

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 08, 2015

Students' Union Building

### 1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00 PM

#### PRESENT

Melissa Gordon	President
Amber Storvold	Vice President External
Ryan Makar	Vice President Finance
Paige Bernard	Women's Representative
Sonya Charley	Aboriginal Representative
Julian Simpson	LGBTQ Representative
Rami Alzahrani	Graduate Students' Representative
Abdullah Alosaiwan	Director-at-Large
Noel Braganza	Director-at-Large
Eric Rankin	Director-at-Large
Cameron Staff	Director-at-Large

#### REGRETS

Dana Prymak	International Students' Representative
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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
Jillian Griffin	Campaigns and Outreach Coordinator
Dylan Robinson	Equity Coordinator

### 2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION  
*CHARLEY/MAKAR*

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 August 25, 2015  
Board of Directors meeting  
**CARRIED**

3.2) MOTION

*RANKIN/BERNARD*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the August 24, 2015 Executive Committee meeting

**CARRIED**

4) **Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

5) **Presentations**

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-C-037 International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories (I2SL) Annual Conference (Kile McKenna)

McKenna presented the request for a grant to support his attendance at the conference. He will present research he completed, under the auspices of the Student Sustainability Award, regarding green chemistry and creating an evaluation of undergraduate chemistry labs for sustainability. He will present to the Green Chemistry Working Group, and network with other universities that have established green lab programs. Upon returning to TRU, he will introduce a green labs project in partnership with the Office of Environment and Sustainability.

Vice President Internal Vacancy (Nathan Lane)

Lane presented the process of followed for posting and shortlisting the candidates for the position of Vice President Internal, in accordance with the Bylaws and Policy Manual. He presented the means of consideration by the Board of Directors, and the Board conducted a secret ballot vote.

Operational Policy 39 (OP-39): Code of Conduct (Nathan Lane)

Lane presented the policy, which would serve to provide recourse for ensure appropriate behaviour of those representing the Union, above and beyond the legal responsibilities of members of the Board. The policy spells out whom the Code applies to, when it applies, what standards it sets, and how complaints are filed and addressed. The policy represents an attempt to be proactive rather than reactive in addressing potentially undesirable behaviour, and reflects similar efforts of other non-profit organizations. It was noted that a supplementary policy will be recommended shortly to specifically address social media behaviour given the growing prominence of these communications.

6) **Committee Progress Reports**

Campaigns Committee

Storvold reported that the committee met last on September 03, and will meet next on September 14, after which it will meet every Monday at 4:00PM in the TRUSU Boardroom.

The committee is focused on Fall semester outreach at Kickstart events, leafleting, and classroom talks will a focus on the This Time We Decide Campaign for the federal election. Outreach will promote the Pizza and Politics event, sign members up to volunteer, and take photos of members with campaign branded sign to establish a commitment to vote. Griffin and Storvold will also meet with the TRU Residence this week to coordinate efforts to promote use of the polling place in the Students' Union Building. Events leading up to the election will include the Pizza and Politics event on October 08 in the TRUSU Lecture Hall and a media-hosted All Candidates Forum on October 14 in the Grand Hall.

The committee will postpone its coalition work with the BC Federation of Labour on the Fight for \$15 campaign and the Child Care Advocates of BC on the \$10/Day Child Care campaign due to changes to the Canada Elections Act that may categorize such work as election advertising.

Finally, Storvold and Griffin will present student priorities in a provincial budget submission to the BC Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on September 17.

### Services Committee

Makar reported that the committee met last on August 31, and has made progress on the TRUSU Edu program, partnership promotion, and the Health and Dental Plan referendum.

For TRUSU Edu, all instructors have been confirmed and Memorandums of Understanding are being finalized. A foundation of a course calendar is on website, and the committee is working with instructors to get course descriptions and outlines for six class dates. The program will roll out starting September 21 and will be the focus of the committee's Kickstart promotions.

For partnership promotion, web content has been revitalized. Meetings have been held with the Kamloops Film Society and the Kamloops Symphony, and a meeting is being schedule with Sun Peaks. This has served to inform a comprehensive promotion schedule throughout the Fall semester.

