

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Students' Union Building

### 1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

#### PRESENT

Dylan Robinson	President
Leif Douglass	Vice President External
Melissa Gordon	Vice President Internal
Meshari Alanazi	International Students' Representative
Sabina Donnelly	Graduate Students' Representative
Kaitlin Clement	Director-at-Large
Lahana Ghosh	Director-at-Large
Taylor Gluska	Director-at-Large

#### REGRETS

Paige Bernard	Women's Representative (on leave)
Elizabeth Whiting	Aboriginal Representative (on leave)

#### ABSENT

Trad Bahabri	Vice President Finance
Cameron Staff	Director-at-Large

#### 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  
*GLUSKA/GORDON*

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

### 3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION  
*ALANAZI/CLEMENT*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the October 07, 2014  
Board of Directors meeting  
**CARRIED**

3.2) MOTION  
*GLUSKA/ALANAZI*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the September 29, 2014; October 06, 2014; and October 14, 2014 Executive meetings

**CARRIED**

4) **Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

5) **Presentations**

TRUSU Debate Club – Western Canadian Novice Debate Championships TRUSU Grant

A member presented the request for a grant to support a delegation of first year law students attending the Fall Open Debate Championships in Calgary, Alberta. The championship is being held by an international organization with a Canadian chapter called the Canadian University Society for Intercollegiate Debate. This type of championship provides training for competitive debate, as it is open only to beginners. Attending will be the first step in revitalizing the Debate Club, since the Club leader is currently the only trained debater. The Club will use this as training for Club members to then engage the broader membership. The grant would cover most costs for travel. The Club is collaborating with the UBC Debate Society for bus and group hotel rates. Attendees are paying registration fees.

TRUSU PCMA Club – PCMA Convening Leaders Conference TRUSU Grant

Members of the Club presented the request for a grant to support a delegation of 28 students at the PCMA Convening Leaders Conference in Chicago, Illinois. The Club is a student chapter of a North American organization, providing students with hands on experience in the events industry. This conference is held annually with approximately 3500 delegates representing hotels and accommodations, visitor bureaus, and more, to discuss trends in the industry. The conference provides attendees the opportunity to be actively involved in their own professional development, to networking, and to gain leadership development for Club. The 28 attendees is a large growth this year with many first year students involved. The grant would cover registration fees. The Club will also use banked money and will rely on a number of fundraisers.

TRUSU India Club – Diwali Mela 2014 (Festival of Lights) TRUSU Grant

A member of the Club presented the request for a grant to support an event in celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Lights. This event has been held annually for five years, but this year the Club has changed the name slightly to add “Mela”, which means “fair”. This year the event will include food, cultural performances, a dance competition (with sponsors and prizes), and fireworks. Last year there were 400 attendees and the Club is expecting the same or more this year. The

Club is selling tickets from tables rotating between buildings and through personal networks.

#### TRUSU Marketing Club – Fright Night Movie Fest TRUSU Grant

No member of the Club was in attendance to present

#### TRUSU Indigenous Law Students Association – ISLA Meet and Greet TRUSU Grant

A member of the Club presented the request for a grant to support an amazing opportunity for students to meet renowned Aboriginal Law lawyer, Jesse McCormick, who focuses on pipeline law. The Club is collaborating with the Faculty of Law, which is hosting McCormick for a lecture, so travel and accommodation costs will already be covered. The grant would cover venue rental, nametags, catering, and beverages. It was clarified that the Union's policy does not allow the funding of alcoholic beverages.

#### TRUSU Women and Law Club – Persons Day Breakfast TRUSU Grant

Members of the Club presented the request for a grant to support Persons Day Breakfast. West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund previously hosted this annual event, but given their decision not to this year the Club is taking it on. The event is held in honour of Persons Day and Women's History Month and will include a breakfast and guest speakers. Tickets are being sold for \$20 and the grant would support a reduction in the ticket price.

## 6) Committee Reports

### Campaigns Committee

Douglass reported that the committee made a presentation to the Budget Committee of Senate in regard to the Fund the Future campaign and the provincial budget submission. The presentation addressed issues with fees, funding, and financial aid related to targeted outcomes for post-secondary education. The committee will also be preparing membership outreach for the Fund the Future campaign.

In preparation for the municipal election campaign, the committee distributed a questionnaire for candidates with two questions on background and platform and four questions on student quality of life, jobs, transit, and housing. The responses will be published for the membership and distributed at the Meet the Candidates event.

On per credit international tuition fees, the committee has continued discussions with Vice President Milovick and Associate Vice President Chadwick. A substantive update is expected shortly.

### Services Committee

No report

## Entertainment Committee

Gordon reported that the committee met once since the last Board meeting and continues planning for Winter Kickstart events including participation in TRU Orientations, the Movie Night, and Clubs Day.

## Equity Committee

Gordon reported that the committee is focused on two upcoming events: the Student Visa and Immigration Workshop and the December 6<sup>th</sup> Vigil.

Alanazi reported that the Student Visa and Immigration Workshop will be held on October 28, at 6:30-7:30PM. Kamloops Immigrant Services will provide a presentation and answer questions regarding student visas and the process for obtaining Canadian citizenship following studies.

