

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Students' Union Building

### 1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

#### PRESENT

Tatiana Gilbert	President
Cole Hickson	Vice President External
Caitlin Orteza	Vice President Equity
Janelle Lapointe	Vice President Internal
Gagandeep Singh	Vice President Services
Simranjit Singh	International Students' Representative
Emmanuel Daramola	Graduate Students' Representative
Dale Drozda	LGBTQ Representative
James-Dean Aleck	Aboriginal Representative
Inayat Ur Rehman	Visible Minority Students Representative
Aanchal Mogla	Campaigns Committee Representative
Brandon Hayashi	Campaigns Committee Representative
Arjun Gill	Services Committee Representative
Richard Abankwa	Entertainment Committee Representative
Mwansa Kaunda	Caucus Steering Committee Representative

#### REGRETS

Mico Miede-Moffat	Caucus Steering Committee Representative
Saprina Chandi	Women's Students' Representative
Inderpreet Bains	Services Committee Representative

#### ABSENT

#### STAFF

Alex McLellan	University Governance Coordinator
Dylan Robinson	Equity Coordinator
Leif Douglass	Campaigns Coordinator
Parth Patel	Entertainment Coordinator
Cassandra Ring	Services Coordinator
Natalie Reisle	Communications Coordinator

### 2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION  
*HICKSON/MOGLA*

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

**CARRIED**

**3) Approval of the Minutes**

**4) Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

**5) Presentations**

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-218 North Island College Leadership Retreat (Elizabeth Funk)

Funk presented the request for funds to attend the North Island College Leadership Retreat. Funk provided an overview of the event and the proposed budget for the event. Funk reported that the conference will feature Troy Stende as keynote speaker and will address strengthening campus communities and developing student leaders. Funk encouraged the Board to support the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-220 Compassionate Inquiry (Carmen Saiad Shirabad)

Shirabad presented the request to attend the Compassionate Inquiry Workshop. Shirabad provided an overview of the workshop and the proposed budget to attend. Shirabad noted that there are 14 students who are interested in attending the workshop. Shirabad noted that there are few opportunities to engage in psychotherapeutics in their program and therefore this workshop would present a unique opportunity and encouraged the Board to support the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-223 AWP Conference (Paul Millross)

Millross presented the request for fund to attend the AWP Conference. Millross noted that the AWP Conference is an annual writers conference that brings together writers from all over the world to discuss current trends in literature. Millross provided the Board with an overview of the applications budget and urged the Board to support the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-GE-090 2018 TRU Law SLS Conference (John Faul)

Faul presented the request for funds to host the 2018 TRU Law SLS Conference. Faul outlined the lineup of speaker for the two-day conference including former supreme court justice J. Cromwell, attorney general David Eby, and many others. Faul noted that this years conference would address the theme of access to justice. Faul provided an overview of the proposed budget and urged the Board to support the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-GE-091 Rogue Elements Premiere (Vincent Austin)

Austin presented the request for funds to host the Rogue Elements Premiere. Austin noted that the club was hoping to host an event to kick off ski season.

Austin provided the Board with an overview of the event and the proposed budget and urged the Board to support the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-EE-032 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy, History, and Politics Conference (Shawna-Rae McLean)

McLean presented the request for funds to host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy, History, and Politics Conference. Mclean noted that the event provides an opportunity for students in Philosophy, History, and Political Science. McLean noted that they are expecting 150 participants in this years conference. McLean provided the Board with an overview of the application budget and urged the Board to support the application.

## 6) Committee Progress Reports

Executive Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the committee has met twice since the last meeting.

Lane reported that the committee appointed new members to a series of institutional governance committees to backfill positions that have become vacant during the winter semester or to fill new administrative advisory committees that have been created.

Campaigns Committee (Leif Douglass)

Douglass reported that the committee met once since the last meeting and that the committee plan continues to progress.

