA is happy to work alongside others to improve the student experience.
 - Agum was involved in the hiring process of VP Academics, St. Lawrence College, Tri-campus. He provided a student voice to the hiring committee and worked together to find the best candidate to meet the student community's needs.

- Throughout the year the SA organized a thrift sale and raised funds for our food pantry, but it also helped our students to buy multiple items at a cheaper price. They partnered with Khalsa Aid International, and they provided free winter jackets to our international students.
- Agum discussed student representation on campus and how they advocated for students throughout the year. Agum recognized the work of his team, and members of the SA. He recognized their work and was proud to work alongside each of them.
- Agum had the opportunity to represent our students and SA at multiple events, including Remembrance Day, Orientation Day, Open House, Breakfast Events, and Panel Discussions. He was fortunate to work closely with the communications department for any media coverage, and he enjoyed connecting with students directly during different events.
- Agum emphasized that the primary focus of the SA was always to connected with students and supporting their needs. The SA team worked hard to provide guidance and support through the SA, and students supported their food pantry through their projects. Additionally, the SA helped students with academic appeals and will continue to advocate for students' rights.
- In conclusion, Agum stated he is proud of all the work the SA accomplished this year as a team and is grateful for all the different opportunities and experiences he had during his time as president.
- Agum thanked Board of Directors for giving him the opportunity and thanked all the members of the Student Association for their support and commitment to improving the student experience.

Executive Director's Report – Brian (2:10 pm):

- Beth is absent, so Brian is completing the Executive Directors Report.
- Brian discusses the propose of Annual General Meetings (AGM), which is to bring in the new members of the Board of Directors, and to celebrate the years accomplishments.
- The SA works towards putting students first and making sure students wellbeing is top of mind.
- Brian discusses some of the highlights from the SA for the past year:
 - The SA partially renovated Muis Lounge over the past summer, with updating some of the elements within the lounge. The lounge will be full renovated over this coming something, which is something they are excited about and looking forward to the change.
 - Copy Centre is back up and running, with more students using this service than in the past. An increased use in copy Centre since returning back from online learning and having more students on campus.
 - The food pantry has an increase in use by students and has helped out many students when they needed it.
 - The SA hosted the 50th anniversary gold tournament last year. The team dedicated time to hosting and running that event which was a success.
- Brian thanked all the administrative staff and student staff for the hard work and dedication over the past year. It takes a good team to keep things operational, and it would not be possible without them.
- Brian recognized the current Board members for the hard work they have completed over the year; the year was not ideal and there were challenges along the way, but the Board worked together to manage those challenges. From the current Board, there are only two members returning and the other five members are moving on to bigger, better things. The SA is sad to see those members go but wish them best in the future.
- The handout provided to attendees includes all the information on the SA and the activities they took part in over the year. There is additional information on committees, events, faculty and many other things the SA has to offer to students.
- Brian discussed the successful re-opening of St. Larry's Pub in September. The Pub was closed during COVID and reopened this year for both the public and student body. The Pub has been very successful since the re-opening, and they look forward to seeing what the future of the Pub looks like.
- Brian presented gifts to the Board members who are leaving; the Board members who are moving on are Sanjana Parameswaran, Sarvan Dharmshot, and Bryan Hearn.

Board of Directors Report – Bryan (2:15 pm):

