

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Students' Union Building

1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

PRESENT

Brian Chiduuro	President
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
Tatiana Gilbert	Director-at-Large
Cole Hickson	Director-at-Large
Laura Santamaria	Director-at-Large
Gunveet Singh	Director-at-Large

REGRETS

ABSENT

Sierra Rae	Women's Representative
Yash Thakker	Graduate Students' Representative

STAFF

Alex McLellan	University Governance Coordinator
Natalie Reisle	Communications Coordinator
Dylan Robinson	Equity Coordinator
Leif Douglass	Campaigns Coordinator
Parth Patel	Entertainment Coordinator
Cassandra Ring	Services Coordinator

2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION

GILBERT/ALECK

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

CARRIED

3) Approval of the Minutes

4) Correspondence

FOR ACTION

FOR INFORMATION

5) Presentations

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-GL-003 Self By (Counter) Design. Transgressing Aesthetic Identity Rules (Paolino Caputo/Monica Sanchez)

Caputo and Sanchez presented the request for a grant to support hosting a workshop. Caputo outlined that the workshop would last approximately three hours and would provide participants a chance to counter normative visual standards through addressing different methods of transgressing norms, gender activism, symbolic violence, gender roles, consumerism, eurocentrism in the context of American issues. Sanchez outlined that the speaker is an expert in gender performativity and authored the book "Divine" as is on campus as result of International Days.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-EE-018 Empower Conference (Emiko Ohama)

Ohama presented the request for a grant to support hosting a conference on International Women's Day. Ohama estimates approximately 300 attendees. The event will feature speakers such as leaders from KPMG Accounting, leading female entrepreneurs, female student leaders, and female athletes. Attendees will participate in networking sessions, a catered lunch, and a vendors fair. The event will be open to all members of the campus and broader community.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-GE-057 TRUSU Indoor Cricket Tournament (Premdeep Singh)

Singh presented the request for a grant to support hosting the cricket tournament. The event will be hosted in the TRU Gym and be open to all students, non-students, and alumni. The purpose of the event is to promote cricket and provide students with stress-relief during the semester. Singh noted that cricket is a very popular game around the world and especially in South Asia.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-GE-058 World Toad Day Film Screening and Panel Discussion (Jacob Bradshaw)

Bradshaw presented the request for funds to host the film screening and panel discussion which is a joint effort by the Natural Resource Sciences Club, the Biology Undergraduate Student Society, and the Wilderness Committee. The event will consist of a film viewing and then a panel discussion focused on the many amphibians that are endangered and the importance of federal protection of localized ecosystems. The goal is to sell 100 tickets and to fundraise for a scholarship for a biology student.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-143 Exploring Evidence in Wound Care (Jayne Wenlock)

Wenlock presented the request for a grant to support the attendance at the wound care conference. Wenlock outlined that they were part of a clinical group that intended to attend the conference and were particularly excited about the discussions regarding the distinctions between the role as practicing nurses versus nurse involvement in policy making and knowledge creation. Wenlock noted that this was a unique opportunity as traditionally only fourth year and graduate students presenting research have attended and that as second year students this would be a great academic experience.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-144 Enactus Canada Regional Exposition (Joel Mercer)

Tasker presented the request for a grant to support the attendance of eighteen students at the conference. Tasker reported that the conference would allow students an opportunity to network with business professionals and line up job interviews for the future. Tasker noted that they had already secured \$2500.00 from SoBE and that individuals had all committed to make personal contributions as well. Tasker claimed that it was important that TRU students be given an opportunity to present their social entrepreneurship projects to national judges and that this work would provide excellent profile for TRU.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-145 Terminus SGC International Conference (Graham Lord)

Lord presented the request for a grant to support his attendance at the conference. Lord explained that Terminus SGC International was a conference in print-making and was unique in its scale. Lord reported that Faculty member, Ila Crawford, has attended in the conference in the past and can confirm that it provides an opportunity to network with other student artists and professionals in a larger context and to be exposed to advanced topics in print making.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-146 100th Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition (Isra Jaffar)

Jaffar presented the request for a grant to support attendance at the conference. Jaffar noted that the request for a grant was a result of participation in a Kingsley Donkar research group. Jaffar hopes to represent the undergraduate research opportunities available at TRU at the conference. Jaffar noted that the conference will allow participants to be exposed to current ideas in chemistry and to present their own individual research projects.

TRUSU Grants Application #2016-CG-147 Youth Forum at CSW61 & Grand Opening of Women Day Exhibition at the United Nations (Emiko Ohama)

Ohama presented the request for a grant to support attendance at the Youth Forum. Ohama outlined that the Youth Forum was founded by United Nations as a means to educate youth about gender equity. Ohama claimed that she had

been invited to participate and that if she received the grant and attended intended to build the conference material into the work of Lean In Club. Ohama also noted that she has requested funding from the Elizabeth Fry Society as well.

6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee (Leif Douglass)

Douglass reported the committee has met once since the last meeting. At the meeting the committee continued to discuss the Now is the Time website content and launch.

Douglass reported that the 2016/2017 Campaigns Committee Strategic Plan is on track but that attendance at committee meetings has been slipping slightly.

