

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Students' Union Building

1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

PRESENT

Melissa Gordon	President
Eric Rankin	Vice President Internal
Ryan Makar	Vice President Finance
Sonya Charley	Aboriginal Representative
Julian Simpson	LGBTQ Representative
Rami Alzahrani	Graduate Students' Representative
Abdullah Alosaiwan	Director-at-Large
Noel Braganza	Director-at-Large
Mwansa Kaunda	Director-at-Large
Cameron Staff	Director-at-Large

REGRETS

Amber Storvold	Vice President External
Dana Prymak	International Students' Representative

ABSENT

Paige Bernard	Women's Representative
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STAFF

Nathan Lane	Executive Director
Alex McLellan	Research and Governance Coordinator
Natalie Reisle	Membership Development Coordinator
Abbey McAuley	Services Coordinator
Dylan Robinson	Equity Coordinator

2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION KAUNDA/SIMPSON

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

3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION RANKIN/BRAGANZA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the December 01, 2015 Board of Directors meeting
CARRIED

3.2) MOTION
STAFF/CHARLEY

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the November 30, 2015 and December 07, 2015 Executive Committee meetings

CARRIED

4) **Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

General Event Grant Report 2015-GE-010 Gurpurab

General Event Grant Report 2015-GE-015 Green Chemistry Initiative Workshop

General Event Grant Report 2015-GE-016 Semester Wrap Up Film Premiere

5) **Presentations**

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-060 Self Assigned Drama Study (Robert Elon Newstrom)

Newstrom presented the request for a grant to support his attendance at three plays at the Resource Centre for the Arts in St. John's, Newfoundland. These plays will be covered in courses Newstrom is enrolled in for the Winter 2016 semester.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-062 2016 International Forum (Kenna Sim)

Sim presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of six students, members of the WUSC TRU Club, at the conference in Ottawa on January 22 and 23. The conference is an initiative of World University Service Canada (WUSC) and the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CISC). The conference is focused on ideas and best practices in international development and role Canada can play. The specific theme this year is "Inclusive Economies. Sustainable Societies." Attendees will participate in workshops and networking as well as voting as a local Chapter in the WUSC Annual Assembly. Specifically, attendees hope to learn more about the process and strategies for successful student refugee sponsorship and Club continuity.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-059 Mineral Exploration Roundup (Steve Mitchell)

Mitchell was not in attendance to present the request

6) **Committee Progress Reports**

Campaigns Committee

No report

Services Committee

No report

Entertainment Committee

Nothing to report

Equity Committee

Rankin reported that the committee sent a delegation to attend a December 6th, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women event hosted by the TRU Faculty Association.

The committee is preparing its next event, an International Beer and Wine Tasting and Seminar, to be held in March as part of International Days. A venue and liquor licensing has been secured, and the committee will be selecting beverages to serve and determining the various cultural, economic, and political significances.

The committee is determining its meeting schedule for the Winter 2016 semester.

Policy Committee

Nothing to report

Executive Committee

Gordon reported that the Executive appointed a student to the Degree Works Steering Committee.

7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

Student Caucus

Gordon reported that the Student Caucus had a successful Fall semester and is expecting many improvements in the student experience to be realized through its work in the upcoming semester.

The semester began with a strong recruitment drive that led to over 40 students being appointed to committees across the institution with 98% of positions filled. Caucus members are enthusiastic and dedicated to representing their peers.

The Caucus has also made progress on a number of projects. It contributed to a review of the Exam Policy, and improvements to final and mid-term exam scheduling is expected in Winter 2016. It contributed to the review of the Policy on Policy Development and Approval, and improved protections of the rights of students are expected in Winter 2016. The Caucus participated in a comprehensive TRU student services review, and will help to prioritize recommendations from the review to improve the student experience. Finally, the Caucus submitted a parking proposal that would provide more flexible, convenient, and affordable parking options. While the issue has been

contentious, there has been a strong debate on campus and decisions on any changes are expected in January 2016.

