

SMUFU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

Date: October 31, 2025

Time: 10:00 am – 12 Noon

Location: SB 160/Via Zoom

Present: Quorum: 87 members in attendance (19 in person/68 virtual).
(SMUFU Bylaw #8.2 – Twenty members of the Faculty Union shall form a quorum of a Faculty Union meeting).

1. Call to Order and Welcome –
 - Introduction of SMUFU Executive
 - Introduction of Peter McInnis, CAUT Past President provided an update on various challenges currently impacting the post-secondary education system.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Approval of the Agenda (De Fuentes, M. Zhang – Carried).

3. Approval of the Minutes – Annual General Meeting – October 25, 2024

Motion: Approval of Minutes last year's AGM. (Petersen, Al Zaman, Carried).

4. President's Report – Cathy Conrad discussed and updated.

Motion: Saint Mary's University Faculty Union members formally request that a SMUFU representative be permitted to observe and be privy to meetings and communications about Bill-12/schedule H regulation planning between SMU and the Nova Scotia Department of Advanced Education and other provincial stakeholders. (Conrad, De Fuentes, Carried).

5. Lead Negotiator's Report – Bui Petersen updated.

6. Treasurer's Report - Claudia De Fuentes summarizes Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report – discussion.

Motion: "That the draft auditor's report from Belliveau Veinotte Inc. for the financial year ending on March 31, 2025 be accepted." (De Fuentes, Stretton, Carried).

7. Health & Wellness Trust Report - Robert Konopasky presented a brief update on the Health and Wellness Trust.

8. Grievance & Arbitration Report - Diego Rojas, Luke MacDonald present a verbal report regarding the following cases:

- 2024/03 (related to academic freedom): In the process of withdrawing
- 2024/04 (related to allotments): Very close to reaching an agreement.
- 2025/02 (closure of PhD program): Diego updated

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment