

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Students' Union Building

### 1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

#### PRESENT

Amber Storvold	Vice President External
Gagandeep Singh	Vice President Internal
Oluwafemi Akinsanpe	Vice President Finance
James-Dean Aleck	Aboriginal Representative
Chandan Sehgal	International Students' Representative
Caitlin Orteza	LGBTQ Representative
Yash Thakker	Graduate Student's Representative
Tatiana Gilbert	Director-at-Large
Cole Hickson	Director-at-Large
Laura Santamaria	Director-at-Large
Gunveet Singh	Director-at-Large

#### REGRETS

Brian Chiduuro	President (on leave)
Sierra Rae	Women's Representative (on leave)

#### ABSENT

#### STAFF

Nathan Lane	Executive Director
Alex McLellan	University Governance Coordinator
Natalie Reisle	Communications Coordinator
Dylan Robinson	Equity Coordinator
Leif Douglass	Campaigns Coordinator
Parth Patel	Entertainment Coordinator

### 2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION  
*ORTEZA/GILBERT*

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

### 3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION  
*THAKKER/SINGH, GUNVEET*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the October 04, 2016 Board of Directors meeting

**CARRIED**

### 4) Correspondence

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

### 5) Presentations

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-GE-046 TRUSU Computer Science Club LAN Party 6 (Elycia Buckley)

Buckley presented the request for a grant to support hosting the event on October 22 at the iTel Office in Kamloops. The Club has existed for two years and exists to build a community amongst computer science students and host support labs. The LAN Party is hosted every semester to provide a social occasion. It includes video games as well as board games and a new addition of virtual reality. The event will run from 5PM to 3AM, and the Club will ensure all attendees have a means to get home.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-GE-047 VASA Halloween Party (Chieh-Tai Hsiao)

Hsiao presented the request for a grant to support hosting the event on October 28 in the TRU Gallery. This is an annual event that serves as a fundraiser, to create relationships amongst students and faculty, and showcase student work. This year will also include a photo shoot with costumes and props, an artist talk on surrealism by the co-curator of Kamloops Art Gallery, and a workshop by a student based on his funded research. The Club is seeking additional funding sources including sponsorships and selling art supplies from bulk purchasing.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-119 Canadian Nursing Student Association Western Regional Conference (Jane Galliazzo)

Galliazzo presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of nine students at the conference on November 4-6 in Edmonton. The conference offers workshops, key note speakers, networking, leadership development, and preparation for professional development throughout the attendees' nursing careers.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-120 Canadian Association on Gerontology: Fostering Innovation in Research on Aging (Kristi Darnbrough)

Darnbrough presented the request for a grant to support her attendance at the conference on October 20-22 in Montréal. Darnbrough completed a research practicum on rural aging in place that piqued her interest in gerontology. She

then sought out extracurricular opportunities and identified this conference as the most prominent in the field in Canada. Her specific area of interest is in seniors' housing and a symposium at the conference will address this. The conference is also multi-disciplinary including perspectives from social work, law, economics, social sciences, etc.

#### TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-121 The BC Association of Social Workers 2016 Conference and Annual General Meeting (Lorrie Moore)

Moore presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of ten students at the conference on November 4-5 in Vancouver. The conference is held every other year making this an important opportunity for third and fourth year students. It will cover current issues in social work practice with workshops that expand on topics beyond coursework. It is also a networking opportunity. Ten students are attending because this will be the only chance for upper-level students, and because it will also more workshops to be attended and more information to be brought back to TRU. Attendees will carpool to reduce costs and have booked discount rooms at a hotel associated with the conference.

#### TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-122 Canadian Public Economics Group Conference (Brennan Harder)

Harder presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of six students at the conference on November 5-6 in Montréal. This is an international conference with topics including labour economics, health economics, and industrial organization. One of the keynote speakers won a Nobel Prize in Economics and another was an architect of Obamacare.

## 6) Committee Progress Reports

### Campaigns Committee (Leif Douglass)

Douglass reported that the committee has met once since the last Board meeting. Data entry of petition signatures from Fund the Future campaign.