With respect to the committees' objective to educate the broader community about TRU underfunding through community and presentations and a social media campaign Douglass noted that the committee has completed over thirty presentations and that the committee continues to schedule presentations where possible until the end of April.

In terms of the committee's objective to communicate and engage members in advancing potential solutions on fees, funding, and financial aid Douglass reported that the committee has been working on its international days outreach to promote jurisdictions that provide tuition fee free education. Douglass noted that the committee will be tabling at the international days showcase and that it will be releasing a series of videos and newsfeed posts and that they are currently finalizing the materials for these activities.

Lastly, with respect to the committee's objective to empower students to share their perspectives with decision makers at the municipal level Douglass reported that the committee will host campus transportation its roundtable in the coming weeks.

Services Committee (Cassandra Ring)

Ring reported that the committee has met once since the last meeting.

With regards to the committee's objective to improve the usage of the health and dental plan through a digital and campus outreach strategy to educate students Ring-Hall reported that the committee noted that the campus outreach plan to table is on track.

In terms of the objective to increase the usage of the Members Advocate service by educating members about the service Ring-Hall reported is well on the way to the committee's desire to engage 1000 students.

Ring-Hall reported that the committee's objective to improve the usage of the TRUSU Grants program is well underway and that the committee is preparing for its upcoming information sessions.

#### Entertainment Committee (Parth Patel)

Patel reported that the committee has met once since the last meeting

Patel outlined that the committee recently completed its Common Voices event and that event was great success and met all of the objectives and goals assigned to that event. Patel thanked all of the members of committee for their efforts.

Lastly, Patel noted that the committee has now focused its efforts towards the planning the logistics for the upcoming TRUSU Awards Celebration and that the committee looks forward to successfully hosting this event for the first time.

#### Equity Committee (Dylan Robinson)

Robinson reported that the committee has met once since the last meeting.

Robinson noted that the committee continues to prepare for its International Women's Day panel on Sexualized Violence. Robinson outlined that the committee continues to work to finalize the panelists and confirm the logistical details for the event.

#### Student Caucus Steering Committee (Alex McLellan)

McLellan reported that the committee has met twice since the last board meeting.

With respect to the objective to facilitate opportunities for students to participate in decision making at TRU. McLellan reported that the committee continues to support a wide range of students across a large number of committees and to meet the metrics associated with such. McLellan did note that the committee is working to fill some vacancies that have arose due to students who are no longer able to fulfill their obligation to the committee to which they were appointed.

McLellan also noted that the committee has completed this years budget consultation. McLellan reported that the committee is pleased to announce that it was able to secure approximately four hundred survey respondents to this years survey which exceeded the committee target.

## 7) Finance Report

Unaudited Financial Statements December 2017 (Nathan Lane)

Lane noted that the statements are cumulative and therefore would not be presenting the December 2017 Statement but would be happy to answer any questions.

Unaudited Financial Statements January 2018 (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that in the operating fund the Union has now recognized the revenue from the winter fees. Lane noted that revenues were slightly higher than expected and that expenditures were progressing a budgeted. In terms of the operating fund the Union continues to be financially stable and on track. Lastly, Lane reported that in the capital fund the Union has exceeded its expenditures for repairs and maintenance for the year.

## 8) Staff Report

Communications Report – February 19, 2018 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that the overall performance of our communications has been positive during this period.

With respect to the website Reisle reported that the performance for the period was positive and that we surpassed our weekly averages from the previous years for this period.

In terms of social media Reisle reported that Facebook performance was down because of the new algorithm. Reisle also noted that performance during this period was positive on Instagram and that we are exceeded last years average. Lastly, Reisle reported that our performance on Twitter has been okay although this remains our weakest platform.

TRUSU Grants Report – February 15, 2018 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle noted that we continue to progress as planned regarding the growth of the TRUSU Grants program.

Reisle noted that we continue to struggle with general event grants as most clubs are opting to attempt secure educational events.

Reisle reported that there was nothing material not report with regards to the guest lecture grants portion of the program.

