

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Students' Union Building

1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

PRESENT

Melissa Gordon	President
Amber Storvold	Vice President External
Ryan Makar	Vice President Finance
Sonya Charley	Aboriginal Representative
Dana Prymak	International Students' Representative
Abdullah Alosaiwan	Director-at-Large
Noel Braganza	Director-at-Large
Cameron Staff	Director-at-Large

REGRETS

Eric Rankin	Vice President Internal
Julian Simpson	LGBTQ Representative
Rami Alzahrani	Graduate Students' Representative
Mwansa Kaunda	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/CHARLEY

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

3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION
PRYMAK/BRAGANZA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the January 12, 2016,
Board of Directors meeting
CARRIED

3.2) MOTION
ALOSHAIWAN/STORVOLD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the January 12, 2016 and January 19, 2016 Executive Committee meetings

CARRIED

4) **Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

5) **Presentations**

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-065 IFSA Canadian American Regional Meeting (Keegan Hoffman)

Hoffman presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of two students at the conference. The International Forestry Students Association is an international organization of students, and each region holds an annual meeting. Last year, the annual regional meeting was here in Kamloops and the applicants helped to host it. This year, the meeting is in Quebec. The meeting consists of networking, lectures, presentations, and a tour of a research forest. Attendees plan to learn about different ecological practices in Quebec.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-067 Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference (Kailee Steichert)

Steichert presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of two students at the conference held at the Bamfield Marine Science Centre on Vancouver Island. Attendees are mostly Master and Doctoral students, so it will be a unique opportunity for the undergraduate students. Steichert received an Undergraduate Research Experience Award two years ago, and continued her research this past summer as part of her thesis. She will present this work to the conference. The other attendee will also present research from her graduating essay for the Natural Resource Science program. The conference will also feature lectures connected to the students' program, will help with research skills, and will provide networking opportunities with Master supervisors.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-EE-008 The Body Eclectic: Exploring the Diversity of Bodily Being (Emily Dundas Oke)

Dundas Oke presented the request for a grant to support the hosting the colloquium. The event is being organized by Dundas Oke, Professor Atkins, and an alumna from the first cohort of the Bachelor of Fine Arts. The colloquium will be interdisciplinary and feature a stream of eighteen panelists from across Canada and the United States presenting unique perspectives on embodiment from the disciplines of architecture, philosophy, horticulture, etc. This will coincide with a visual arts exhibition by the alumna organizer. The event will be shared through a website to promote and provide abstracts, live streaming

panels, archiving video, and publishing. The event is open to the public and free for students.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-EE-005 Keeping it Civil: Exploring Civil Liberties & the Charter in Canada (Fabjola Gera)

Gera presented the request for a grant to support the hosting of the conference. This is the fourth annual conference organized by the TRU Society of Law Students, and is unique amongst Law Schools in being wholly organized by students. The conference aims to foster academic discussion on development of Charter and civil liberties in Canada. It will include presentations from students, academics, lawyers, and judges. There will be twenty-four sessions and one keynote each day for two full days. The conference is open to the TRU community and free for students.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-EE-007 Chinese New Year Festival Dinner (Yao Yin)

Yin presented the request for a grant to support hosting the event, which is the most important event in Chinese culture and that all Chinese people celebrate. Millions of Chinese people travel great distances to be with family for this celebration, and hosting this event will help overcome homesickness for Chinese students. The event will include traditional features including traditional garb, dinner, and fireworks. There will also be more activities including videos featuring history, culture, and crafts; exhibition stands to learn about Chinese cards, calligraphy, and other Asian ethnicities; performances of Chinese folk songs, comedy, kung fu, magic, etc.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-GE-019 International Connections (James Gjaltema)

Gjaltema presented the request for a grant to support a series of events titled "Around the World in Five Nights". The events intend to promote intercultural exchange by featuring global regions – i.e. Europe, Middle East, etc. The grant would support guest speakers and supplies. The events have the support of the International Council. The first event was held last Friday. The next event will feature the Americas, and a Secwepemc elder will be invited to share local Aboriginal history and culture.