Gordon reported that the December 6<sup>th</sup> Vigil will be jointly planned this year with the Dean of Students and the TRU Faculty Association. Both have been invited to attend the committee meeting this week to develop a campus-wide event.

The committee also debriefed on the Pride Parade and Graduate Students' Development Day.

## Policy Committee

Robinson reported that the committee previously deliberated on principles for revision of the childcare policy, and a draft will be considered at the next meeting.

## Executive Committee

Robinson reported that the Executive made appointments to Member-at-Large positions on the Services and Equity Committees.

## 7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

### Student Caucus

Robinson reported that the Student Caucus will hold its first meeting of term this week with a presentation on institutional accreditation, a presentation on the institutional branding consultation, and the election of the Student Caucus Steering Committee.

A policy recommendation will be considered later in this meeting to codify the Student Caucus Steering Committee, which serves as the Student Caucus executive responsible for weekly management of business and issues. The policy recommendation will also expand participation in the Steering Committee.

There are a number of Student Caucus appointments that will be addressed later in this meeting.

## 8) Canadian Federation of Students Report

## 9) Finance Report

### Financial Statement – August 2014

Lane reported that this is the first financial statement of the fiscal year, so there are limited revenues and expenditures to report.

In the Unrestricted Fund, there has been minimal revenue realized. Membership fees for the Fall semester have yet to be remitted, and there is limited services revenue. For expenditures, only the prepaid Kickstart expenditures are substantive.

In Health and Dental Fund, fees have yet to be remitted and there are limited opt-in fees. Expenditures include one month of premiums.

In the Capital Fund, fees have yet to be remitted. Expenditures include monthly amortization costs.

Overall, the Union remains in a strong financial position.

## 10) Staff Report

### Board of Directors Vacancy – LGBTQ Representative

Lane reported that the Board received the resignation of the LGBTQ Representative at its previous meeting, and opened an appointment posting as per policy. Two applications were received at the close of the posting, but one applicant, Harley Miller, has since indicated that he may not continue as a student in Winter 2015.

Lane explained the process of appointment, and the Board conducted a secret ballot vote.

## 11) Old Business

## 12) New Business

### 12.1) MOTION – APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE *GORDON/GHOSH*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Ashley Evans to the Curriculum Approval Process Review Committee

**CARRIED**

### 12.2) MOTION – APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE *CLEMENT/ALANAZI*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Melissa Gordon to the Strategic Enrolment Management Committee

**CARRIED**

- 12.3) MOTION – APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE  
*GLUSKA/DONNELLY*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Lahana Ghosh to the Alcohol and Other Substances Task Force  
**CARRIED**
- 12.4) MOTION – APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE  
*DOUGLASS/GHOSH*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Ira Maheshwari to the Student Engagement Committee  
**CARRIED**
- 12.5) MOTION – APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE  
*GORDON/CLEMENT*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Sabina Donnelly to the Graduate Studies Committee  
**CARRIED**
- 12.6) MOTION – CLUB RATIFICATION  
*GLUSKA/ALANAZI*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors ratify the TRUSU Aviation Club  
**CARRIED**
- 12.7) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*DONNELLY/ALANAZI*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the TRUSU Debate Club \$1000.00 to attend the Western Canadian Novice Debate Championships  
**CARRIED**
- 12.8) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*GLUSKA/CLEMENT*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the PCMA-TRU Club \$1000.00 to attend the PCMA Convening Leaders Conference  
**CARRIED**
- 12.9) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*GORDON/DONNELLY*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the TRUSU India Club \$1000.00 to host the Diwali Mela 2014 (Festival of Lights) event  
**CARRIED**
- 12.10) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*DONNELLY/ALANAZI*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the TRU Indigenous Law Students Association \$745.00 to host the ISLA Meet and Greet event  
**CARRIED**

12.11) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*GORDON/GLUSKA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the TRUSU Women and Law Club \$200.00 to host the Persons Day Breakfast event

**CARRIED**

12.12) MOTION – APPOINTMENT OF LGBTQ REPRESENTATIVE  
*CLEMENT/GLUSKA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Megan Graham to the position of TRUSU Board Member - LGBTQ Representative for the 2014-2015 term

**CARRIED**

12.13) MOTION – STUDENT CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE (OP-36)  
*DOUGLASS/DONNELLY*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt Operational Policy 36 (OP 36) – Student Caucus Steering Committee as presented

**CARRIED**

12.14) MOTION – BOARD VACANCY OF VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE  
*DOUGLASS/GLUSKA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors remove Trad Bahabri as Vice President Finance; and

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the appointment timeline for the position of Vice President Finance as follows:

Posting Opens	October 22, 2014
Posting Closes	November 05, 2014
Executive Review	November 10, 2014
Board Appointment	November 18, 2014

**CARRIED**

**13) Meeting Time**

Tuesday, November 04, 2014 – 4:00PM

**14) Notices of Motion**

**15) In Camera Section (if needed)**

**16) Adjournment**

16.1) MOTION  
*GORDON/CLEMENT*

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

**CARRIED**