

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 29, 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
Caitlin Orteza	LGBTQ Representative
Yash Thakker	Graduate Students' Representative
Cole Hickson	Director-at-Large
Laura Santamaria	Director-at-Large

REGRETS

Brian Chiduuro	President (on leave)
Sierra Rae	Women's Representative (on leave)
Tatiana Gilbert	Director-at-Large

ABSENT

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

STAFF

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

2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION
SINGH/AKINSANPE

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

3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION
ORTEZA/SANTAMARIA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the November 15, 2016 Board of Directors meeting
CARRIED

4) Correspondence

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

TRUSU Grants Report #2016-CG-123 Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada

TRUSU Grants Report #2016-CG-125 ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest

Reisle reported that reimbursement was slightly lower than the grant awarded as either costs were reduced overall.

TRUSU Grants Report #2016-CG-119 Canadian Nursing Student Association Regional Conference

TRUSU Grants Report #2016-GE-048 3 Hours Aboard

Reisle reported that attendance was significantly less than anticipated at fifty-three compared to ninety. This was likely an overly ambitious target.

TRUSU Grants Report #2016-GE-046 TRUSU Computer Science Club LAN Party

TRUSU Grants Report #2016-GE-043 Studio Visits and Artist Talk with Amanda Forrest-Chan

Reisle reported that the event was expanded as the visiting artist's travel allowed her to return to campus for further studio visits.

TRUSU Grants Report #2016-GE-039 Mid-Autumn Festival

5) Presentations

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-130 Society of Range Management International Meeting (Michelle Phillips)

Phillips presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of two students at the conference in Utah on January 29 to February 02. The Society, established in 1948, provides professional and scientific approach to conservation and management of rangelands and has world-wide membership. The international meeting has 1000-2000 attendees with a strong commitment to student participation and competition. Attendance at a regional meeting by one of the students provided a good experience. At this meeting, one of the students will be presenting a talk at undergraduate level, and the other will be competing in a poster session. Both will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops and panel sessions and to network with working professionals. The grant would cover the costs of transportation and accommodation. The students are also fundraising through a BC Northwest Chapter application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-GL-002 Tikkun Olam: Collectivity, Responsibility, History – A Study of Tikkun Olam Among Jewish Community Workers (Jonah Christensen)

Christensen present the request for a grant to support hosting the lecture on campus on November 29. Leslie is a registered social worker of Jewish descent. Her presentation will be a good addition to the social work curriculum because it relates to existential social work through exploration of Hebrew traditions and world-healing. This is important during a time when the political and social context has led to existential doubt.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-EE-012 10th Annual Philosophy, History, and Politics Conference (Amy Hilliard)

Hilliard presented the request for grant to support hosting the conference on campus on January 19-21. This will be the 10th annual conference, which has consistently received funding that is appreciated and critical. This year, the conference expects 60 presenters and 180 total participants. Through the Library, students will be able to post papers for peer-review. Students are registered from across Canada and the northwest United States. The grant would cover the cost of TRU students to attend without charge.

6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee (Leif Douglass)

Douglass reported that the committee met once since the last Board meeting. It prepared to help host a BC Transit consultation on campus, debriefed on participation in the municipal budget consultation, planned video interviews of provincial election candidates, and reviewed a draft of the Fund the Future open letter to the community.

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

For the Fund the Future campaign, faculty council presentations are nearly all complete. The committee presented to the Arts Faculty Council this week and will present to the Trades Faculty Council next week. Final edits have been made to the open letter, and meetings with the CUPE, TRUFA, and Board of Governors are being scheduled to seek their endorsements of the letter.

The municipal budget consultation is complete. Two weeks ago, the committee organized a delegation of twenty students to participate. Delegates found the experience worthwhile, and related student groups were able to schedule follow up meetings with City staff on specific issues. While an unexpectedly large number of other groups and citizens attended, student participants were able to have good conversations with the hosts.