6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee

Storvold reported that the committee is investigating the development of a survey to determine campaign priorities in the future. The survey would be similar to the annual Student Budget Consultation hosted by the Student Caucus in providing an important feedback loop for students to ensure the Union's campaigns address the issues that are most important to them. The committee will develop survey themes for municipal, provincial, and federal issues that affect students; and choose a timeline that works with the Union's planning cycle while avoiding conflict with other surveys. This will be developed by April.

Services Committee

Makar reported that the committee remains focused on outreach for Health and Dental Referendum, which will ask members, on February 9, 10, and 11, whether international students should be added to the Plan. The committee has had dedicated volunteers hand billing for four hours per day over the last two weeks, and is planning tabling to complement that effort. So far, the membership has been receptive to the message and many are familiar with the issue.

Entertainment Committee

No report

Equity Committee

Robinson reported that the committee is preparing to host two events, International Women's Day and the Union's contribution to IDays.

For International Women's Day, the committee will table to raise awareness on gender violence. The committee is currently undertaking research on the prevalence of this violence and developing a checklist of action for members of the community to address the problem. In this way, the event will not only make community members aware, but also equip them with tools to make positive change.

For IDays, the committee will host an International Beer Tasting and Seminar on March 16. For a \$20 ticket, students and community members will be able to taste ten international beers; attend five seminars on the crafting, tasting notes, and cultural significance of beers; and a chance to win door prizes. Tickets are limited and will be available at the Members Services Desk.

Policy Committee

Nothing to report

Executive Committee

Gordon reported that the Executive appointed Mwansa Kaunda to the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee, which addresses risk management for facilities and processes across the university.

The second Lunch and Learn session will be held this Friday in the TRUSU Lecture Hall and members are encourage to join, hear a brief presentation, and socialize with people engaged across all aspects of the Union.

7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

Student Caucus

Gordon reported on progress on the Student Budget Consultation, student course evaluations, and parking.

The annual Student Budget Consultation will begin next week. The Student Caucus will be promoting participation in the survey, which opens on February 01.

On student course evaluations, the Student Caucus has taken direct leadership following repeated delays. Two aspects of the project need to be address. First, the Caucus is working with Institutional Planning and Analysis and Information Technology to develop an online system to administer survey with a promising outlook. Second, the evaluation questions need to be recommended by the Teaching and Learning Committee to be approved by the Senate prior to the March 21 launch.

On parking, the Student Caucus proposal sparked a great deal of debate amongst students, faculty, and staff, which has been welcome and positive. The Parking Appeals and Advisory has considered the issue and will meet over the Reading Break to come to final conclusions.

- 8) **Canadian Federation of Students Report**
- 9) **Finance Report**
- 10) **Staff Report**
- 11) **Old Business**
- 12) **New Business**

12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
CHARLEY/ALOSHAIWAN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-065 \$1,800.00 to attend the IFSA Canadian American Regional Meeting on February 09-14, 2016

CARRIED

12.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
PRYMAK/BRAGANZA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-067 \$956.28 to attend the Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference on February 26-28, 2016

CARRIED

12.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
MAKAR/STAFF

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-EE-008 \$4,503.96 to host The Body Eclectic: Exploring the Diversity of Bodily Being on March 11-13, 2016

CARRIED

12.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
CHARLEY/STAFF

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-EE-005 \$3,300.00 to host the Keeping it Civil: Exploring Civil Liberties & the Charter in Canada Conference on February 03-04, 2016

CARRIED

12.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
ALOSHAIWAN/STORVOLD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-EE-007 \$4,172.00 to host the Chinese New Year Festival Dinner event on February 05, 2016

CARRIED

12.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
PRYMAK/STORVOLD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-GE-019 \$600.00 to host the International Connections event on February 05 - April 15, 2016

CARRIED

12.7) MOTION – HONORARIA REPORT
MAKAR/CHARLEY

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of December 31 – January 13, 2015

POSTPONE

13) Meeting Time

Tuesday, February 09, 2015 – 4:00PM

14) Notices of Motion

15) In Camera Section (if needed)

16) Adjournment

16.1) MOTION
STAFF/CHARLEY

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

CARRIED