

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Students' Union Building

### 1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

#### PRESENT

Melissa Robinson	President
Amber Storvold	Vice President External
Meshari Alanazi	Vice President Internal
Ryan Makar	Vice President Finance
Paige Bernard	Women's Representative
Sonya Charley	Aboriginal Representative
Dana Prymak	International Students' Representative
Rami Alzahrani	Graduate Students' Representative
Julian Simpson	LGBTQ Representative
Abdullah Alosaiwan	Director-at-Large
Noel Braganza	Director-at-Large
Eric Rankin	Director-at-Large

#### REGRETS

Cameron Staff	Director-at-Large
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#### ABSENT

#### STAFF

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

### 2) Approval of the Agenda

#### 2.1) MOTION *SIMPSON/ALANAZI*

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

### 3) Approval of the Minutes

#### 3.1) MOTION *STORVOLD/ALOSHAIWAN*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the June 30, 2015  
Board of Directors meeting  
**CARRIED**

3.2) MOTION

*RANKIN/CHARLEY*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the June 29, 2015 and July 06, 2015 Executive Committee meetings

**CARRIED**

4) **Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

TRUSU Post Conference Report #2015-C-015 Congress 2015 of the Humanities and Social Sciences (Shalyn Pigeon)

TRUSU Post Conference Report #2015-C-011 Canadian Society of Microbiologists (Jillian Lane)

TRUSU Post Conference Report #2015-C-020 Canadian Society for Brain Behaviour, and Cognitive Science (Tsz Yin Fung)

5) **Presentations**

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-C-028 – International Forestry Student's Symposium (Lucas Leslie)

Leslie presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of two students at the International Forestry Student's Symposium in Manila, Philippines from July 27 to August 10, 2015. The Symposium covers forestry but also forest ecology, wildlife biology, etc. Leslie and the other student will act as delegates to represent TRU, a requirement for the institution to continue to be recognized by the International Forestry Student's Association. TRU is one of only a few North American universities to be a member of the organization. Leslie and the other student would disseminate what they learn as Leslie did last year, by speaking generally to first year classes and in depth at monthly Club meetings. The grant would help cover registration and travel expenses. Last year, British Columbia hosted the Symposium and TRU provided significant funds to support it, so there is no money available from TRU this year.

2015-2016 Campaigns Committee Strategic Plan

Storvold and Lane presented the Plan, which has four objectives.

First, educate the campus and community regarding the Drop Fees, Fund the Future, and Grants not Loans campaigns.

Second, ensure members have access to election information and party/candidate positions on student issues to facilitate participation in the federal election.

Third, demonstrate campus support for two coalition partner campaigns, “Fight for \$15” to raise the minimum wage and “\$10 a Day Childcare” to create affordable childcare.

Fourth, assess student perspectives on public transit in Kamloops as a foundation for a future campaign.

## 2015-2016 Services Committee Strategic Plan

Makar presented the Plan, which has six objectives.

First, implement an enhanced education program to allow members to receive interest-based and employment-based education.

The second, third, and fourth objectives are to increase members' usage of partnerships with Sun Peaks, the Kamloops Film Society, and the Kamloops Symphony Society.

Fifth, conduct a referendum regarding international student membership on the health and dental plan.

Sixth, complete a comprehensive review of the Union's online services to assess demand and functionality and make recommendations for removal or revitalization.

## 2015-2016 Entertainment Committee Strategic Plan

Alanazi and Lane presented the Plan, which has six objectives.

First, host a Back to School Barbeque with increased sponsorship revenue, high vendor satisfaction, and profiling opportunities for means to get involved in the Union.

Second, host an Outdoor Movie Night with strong attendance and promotion of the Union's advocacy, services, and entertainment.

Third, host a Club's Day with community organization and Club participation, high Club satisfaction, and that builds community.

Fourth, host a Last Class Bash that includes Club and faculty participation, and demonstrates the Union's activities over the year.

Fifth, host a Common Voices Lecture that educates the community on the creative economy, has strong attendance, and builds relationships with organizations in the creative economy.