In terms of progress towards the Strategic Plan, the committee is largely on track.

The Fund the Future campaign is close to meeting its petition signature targets. It has collected over 2700 signatures in total with 2400 from students and 340 faculty and staff. The committee anticipates reaching its student signature target in the next few days, and will then focus on faculty and staff signatures. The committee has presented to seven of nine Faculty Councils so far, and to eleven staff departments.

For the objective to educate students on issues in post-secondary education, the committee has scheduled a presentation of the 2016 public opinion polling results on Monday, October 24. These results are from a poll commissioned from a national public firm and represent over 600 Kamloops households reached by phone. It will be an important opportunity to learn more about how the local community thinks about funding, tuition fees, and student financial aid.

For the municipal budget consultation, the committee has confirmed that an open consultation will be held on November 15. The committee will meet with City staff tomorrow afternoon to determine means for student participation.

For the Fight for \$15 minimum wage campaign, the committee will begin outreach next week. A stalled action was to schedule a BC Federation of Labour training session. The Federation was unable to provide a trainer to address the issues in depth, and given the committee's experience in outreach for other campaigns this stalled action should not affect the success of the campaign.

### Services Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the committee has met once since the last Board meeting.

The Health and Dental Plan opt out deadline passed on October 03. There are now 4400 enrolled on plan making it one of the largest in the interior of British Columbia.

For the Health and Dental Plan promotion, the committee is reviewing web content to make improvements. Due to the considerable size of the Plan and the addition of many new members, this has been the sole focus of the committee.

### Entertainment Committee (Parth Patel)

Patel reported that the committee has met once since the last Board meeting. That meeting was kept short to facilitate time engaged in outreach for the Games Night and Open House.

In terms of progress against the Strategic Plan, the committee is on track.

For the Games Night and Open House, the committee has been engaged in promotions and has exceeded its registration goal with 101 participants.

For the recognition event, there has been some progress to develop a nomination process. Broad guidelines have been set, but no details.

In terms of key performance indicators, hours of outreach increased for the Games Night.

Upcoming activities include the Games Night and Open House this Thursday, October 20. Players have been contacted, logistics are prepared, and social games will be organized tomorrow.

### Equity Committee (Dylan Robinson)

Robinson reported that the committee has met once since the last Board meeting. It received a presentation from the Dean of Students on the development of a sexual violence policy in the light of provincial legislative requirements. There is an upcoming student consultation about the policy, and more information can be found on the TRU website. The committee also debriefed on the Pride Parade, received an update on preparations for the Tax Fairness event, and finalized panelists for the Story Teller's Gala.

In terms of progress against the Strategic Plan, the committee is on track.

For the Tax Fairness event to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, invitations to organizations in the tax sector and to faculty and staff have been sent. The event was held yesterday and attendance and other outcomes will be reported at the next Board meeting.

In terms of key performance indicators, committee attendance is below target, hours of outreach in October is on track, and committee member task fulfillment is on track.

Upcoming activities include the Storyteller's Gala addressing Aboriginal youth in care on November 17. Panelists have now been secured, logistics are booked, and promotion will begin next week.

#### Policy Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. It may not meet before the next Board meeting. Work to be completed will not require more than one or two meetings prior to the Annual General Meeting in January.

#### Executive Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the Executive has met once since the last Board meeting.

A number of Student Caucus appointments were made.

The Executive discussed the annual audit. Draft statements are expected to be done by the end of this week with auditors on site in early November.

## 7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

#### Student Caucus (Alex McLellan)

McLellan reported that the Student Caucus Steering Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The Caucus is in the process of selecting Steering Committee members for a new term. A number of applicants have been identified and a recommendation will be made to the Executive at the end of this week.

In terms of progress against our Strategic Plan, the committee is largely on track.

Regarding Student Caucus recruitment and support, progress is on track and most actions are complete. The key performance indicator of vacancies is at six out of forty-eight positions. Outstanding items include filling the remaining vacancies and providing orientations for a few remaining members who could not attend the group orientation or were appointed after.