For the provincial budget consultation, the committee made a submission and presentation focused on two issues, the TRU funding formula and upfront, need-based student grants. The Report on the Budget 2017 Consultations was released and both priorities have been recommended to government.

For the provincial election, the committee is planning video interviews of local candidates. It is finalizing a list of questions and will send invitations this week. Once the content is prepared, the website will launch.

Services Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the committee has not been active or making progress against the Strategic Plan due to the vacancy in the Services Coordinator position.

To address the Services Coordinator vacancy, the Hiring Committee has completed a posting, and expects to complete the process of selecting a candidate by the next Board meeting.

In the meantime, Union services continue to be delivered successfully. For example, a recent story in the Omega newspaper about campus food service wait times noted that Common Grounds had shortest waits of any outlet. Lane attributes this, at least in part, to the good work of the employees and thanked them. Lane will follow up with the Omega editor for more details of how and when wait times were investigated.

Entertainment Committee (Parth Patel)

No report

Equity Committee (Dylan Robinson)

Robinson reported that the committee met once since the last Board meeting. It completed the appointment process for a new Member-at-Large, concluded its work to have cooperative education established for graduate students, debriefed on the Storytellers' Gala, and started its campaign to introduce trans inclusive forms at TRU.

In terms of progress against the Strategic Plan, the committee is on track and has completed or concluded more than half of its objectives.

For the Storytellers' Gala, the objective has been completed. This year's event focused on Aboriginal youth in care with a panel discussed. The event achieved all three goals to raise awareness of discrimination against Aboriginal peoples in child welfare and family law, to profile organizations working to address the issue, and to have at least fifty attendees. Successful panel member selection ensured the issue was explained effectively, and attendance was greater than expected at 120.

For the implementation of cooperative education for graduate and post-baccalaureate students, the committee has ceased its work. It had been working with the Career Education Department to develop a Strategic Initiative Fund request to address the issue comprehensively. However, Career Education, the Dean of Students, and the Dean of Business and Economics decided to adopt a different approach to implement opportunities piece-meal, starting with the School of Business and Economics.

Key performance indicators have been updated since the Storytellers' Gala, and participant satisfaction and awareness are above target.

With Fall semester plans now complete, the committee is now focusing on its campaign for trans inclusive forms. It has also begun preparing for projects in the Winter semester including expansion of the Post-Secondary Support Program for Aboriginal students, debunking Islamophobia for IDays, and an International Women's Day event promoting women in STEM fields.

Policy Committee (Nathan Lane)

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

The committee is working to recommend policy on organizational structure to the Board to be referred to the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee will review proposals from the Policy Committee this Friday, to be served with notice to December 13 meeting of the Board.

The committee is also working on issues-based policies, such as sustainability.

Executive Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the committee met twice since the last Board meeting. It is planning the organizational holiday social to celebrate work over the past semester. It appointed the Vice President Finance to the Search Committee for the Director of the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching.

7) Institutional Student Representation Reports

Student Caucus (Alex McLellan)

McLellan reported that the Student Caucus Steering Committee has met twice since the last Board meeting on November 21 and 28.

The committee received updates on work to solicit business letters of support and securing classroom presentations for the Hungry for Choice campaign, and on communications with budget holders at TRU to request responses to the Student Budget Consultation Report.

It prepared an agenda for the Student Caucus meeting and debriefed on the meeting afterwards.

The committee debriefed on a meeting with the Registrar regarding the development of a Strategic Enrolment Management Plan. That meeting addressed concerns about how past consultation with students would be acknowledged and incorporated. However, there remain concerns that the process to draft and approve the plan do not appropriately include students or the campus community. The committee requested more information to address this.

The committee organized a focus group of students living off-campus for a consultant, Scion Group, that TRU has hired to investigate the student housing market and demand. It also secured a meeting with the consultant to provide

the perspectives of the Students' Union about students' experiences with housing.

