

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Students' Union Building

### 1) Meeting Called to Order

4:01PM

#### PRESENT

Brian Chiduuro	President
Amber Storvold	Vice President External
Oluwafemi Akinsanpe	Vice President Finance
James-Dean Aleck	Aboriginal Representative
Caitlin Orteza	LGBTQ Representative
Sierra Rae	Women's Representative
Tatiana Gilbert	Director-at-Large
Cole Hickson	Director-at-Large
Laura Santamaria	Director-at-Large
Gunveet Singh	Director-at-Large

#### REGRETS

#### ABSENT

Gagandeep Singh	Vice President Internal
Chandan Sehgal	International Students' Representative
Yash Thakker	Graduate Students' Representative

#### STAFF

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

### 2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION  
*SANTAMARIA/CHIDUURO*

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

### 3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION  
*GILBERT/AKINSANPE*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the November 29, 2016 and the December 13, 2016 Board of Directors meetings.

**CARRIED**

### 4) Correspondence

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

### 5) Presentations

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-GE-049 Mugs for Hugs Event (Aria Marta Kornas)

Kornas presented the request for a grant to support the hosting of the event on campus on January 16, 2017. Kornas outlined that the club was seeking funds to host four educational stations in Old Main in order to raise awareness about paper waste from non reusable coffee and tea cups and to distribute free coffee and tea to students. Kornas stated that this was the second year that the club had done this event and that they had received 100 mugs from TRU Marketing and Communications to distribute, had already made arrangements to procure the coffee and tea to be distributed from Aramark, and had secured additional sponsorship from the sustainability office for the event.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-135 Canadian Nurses Students Association National Conference (Laurel Gilmour)

Gilmour presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of seven students at the conference on January 25 – 28, 2017 in Winnipeg. Gilmour outlined that the Canadian Nursing Students Association hosts one national conference each year to support nursing students in improving the legal, ethical, professional, and educational aspects of nursing. Gilmour stated that the theme of this years conference was Cultural Sustainability and that the conference would feature many keynote speakers and workshops that would greatly benefit the education of attendees.

### 6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee (Leif Douglass)

Douglass reported that the committee had not met since the last Board meeting.

In terms of progress against the committees Strategic Plan, Douglass reported that the committee is generally on track.

For the Fund the Future campaign, the membership outreach aspects of the campaign in terms of the campus pledge drive and the Faculty Council and Staff Department presentations have been completed. Douglass also reported that

while the joint public letter had been signed by TRUSU, TRUFA, and CUPE work continued on the preparation and materials for the February 03, 2017 presentation to the TRU Board of Governors in order to secure the signature of the TRU Board Chair.

With regards to the provincial election campaign Douglass reported that the committee continues to interview election candidates for the get out the vote website that is planned and that the plan remains to be done interviews by early January in order to allow for the development of content for the get out the vote and to ensure a successful website launch in early March.

Lastly, Douglass reported that the committee has two campus outreach tables planned in the coming weeks to educate members about the lack of needs based grants in British Columbia as compared to other provinces and the need for improvements to student financial aid in British Columbia.

#### Services Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

There has been a vacancy in the Services Coordinator position for some time, and the focus of the committee has been to fill it. A search in the summer did not find a suitable candidate. The committee decided to repost about a month ago. The Hiring Committee undertook the process and found a successful candidate, Cassandra Ring, who has accepted an offer of employment and began work on January 03, 2017. Lane reported that the immediate focus is getting Ring up to speed in terms of the administrative requirements and day to day task of the position and that once that had been achieved the committee would meet to develop a strategy to move forward in the winter semester.

#### Entertainment Committee (Parth Patel)

No report

#### Equity Committee (Dylan Robinson)

Robinson reported that the committee met today and had on its agenda a discussion of the TRUSU Annual General Meeting, and update on the status of the project to have TRU adopt non gendered options on forms, an update on the process with regards to the development of a TRU Sexual Assault Policy as mandated by the provincial government, and the discussion of some additional items for the Equity Committee Strategic Plan given the accelerated rate of progress of the plan to date.