Regarding the Hungry for Choice campaign, progress is on track. Action is focused on leafleting to collect more petition signatures and communicating the campaign message. A news feed post was published today to reinforce the

message that the campaign is responding to what students' asked for, is committed to realizing the benefits of competition in food service, and isn't confused by the fearmongering from TRU management. Board members are encouraged to share that post on social media. The key performance indicator of petition signatures has reached 1015.

Regarding the Open Textbooks initiative, action has been put off for the moment in order to focus on the Hungry for Choice campaign.

Regarding the Student Budget Consultation accountability initiative, progress has been made. Items that are now complete include publishing a website to track responses. Items that remain in progress include meeting with relevant budget-holders, and publishing regular news feed posts updating progress towards responses. These have not moved as far forward as planned because the committee is adapting to the way TRU is responding to our budget recommendations. A series of responses have been presented to the Budget Committee of Senate on October 11 including parking recommendations from last year; and food services, study space, classrooms, Bookstore and course materials, and Student Awards and Financial Support recommendations from this year. Some of the presentations to the Budget Committee were positive i.e. Student Awards and Financial Support and some aspects of study space and classrooms. Other presentations were defensive, hostile, or ambivalent to students' requests i.e. parking and food services. TRU administration has also committed to provide more formal responses to us in writing, but none have been received so far. The committee will follow up and determine responses in the coming weeks.

**8) Canadian Federation of Students Report**

**9) Finance Report**

**10) Staff Report**

Communications Report – October 10, 2016 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported on communications analytics for the week of September 26.

Top content on Facebook was the Hungry for Choice campaign launch, Campaigns Committee presentations, and the Games Night and Open House.

The back-to-school period, which is critical for communications, was concluded in this week. Reach was higher this year than last with greater shares across social media. In previous year, the focus of communications was on entertainment, and this year diversified with more content related to advocacy across campaigns, equity, and university governance.

In comparison to this time last year, Facebook reach is up, but Twitter engagement and website traffic is unchanged.

TRUSU Grants Report – October 14, 2016 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that, as of October 14, the Board has approved seven general event grants. This is an increase from last year when the target number of supported events was not met. The Board has approved five conference grants, which is the same as at this time last year.

**11) Old Business**

- 11.1) MOTION – HONORARIA REPORT  
*THAKKER/ALECK*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of September 08-21, 2016

**CARRIED**

**12) New Business**

- 12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*HICKSON/AKINSANPE*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-GE-046 \$850.00 to host the TRUSU Computer Science Club LAN Party 6 event on October 22, 2016

**CARRIED**

- 12.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*SEHGAL/GILBERT*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-GE-047 \$440.00 to host the VASA Halloween Party event on October 28, 2016

**CARRIED**

- 12.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*SEHGAL/HICKSON*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-119 \$4,815.00 to attend the Canadian Nursing Student Association Western Regional Conference on November 04-06, 2016

**CARRIED**

- 12.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*AKINSANPE/SEHGAL*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-120 \$1,000.00 to attend the Canadian Association on Gerontology: Fostering Innovation in Research on Aging Conference on October 20-22, 2016

**CARRIED**

12.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*ORTEZA/HICKSON*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-121 \$3,611.16 to attend the BC Association of Social Workers 2016 Conference and Annual General Meeting on October 28, 2016

**CARRIED**

12.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*THAKKER/SINGH, GUNVEET*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-122 \$5,000.00 to attend the Canadian Public Economics Group Conference on November 04-05, 2016

**CARRIED**

12.8) MOTION – HONORARIA REPORT  
*THAKKER/SEHGAL*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the Honoraria Report for the period of September 22 – October 05, 2016

**CARRIED**

**13) Meeting Time**

Tuesday, November 01, 2016 – 4:00PM

**14) Notices of Motion**

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

**16) Adjournment**

16.1) MOTION  
*ORTEZA/ALECK*

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

**CARRIED**