For the Health and Dental Plan referendum, the committee had planned to be full swing at this point, but learned that TRU World changed the way it is administering Medical Services Plan (MSP) fees for international students. The committee determined to postpone conducting the referendum to the Winter semester to avoid confusion between MSP and TRUSU Extended Health and Dental Plan.

The committee will meet next tomorrow to review promotion strategies and techniques. Meetings are now open to membership.

### Entertainment Committee

Lane reported, in the absence of a Vice President Internal, on Kickstart events.

The Back to School Barbeque will have the largest number of tables and sponsors. Local talent has been confirmed for a stage schedule, and Rich Woods has been confirmed as MC. TRU has again committed to provide food.

The Tunes Against Tuition Fees Concert is on track. The purpose of the event is to provide an outreach opportunity for social justice based community organizations and the Union's advocacy groups. The goal of ten organizations will unfortunately not be met, but ASK Wellness and United Way have confirmed and others are considering. A food vendor has been confirmed. The artists will be Said the Whale, Rykka, and the Katherines.

Clubs Day is on track.

The Movie Night is prepared with production confirmed, the movie license purchased, and food ordered.

## Equity Committee

Robinson reported, in the absence of a Vice President Internal, on Fall equity events.

The Pride Parade, scheduled for October 01, is on track. All logistics have been confirmed. Seventeen community organizations will be in attendance, and nine of those will host a table.

The Pride Discussion on Coming and Being Out, scheduled for October 09, is on track. Three panelists have been confirmed including the President of Kamloops Pride, a transgendered student, and a Social Work faculty member. Themes of the discussion will include the process of coming out, being out, experiencing discrimination, how to be an ally, and community support and resources.

The Story Teller's Gala, scheduled for October 26, has had a significant development. A meeting with President Shaver was successful in securing a commitment to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations as a university, but the President also offered to partner on the event in terms of costs, branding, and promotion. This offer was accepted, with the understanding that no compromises would be made on Board approved objectives and goals.

The committee is now focused on outreach and promotion of its events. The committee will participate in the Back-to-School Barbeque and has a full schedule of volunteers to sign members up to the Equity email list.

## Policy Committee

Gordon reported that the committee will meet next on September 24. It will review drafts of a social media code of conduct and a textbooks and materials policy.

The committee will meet every fourth Thursday for the remainder of this semester.

Executive Committee

Nothing to report

## 7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

Student Caucus

Gordon reported that the Student Caucus Steering Committee met last earlier today.

The committee is focused on Student Caucus recruitment and support. A Student Caucus recruitment video has been published, and materials are prepared for participation in Kickstart and hand billing. The Orientation and Information Sessions agendas and logistics are confirmed. Applications are now open on the website.

The committee has also moved forward with institutional relations with the goal of building mutual understanding with institutional leaders. The Caucus will seek to meet with the new Provost, the new Registrar, the new Dean of Business and Economics, and the Manager of University Governance to this end.

The committee will meet on each Monday at 3:30PM for the remainder of the semester.

## 8) Canadian Federation of Students Report

## 9) Finance Report

## 10) Staff Report

## 11) Old Business

## 12) New Business

### 12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT ALOSHAIWAN/STORVOLD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-C-037 \$813.32 to attend the International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories (I2SL) Annual Conference on September 21-23, 2015

**CARRIED**

### 12.2) MOTION – BOARD APPOINTMENT STAFF/BRAGANZA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Eric Rankin as the Vice President Internal and signing authority for the 2015/2016 Board of Directors term of office

**CARRIED**

**ABSTENTION: RANKIN**

12.3) MOTION – OPERATIONAL POLICY 39 (OP-39): CODE OF CONDUCT  
*BERNARD/SIMPSON*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt Operational Policy 39 (OP-39): Code of Conduct as presented

**CARRIED**

12.4) MOTION – CLUB RATIFICATION  
*ALOSHAIWAN/RANKIN*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors ratify the Aim Canada Club

**CARRIED**

12.5) MOTION – HONORARIA  
*RANKIN/SIMPSON*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of August 13-26, 2015

**CARRIED**

**13) Meeting Time**

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 – 4:00PM

**14) Notices of Motion**

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

**16) Adjournment**

16.1) MOTION  
*CHARLEY/SIMPSON*

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

**CARRIED**