

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Students' Union Building

1) Meeting Called to Order

4:01PM

PRESENT

Brian Chiduuro	President
Amber Stovold	Vice President External
Gagandeep Singh	Vice President Internal
Oluwafemi Akinsanpe	Vice President Finance
Sierra Rae	Women's Representative
James-Dean Aleck	Aboriginal Representative
Caitlin Orteza	LGBTQ Representative
Yash Thakker	Graduate Students' Representative
Tatiana Gilbert	Director-at-Large
Cole Hickson	Director-at-Large
Laura Santamaria	Director-at-Large

REGRETS

Chandan Sehgal	International Students' Representative
Gunveet Singh	Director-at-Large

ABSENT

STAFF

Nathan Lane	Executive Director
Alex McLellan	University Governance Coordinator
Natalie Reisle	Communications Coordinator
Abbey McAuley	Services Coordinator
Dylan Robinson	Equity Coordinator
Parth Patel	Entertainment Coordinator

2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION

THAKKER/SINGH, GAGANDEEP

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

CARRIED

3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION

THAKKER/SINGH, GAGANDEEP

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the May 17, 2016 Board of Directors meeting

CARRIED

4) Correspondence

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

5) Presentations

6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee (Leif Douglass)

Douglass reported that the committee will meet tomorrow to finalize objectives and goals, and to begin discussion about actions. The committee will finalize actions and draft timelines in the following week.

The committee has held meetings with two coalition partners. A meeting was held with the TRU Faculty Association regarding the Union's funding campaign. A meeting was held with B. Nederpel from the BC Federation of Labour to determine the best way for the Union to contribute to the "Fight for \$15" campaign to raise the minimum wage.

The Union commissions a national polling firm for annual public opinion polling on post-secondary education issues. The poll surveys approximately 600 households throughout the Kamloops-South Thompson and Kamloops-North Thompson provincial electoral districts. The results from the most recent poll will be presented to the public on Thursday, June 02 at noon in the Lecture Hall of the Students' Union Building.

Services Committee (Abbey McAuley)

McAuley reported that the committee has had two meetings since the last Board meeting. In the first meeting, the committee reviewed proposed objectives and goals and provided feedback. In the second meeting, the committee reviewed objectives and goals again and will finalize them next week.

In its next meeting, the committee will draft actions and timelines.

Entertainment Committee (Parth Patel)

Patel reported that the committee has reviewed and finalized objectives for the events spelled out in policy. The committee has also shortlisted three movies for the Movie Night, and those have been posted in a poll on the Union's website for members to indicate their preferences. There have been 239 responses so far.

In its next meeting, the committee will outline potential additional events with objectives and goals.

Equity Committee (Dylan Robinson)

Robinson reported that the committee has met three times since the last Board meeting. The committee reviewed past committee activities and current trends in equity movements. The committee reviewed proposed objectives and goals for events required by policy and potential campus and coalition partner equity issues.

The committee will draft actions at its next meeting.

Policy Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the committee has held its first meeting. As an orientation, the committee reviewed the structure of the Union's governing documents including the Constitution and Bylaws and the Policy Manual. It discussed the difference between operational and issues policy. Finally, it reviewed the process for policy review including selection of priority policies, consultation, research, and Board feedback.

Prior to the next meeting, committee members will read all the governing documents and contribute to an online discussion to identify priority policies.

Executive Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the Executive met earlier today. The Executive considered two requests for attendance. The Executive will attend a lunch with the university senior administration on June 23, and Chiduuro will attend the Chancellor's Convocation Banquet on June 10. The Executive appointed two students to serve on a student appeal hearing involving the Faculty of Law on June 17.

7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

Student Caucus (Alex McLellan)

McLellan reported that the Student Caucus Steering Committee has held its first meeting. The committee reviewed proposed projects and objectives based on previous projects, data from the most recent Student Budget Consultation, and an analysis of the political landscape on campus. In its next meeting, the committee will finalize the objectives and begin discussion of goals.

