

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 03, 2015

Students' Union Building

1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

PRESENT

Melissa Gordon	President
Amber Storvold	Vice President External
Eric Rankin	Vice President Internal
Ryan Makar	Vice President Finance
Sonya Charley	Aboriginal Representative
Dana Prymak	International Students' Representative
Julian Simpson	LGBTQ Representative
Noel Braganza	Director-at-Large
Mwansa Kaunda	Director-at-Large
Cameron Staff	Director-at-Large

REGRETS

Rami Alzahrani	Graduate Students' Representative
Abdullah Alosaiwan	Director-at-Large

ABSENT

Paige Bernard	Women's Representative
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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

STAFF/KAUNDA

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

CARRIED

3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION

STORVOLD/RANKIN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the October 20, 2015 Board of Directors meeting

CARRIED

3.2) MOTION
SIMPSON/CHARLEY

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the October 15, 2015; October 19, 2015; and the October 26, 2015 Executive Committee meetings

CARRIED

4) **Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

Conference Grant Report #2015-C-008 – C2 Montreal

Conference Grant Report #2015-C-028 – International Forestry Students Symposium

Conference Grant Report #2015-C-002 – International Conference for Conservation

Conference Grant Report #2015-C-030 – 58th Annual Symposium of the International Association of Vegetative Science: Understanding Broad Scale Vegetative Patterns

Conference Grant Report #2015 – C-004 – APS 27th Annual Convention

Conference Grant Report #2015-C-027 – Spatial Statistics: Emerging Patterns

Conference Grant Report #2015-C-0024 – 2015 Sallows-Fry Conference – A Canadian Crisis: The Criminalization and Imprisonment of Indigenous Women and Those with Disabling Mental Health Issues

Conference Grant Report #2015-GE-005 – Debate Open House

Conference Grant Report #2015-GE-006 – AGM/Election and Welcome Party

5) **Presentations**

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-C-046 ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (Mitchell Hentges)

Hentges presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of six students at the conference in Surrey. The conference involves a contest between teams representing universities from around the world to program computer algorithms to solve challenges. Students from TRU have participated over a number of years. This year the team will travel by one rental vehicle, and stay in two hotel rooms to minimize costs.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-C-047 PCMA Convening Leaders Conference (Cassandra Okawa)

Okawa presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of twenty-five students at the conference in Vancouver. It is a great opportunity to interact and network with industry professionals from across North America. There will be general sessions by motivational speakers, athletes, etc., as well as break out sessions on specific event and convention management topics. There is a PCMA-U session exclusively for university students. Finally, there are opening

and closing ceremonies. The PCMA-TRU Club fundraises throughout the year to support attendance at this event, and the Union has previously supported attendance.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-C-048 2015 Canadian Elder Law Conference (Vanessa Hope)

Hope presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of two students at the conference in Vancouver. The conference addresses issues such as mental capacity to authorize wills in instances of dementia or Alzheimer's patients. Hope will present research with a faculty supervisor.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-C-049 Healing Our Spirits Worldwide (Jordan Robinson)

Robinson presented the request for a grant to support his attendance at the conference in New Zealand. The conference focused on truth and reconciliation to heal intergenerational trauma caused by colonialism around the world. Robinson will present a paper he previously presented at the TRU Undergraduate Conference and a conference at UBC-O. He will represent TRU and the First Nations of Canada, and his participation will support TRU's commitment to reconciliation as demonstrated at the Storyteller's Gala. Many high profile Aboriginal leaders and academics will present. Robinson has secured additional funding from the Aboriginal Education department and potential funding the TRU World and the TRU Office of Sustainability.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-C-052 UBC Environmental Law Negotiation (Danielle Oliver)

Oliver presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of ten students at the conference in Vancouver. Attendees will compete in a moot in which they will represent a client – i.e. a mining company, government, or community – in relation to an environmental issue. This will provide practical experience in negotiation and an opportunity to meet other students and professionals in the field. Last year, five teams from TRU participated but did not make finals. This year the attendees will participate in a practice moot in advance. The costs for carpooling and accommodation are estimated.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-013 Diwali Mela 2015 (Robin Singh Parmar)

Parmar presented the request for a grant to support the event. He thanked the Union for the grant to support the Welcome Night/Annual General Meeting for the TRUSU India Club. There were more than 200 participants and 187 votes were cast in the Annual Elections.

Diwali Mela is the primary event of the TRUSU India Club each year, and this will be the 7th annual. The focus this year is interculturalization involving new students, returning students, and the community. Additional funds will come from other sponsors and existing Club funds.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-014 Lindy Hop 'Til You Drop Workshop (Justin Mufford)

Mufford presented the request for a grant to support the event. The TRUSU Swing Dance Club is newly formed, and serves to help students learn to dance and to socialize in a friendly, alcohol-free environment. The majority of Club members are beginners, so this event will involve hiring experienced instructors to build skills and recruit more members. The event is being promoted through personal networks, social media, and tabling on campus.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-015 Green Chemistry Initiative Workshop (Matt Miller)

Miller presented the request for a grant to support the event. This year, the TRUSU Chemistry Biochemistry Club's strategic principle is improving sustainability. The event will bring in world-renown chemist, Andy Dicks, and a founder of the student-led Green Chemistry Initiative, Laura Reyes. They will deliver a seminar open to students, faculty, and the public, as well as two workshops on implementing green chemistry at TRU.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-016 Semester Wrap Up Film Premiere (Kate Johnson)

Johnson presented the request for a grant to support the event. The AdventureU Club is new, and its purpose is to encourage the TRU community to participate in outdoor activities. Interest has been strong, and the Club now has 250 followers on Facebook. Much of the interest has been from international students. This event will serve as a wrap up at the end of the semester and a send off for departing international students. The event will include a ski movie premiere at a downtown theatre followed by social at the Noble Pig with prizes. This will also serve to build strong ties between the Club, the university, local businesses, and the community. Additional revenue will come from sponsorships by local businesses.

