

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 09, 2016

Students' Union Building

1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

PRESENT

Melissa Gordon	President
Amber Storvold	Vice President External
Ryan Makar	Vice President Finance
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
Sonya Charley	Aboriginal Students' Representative
Dana Prymak	International Students' Representative

ABSENT

Paige Bernard	Women's Representative
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STAFF

Nathan Lane	Executive Director
Natalie Reisle	Membership Development Coordinator
Abbey McAuley	Services Coordinator
Dylan Robinson	Equity Coordinator

2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION
KAUNDA/ALOSHAIWAN

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

3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION
SIMPSON/BRAGANZA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the January 26, 2016,
Board of Directors meeting
CARRIED

3.2) MOTION
STORVOLD/KAUNDA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the January 26, 2016 and February 02, 2016 Executive Committee meetings

CARRIED

4) **Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

5) **Presentations**

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-EE-009 TRU Traditional Powwow (Salsa Manuel)

Manuel presented, on behalf of the Aboriginal Drum Circle Club, the request for a grant to support the hosting of the annual Traditional Pow Wow on campus on March 19-20. The Club has partnered with TRU World to have the event advertised during International Days. Security concerns raised by the Dean of Students have been addressed, and volunteer security will be present.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-020 Environmental and Human Rights Negotiation Competition (Danielle Oliver)

Oliver presented the request for a grant to support the hosting of the event on campus on February 25. It is modeled after the UBC ELG Environmental Negotiation students attended last semester. Teams will negotiate a real Kamloops issue, the Ajax mine, addressing different issues that have arisen from that project initiation, and lawyers from the community will act as judges. Because the "judges" will come from the local community, there is no travel or accommodation costs to be covered, but a small gift will be provided to each in recognition of their time.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-021 TRU Political Science Club Mixer (Brayden Wilson)

Wilson presented the request for a grant to support the hosting of the event in downtown Kamloops on February 11. The event is a Political Science mixer at Pizza Pi with the mandate to promote student and faculty engagement. Three faculty members will speak about how to advance academically.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-022 TRU Aboriginal Awareness Week Round Dance (Melvin James)

James presented the request for a grant to support hosting the TRU Round Dance in Kamloops on February 27-29 to bring a better relationship between TRU and the surrounding communities and to bring awareness about Aboriginal peoples. The event will begin with a pipe ceremony, followed by dancing and singing. Round dances were originally Cree events meant to bring Aboriginal communities together and the organizers want to continue to bridge the gap

between communities. It will be open to all students and community members and will be advertised on and off campus.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-066 Winter Meeting of Forestry Students (Luca Leslie)

Leslie was not in attendance to present the request for a grant.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-068 2016 Enactus Canada Regional Exposition Western Canada (Dexter Armstrong)

Armstrong presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of 21 students at the conference in Calgary on March 3-4. The Regional Exposition is an annual event of Enactus, a local and national organization. The students study in four different Faculties, and will compete in four different programs against Enactus groups from western Canada. The programs include the TD Entrepreneurship Challenge, the Scotiabank Youth Empowerment Challenge, the Scotiabank EcoLiving Green Challenge, and the Capital One Financial Education Challenge.

Fundraising includes a dinner for which tickets are starting to sell, and a School of Business and Economics student engagement grant that has not been confirmed yet. Individual student sponsorships are also being explored.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-069 2016 2016 Island Regional Conference at ICA Victoria (Jason Pain)

Pain presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of four students at the conference in Victoria on February 20. The conference will be an opportunity to network with professionals and learn different strategies in the field of teaching English as a second language. Three students are currently completing their practicum, so this will be a good experience for them.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-070 Pacific Cup 2016 (Eli Zbar)

Zbar presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of two students at a debate conference at UBC on February 12-15. This is an annual conference to bring debate teams together to compete, and would provided the needed training to be able to compete at a national level. The students have competed with UBCO, but want more experience. With this attendance, they hope to launch a bid to host the Pacific Cup next year at TRU.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-071 2016 Rosa Bruno-Jofré Symposium in Education (Hasan Kettaneh)

Kettaneh presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of two students at the conference at Queens University on February 24-27. The students would present their research theses on localization and international student retention and racialized indigenous leaders and their experiences in leadership. This would be the first time TRU has sent attendees and would be a good way to promote graduate studies at TRU outside of BC.

6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee

Nothing to report

Services Committee

Makar reported that the committee remains focused on promoting the referendum to add international students to the Union's extended health and dental plans. Today was the first day of voting with polls open from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Polling will be open 8:00AM to 8:00PM tomorrow and 8:00AM to 4:00PM on Thursday. All members are encouraged to cast a ballot.

Entertainment Committee

Nothing to report

Equity Committee

Nothing to report

Policy Committee

Nothing to report

Executive Committee

Gordon reported that, during Reading Break, the Students' Union Building hours of operation will remain as usual, but Common Grounds will not be open.

7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

Student Caucus

Gordon reported on progress on the annual Student Budget Consultation and on course evaluations.

The Caucus is encouraging students to participate in the survey portion of the Student Budget Consultation, with a focus on ensuring a valid representation of the student population. The survey closes on February 12.

On course evaluations, progress has been made on both the questions and the administrative system. Recommendations on questions have been made by the Teaching and Learning Committee and will be next considered by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee before being passed on to Senate for final approval. Information Technology has developed a system to populate course evaluation surveys in each student's MyTRU online portal for easy and universal access.

8) Canadian Federation of Students Report

9) Finance Report

10) Staff Report

11) Old Business

12) New Business

12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
SIMPSON/BRAGANZA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-EE-009 \$5,000.00 to host the TRU Traditional Powwow event on March 19-20, 2016

CARRIED

12.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
MAKAR/ALOSHAIWAN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-020 \$1,000.00 to host the Environmental and Human Rights Negotiation Competition on February 25-26, 2016

CARRIED

12.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
STORVOLD/KAUNDA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-021 \$1,000.00 to host the TRU Political Science Club Mixer event on February 11, 2016

CARRIED

12.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
KAUNDA/BRAGANZA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-022 \$1,000.00 to host the TRU Awareness Week Round Dance event on February 27-29, 2016

CARRIED

12.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
STAFF/ALOSHAIWAN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-068 \$3,980.98 to attend the 2016 Enactus Canada Regional Exposition Western Canada Conference on March 03-04, 2016

POSTPONED

12.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
BRAGANZA/STAFF

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-069 \$1,160.00 to attend the 2016 Island Regional Conference at ICA Victoria on February 20, 2016

CARRIED

12.7) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
ALOSHAIWAN/KAUNDA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-070 \$430.00 to attend the Pacific Cup 2016 on February 12-15, 2016

CARRIED

12.8) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
STAFF/BRAGANZA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-071 \$2,000.00 to attend the 2016 Rosa Bruno-Jofre Symposium in Education on February 24-27, 2016

CARRIED

12.9) MOTION – HONORARIA REPORT
SIMPSON/ALOSHAIWAN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Reports for the period of December 31 – January 13, 2016 and January 14-28, 2016

CARRIED

13) Meeting Time

Tuesday, February 23, 2015 – 4:00PM

14) Notices of Motion

15) In Camera Section (if needed)

16) Adjournment

16.1) MOTION
BRAGANZA/STAFF

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

CARRIED