

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Students' Union Building

1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

PRESENT

Melissa Gordon	President
Amber Storvold	Vice President External
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

Eric Rankin	Vice President Internal
Dana Prymak	International Students' Representative

ABSENT

Ryan Makar	Vice President Finance
Paige Bernard	Women's Representative

STAFF

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

2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION STAFF/KAUNDA

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

3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION

ALOSHAIWAN/CHARLEY

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the March 08, 2016, Board of Directors meeting

CARRIED

3.2) MOTION

BRAGANZA/SIMPSON

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the February 23; March 01; March 08; and March 15, 2016 Executive meetings

CARRIED

4) Correspondence

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

Conference Grant Report – 2015-CG-065 – IFSA Canadian American Regional Meeting

Conference Grant Report – 2015-CG-049 – Healing Our Spirit Worldwide

Conference Grant Report – 2015-CG-071 – 2016 Rosa Bruno-Jofra Symposium in Education

Conference Grant Report – 2015-CG-070 – Pacific Cup

Conference Grant Report – 2015-CG-067 – Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference

Educational Event Grant Report – 2015-EE-007 – Chinese Festival New Years Dinner

General Event Grant Report - 2015-GE-020 – Environmental and Human Rights Negotiation Competition

General Event Grant Report – 2015-GE-027 – Colour of Something: A Phenomenological Approach to Art Analysis

Educational Event Grant Report – 2015-EE-002 – Diwali Mela 2015

5) Presentations

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-089 North American Ornithological Conference (Jackson Kusack)

Kusack presented the request for a grant to support his attendance at the conference in Washington DC in August. The conference brings together over two thousand experts and students. Kusack will present his honours thesis on radio frequency identified feeders used to track birds on campus. He hopes to network to expand his project to other universities and add their data to his system.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-091 Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Kelcey Shinkewski)

Shinkewski presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of three students at the conference in Forest Grove, Oregon on April 15-16. The conference is international in scope. The three attendees will present on the following topics: the Ethics of Syrian Refugees, the Philosophy of Knowledge, and Nietzsche. Travel estimates are in United States dollars.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-092 Different Games (Ana Bayona)

Bayona presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of three students at the conference in New York on April 08-09. The attendees are third-year Fine Arts students and one of their peers is presenting. The conference explores how games work in our world, influence our lives, and can be used for social change. The student who is presenting will also present at TRU in the Fall. The attendees expect to learn and grow personally.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-093 Industry Field Trip (Bradley Birkedal)

Birkedal presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of twelve students at the conference in Vancouver on May 02-04. Attendees will tour wholesale meat processing facilities. There are currently undertaking a nine-month apprenticeship, and it would be beneficial to see the full process of the industry. It will both increase the attendees' appreciation of sourcing and products and prepare them to seek work after graduation. The Retail Meat Cutting Program had always secured funds for this field trip through the Comprehensive University Enhancement Fund.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-094 HRMAX (Alex Wheele)

Wheele presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of seven students at the conference in Vancouver on April 26-27. The conference is hosted by the professional association with which the attendees will hope gain certification. It consists of a wide range of workshops that attendees can choose among. TRUSU HRM Club members attended last year and brought back knowledge that enriched the Club and the studies. The Club is also holding bottle drive fundraiser in April to support attendance.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-095 BC Teal (Annie Slizak)

Slizak presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of eleven students at the conference at SFU on April 28-30. All attendees are Teaching English as a Second Language students. The conference included speakers, workshops, professional development, poster series, etc. It would be a good opportunity for new teachers to learn about the profession and to network.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-028 Community Kitchen (Talwinder Kaur)

Kaur presented the request for a grant to support hosting the event on campus on March 24. The event will mark Holla Mahalla, an annual Sikh festival, that has

evolved to feature everything from sports to poetry. The event aims to share this culture and history. A student with Foodsafe certification will oversee the food preparation.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-030 Rang De Basanti 7 (Robin Singh Parmar)

