

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Students' Union Building

### 1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

#### PRESENT

Dylan Robinson	President
Leif Douglass	Vice President External
Melissa Gordon	Vice President Internal
Ryan Makar	Vice President Finance
Paige Bernard	Women's Representative
Sabina Donnelly	Graduate Students' Representative
Megan Graham	LGBTQ Representative
Taylor Gluska	Director-at-Large
Cameron Staff	Director-at-Large

#### REGRETS

Meshari Alanazi	International Students' Representative
Kaitlin Clement	Director-at-Large

#### ABSENT

#### STAFF

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

### 2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION  
*BERNARD/DOUGLASS*

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

### 3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION  
*GLUSKA/MAKAR*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the February 10, 2015 Board of Directors meeting  
**CARRIED**

3.2) MOTION  
*STAFF/GORDON*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the February 10, 2015 and February 16, 2015 Executive Committee meetings

**CARRIED**

4) **Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

5) **Presentations**

TRUSU Vietnamese Club – Lunar New Year

A member of the Club presented a request for a grant to support the celebration. Lunar New Year is the most important festival of the year for Vietnamese students and is traditionally about family reunion and celebrating the New Year. Because international students are away from home, this event helped those who are home sick, built a team atmosphere in the Club, and introduced Vietnamese culture, food, and dress to other students. The Club had a lot of support from the local Vietnamese community based on a relationship that was recently built. This was the Club's first event so there had been no fundraising, but a ticket price covered some of the food costs. There were 75 attendees including 46 students.

TRUSU Marketing Club – Battle of the Bands

A member of the Club presented a request for a grant to support the event. The event is being planned by a group of students in Professor Billy Collins' EVNT 3800 class. The event will be similar to the one held last year in conjunction with the Briar. The Club hopes to make it an annual event. The event is being organized by the students in the course, but the Club was involved so access funding. Because this is the first time the course has been offered, there are no clear learning outcomes or assessment established. It will be an engaging event for the campus community and 220 attendees are expected.

TRUSU PCMA Club – Canadiana Hootenanny

Members of the Club presented a request for a grant to support the event. The event is being planned by 10 students enrolled in EVNT 3800, a core course for the Event Management program. The goal is to learn more about event management and gain real world experiences. Each student has been assigned tasks in the area of event management that they are interested in. Evaluation – TRU academic grading scale; good time, handling; professionalism; teamwork. The event is connected to the Battle of the Bands event, which has been successful in the past. The event will also explore socioeconomic factors in campus life.

## TRUSU Aboriginal Drum Circle – TRU Traditional Powwow

Members of the Club presented a request for a grant to support the annual powwow. The event will take place after IDays and will include signing, dancing, and artisans. It will offer a cultural experience for international students and Aboriginal students not from this area. The Club will invite nations from the surrounding region and members of the local community.

## TRUSU Indigenous Languages Club – TRU Aboriginal Awareness Week

Members of the Club presented a request for a grant to support the series of events. The grant would cover workshops, performances, and stick games. The events support the purpose of the Club because they share culture and culture and language are necessarily linked. This will be a collaborative event managed by fifteen people. The Club will also fundraise through registration fees and donations.

## TRUSU Geography Club – Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers Contested Economies and Environments Conference

A member of the Club presented a request grant to support the attendance of 23 Club members at the conference. The conference offers field trips, seminars, and poster sessions, as well as the opportunity for many Club members to present their own research. It is also an opportunity to network in the geography community and explore career options. The attendees will share the benefits of the experience through social media and at a Club meeting. All Club members were given the opportunity to attend based on projected costs. The Club has also engaged in fundraising, which will be used to reimburse those who have volunteered.

## TRUSU Grant Application #1457 – 19<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine

No member was in attendance to present.

## TRUSU Grant Application #1472 – International Congress for Conservation Biology

A Master of Science in Environmental Science student presented the application for a grant to support the attendance of five Masters students at the conference. Each of the students has submitted abstracts, and chose this conference because its international scope will provide broader perspectives. The grant is necessary to facilitate the considerable costs of international travel.