- Bryan is providing the Board of Directors Report for the year.
- The Board has been busy this year, and as a group they have completed a lot of work for students.
- The Board is working towards implementing changes in relation to their policies work, and this work began in January to allow for the new Board members to have a smoother transition when coming onto the Board.
- One of the main focuses of the BOD is to advocate for students, and the Board makes sure to do this in all the work they have completed.
- Bryan discussed the re-opening of the Pub, and how that has impacted student life. The Pub allows for a place for students to complete schoolwork, while also taking a break when needed. The events allow for students to become more engaged in student life and increase their college experience.
- The Board ran a By-Election in September to fill the two vacant seats. This election was a success and allowed the Board to return to full capacity.
- The Winter Elections that had occurred allowed for the five vacant seats to be filled. The CERO, Emily Cloutier allowed the elections to run smoothly. She provided recommendations to the Board on ways to change the election process, which will be reviewed next year. She also reviewed the current nomination package and made amendments to that document, which the Board approved for the next election. The Board thanks her for all her efforts and time she spent working on those two documents.
- The Board successfully hired a President for the next term. There was a number of Presidents over the academic year, which posed some difficulty during the year.
- Bryan recognized the work Sarvan completed with the E.L.F committee. Through this committee the Board was able to support student incentives for learning, the Board is sending two students to Portugal for the Business Venture.
- Bryan recognized the challenges the Board faced over the years; there was turnover in a few positions within the SA which caused communication issues, as well as a number of uncontrollable health issues impacted the year. The return to being back on campus was an adjustment for the Board as they had been used to online school for the past few years. The transition was difficult at first, however the Board managed to interact with students in the best way possible to increase student engagement.
- An additional challenge was running multiple elections throughout the year. There was the By-Election held in September as well as the regular elections in January. This puts more stress onto the Board and increases the workload for current Board members when the Board is not working at full capacity.
- Bryan discussed elements the Board worked on over the year. The Board worked on health insurance plans for students, reevaluating the elections process, reviewing elections policies, evaluation of both the Executive Director, and President, hiring of a new President, transitioning to a new Board, ELF fund awareness, assisting in appeals process and selecting candidates for the Honorarium.
- Bryan concluded the report by thanking all Board members, and SA staff for the hard work they completed over the year.

SA Engagement Report – Daria (2:20 pm):

- Daria is providing the overview of the activities the SA completed over the year in terms of student engagement.
- This year there was an increase in student enrollment, and there is an increase in student enrolment for the Summer Semester as well.
- For the 2023 year, there was a lot of planning done during the summer months to increase student engagement. There was over 2000 students welcomed on campus for the Fall Semester of this year.
- Events that happened over the year include Blue Jays game, Dirty Bingo, LovingSpoonful Presentation, Diwali event, Movie Nights, Thrift Shop, and many other events.
- For Christmas, there SA took part in assisting with the Great Gingerbread battle that is hosted by URSLC.
- In the new semester, there was orientation, a number of service/career fairs, clubs' days, etc. These events

allowed for students to increase their understanding of what the SA does and is all about.

- Other events include Spa Day Workshop, Talent Show, Subway Days, Meeting Sessions, Maple Madness.
- There were over 70 events held throughout the year.
- Clubs interested increased. There was a number of clubs that started this year as well as clubs continuing over from the previous year. There are 27 clubs, 11 which are new as of this year. Students were provided with more information on how they can create a club. Clubs can be created by requesting funding from the SA. The majority of the clubs are independent from the SA, and they host their own events internally through their club membership.
- Daria commented that it is good to see students using the funds provided to them to increase their learning, and engagement with the college.
- Daria had a personal note in her report; she thanked the SA team for how they have helped her over the past couple of years in her current role, and while she was Interim President. She thanked everyone for all they have done for her and is grateful for the opportunity she had.

6. Items for Discussion

2:28PM

New Directors – 2023/2024 – Bryan (2:28 pm):

- From the Elections, there was nine potential candidates. Five of these candidates moved on to become Board members, and the Board is happy with the members that are moving forward.

Be it resolved that the membership of the SASLCK Board of Directors approve the following five students (Matt Chrétien, Jasmeet Kaur, Parmeet Singh, Paula Andrea Lizarazo Sanabria, & Kartikay Rawal) to the Board of Directors of the Student Association of St. Lawrence College-Kingston, period which begins April 1st, 2023, until March 31st, 2024, or until the next AGM.

Motion by Bryan

1st by Zac

2nd by Sanjana

All in favor (7/7)

Directors Extensions – Bryan (2:29 pm):

- The Board can elect two members to return to the Board without taking part in the election process. Zac Perrett and Daksh Bhavsar are the two returning members for the 2023-2024 year.

Be it resolved that the membership of the SASLCK Board of Directors approves extending the term of office for directors (Zac Perrett and Daksh Bhavsar) for the 2023-2024 term as per bylaw 4.2.1.

Motion by Bryan

1st by Sarvan

2nd by Sanjana

All in favor (7/7)

President Hiring – Bryan (2:30 pm):

- For the hiring of a new President, there was four candidates interviewed. The Board recognized a lot of top talent during the interview process. Two candidates went through the second round of interviewing and lead to the decision of Melissa Greenham being chosen as the new President.

Be it resolved that the membership of the SASLCK Board of Directors approve Melissa Greenham as President of the Student Association of St. Lawrence College- Kingston, period which begins April 1st, 2023, until March 31st, 2024 or until the next AGM.