The Caucus also addressed the unexpected issue of potential job action due to collective bargaining between TRU and the Faculty Association. Members attended a special meeting of the Senate, which served to provide advice to the Board of Governors on changes to the academic and exam schedules in the event of job action. The Board then authorized the President to make any changes if necessary, and students' needs will be the top consideration.

In the next semester, the Caucus will focus on two major projects. First, it will hold the annual student budget consultation. Second, it will work with TRU to ensure full implementation of student course evaluations for every course, every time.

8) **Canadian Federation of Students Report**

9) **Finance Report**

10) **Staff Report**

Health and Dental Report 2015/16 Quarter 1

McAuley provided an outline of the Extended Health and Dental Plan including the insurance provider, enrollees, opt in provisions, and the period of coverage.

McAuley provided an outline of the quarterly report. The report covers the period from September 01 to November 30 and reports claims paid to students, premiums paid to the insurer, and loss ratios across the dental, drug, and extended health services sections of the plan; as well as academic and vocational headcounts for enrolment on the plan.

An ideal loss ratio is 89%, ensuring that student enrollees maximize the benefits received through claims while allowing the insurer to cover costs without increases in premiums. The Quarter 1 loss ratio is significantly lower, but this is typical for the first quarter of the year, as students tend to make the majority of claims in the third quarter when they become more familiar with the plan and seek benefits before coverage expires. Further monitoring will be necessary to confirm this trend.

11) **Old Business**

12) **New Business**

12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
ALZHRANI/SIMPSON

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-060 \$1,000.00 to attend the Self Assigned Drama Study Conference on January 08 – February 08, 2016

CARRIED

12.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
RANKIN/STAFF

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-062 \$4,710.00 to attend the International Forum on January 22-23, 2016

CARRIED

12.3) MOTION – HEALTH AND DENTAL REFERENDUM TIMELINE
STAFF/BRAGANZA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2015/16 Health and Dental referendum timeline:

Notice of Referendum	December 21, 2015
Campaign Starts	January 11, 2016
Polling	February 09-11, 2016

CARRIED

12.4) MOTION – HEALTH AND DENTAL REFERENDUM QUESTION
KAUNDA/SIMPSON

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2015/16 Health and Dental referendum question:

Be it resolved that international students be added to the TRUSU Extended Health and Dental Plan at a cost of \$248.00 per plan year.

CARRIED

12.5) MOTION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATE
KAUNDA/RANKIN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors set the 2015/16 Annual General Meeting date for Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:00PM

CARRIED

12.6) MOTION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
STAFF/ALOSHAIWAN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the following agenda for the 2015/16 Annual General Meeting:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Presentation of the Annual Report
4. Presentation of the 2014/2015 Audited Financial Statements
5. Appointment of the Auditor
6. Presentation of the 2015/2016 Budget
7. Special Resolutions

CARRIED

12.7) MOTION – RECOMMENDATION TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SIMPSON/BRAGANZA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors recommend for adoption at the January 28, 2016 Annual General Meeting the following motion:

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV Article 6 Clause a) v. and f) be deleted

CARRIED

12.8) MOTION – RECOMMENDATION TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SIMPSON/CHARLEY

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors recommend for adoption at the January 28, 2016 Annual General Meeting the following motion:

Be it resolved that Bylaw VI Article 1 Clause b) iii. be amended to read Vice President Equity; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XI Article 1 Clause b) be amended to read Vice President Equity; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XIII Article 2 be amended to read:

2. The Vice President Equity shall
 - a) oversee the equity work of the Union;
 - b) chair the Equity Committee of the Union;
 - c) be a member of the Student Caucus
 - d) act as a signing authority of the Union

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XIII Article 4 Clause e) be deleted

CARRIED

12.9) MOTION – HONORARIA REPORT
CHARLEY/RANKIN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of November 19 – December 02, 2015

CARRIED

13) Meeting Time

Tuesday, January 12, 2015 – 4:00PM

14) Notices of Motion

15) In Camera Section (if needed)

16) Adjournment

16.1) MOTION
RANKIN/STAFF

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned
CARRIED