## TRUSU Grant Application #1488 – Canadian Association of Microbiologists 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Three students presented the application for a grant to support their attendance at the conference to take place in Saskatchewan in June. The students will each present a poster on their own research, which will serve to promote the undergraduate research capacity that TRU offers.

## TRUSU Grant Application #1492 – Association for Psychological Science 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

A number of students presented the application for a grant to support the attendance of 14 students at the conference in New York on May 21-24. This world renowned and includes seminars and workshops. It will also be an opportunity to network with potential graduate schools, to build teamwork, and explore disciplines with psychology. TRU is one of only universities to send undergraduate students to this conference. Attendees will bring information back to the TRUSU Psychology Club. Any student who wanted to apply was invited to do so. The Club has and will fundraise through bake sales, auctions, and 50/50 raffles at Wolfpack games. Individual contributions will cover any deficits. The grant would support accommodation, travel, and registration fees.

## 6) Committee Reports

### Campaigns Committee

Douglass reported that the committee met on February 16.

The committee debriefed on the February 12 Fund the Future demonstration. That demonstration served to distribute hundreds of Valentine's Day themed cards with chocolates that educated students, faculty, and staff on issues of underfunding at post-secondary institutions and TRU in particular.

The committee also discussed proposed community mail outs to engage community members on the issues raised in the Fund the Future campaign. Once a design is approved, the mail out will be distributed to 6000 households.

### Services Committee

Makar reported that the committee met on February 19. The committee reviewed the January 2015 Services Reports; continued discussions on implementing room decals to promote the online room booking system; discussed Studentsaver discount social media promotion schedule; and planned a preparation session for the income tax service promotion.

### Entertainment Committee

Gordon reported that the committee met on February 18. The committee debriefed on the Winter Movie Night, which was held at the Aberdeen Cineplex and featured "The Kingsmen". The committee also received a report on preparations for the Last Class Bash and discussed means of incorporating members of all ages.

### Equity Committee

Gordon reported that the committee met on February 19. The committee received a report on preparations for the Storyteller's Gala. The Gala will be held tomorrow night in International Building Room 1020 at 7:00PM and will feature author Richard Wagamese on the importance of story telling.

Bernard reported that in recognition of International Women's Day a Body Image Workshop will be held on March 6 in the Clocktower Theatre with an interactive activity followed by a keynote lecture by activist Sonya Renee Taylor to speak on body image and media with a question period.

Graham reported on a final schedule for Pride Awareness Week on March 30 to April 2. Monday will address sexual orientation; Tuesday will address biological sex, is the International Trans Day of Visibility, and will feature a speaker; Wednesday will address gender identity and will feature a documentary on two-spirited persons; and Thursday will address gender expression and will feature build-your-own "gender bread" cookies to give participants a chance to identify their own sex and gender variables.

#### Policy Committee

Robinson reported that the committee meeting this Thursday and expects to bring business forward to the next Board meeting.

#### Executive Committee

Robinson reported that the Executive determined to send five delegates to the Kamloops production of the Vagina Monologues, which benefits the Kamloops Elizabeth Fry Society, the Kamloops YWCA, and the White Buffalo Aboriginal and Metis Health Society. Board members have been invited to express interest in representing the Union at the event.

## 7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

#### Student Caucus

Robinson reported that the Caucus priority is promoting participation in the Student Budget Consultation Survey, which has now been live for just over a week.

The Caucus continues to work with TRU on the issue of Adult Basic Education funding and tuition fees. The Board was reminded of the sudden announcement by the provincial government in January to allow post-secondary institutions to charge fees for these courses. Through discussions the Caucus has thus far been successful in convincing TRU to delay the implementation of fees from the Summer 2015 semester to Fall 2015 semester. The Caucus will continue to work to ensure that the impact of any changes on students is minimized.