Motion by Bryan

1st by Zac

2nd by Sanjana

All in favor (7/7)

Honorarium – Bryan (2:31 pm):

- There are four categories for the Honorariums: Arts & Culture, News Maker, Community Involvement and Academics.
- Three of the four recipients received their awards.
- **Community Involvement – Erin Lang:**
 - Erin is a third-year student in the BPSYC program, though the demands of the program are quite rigorous, and Erin's significant responsibilities outside of school (she has 3 young children) she manages to continuously demonstrate commitment and passion for community involvement throughout her the three years at SLC. Volunteering her time at youth diversion as a camp leader for at-risk youth. Erin one on one mentors with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Kingston; she has been a mentor for the past 2 years despite the heavy study requirements of her program. Erin is a front person in a queer feminist band that aims to shed light on indigenous, LGBTQIAS2+, and feminist issues through the lyrical sharing of lived experiences and representation on stage. She and her bandmates create a safe and inclusive space for show-goers, aiming to create a music community that is representative of the diversity of voices within the community. Erin is known for mentoring BPSYC first-year students and creating meaningful relationships with many of her mentees. She volunteered to help with orientation and was selected to present to second-year students on her placement experience due to such success with her first one.
- **Arts & Culture – Brandon Lyte:**
 - Brandon has been working on programming events in St. Larry's pub throughout this year while in school full-time. He is constantly going above and beyond working so many hours every week to ensure the school and students have many events every demographic could enjoy. Through various events like open mic night, where he has empowered so many students to create a music community and showcase their talents. He's also brought in events like comedy, several different music acts, and even karaoke for the SLC Kingston students. He's helped this student population get in touch with their creative, artsy side, which has seen the result in the creation of a Musician's Guild club. He allows students an opportunity to showcase their talents to their peers and loved ones. His work has exceeded any regular expectations as a student employee and his contributions are being felt now, and in years to come for the Music and Arts population at SLC.
- **News Maker – Elmar Dionisio:**
 - Elmar Dionisio is a student leader, an active community volunteer and an excellent college ambassador. In the current and previous years, he has represented SLC in various activities and events on and off campus. He is the President of the French Club of SLC, a club that aims to promote social connections and bonds among French learners and French speakers in the college. He managed club activities like Casual Conversation Tuesday and French Fridays. Elmar is part of the Global Skills Opportunity Program funded by the government of Canada and SLC representing St. Lawrence College who went to the Technological University of the Shannon in Limerick, Ireland in the Fall Semester of 2022. Elmar has been featured in the School of Business at St. Lawrence College's next-best list for his leadership and cross-cultural competency. He has also appeared in the School of Business Next podcast as a guest. Finally, along with other students, he has been featured in the SLC College News: Newsletter & Website, School of Business newsletter and TUS International social media.
- **Academics – Madyson Fraser**
 - Madyson was not present to receive her award, but it will be provided to her.

Be it resolved that the membership of the SASLCK Board of Directors approve the SA Special Honorarium Winners for the 2022/2023 year. The Winners are Madyson Fraser (Academics), Erin Lang (Community Involvement), Brandon Lytle (Arts & Culture) & Elmar Dionisio (Elmar Dionisio).

Motion by Bryan

1st by Zac

2nd by Sanjana

All in favor (7/7)

Open Floor – Bryan (2:40 pm):

- Bryan opened the floor to anyone who wanted to comment or provided feedback.
- Sanjana provided a statement on her experience within the BOD/SA. She thanked everyone for the opportunity she has been given as a Board member. She is graduating this year and will not be returning to the Board. She provided feedback to the new Board members; making sure they are dedicated to the role and doing better for students throughout the whole year. She spoke about being proactive within the Board and making sure new Board members put students interests first.
- Bryan summarized the year; He recognized there is a lot of people who come together and make the SA work. This allows the school and the community to come together and is a great opportunity to take part of.

Be it resolved that the membership of the SASLCK Board of Directors dissolves the current Board members who are not returning.

Motion by Bryan

1st by Sanjana

2nd by Zac

All in favor (7/7)

Be it resolved that the membership of the SASLCK Board of Directors adjourns the Annual General Meeting for 2023.

1st by Zac

2nd by Sanjana

All in favor (7/7)

7. Next Meeting

2:45PM

March 2024

8. Adjournment

2:45PM