

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

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

REGRETS

Noel Braganza	Director-at-Large
Cameron Staff	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
Leif Douglass	Campaigns Coordinator

2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION

RANKIN/STORVOLD

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

CARRIED

3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION

KAUNDA/CHARLEY

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the April 05, 2016 Board of Directors meeting

CARRIED

3.2) MOTION
ALOSHAIWAN/PRYMAK

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the March 22, March 29, April 05, and April 12, 2016 Executive Committee meeting

CARRIED

4) **Correspondence**

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

Conference Grant Report #2015-CG-064 – Flux: The Edge of Yesterday and Tomorrow, Southern Graphics Council International

Reisle reported that the travel expenses were significantly under budget because the application indicated attendees would be flying, but they drove. No explanation was provided for why accommodation and registration was over budget, but Reisle will follow up with the applicants and report at a subsequent meeting.

5) **Presentations**

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-101 The Foothills Colloquium in Undergraduate History (Courtney McLaughlin)

McLaughlin presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of three students at the conference in Calgary on May 02-03. This is the third annual hosting of the conference, which is of significance to TRU because it was modeled after the TRU Philosophy, History, and Politics Conference. Attendance maintains ties and ensures attendees at TRU conferences. Two of the attendees are fourth year students so this would be their last chance to attend. They will attend a number of sessions as well as the keynote. A particular benefit is to see what history students are studying at other institutions – i.e. early history topics not covered at TRU. The applicants looked for the most cost effective means to attend, including driving and inexpensive accommodations. The applicants have fundraised the cost of application fees.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-103 2016 Enactus National Exposition (Dexter Armstrong)

Katie Doherty presented, in place of Armstrong, the request for a grant to support the attendance of three students at the conference in Toronto on May 02-04. The attendees, along with teams from sixty other universities, will present on community projects organized by the Enactus Club. Projects include supporting youth who have aged out of foster care, advising new Canadians setting up businesses, and partnering with the Wellness Centre regarding food culture. The Club could not secure sponsorship because just four students are attending and had a short time frame. The Club did not receive funding for a previous trip and relied on its Club account, and now needs support. Attending

is beneficial through the inspiration of other student projects, developing contacts, and learning new project implementation strategies.

TRUSU Grants Application #2015-CG-104 Elizabeth Fry Annual Conference (Sarah-Jayne Hebert)

Hebert and another student presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of three students at the conference in Kamloops on May 06. The students are in their third year of the Bachelor of Social Work program. The conference is focused on shining a light on violence and violence prevention by addressing what services are available, what gaps exist, and what role the university could play. The conference will be attended by professors, students, and working professionals. It will be an opportunity to network, learn about practice specific to this community, and be introduction to issues of violence that may not have been covered in courses.

6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee

Douglass reported that work is focused on end of term administration including reorganizing the server to make documents from campaigns over the last decade more accessible and updating data for ongoing campaigns related to post-secondary education – i.e. student debt levels.

Services Committee

No report

Entertainment Committee

Lane reported on the final event in this year's Entertainment Plan, the Last Class Bash. The committee had planned to work with the liquor inspector to use snow fencing rather than steel fencing in order to reduce cost, but TRU was unable to provide adequate fencing. In the future, arrangements to secure cheaper fencing will have to be made sooner. The committee also piloted a partnership with Red Collar Brewing, and that was a success, providing opportunities to partner with local breweries at the future.

The Entertainment Coordinator will take his position on May 01, and already working to prepare orientation materials for a new committee term.

Equity Committee

No report

Policy Committee

Lane reported that the committee has recommended two policy proposals to the Board of Directors as part of its usual end of year review.

Amendments to Student Caucus Steering Committee Terms of Reference are proposed to change appointment of members by the Student Caucus to

appointment by the Executive. All Standing Committees of the Union as well as all Student Caucus members are appointed by Executive. The amendment would bring the Steering Committee in line with this more effective process.

Amendments to Entertainment Committee Terms of Reference are proposed to eliminate the requirement to host a Tunes Against Tuition Fees concert. As noted, costs have grown substantially and are the majority of the Kickstart budget. At the same time, the event is not providing return because attendance has been mediocre at best and it is not effective as a campaign launch. The proposal would also add a requirement to host a Kickstart breakfast. The Union has received approval in principle from TRU to host a breakfast for new students as part of Orientation each Fall semester. This would provide for needed outreach with the membership at the point of the largest intake.

Executive Committee

Lane reported that the Executive debriefed on the delegation to the Syrian Refugee Fundraiser Dinner hosted by the Kamloops Islamic Association.

7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

Student Caucus

McLellan reported on the status of five projects from the Student Caucus Plan and on the university's accreditation initiative.

The parking project will need to be continued beyond the end of the Plan term because the Parking Appeals and Advisory Committee has yet to make a recommendation to the Vice President Administration and Finance. Recommendations are expected to be made at a meeting in May.

The Student Services Review project will need to be continued beyond the end of the Plan term because the Student Services Review Task Force has yet to release a final report with recommendations for services improvements. The Student Caucus has received assurances that a report will be released in May.

The policy projects, to amend the Policy on Policy Development and Approval and the Examinations Policy, will both need to be continued beyond the end of the Plan term because TRU's Policy Subcommittee has not operated over this semester. The Subcommittee is set to reconvene shortly with a student representative, and the Student Caucus will reengage in those projects.

The student course evaluations project was successful in having evaluations implemented for every course this semester. Follow up work to get feedback from students on their experience with the evaluations continues. Students are encouraged to fill out a survey on the Union's webpage. Responses will be used to improve evaluations in the future.

As previously reported, the university is seeking accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). The NWCCU will conduct a site visit to evaluate TRU on April 25-27. Students are encouraged

to attend a Student Open Forum to share their experiences on April 26 at 11:30AM-12:30PM in the Lecture Hall of the Students' Union Building. Those unable to attend in person can call in.

8) **Canadian Federation of Students Report**

9) **Finance Report**

10) **Staff Report**

11) **Old Business**

12) **New Business**

12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
RANKIN/SIMPSON

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-101 \$729.91 to attend the Foothills Colloquium in Undergraduate History on May 02-03, 2016

CARRIED

12.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
KAUNDA/ALOSHAIWAN

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-103 \$2,677.14 to attend the Enactus Canada national Exposition on May 02-04, 2016

CARRIED

12.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
PRYMAK/STORVOLD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2015-CG-104 \$225.00 to attend the Elizabeth Fry Annual Conference on May 06, 2016

CARRIED

12.4) MOTION – OPERATIONAL POLICY 04 (OP-04) ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE
KAUNDA/SIMPSON

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt Operational Policy (OP-04) Entertainment Committee Terms of Reference as presented

CARRIED

12.5) MOTION – OPERATIONAL POLICY 36 (OP-36) STUDENT CAUCUS STEERING
COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE
RANKIN/STORVOLD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt Operational Policy (OP-36) Student Caucus Steering Committee Terms of Reference as presented

CARRIED

- 12.6) MOTION – HONORARIA REPORT
RANKIN/KAUNDA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of March 24, 2016 – April 06, 2016

CARRIED

13) Meeting Time

Tuesday, May 02, 2016 – 4:00PM

14) Notices of Motion

15) In Camera Section (if needed)

16) Adjournment

- 16.1) MOTION
ALZHRANI/MAKAR

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

CARRIED