Singh Parmar presented the request for a grant to support hosting the event on campus on March 26. The event has been hosted by the TRUSU India Club for six consecutive years, and is one of the most celebrated events in India. It is intended to be enjoyed by everyone and a chance to relax at the end of the semester. A student with Foodsafe certification will oversee the food preparation, which will be undertaken in a Foodsafe facility by many other with certification. The large shortfall the budget is a result of not including anticipated TRU World sponsorship. The cost per participant is high, because as the most celebrated event in India, the Club wanted to provide participants with everything free. Further, the attendance is expected to be higher than originally projected. Security has been an issue at past India Club events, and additional security will be added as necessary.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-032 Brew Off and Roast (Kile McKenna)

McKenna presented the request for a grant to support hosting the event on campus on April 01. The event is hosted by the Chemistry Biochemistry Club and will be the 25th annual. It provides a social event at the end of the year. Because ticket prices are expensive, the Club would use the grant to subsidize student tickets. The event has sold out in last three years with one hundred attendees. The Club is trying to build participation to one hundred fifty students and include other Clubs. There are sponsors that provide draw prizes, but none yet have made cash donations.

6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee

Douglass reported that the Campaigns Plan for the current year is complete. The committee is now working on developing orientation materials for its successor members in the upcoming year. The orientation will provide an understanding of the structure and processes of the committee and the Union as well as information about potential content of campaigns.

Services Committee

McAuley reported that the committee is working on logistics to implement the successful results of the referendum to add international students to the Health and Dental Plan.

The committee has also begun a review of the current year in preparation for the planning process for the upcoming year.

Entertainment Committee

Lane reported that the committee is working on its one outstanding item from the Entertainment Plan, the Last Class Bash.

The Last Class Bash will be held on the last day of classes, April 08, beginning at 11:00AM. It will consist of a beverage garden and free pizza. This year, the committee has taken the opportunity provided by changes to liquor laws to partner with TRU Facilities to use internal fencing; this will significantly reduce the cost of the event. The committee is also in the final stages of negotiating a sponsorship agreement with Red Collar Brewing, but issues arising from the fact that liquor licensing is held by the campus food provider remain outstanding.

There have been requests in the past for a corresponding all ages event. The Intercultural Council hosted the all ages Lumberjack Games last year and is expected to do so again.

The capacity of the event is based on the liquor license and size of secured location. The liquor inspector will provide the capacity, but the committee anticipates no change from the 300 capacity last year.

The range of beverages available will depend on the outcome of the sponsorship arrangement with Red Collar Brewing and the campus food provider.

Equity Committee

Robinson reported that the committee has been focused on hosting the final event in the Equity Plan, the International Beer Tasting and Seminar, hosted on March 16. The event aimed to promote an understanding and appreciation of the diversity of beer cultures. It consisted of five educational seminars hosted by Red Beard Café and Red Collar Brewing, and nine tastings of international and craft beers. All goals for the event from the Equity Plan were met including the five educational seminars and over 250 happy attendees. As this was the first time hosting the event, a number of logistical and other recommendations have been documented should the event be held again.

In the coming day, the committee's focus will shift to the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Task Force. The Task Force is expected to announce a draft policy soon, and the committee will review it to ensure the protection of students and a fair process.

Policy Committee

Lane reported that the end of the academic year is an opportunity to have conversations with stakeholders about the Union's processes and structures. In April, the committee has typically brought policy revisions to the Board based on those consultations. Currently, those consultations for this year are taking place.

Executive Committee

Lane reported on delegations and on allocations for the TRUSU Grants Program.

The Executive sent a delegation to the International Women's Day Luncheon hosted by the TRUFA Status of Women Committee on March 10. The event was successful, the Union's participation was beneficial, and no follow up is required.

The Executive has selected a delegation to attend the Kamloops Islamic Association Syrian Refugee Welcome and Fundraising Dinner on April 02.