In terms of progress against the committees Strategic Plan, Robinson reported that the committee is ahead of schedule and as a result the committee has added to its plan a film screening as a part of black history month, outreach to draw attention to the un-kept electoral promise of the Government of Canada with regards to increasing funding for the Post Secondary Student Support Program, an outreach initiative addressing the many aboriginal and northern communities that have unsafe drinking water as a part of world water day, and

outreach tabling focused on the damaging effects of harmful language and dehumanization. Robinson outlined that full details of these new items have been added and will be presented over the coming weeks and objectives and goals as well as materials and logistics are completed. Robinson also noted that the committees planned events for International Days and International Women's Day continue progress according to plan.

Robinson reported that the International Days tabling to address myths regarding Islamophobia materials are nearly completed and that the committee would be focusing its efforts over the coming weeks to secure students from campus groups to assist in the tabling.

Finally, Robinson stated that the planning for the International Women's Day Panel to address the experience of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math is on track and that committee is currently developing the panel questions and take away materials for the event.

#### Policy Committee (Nathan Lane)

No report

#### Executive Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the Executive met once since the last Board meeting. The focus of the meeting was a discussion of the state of readiness of the various committees for the inter semester and an update on the preparations for the 2016-2017 Annual General Meeting.

#### Student Caucus (Alex McLellan)

McLellan reported that the Student Caucus Steering Committee met once since the last Board meeting. At the meeting the committee discussed the progress and current status of the Hungry for Choice campaign, the progress and status of the Open Textbook campaign, and received an update with regard to responses to the Student Budget Consultation.

In terms of progress against the committees Strategic Plan, the committee remains largely on track.

For the Hungry for Choice campaign, McLellan reported that a significant victory has been achieved by the committee as Thompson Rivers University has responded the recommendations from the Student Budget Consultation and has committed to the implementation of several actions that will address the issue raised by students including but not limited to the allowance of food trucks on campus; better labeling and communication regarding vegan/vegetarian, gluten free, and other dietary options, measures to address wait times and line ups, and a commitment introduce market completion to TRU Community Trust properties.

For the Open Textbook campaign McLellan reported that the committee has planned a targeted pledge drive and campus blitz for early January and that it

will be focusing its efforts on educating and building support amongst members and engaging in a series of faculty council presentations leading to request of the TRU Senate for investment in a campus program to support the creation of Open Textbooks.

For the Student Budget Consultation accountability initiative, progress is increasing with responses received a significant number of respondent allowing for a series of newsfeed posts have been published to update members on the progress of the project. McLellan reported that the committee expects the last few responses to be received in the coming weeks.

7) **Canadian Federation of Students Report**

8) **Finance Report**

9) **Staff Report**

Communications Report – January 2, 2017 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that the organization had seen a significant increase in its communications performance in the last reporting period over the previous year including a three hundred and fifty percent increase in the Unions Facebook reach, two hundred percent increase in the Unions Facebook engagement, and a fifty six percent increase in website traffic. Resile attributed the increase to more consistency in terms of the production of content on a period-by-period basis.

However, Reisle also reported that the Union experienced slight decline in its Twitter metrics although she is not concerned as that seems to generally be the trend in terms of Titter usage amongst other organizations

Lastly Reisie reported that December newsletter has gone out since the last meeting and that it had an open rate of thirty three percent. Resile also report that a newsletter would be distributed early next week in order to promote the Annual General Meeting.

TRUSU Grants Report – January 6, 2017 (Natalie Reisle)

No Report

10) **Old Business**

11) **New Business**

11.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*HICKSON/ORTEZA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-GE-049 \$400.00 to host the Mugs for Hugs event on January 16, 2017

**CARRIED**

11.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT  
*SINGH/ORTEZA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-135 \$5,000.00 to attend the Canadian Nurses Students Association national Conference on January 25- 28, 2017.

**CARRIED**

11.3) MOTION – HONORARIA  
*SANTAMARIA/AKINSANPE*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the honoraria report for the period of December 01 - 13, 2016

**CARRIED**

**12) Meeting Time**

Tuesday, January 24, 2016 – 4:00PM

**13) Notices of Motion**

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

**15) Adjournment**

15.1) MOTION  
*ORTEZA/HICKSON*

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

**CARRIED**