## 9) Old Business

## 10) New Business

10.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*MOGLA/HAYASHI*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-218 \$5,000.00 to attend the North Island Leadership Retreat.

**CARRIED**

10.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*KAUNDA/SINGH*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-220 \$5,000.00 to attend the Compassionate Inquiry Conference.

**CARRIED**

10.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*DARAMOLA/ALECK*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-223 \$1,000.00 to attend the AWP Conference.

**CARRIED**

10.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*MOGLA/KAUNDA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-GE-090 \$1,000.00 to host the 2018 TRU Law SLS Conference.

**CARRIED**

10.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*KAUNDA/LAPOINTE*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-GE-091 \$268.29 to host the Rogue Elements Premiere.

**CARRIED**

10.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*HICKSON/UR-REHMAN*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-EE-032 \$5,000.00 to host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy, History, and Politics Conference.

**CARRIED**

10.7) MOTION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE  
*DROZDA/HAYASHI*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors schedule the 2017/2018 Annual General Meeting for January 24, 2018 – 6:00 pm.

**CARRIED**

10.8) MOTION – PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT REFERRAL – RENAMING EQUITY REPRESENTATIVES

*MOGLA/ALECK*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the agenda for the 2017/2018 Annual General Meeting as presented:

- 1.0) Call to Order
- 2.0) Approval of the Agenda
- 3.0) Presentation of the Annual Report
- 4.0) Presentation of the 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements
- 5.0) Appointment of the Auditor
- 6.0) Presentation of the 2017/2018 Budget
- 7.0) Special Resolutions
- 8.0) Adjournment

**CARRIED**

10.9) MOTION – PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT REFERRAL – RENAMING STUDENT CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE

*ORTEZA/ALECK*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors refer the following amendment to the Annual General Meeting for consideration:

“Be it resolved that bylaw (IV, 6, e, ii) be amended to read:

- ii. be composed of:
  - a) the Vice President Equity (Chair);
  - b) the Indigenous Representative
  - c) the LGBTQ+ Representative
  - d) the Visible Minorities Representative
  - e) the Women’s Representative; and
  - f) three Members-at-Large;

Be it further resolved that all references to; Aboriginal Students’ Representative, Women Students’ Representative, LGBTQ Students’ Representative, and Visible Minority Students’ Representative be stricken from the bylaws and policy manual and replaced with; Indigenous Representative, Women’s Representative, LGBTQ+ Representative, and Visible Minorities Representative respectively.”

**CARRIED**

10.10) MOTION – PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT REFERRAL – RENAMING STUDENT CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE

*HAYASHI/LAPOINTE*

Be resolved that the Board of Directors refer the following amendment to the Annual General Meeting for consideration:

“Be it resolved that bylaw (IV, 6, a, vi) be amended to read:

- vi. University Affairs Committee

Be it further resolved that all references to; the Student Caucus Steering Committee be stricken from the bylaws and policy manual and replaced with; University Affairs Committee.”

**CARRIED**

10.11) MOTION – POLICY AMENDMENT REFERRAL – OPERATIONAL POLICY 11  
*SINGH/DROZDA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors refer the following policy amendment to the Annual General Meeting for consideration:

“Be it resolved that Operational Policy 11 Honoraria be amended as presented.

**CARRIED**

10.12) MOTION – HONORARIA  
*UR-REHMAN/LAPOINTE*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the honoraria report for the period of November 16, 2017 – November 29, 2017.

**CARRIED**

10.13) MOTION – BCFS 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DELEGATION  
*ORTEZA/SINGH*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors send Executive Director Nathan Lane, Vice President External Cole Hickson, Representative Drozda, Representative Gilbert, and Representative Singh to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students.

**CARRIED**

**11) Meeting Time**

Tuesday, January 09, 2018 – 4:00PM

**12) Notices of Motion**

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

**14) Adjournment**

14.1) MOTION  
*HICKSON/HAYASHI*

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

**CARRIED**