Sixth, host a Tunes Against Tuition Fees Concert with opportunities to introduce members to the Union's campaigns, with food options, and strong attendance.

## 2015-2016 Equity Committee Strategic Plan

Alanazi and Robinson presented the Plan, which has seven objectives.

First, host a Story Teller's Gala lecture about the Truth and Reconciliation process that demonstrates the work TRU and Union have done, committee TRU

and Union to further work, and has strong student, faculty and staff, and community participation.

Second, host an international wine seminar and tasting as part of International Days to educate on the cultural, political, economic, and regional significance of wine with strong student, faculty and staff, and community participation.

Third and fourth, host a campus Pride Parade and a campus discussion on “coming out” for LGBTQ students. These events would have strong student, faculty and staff, and community participation, and the discussion will provide a forum to share experiences and ask questions.

Fifth, host a discussion on gender violence for International Women’s Day that educates participants about the prevalence of the issue, provides means to take action, and has strong student, faculty and staff, and community participation.

Sixth, conduct an awareness campaign about the lack of per student funding for graduate programs at TRU, in lieu of a Graduate Student Development Day. The campaign would present to graduate student Clubs and graduate student supervisors.

Seventh, have TRU implement a comprehensive policy and protocol regarding sexual violence that is victim focused and protects students. This would include an education component, accessible support services, and procedure for dealing with allegations of sexual violence.

## 2015-2016 Student Caucus Strategic Plan

Gordon and McLellan presented the Plan, which has eleven objectives across three programs and six projects.

The first program is membership recruitment, appointment and support. Its objectives include ensuring student representative positions are filled through reappointment and a recruitment drive, ensuring student representatives successfully participate in their committees by providing an Orientation and ongoing support, and ensuring student representatives participate in projects through social media, providing feedback, and campus outreach.

The second program is institutional relations with the objective of positioning the Student Caucus as the legitimate and effective voice of students on campus through meetings with institutional leaders to build mutual understanding.

The third program is the Student Budget Consultation with the objective of increasing student participation in both the survey and Town Halls.

The first project is revision of the Policy on Policy Development to improve clarity, consultation, and oversight to ensure students study under fair conditions.

The second project is a student services review to comprehensively evaluate student services at TRU given considerable dissatisfaction identified in past Student Budget Consultations, and the need to improve student outcomes.

The third project is improvements to curriculum mapping and course offering planning given its top prioritization in the last Student Budget Consultation, and to ensure students can plan a coherent path to a credential and graduate in a timely manner. This will be achieved through policy, three-year course plans, and program curriculum maps.

The fourth project is parking changes given its prioritization in the last Student Budget Consultation. Recommendations will be made to improve flexibility, convenience, and sustainability while remaining revenue neutral for TRU in aggregate.

The fifth project is student course evaluations given the right of students to provide feedback on their experiences. A project plan will be requested and followed to ensure implementation of evaluations in Winter 2016, and student participation will be promoted in partial implementation of evaluations in Fall 2015.

The sixth project is revision of the Exam Policy to improve regulation of both mid-term and final exams based on the principle of fair assessment to provide students the opportunities to accurately demonstrate their knowledge of course content.

## 2015-2016 Membership Development Strategic Plan

Reisle presented the Plan, which has nine objectives across three areas of work.

The first area is communications, with four objectives. First, expand the Union's online network of Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram followers and newsletter subscribers. Second, increase interaction with the Union's social media and web content through Facebook engagement and reach, Twitter impressions, website hits, and newsletter opens. Third, build relationships through the Union's online presence through the events calendar, social media sharing and tagging, and campus group profile posts. Fourth, use the Union's communications networks to educate the community about the Union's campaigns, equity, institutional governance, and services work through dedicated posts, videos, infographics, and profile posts.

The second area is TRUSU Grants, with two objectives. First, improve the grant application process through an experience survey, reporting compliance, and communications standards. Second, establish awareness of the Grants program through social media referrals, information sessions, presentations to Clubs and Faculty Councils, and meetings with Deans.