The Student Budget Consultation Report 2017/18 has been completed in draft form. The committee will review and finalize the Report at which point it can be presented to the Board and submitted to the university. The Report addresses food service, Student Awards and Financial Support, study space, classrooms, and the Bookstore and course materials.

The Parking Appeals and Advisory Committee met on May 17, and, after more than half a year of discussions, has finally made recommendations to the Vice

President Administration and Finance on parking changes. The changes would address some but not all of the concerns students raised in the previous Student Budget Consultation, and would be implemented in September 2017. The Student Caucus will follow up with the Vice President to ensure that the recommendations are adopted.

8) Canadian Federation of Students Report

32nd Annual Skills Development Weekend (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the delegation represented the Union very well. Delegates from other student unions were impressed, and some have requested that the Union share its strategic planning processes. Lane opened the floor to delegates to report on their experiences.

Storvold reported that the workshops helped to prepare delegates to fulfill responsibilities of the Board and addressed contracts, public speaking, and working with administrators, among others. It was also useful to network with other delegates.

Hickson reported that the networking was less valuable than it would have been had the Union's plans been completed for comparison and collaboration with delegates from other unions. He was also concerned that the cost of the event may be too high and alternative means of meeting could be explored.

Rae reported that the workshops were useful to attend in person, and she found networking with peers worthwhile in terms of understanding the structures of other student unions. She offered to share knowledge gained from the workshops with Board members who did not attend.

Santamaria reported that it was particularly helpful that the workshops were specific to the role of the Union Board on campus, for example in social media and services. Delegates were also provided materials that can be shared with Board members who did not attend.

9) Finance Report

Financial Statement - March 31, 2016 (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that there are no issues arising from the Statement of Financial Position.

On the Statement of Operations for the Unrestricted Fund, revenues are as expected. To date, 90% of budgeted membership dues, which constitute the largest revenue source, have been received with summer fees expected. Club dissolutions have been significantly higher than budgeted. On expenditures, there have been a number of notable over expenditures. The Story Teller's Gala was over budget due to the unexpected partnership with the TRU Office of the President to expand the event. The International Days beer tasting and seminar was over budget as a function of being hosted for the first time, and, given the actual expenditure, is not being considered again. Tickets and passes over

budget for both revenue and expenditures due to conservative budgeting following the termination of the Blazers partnership. There were over expenditures on all entertainment events, reflecting growing costs and demanding a new approach. Nonetheless, the fund has a significant current surplus and remains in a strong position.

There are no issues of note in the statements of operation for the Health and Dental, Capital, and Grants Funds.

10) Staff Report

Communications Report – May 23, 2016 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported on communications analytics for the weeks of April 25 through May 23.

Website traffic has remained stable, and the top pages tended to be for services such as the Housing Registry, the Clubs Directory, and the Health and Dental Plan, as expected at this time of year.

On Facebook, the week of April 25 was an outlier in terms of reach due to a popular post regarding a move by federal government to explicitly protect trans persons under human rights legislation.

On Twitter, impressions were up in week of April 25 for same reason as Facebook.

In terms of trends, Facebook reach and Twitter engagement is up compared to this time last year, but website traffic is down.

Reisle will be meeting later this week with Chiduuro to explore additional social media tools, such as Snapchat, and how they may be effectively incorporated into the Union's communications.

TRUSU Grants Report – May 30, 2016 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that the report reflects the two grants awarded at the last meeting, and there is nothing further of note.

11) Old Business

12) New Business

12.1 MOTION – HONORARIA REPORT *THAKKER/HICKSON*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of May 05-18, 2016

CARRIED

13) Meeting Time

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 – 4:00PM

14) **Notices of Motion**

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

16) **Adjournment**

16.1) MOTION

THAKKER/HICKSON

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

CARRIED