Douglass noted that the last two weeks has been dedicated to developing materials for provincial election outreach and working with Elections BC to register students to vote.

Services Committee (Cassandra Ring)

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

Ring reported that there has been no progress on the 2016/2017 Services Committee Strategic Plan since the last meeting.

Ring reported that she continues to work on the editing of existing services website content.

Entertainment Committee (Parth Patel)

Patel reported that the committee has met once since the last meeting and that the focus of that meeting was to debrief on the Common Voices Lecture Series.

Patel reported that the 2016/2017 Entertainment Committee Strategic Plan is largely on track with the exception of the the recognition event that has been cancelled for this year.

Patel also noted that the objectives relating to Common Voices are now complete and that the committee was pleased to have met its goals. Patel noted that the event had a full house, that the logistics were well organized, and that they received good feedback from attendees. Patel also noted that the committee was pleased to have been able to provide the opportunity for club leaders to meet with Naomi Klein before the event and that the feedback from both clubs and Klein was positive.

Lastly, Patel reported that the committee would be shifting its focus to completing the organizing of the Last Class Bash with a focus on expanding the event. Patel noted that the committee continues to work with Ancillary Services on the logistics and permitting required to scale up the event.

Equity Committee (Dylan Robinson)

Robinson reported that the committee has met once since the last meeting. The focus of the meeting was preparation for the committees upcoming March activities.

Robinson reported that the 2016/2017 Equity Committee Strategic Plan continues to be largely on track with the exception of the items related to the Post Secondary Student Support Program campus outreach.

Executive Committee (Nathan Lane)

No report

Student Caucus Steering Committee (Alex McLellan)

McLellan reported that the committee has met twice since the last meeting. At the meetings the committee discussed the wrap up of the TRU Student Budget Consultation, the completion of the TRU Student Budget Consultation Survey and subsequent results, and the progress of the Open Textbook campus outreach presentations.

7) Canadian Federation of Students Report

8) Finance Report

9) Staff Report

Communications Report – February 13, 2017 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that there was no items of note to report regarding the social media and website performance during the period.

Reisle noted that two newsletters went out to the membership during this period containing information about the student budget consultation survey and elections notices and that the click rate for these newsletters was significantly higher than previous newsletters.

TRUSU Grants Report – February 17, 2017 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that the grants program continues to operate well within budget and that the Union continues to receive a significant increase in the inquiries about the program.

Health and Dental Plan – 2016 Quarter 1 Report (Cassandra Ring)

Ring reported the September to November health and dental plan performance. Ring noted that the loss ratio for the plan for the period is 57% and that this performance is not bad but not great. Rings believes that the Union should prioritize communicating with international students who are newly added to plan with regards to how to use the plan. This will result in an improved loss ratio. Ring also reported that the Union can expect the loss ratio to steadily increase over the coming quarters if past trends continue. Ring also noted that usage is up amongst domestic students compared to this time last year.

10) Old Business

10.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
SINGH/HICKSON

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-140 \$5,000.00 to attend the Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers conference on March 02-04, 2017

CARRIED

11) New Business

11.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
SINGH/SEHGAL

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-GL-003 \$1,000.00 to host the Self By (Counter) Design. Transgressing Aesthetic Identity Rules lecture on March 09, 2017.

CARRIED

11.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
AKINSANPE/ALECK

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-EE-018 \$1,550.00 to host the Empower Conference on March 08, 2017.

POSTPONED

11.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
SINGH/SANTAMARIA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-GE-057 \$900.00 to host the TRUSU Indoor Cricket Tournament on February 22 – March 01, 2017.

CARRIED

11.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
ORTEZA/SANTAMARIA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-GE-058 \$700.00 to host the World Toad Day Film Screening and Panel Discussion on March 20, 2017.

CARRIED

11.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
ORTEZA/SANTAMARIA

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-141 \$2,000.00 to attend the WADEM Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine 2017 on April 25 - 28, 2017.

CARRIED

- 11.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
HICKSON/ALECK
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-143 \$4,456.37 to attend the Exploring Evidence in Wound Care conference on May 12-13, 2017.
CARRIED
- 11.7) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
GILBERT/SEHGAL
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-144 \$5,000.00 to attend the Enactus Canada Regional Exposition on March 02-03, 2017.
CARRIED
- 11.8) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
ALECK/HICKSON
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-145 \$1,000.00 to attend the Terminus SGC International Conference on March 15-18, 2017.
CARRIED
- 11.9) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
SINGH/GILBERT
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-146 \$3,000.00 to attend the 100th Candian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition on May 28 – June 01, 2017.
CARRIED
- 11.10) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
AKINSANPE/ALECK
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2016-CG-147 \$1,000.00 to attend the Youth Forum at CSW61 & Grand Opening of the Women Day Exhibition at the United Nations on March 11-13, 2017.
CARRIED
- 11.11) MOTION – HONORARIA
ORTEZA/SANTAMARIA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the honoraria report for the period of January 26, 2017 – February 08, 2017.
CARRIED

12) Meeting Time

Tuesday, March 07, 2017 – 4:00PM

13) Notices of Motion

14) In Camera Section (if needed)

15) Adjournment

15.1) MOTION

HICKSON/SINGH, GUNVEET

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED