

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 05, 2015

Students' Union Building

1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

PRESENT

Melissa Gordon	President
Amber Storvold	Vice President External
Meshari Alanazi	Vice President Internal
Ryan Makar	Vice President Finance
Paige Bernard	Women's Representative
Sonya Charley	Aboriginal Representative
Julian Simpson	LGBTQ Representative
Rami Alzharani	Graduate Students' Representative
Abdullah Alosaiwan	Director-at-Large
Eric Rankin	Director-at-Large
Cameron Staff	Director-at-Large

REGRETS

Dana Prymak	International Students' Representative
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ABSENT

Noel Braganza	Director-at-Large
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STAFF

Nathan Lane	Executive Director
Alex McLellan	Research and Governance Coordinator
Natalie Reisle	Membership Development Coordinator
Abbey McAuley	Services Coordinator
Jillian Griffin	Campaigns and Outreach Coordinator

2) Approval of the Agenda

- 2.1) MOTION
ALANAZI/SIMPSON

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the agenda as presented
CARRIED

3) Approval of the Minutes

- 3.1) MOTION
STORVOLD/RANKIN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the April 21, 2015
Board of Directors meeting
CARRIED

3.2) MOTION
BERNARD/ALOSHAIWAN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the April 20, 2015 and April 27, 2015 Executive Committee meetings

CARRIED

4) **Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

5) **Presentations**

TRUSU Grant Application #2015-31 – Understanding Meditation & Dynamics of Conflict: Developing Dispute Resolution Skills (Jennifer Friend)

Michael Crawford, the application validator, presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of eleven Social Work students at the workshop put on by the regional chapter of the BC Association of Social Workers. This is an annual event, open to students and community social workers, which regularly sells all available seats. A quarter of the seats are reserved for students and student registration fees are discounted. The presenter, Shelina Neallani, holds degrees in both Social Work and Law, and practices mediation. Mediation is an area of growing interest in Social Work and is a current gap in the TRU curriculum. Attendees will gain knowledge and introductory skills in mediation. The grant would cover registration fees. Attendance at the event has always received Comprehensive University Enhancement Fund support. Students fundraised for a similar workshop in the Fall semester, but not for this one due to limited costs.

TRUSU Grant Application #2015-30 – The 58th Annual Symposium of the International Association of Vegetative Science: Understanding Broad-Scale Vegetative Patterns (Sabina Donnelly)

Donnelly presented the request for the grant to support her attendance at the conference. She will present a poster and lecture based on two chapters of her Masters research, which she hopes to have published in the journal associated with conference. This is the largest conference in the field and provides a great opportunity for networking; in the past, members of the Master of Science lab have benefited from similar opportunities. Donnelly has also registered for a course at the conference, which addresses statistical software designed specifically for this field.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-27 – Spatial Statistics: Emerging Patterns (Heather Richardson)

Richardson presented the request for a grant to support her attendance at the conference, an international event organized by a journal publisher. Richardson will present a poster on her Masters thesis entitled “Modeling and Mapping Soil

Carbon in the Grasslands of BC". The conference is an opportunity to showcase her work, hear from leaders in the field, and network with professionals.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-26 – World Expo 2015: Feeding the World, Energy for Life (Nic Zdunich)

Zdunich was not in attendance to present

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-20 – Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Sciences (CBBCS) 25th Annual Meeting (Lisa Hodges)

Hodges presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of two students at the conference. Three other students will be attending with alternate funding support. This is the largest conference in Canada for this field. Hodges recently completed her honours thesis and will presenting a related poster. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with graduate professors in preparation for pursuing further education, and with professionals for career purposes.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-29 – Enactus Canada National Exposition (Gontran Nzobonimpa)

Nzobonimpa presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of sixteen students at the event. The event is a competition at which the Enactus Club will present on the projects and programs it runs in the community. It will also be an opportunity to network with other students in workshops and attend career fairs; attendees in past have secured jobs through the event. The Club advanced to this National Exposition based on their performance at the Western Canada Regional Exposition. They will have the chance to advance to the World Exposition, which includes students from Enactus clubs in thirty-six other countries.

6) **Committee Reports**

Campaigns Committee

Nothing to report

Services Committee

Nothing to report

Entertainment Committee

Nothing to report

Equity Committee

Nothing to report

Policy Committee

Nothing to report

Executive Committee

Gordon reported that new Executives are being oriented to the office, and will prepare to lead planning in their respective committees shortly.

7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

Student Caucus

Gordon reported that revisions to the Examinations Policy instigated by the Student Caucus will be considered by a series of Senate committees this week. The revisions are intended to ensure that students have the opportunity to effectively demonstrate mastery of course learning outcomes, and include expanding the regulation of final exam scheduling and clarifying regulations and accommodations for mid-term exam scheduling.

8) Canadian Federation of Students Report

9) Finance Report

10) Staff Report

11) Old Business

12) New Business

12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *STAFF/MAKAR*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-31 \$825.00 to attend the Understanding Meditation & the Dynamics of Conflict: Developing Dispute Resolution Skills conference on May 29, 2015

CARRIED

12.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *SIMPSON/RANKIN*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-30 \$1000.00 to attend the 58th Annual Symposium of the International Association of Vegetative Science: Understanding Broad-scale Vegetative Patterns conference on July 19-24, 2015

CARRIED

12.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *BERNARD/ALOSHAIWAN*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-27 \$1000.00 to attend the Spatial Statistics: Emerging Patterns conference on June 09-12, 2015

CARRIED

12.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
MAKAR/BERNARD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-20 \$2000.00 to attend the Canadian Society for Brain, Behavior, and Cognitive Sciences 25th Annual Meeting on June 05-07, 2015

CARRIED

12.5) MOTION – HONORARIA
ALANAZI/RANKIN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of March 26 – April 22, 2015

CARRIED

12.6) MOTION – 2015/2016 SIGNING AUTHORITIES
SIMPSON/STORVOLD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint President Melissa Gordon, Vice President External Amber Storvold, Vice President Internal Meshari Alanazi, and Vice President Finance Ryan Makar as the signing authorities for the 2015/16 term

CARRIED

12.7) MOTION – 2015/2016 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
BERNARD/MAKAR

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2015/16 Board Appointment Reports as presented

CARRIED

12.8) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
STAFF/MAKAR

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-29 \$5000.00 to attend the Enactus Canada National Exposition on May 11-13, 2015

CARRIED

13) Meeting Time

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – 4:00PM

14) Notices of Motion

15) In Camera Section (if needed)

16) Adjournment

16.1) MOTION
CHARLEY/RANKIN

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

CARRIED