At the last meeting, the Board requested that the Executive explore options to address the challenge posed by the TRUSU Grants Program allocations. As of March 17, the Board has allocated 96.7% of the budgeted allocation for conferences, 31.4% for general events, 59.9% for educational events, and only 0.9% for Faculty lectures. The first option is to continue with the status quo, which would require that, after grants awarded at this meeting, no further conference grant applications would be accepted. The second option is that the Board deliberately overspend on conference grants by \$25,000 and underspend on Faculty lecture grants by \$25,000. If that new limit on conference grants was reached before the end of the fiscal year, no further conference grant applications would be accepted. The Board would report to the membership that the overspending and under spending in the categories was a function of operating the program for the first time. The Board indicated a consensus agreement to pursue the second option.

7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

Student Caucus

McLellan reported on three initiatives from the Student Caucus Plan.

The Student Budget Consultation Town Hall was held on March 09. The Town Hall served to investigate key themes identified in the survey. There was a fulsome discussion of those themes leading to a better understanding of what concerns students have and how they might best be addressed. The next step will be a thorough analysis of the Town Hall results leading to the production of the Student Budget Consultation Report 2017/18 to be submitted to TRU for the next budget development cycle.

The parking issue continues to progress slowly. The Parking Appeals and Advisory Committee met on March 15. As reported at the last meeting, the committee had developed a general consensus on a new model for parking. At the March 15 meeting, the committee affirmed that model, but did not make final recommendations for implementation. That decision is now expected to be delayed until early May.

The student course evaluations period has begun for this, the first semester in which all students can complete evaluations for each one of their courses. The period began on March 21 and will continue until the last day of classes on April 08. Evaluations are accessed in a students' MyTRU account, but are password protected. Each instructor must provide students in a course a unique password to the evaluation of that course and provide class time to complete it. The Student Caucus is promoting and supporting student participation. A comprehensive information guide has been posted on the Union website, an email was sent to all members taking a course in this semester, and a social media campaign will provide reminders throughout the period. Finally, the Student Caucus contact information has been provided to ensure any issues can be resolved and to receive students' feedback on their experiences with course evaluations so that improvements can be made in future semesters.

8) **Canadian Federation of Students Report**

9) **Finance Report**

10) **Staff Report**

11) **Old Business**

12) **New Business**

12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
STAFF/CHARLEY

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-089 \$1,000.00 to attend the North American Ornithological Conference August 16-20, 2016

CARRIED

12.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
KAUNDA/ALOSHAIWAN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-091 \$1,610.00 to attend the Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference on April 15-16, 2016

POSTPONED

12.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
ALOSHAIWAN/STORVOLD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-092 \$1,715.00 to attend the Different Games Conference on April 08-09, 2016

DEFEATED

12.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
KAUNDA/SIMPSON

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-093 \$1,600.00 to attend the Industry Field Trip on May 02-04, 2016

CARRIED

- 12.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
KAUNDA/STORVOLD
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-094 \$3,432.80 to attend the HRMAX Conference on April 26-27, 2016
CARRIED
- 12.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
STORVOLD/CHARLEY
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-095 \$4,578.75 to attend BC TEAL Conference on April 28-30, 2016
DEFEATED
- 12.7) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
BRAGANZA/STAFF
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-028 \$450.00 to host the Community Kitchen Event on March 24, 2016
CARRIED
- 12.8) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
STORVOLD/BRAGANZA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-030 \$1,000.00 to host Rang De Basanti 7 on March 26, 2016
DEFEATED
- 12.9) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
CHARLEY/BRAGANZA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-032 \$998.50 to host the Brew Off and Roast Event on April 01, 2016
CARRIED
- 12.10) MOTION – HONORARIA REPORT
CHARLEY/SIMPSON
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of February 25, 2016 – March 09, 2016
CARRIED
- 13) Meeting Time**
Tuesday, April 05, 2016 – 4:00PM
- 14) Notices of Motion**
- 15) In Camera Section (if needed)**

16) Adjournment

16.1) MOTION

SIMPSON/STAFF

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

CARRIED