## 8) Canadian Federation of Students Report

## 9) Finance Report

## 10) Staff Report

#### Clubs Services Report – January 2015

Reisle reported that this report encompasses the last day for Club renewals. For the year, 68 Clubs renewed and the total number of Clubs increased by one.

Grants issued were up in both number and value over this month last year. Club printing was up significantly in terms of pages and banners continue to increase each year. Event ticket sales have included twice the number of events this year, although there were none in January. Yearlong trends reveal that number and value of grants issued were down this January, but likely due to applications being submitted earlier. The Board was encouraged to note that March is yet to come and is typically has high demand for grants.

#### Peer-to-Peer Services Report – January 2015

Lane reported that overall users continue to trend upward, but the number of postings is trending down. This suggests that there is a demand for these services but the quality may not be adequate. The Services Committee was encouraged to explore this possibility and to identify solutions.

#### Building Operations Report – January 2015

Lane reported that room booking as a percent of capacity increased, but only because the available hours declined due to the power outage. Therefore, the usage was likely unchanged from previous years. The booking system usage had been declining in recent months, but room usage has not necessarily declined. The Services Committee is determining means to encourage use of the booking system in such a way that does not deter the more important goal of encouraging use of the building itself.

#### Common Grounds Report – January 2015

Lane reported that, due to the building closure during a power outage, sales were down compared to previous years. However, the loss was not as might have been expected, and the coffee shop remains viable in an increasingly crowded market.

#### Members Services Desk Report – January 2015

Lane reported the newest partnership services with Sun Peaks Resort and the Kamloops Symphony continue to value for the membership.

#### 11) Old Business

#### 12) New Business

##### 12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *GLUSKA/GORDON*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the TRUSU Vietnamese Club \$1000.00 to host their Lunar New Year event on February 21, 2015

**CARRIED**

- 12.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*DOUGLASS/MAKAR*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the TRUSU Marketing Club \$325.00 to host their Battle of the Bands event on February 26, 2015  
**CARRIED**  
**ABSTENTIONS: GLUSKA, STAFF**
- 12.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*GORDON/BERNARD*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the TRUSU PCMA Club \$1000.00 to host the Canadiana Hootenanny event on April 08, 2015  
**DEFEATED**
- 12.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*MAKAR/GLUSKA*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the TRUSU Aboriginal Drum Circle Club \$1000.00 to host the TRU Traditional Powwow event on March 15, 2015  
**CARRIED**
- 12.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*GORDON/BERNARD*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the TRUSU Indigenous Languages Club \$1000.00 to host the Aboriginal Awareness Week event on March 02-08, 2015  
**CARRIED**
- 12.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*DONNELLY/GRAHAM*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund the TRUSU Geography Club \$1000.00 to attend the WDCAG Contested Economies and Environments Conference March 13-14, 2015  
**CARRIED**
- 12.8) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*GORDON/DONNELLY*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #1472 \$2750.00 to attend the International Congress for Conservation Biology conference on August 02-06, 2015  
**CARRIED**
- 12.9) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*MAKAR/STAFF*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #1488 \$2,853.75 to attend the Canadian Association of Microbiologists 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on June 15-18, 2015  
**CARRIED**

12.10) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*STAFF/GORDON*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #1492 \$5000.00 to attend the Association for Psychological Science 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on May 21-24, 2015

**CARRIED**

12.11) MOTION – APPOINTMENT OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE  
*BERNARD/MAKAR*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Sabina Donnelly and Megan Graham to the 2015 Electoral Committee

**CARRIED**

12.12) MOTION – ADOPTION OF THE ELECTION TIMELINE  
*DONNELLY/BERNARD*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the following timeline for the 2015 Board of Directors Election:

Nominations Open	March 02
Nominations Close	March 13
All Candidates Forum	March 23
Campaign Period	March 16-26
Balloting	March 25-26

**CARRIED**

**13) Meeting Time**

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 – 4:00PM

**14) Notices of Motion**

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

**16) Adjournment**

16.1) MOTION  
*MAKAR/STAFF*

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

**CARRIED**