

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 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
Gagandeep Singh	Vice President Internal
James-Dean Aleck	Aboriginal 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
Yash Thakker	Graduate Students' Representative

REGRETS

Caitlin Orteza	LGBTQ Representative
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ABSENT

Chandan Sehgal	International Students' Representative
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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
RAE/SANTAMARIA

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

3) Approval of the Minutes

3.1) MOTION
CHIDUURO/SINGH

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the minutes from the January 10, 2016 Board of Directors meetings.

CARRIED

4) Correspondence

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-116 Canadian Bureau of International Education Conference

Reisle reported that the application ended up with \$1,400.00 in additional revenue that had not been budgeted for in the original application. The applicants used this additional revenue to fund a participant outside of the TRUSU Grant and therefore, Reisle noted for the Board that, the additional revenue had no bearing on the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-127 7th Annual ALF Holiday Banquet

Reisle noted for the Board that the actual expenditures for the application had exceeded the application by approximately \$400.00 as a result of the original application costing dual occupancy for rooms but the actual expenditures reflecting single occupancy.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-129 Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers British Columbia Gala Conference

Reisle noted for the Board that the actual expenditures for the application were significantly lower than the amount allocated as travel costs were greatly reduced based upon the decision to drive to the conference as opposed to take the Greyhound.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-GL-002 Tikkun Olam (Repair the World)

Reisle noted for the Board that the application met its targets in terms of projected attendance for the guest lecture and that in terms of actual expenditures in the relation to budget projections the applicants expensed slightly less than budgeted for travel and slightly more for accommodation than had been anticipated.

5) Presentations

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-133 TESOL 2017 International Convention and English Language Expo (Kenna Sim)

Sim presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of five TESOL students to the conference on March 21 - 24, 2017 in Seattle. Sim noted that the conference was expecting approximately 6500 participants and that it would provide attendees access to a host of great speakers, educational workshops, recruitment booths, and a number of networking opportunities. Sim particularly noted her excitement for the new teaching practices workshop that she felt would be of tremendous value for herself and other participants.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-137 Association for Psychological Science (Olivia Zander)

Zander presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of six students at the conference on May 25 - 28, 2017 in Boston. Gilmour outlined the itinerary for the conference and discussed the value of the various components to attendees. Zander also stated that she believed the conference would provide students with an excellent opportunity to network and to serve as ambassadors for TRU internationally as well as to gain valuable experience that would assist them in pursuing graduate school opportunities. Lastly, Zander informed the Board that the applicants had hosted a 50/50 draw in order to generate some funding to supplement their application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-138 Documenta 14 and La Bienalle de Venezia (the 57th Venice Bienalle): Viva Arte Viva (Emily Dundas Oke)

Dundas Oke presented the request for a grant to support her attendance at the two events on May 17 - 23, 2017 in Athens. Dundas Oke explained that the Documenta's were humanitarian art shows that took place every five years and had originated in post war Germany. Dundas Oke explained that this years theme was The Parliament of Bodies and that she has was excited as this theme was similar to exhibitions she had curated here at TRU and in Prince George. Dundas Oke further outlined that the Biennale was an international art show that took place every two years and was very influential in establishing international art trends. Dundas Oke asserted that attendance at the event would be beneficial for campus as it would assist in the future organizing of contemporary art exhibits and that she intended to host a lunch time talk series upon return to discuss the trends of the Bienalle.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-139 Invasive Species Council of British Columbia 2017 AGM (Lucas Leslie)

Leslie presented the request for a grant to support his attendance at the conference on February 06 - 09, 2017 in Richmond. Leslie provided the Board with an overview of the conference activities including highlighting the sessions on aboriginal lands and partnerships, developing common solutions with industry, and on tackling invasive species in Europe, which he thought would be

of particular value. Leslie also noted that he had submitted an abstract to present a poster at the conference but had not yet heard back at this time but that he had agreed to serve as a conference photographer and note taker and would therefore be able to bring back a great deal of knowledge that would help TRU when it hosts a similar conference on June 2017.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-EE-014 TRU SLS: In the Spotlight: Sports, Media, and Entertainment (Simone Main)