6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee

Storvold reported on final outcomes from the This Time We Decide campaign to encourage student participation in the federal election. The campaign hosted five tables and talked to over 1000 students on campus. The campaign website had 3305 visits with 62.5% of visits to the local candidate pages. Over 13,000 students received an e-newsletter providing voter information. The Pizza and Politics event attracted over 100 students to discuss the election, find more information, and register to vote. Finally, the campus polling place hosted in the Students' Union Building had 178 student voters. Overall, the Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo district had 74% voter turnout, which is a significant increase and higher than the provincial and federal averages.

The committee also met on November 02 to discuss the City of Kamloops Performing Arts Centre referendum. The committee has determined to promote student participation in the referendum and the “Yes PAC” campaign, contingent on endorsement by the Board at this meeting.

Services Committee

Makar reported the committee will meet next tomorrow.

The committee will begin work on Health and Dental Referendum logistics with a presentation from Executive Director Lane on processes as per the Bylaws and Policy Manual. The referendum will explore whether international students should be added to the Extended Health and Dental Plans.

Entertainment Committee

Rankin reported the committee met this morning.

The committee is focused on the Common Voices Lecture to be held on November 18 at 7:00PM in the Grand Hall. The committee established a hand billing schedule to promote attendance and scheduled a volunteer meeting to prepare for the actual event.

Equity Committee

Rankin reported that the committee has successfully concluded its major events of the semester.

On October 09, the committee hosted the Pride Discussion on Coming and Being Out. A faculty member, a student, and a community member led the panel discussion. This was followed by a group discussion and an anonymous question period. The event served to increase understanding of the challenges of coming and being out for members of the LGBTQ communities.

On October 26, the committee hosted the Storyteller’s Gala featuring Justice Murray Sinclair in the Grand Hall. There was a full house of students, faculty, and community members to hear a lecture on the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the legacy of residential schools. Justice Sinclair shared thoughts on how to improve Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal relationships on campus and the in the community.

Policy Committee

Gordon reported that the committee met last on October 22. It brainstormed for “Food Services” and “Work on Campus” policies. The committee will review drafts of “Social Media Code of Conduct” and “Textbooks and Materials” policies at its next meeting.

Executive Committee

Nothing to report

7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

Student Caucus

Gordon reported that progress has been made on two projects.

On the Policy on Policy Development and Approval, the Student Caucus has invited to present to the Policy Subcommittee regarding concerns about the regulation of Faculty-level policies and the transparency and collegiality of policy processes. Those concerns were well received and a commitment was made to draft Faculty-level policy regulations.

On parking, the Parking Appeals and Advisory Committee will consider a proposal developed by the Student Caucus over the summer. The Student Caucus is now developing an outreach strategy and materials to inform students and the campus community about that proposal.

8) Canadian Federation of Students Report

9) Finance Report

10) Staff Report

11) Old Business

12) New Business

12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *MAKAR/RANKIN*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-C-046 \$1,055.00 to attend the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest on November 14, 2015

CARRIED

12.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *SIMPSON/BRAGANZA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-C-047 \$4,787.50 to attend the PCMA Convening Leaders Conference on January 10-13, 2016

CARRIED

12.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *KAUNDA/STORVOLD*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-C-048 \$693.00 to attend the 2015 Canadian Elder Law Conference on November 12-13, 2015

CARRIED

12.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *BRAGANZA/CHARLEY*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-C-049 \$1,000.00 to attend the Healing Our Spirits Worldwide on November 15-19, 2015

CARRIED

- 12.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
PRYMAK/RANKIN
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-C-052 \$1,100.00 to attend the UBC Environmental Law Negotiation on November 13, 2015
CARRIED
- 12.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
KAUNDA/RANKIN
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-013 \$1,000.00 to host the Diwali Mela 2015 on November 20-21, 2015
CARRIED
- 12.7) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
STORVOLD/BRAGANZA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-014 \$850.00 to host the Lindy Hop 'Til You Drop Workshop on November 13-15, 2015
CARRIED
- 12.8) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
MAKAR/RANKIN
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-015 \$1,000.00 to host the Green Chemistry Initiative Workshop on November 12-13, 2015
CARRIED
- 12.9) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
KAUNDA/BRAGANZA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-016 \$450.00 to host the Semester Wrap Up Film Premier on December 07, 2015
POSTPONED
- 12.10) MOTION – TRUSU CLUB RATIFICATION
STAFF/CHARLEY
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors ratify the TRUSU Aboriginal Pow Wow Club
CARRIED
- 12.11) MOTION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDORSEMENT
MAKAR/RANKIN
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors endorse the “Yes PAC” campaign in the City of Kamloops referendum on the development of a Performing Arts Centre
CARRIED
- 12.13) MOTION – HONORARIA REPORT
RANKIN/STAFF
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of October 08 – October 21, 2015
CARRIED

Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

Local 15 Canadian Federation of Students



13) Meeting Time

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 – 4:00PM

14) Notices of Motion

15) In Camera Section (if needed)

16) Adjournment

16.1) MOTION
BRAGANZA/KAUNDA

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned
CARRIED