The third area of work is appearances, with one objective for each appearance type. The objective for each is to demonstrate support or build relationships with campus groups, institutional decision-makers, and community decision-makers by attending a minimum number of their respective activities in each semester according to set standards and procedures.

## 6) Committee Progress Reports

### Campaigns Committee

Storvold reported that the committee met last on July 09 and finalized the Campaigns and Government Relations Plan prior to its submission to this Board meeting for approval. The committee will meet next on July 23 and begin assigning tasks.

### Services Committee

Makar reported that the committee met last on July 06 and finalized the Services Plan prior to its submission to this Board meeting for approval. Brainstorm interest-based courses for education program – homework. Next meeting – review list of potential courses, look at program structure.

### Entertainment Committee

Alanazi reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

### Equity Committee

Alanazi reported that the committee met and finalized the Equity Plan prior to its submission to this Board meeting for approval.

### Policy Committee

Nothing to report

### Executive Committee

Gordon reported that the Executive has determined to send a delegation to the Annual United Way Carnival, including Executive members who will participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Dunk Tank fundraiser.

The Executive has determined to send a delegation to hold a water and aid station at the Kamloops Marathon on July 26, and Board members are invited to participate.

## 7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

### Student Caucus

Gordon reported that the Steering Committee met once since the last Board meeting, and finalized the Student Caucus Plan prior to its submission to this Board meeting for approval. It also received updates on a project plan for student course evaluations and the data request for parking. At its next meeting the committee will assign tasks on pressing projects including parking and the Student Services Review.

## 8) Canadian Federation of Students Report

### 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Skills Development Weekend

Storvold reported that on June 26-28, 2015 the Union hosted the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Skills Development Weekend for the Canadian Federation of Students-BC. The event is an excellent opportunity that brings together student activists from across the province to learn about current issues and develop organizing skills. Workshops included media relations, working with administrators, membership outreach, etc. Delegates from Union found the event informative and they represented our student body well.

## 9) Finance Report

## 10) Staff Report

## 11) Old Business

## 12) New Business

### 12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *RANKIN/BERNARD*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-C-028 \$2000.00 to attend the International Forestry Student's Symposium on July 27 – August 10, 2015

**CARRIED**

### 12.2) MOTION – 2015-2016 CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PLAN ADOPTION *PRYMAK/MAKAR*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2015-2016 Campaigns and Government Relations Strategic Plan

**CARRIED**

### 12.3) MOTION – 2015-2016 SERVICES PLAN ADOPTION *SIMPSON/CHARLEY*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2015-2016 Services Strategic Plan

**CARRIED**

### 12.4) MOTION – 2015-2016 ENTERTAINMENT PLAN ADOPTION *ALANAZI/BERNARD*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2015-2016 Entertainment Strategic Plan

**CARRIED**

- 12.5) MOTION – 2015-2016 EQUITY PLAN ADOPTION  
*BERNARD/BRAGANZA*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2015-2016 Equity Committee Strategic Plan  
**CARRIED**
- 12.6) MOTION – 2015-2016 STUDENT CAUCUS PLAN ADOPTION  
*CHARLEY/MAKAR*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2015-2016 Student Caucus Strategic Plan  
**CARRIED**
- 12.7) MOTION – 2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PLAN ADOPTION  
*ALOSHAIWAN/SIMPSON*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2015-2016 Membership Development Strategic Plan  
**CARRIED**
- 12.8) MOTION – HONORARIA  
*ALANAZI/BERNARD*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of June 18 – July 01, 2015  
**CARRIED**
- 12.9) MOTION – 2015-2016 PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT  
*RANKIN/BRAGANZA*  
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Amber Storvold the 2015-2016 Canadian Federation of Students British Columbia Provincial Executive Representative  
**CARRIED**

**13) Meeting Time**

Tuesday, July 28, 2015 – 4:00PM

**14) Notices of Motion**

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

**16) Adjournment**

- 16.1) MOTION  
*PRYMAK/SIMPSON*  
Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned  
**CARRIED**