Main presented the request for a grant to support the hosting of the event on February 02 – 03, 2017. Main advised the Board that it would be the 5th Annual SLS conference intended to provide a forum to discuss contemporary legal issues and to showcase TRU Law. Main outlined that they had confirmed a session at the conference to be hosted by representatives from Live Nation Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee, and a number of professors from across Western Canada. More specifically, Main expressed her excitement for the partnership they had established with an international law firm from Vancouver that has agreed to host a commercial contracts workshop, which Main felt was a very significant addition to the conference. Lastly, Main discussed the attempt this year to focus the conference on broader inclusion from the community at large by tying in the conference with the city of Kamloops Tournament Capital initiative and by marketing more broadly across a range of mediums.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-GE-050 Comedy and Dance Night (Brian Chiduro)

Chiduro presented the request for a grant to support the hosting of an event on February 10, 2017. Chiduro outlined for the Board that the 560 Dance Crew Club, which formed three years ago in order to participate in TRU International Days was requesting funds to host a dance and stand up comedy event. Chiduro noted that the event was intended to raise awareness with regards to dancing as an art form and to showcase styles of dancing. Chiduro believed this event would provide an opportunity for various TRUSU dance Clubs to come together to create campus life and student engagement.

6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee (Leif Douglass)

Douglass reported that the committee had met once since the last Board meeting and at that meeting the committee discussed its progress regarding preparation for the Unions provincial election campaign, the status of the Fight for \$15 campaign, and planning for student financial aid campus outreach.

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

For the Fund the Future campaign, Douglass noted that the February 03, 2017 presentation to secure the support of the Board of Governors has been

rescheduled to March as the Board of Governors had no space on its agenda for the presentation at the February 03, 2017 meeting.

With regards to the provincial election campaign Douglass reported that the committee had secured three dates in March where it will be partnering with Elections BC to register students and share information regarding how to participate in the upcoming provincial election. Douglass also note that the committee would be meeting in the upcoming week to continue developing the content for the election information website the committee has been developing and that the committee is still on track to launch the site in early March.

In terms of the committees commitment to participate in the British Columbia Federation of Labour Fight for \$15 campaign Doulgass reported that the committee had undertaken a second campus blitz and had been able to secure two hundred additional signatures of support.

Lastly, Douglass reported that the committee has had two campus outreach tables 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 (Cassandra Ring)

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

Ring outlined that the focus since the last meeting with regards to services has been ensuring the continued administration of the health and dental plan and the Upass program to support student cases.

Entertainment Committee (Parth Patel)

Patel reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting and that the committee is scheduled to meet next on January 31, 2017.

In terms of progress against the committees Strategic Plan, the committee remains largely on track with the exception of the actions related to handbilling for the Common Voices Lecture Series as the event has already sold out.

Patel reported that the Common Voices Lecture Series has sold out and that the committee continued to prepare the logistical aspects of the event to ensure the successful delivery of the event.

Equity Committee (Dylan Robinson)

Robinson reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting and that the committee is schedule to meet on January 31, 2017.

In terms of progress against the committees Strategic Plan, Robinson reported that the plan remains largely on track although Robinson reported that the committee had failed to meet its targets with regards to membership outreach related to the call to have the federal government honour its commitment to

increase funding to the Post Secondary Student Support Program for indigenous students.

Robinson reported that the preparations for the International Days tabling to address myths regarding Islamophobia continue to move and that it has secured 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. Robinson also noted that the committee is already receiving inquiries regarding the event and is expecting an excellent turnout.

Executive Committee (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that the Executive met once since the last Board meeting. The focus of the meeting was an update on the preparations for the 2016-2017 Annual General Meeting and preparations for an upcoming meeting with Thompson Rivers University Senior Management to discuss communications protocols between the two organizations.

Finally, Lane reported that the Executive has received a request from the Thompson Rivers University Senior Administration for a lunch meeting on February 09, 2017.