Finally, it set up a meeting with the Vice President Advancement to discuss concerns raised in the Student Budget Consultation about gaps in student financial aid, particularly for international students

The Student Caucus met once since the last Board meeting on November 23. It received an update on the Hungry for Choice campaign, had a discussion on student housing to relay to the consultant, and received updates from university committees.

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

Regarding the Hungry for Choice campaign, progress is on track. Seven classroom presentations have been conducted to collect petition signatures and one more is scheduled for this week. Meetings were held with six businesses to request letters of interest in and support for a competitive campus food market. All were very supportive, enthusiastic, and will provide letters and additional support. One more meeting is scheduled for this week. A key performance indicator has been updated with 1584 petition signatures collected, more than 150 from classroom presentations.

Regarding the Student Budget Consultation accountability initiative, a number of responses have been received from TRU administration. These are being analyzed, follow up questions are being asked, and final responses will be reporting shortly.

In the coming weeks the focus will be soliciting letters of support from local businesses for the Hungry for Choice campaigns and following up with budget-holders for Student Budget Consultation accountability.

8) Canadian Federation of Students Report

9) Finance Report

10) Staff Report

Communications Report – November 21, 2016 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that website traffic was high in the week of November 14 due to the Member Services Desk job posting, which was widely shared. Traffic the week after was down due to issues with the website server, which was down for two days over the weekend.

Facebook reach increased as a result of the Member Services Desk job posting and posts promoting the Storyteller's Gala.

Twitter impressions were average with small increases from the Storyteller's Gala, and the municipal budget consultation post shared by the City of Kamloops.

In terms of prior year comparisons, Facebook reach is steady, Twitter impressions are down as it continues to be a declining medium, website traffic is down slightly due to server issues. In December, content will reduce and students will be focused on studying, so longer-term planning for content is being developed as a counter.

TRUSU Grants Report – November 25, 2016 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that work to promote usage of the grant program continues. Two grant information sessions have been held since the last Board meeting. There were eight participants at each with good discussions of application processes. An email has been sent to Deans of each Faculty and School outlining guest lecture grant opportunities. This will be further sent over the full faculty email list.

An event grant application was postponed at last meeting pending clarification of attendance and the value of the event. Attendance expected is fifteen students and five faculty/staff. The value of the event is an evaluation that Board members must make. To support that evaluation, the monetary value is described in the financial summary, and the application meets the program standards.

In terms of grant allocations, the Board has yet to approve an educational event grant or a lecture grant. However, there is a lecture grant application on this agenda. Lecture grants are intended to provide students and the campus community access to scholars and other speakers that enhance the educational experience.

11) Old Business

11.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *ORTEZA/SANTAMARIA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-EE-011 \$3,100.00 to host the TRU Bike Club Mechanics Course on January 16 – February 27, 2017

CARRIED

12) New Business

12.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *THAKKER/HICKSON*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-130 \$2,000.00 to attend the Society of Range Management International Meeting on January 29 – February 02, 2017

CARRIED

- 12.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
ORTEZA/ALECK
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-GL-002 \$625.00 to host the Tikkun Olam: Collectivity, Responsibility, History – A Study of Tikkun Olam Among Jewish Community Workers on November 29, 2017
CARRIED
- 12.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
SINGH, GAGANDEEP/AKINSANPE
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-EE-012 \$3,810.30 to host the 10th Annual Philosophy, History, and Politics Conference on January 19-21, 2017
CARRIED
- 12.4) MOTION – HONORARIA
SINGH, GAGANDEEP/SANTAMARIA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the honoraria report for the period of November 03-16, 2016
CARRIED
- 13) Meeting Time**
Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – 4:00PM
- 14) Notices of Motion**
- 15) In Camera Section (if needed)**
- 16) Adjournment**
- 16.1) MOTION
HICKSON/ORTEZA
Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned
CARRIED