Student Caucus (Alex McLellan)

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

In terms of progress against the committee's Strategic Plan, the committee remains largely on track although McLellan noted that the committee has struggled to meet its KPI with regards to committee attendance.

For the Open Textbook campaign McLellan reported that the committee has completed its outreach tables in front of the bookstore and that it has secured approximately 200 of the planned 1700 signatures of support for the campaign. McLellan also noted that the campaign has secured a number of dates present to faculty councils over the coming months.

For the Student Budget Consultation accountability initiative, progress is increasing with responses received a significant number of respondents 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. More specifically, McLellan noted that the committee has now received 20 out of 27 responses.

7) **Canadian Federation of Students Report**

8) **Finance Report**

9) **Staff Report**

Communications Report – January 16, 2017 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that Union was experiencing a slower start to January in previous years as result of a later start date for the winter semester than previous terms.

In terms of website activity Reisle reported that the announcement of the Common Voices Lecture Series and the petition regarding the Post secondary Student Support Program funding increase had lead the way in terms of driving content to the site.

TRUSU Grants Report – January 18, 2017 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that the Board was still below fifty percent in terms of its budgeted allocation across all the areas of the TRUSU Grants program and that therefore there remained a significant pool of money available to students for the remainder of the term.

Reisle also provided an explanation to the Board regarding the rescinding of TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-132 and the resubmission of the application as TRUSU Grant #2016-CG-136 as a result of the applicants desire to add additional members to the application. Reisle noted that she had reviewed the new application was recommending its approval.

10) **Old Business**

11) **New Business**

11.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
SINGH/AKINSANPE

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors repeal TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-132 for \$748.80 to attend the WestCast Conference on February 16 - 17, 2017.

CARRIED

11.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
THAKKER/GILBERT

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-133 \$3,960.00 to attend the TESOL 2017 International Convention and English Language Expo on March 21 - 24, 2017.

CARRIED

- 11.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
SINGH/SANTAMARIA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-136 \$1,800.00 to attend the West CAST Conference on February 16 - 17, 2017.
CARRIED
- 11.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
HICKSON/THAKKER
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-137 \$5,000.00 to attend the Association of Psychological Science Conference on May 25 - 28, 2017.
CARRIED
- 11.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
SINGH/RAE
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-138 \$1,000.00 to attend the Documenta 14 and La Biennale de Venezia (the 57th Venice Biennale): Viva Arte Viva on May 17 - 23, 2017.
CARRIED
- 11.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
THAKKER/DEAN-ALECK
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-139 \$500.00 to attend the Invasive Species Council of British Columbia 2017 AGM and Forum on February 06 - 09, 2017.
CARRIED
- 11.7) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
HICKSON/CHIDUURO
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-EE-014 \$2,820.00 to host the TRU SLS: In the Spotlight: Sports, Media, and Entertainment Conference on February 02 - 03, 2017.
CARRIED
- 11.8) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
DEAN-ALECK/AKINSANPE
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-GE-050 \$1,000.00 to host the Comedy and Dance Night on February 10, 2017.
CARRIED

11.9) MOTION – TRUSU ELECTION SCHEDULE
SANTAMARIA/CHIDUURO

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2016-2017 Election Schedule as follows:

Notice of Nominations:	Feb 20, 2017
Nominations Open:	Feb 27, 2017
Nominations Close:	Mar 10, 2017
All Candidates Meeting:	Mar 10, 2017
All Candidates Forum:	Mar 15, 2017
Campaign Period Opens:	Mar 13, 2017
Polling:	Mar 22, 2017 Mar 23, 2017

CARRIED

11.10) MOTION – HONORARIA
GILBERT/SINGH

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the honoraria report for the period of December 30 – January 11, 2017

CARRIED

12) Meeting Time

Tuesday, February 07, 2016 – 4:00PM

13) Notices of Motion

14) In Camera Section (if needed)

15) Adjournment

15.1) MOTION
THAKKER/SINGH

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned

CARRIED