

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Students' Union Building

1) Meeting Called to Order

4:00PM

PRESENT

Tatiana Gilbert	President
Cole Hickson	Vice President External
Janelle Lapointe	Vice President Internal
Caitlin Orteza	Vice President Equity
Simranjit Singh	International Students' Representative
Emmanuel Daramola	Graduate Students' Representative
James-Dean Aleck	Aboriginal Representative
Dale Drozda	LGBTQ Representative
Emiko Ohama	Women's Students' Representative
Inayat Ur Rehman	Visible Minority Students Representative
Brandon Hayashi	Campaigns Committee Representative
Arjun Gill	Services Committee Representative
Inderpreet Bains	Services Committee Representative
Richard Abankwa	Entertainment Committee Representative
Mwansa Kaunda	Caucus Steering Committee Representative
Mico Miede-Moffat	Caucus Steering Committee Representative

REGRETS

Aanchal Mogla	Campaigns Committee Representative
Gagandeep Singh	Vice President Services

ABSENT

STAFF

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

2) Approval of the Agenda

2.1) MOTION
ORTEZA/UR-REHMAN

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 #2017-GL-007 Coast Mountain Epic Lecture (William Ginther/Sarah Osberg)

Ginther presented the request for funding to host the lecture. Ginther provided an overview of Tania and Martina Halik and the adventure they undertook as well the significance of that adventure to the field of adventure tourism. Ginther noted that this ski tour served as an example of the prospects for self-supported trips and their potential to break into the field of adventure tourism. Ginther believed that this lecture would be a great opportunity for members of the program as well as for the campus and community and encouraged the board to fund the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-GL-006 Advancing Nursing Practice in Contemporary Healthcare Lecture (Zoey Bradshaw/Judy Duchscher)

Bradshaw presented the request for funding to host the lecture. Bradshaw provided an overview of the lecturer Suzanne Gordon and why she was significant in the field of nursing. Bradshaw noted that Gordon was world renowned journalist and other in the field of contemporary nursing and that having her a TRU would be a great opportunity for graduate and undergraduate nursing students as well as the health care community in general. Bradshaw urged the board to fund the applications.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-EE-022 Music Bridge – TRU Campus Sing (Xiaoqing Liu)

Liu presented the request for funding for the event. Liu provided an overview of the singing competition and how it will work in all of its phases. Liu believed this would be an excellent event for the campus community and that the focus on internationalization would make for great event for attendees and would provide diverse array of singers and songs. Liu encouraged the board of directors to fund the application.

TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-185 Bright Blue Green Conservatism Conference (Robert Wisla)

Wisla presented the request to attend the conference. Wisla outlined for the board the rationale for the conference and provided a brief summary of the politics of the United Kingdom and why its politics of sustainability was relevant to the Canadian context. Wisla noted that he has studied politics for a while and that he has also been an active member of a number of sustainability initiatives here at TRU in past. Further, Wisla committed to making a presentation to those who might be interested upon his return should he receive funding. Wisla encouraged the board to fund his application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-186 Play the Game Conference (Karen Perry)

Perry presented the request for funding to attend the conference. Perry outlined for the board an overview of the conference activities and its role in evolving governance in sport and addressing the issue of doping in sport. Perry noted that the TRU Law School has established itself as a leader in sports law and has created a presence at conferences in the industry over the years. Perry believed funding her grant application would be an opportunity to continue this success.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-187 World Health Summit (Arjun Gill)

Gill presented the request to attend the summit. Gill outlined for the board an overview of the content of the summit. Gill noted that the summit is being hosted by the M8 Alliance of medical schools and will feature a number of recognizable speakers including the ceo of Bayer, the Portuguese Minister of Health, and Nobel Prize Laureate Elizabeth Blackburn. Gill reported that the conference hoped to address global health governance, health security, and urban health challenges. Gill noted that this summit is great opportunity for nursing students and he encouraged the board to fund the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-189 7th Hong Kong International Nursing Forum (Mackenzie Byers)

Byers presented the request to attend the conference. Byers provided the board with an overview of the two days of conference activity and outlined that the theme of the conference is Nursing Practice, Education, and Research. Byers outlined that the conference would greatly benefit the attendees because it was about connecting nursing practice and research and encouraged the board to fund the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-188 17th Annual Pacific Northwest Prostrate Cancer Conference (Arjun Gill)

Gill presented the request to attend the conference. Gill reported to the board the significance of the impact of prostate cancer as an illness. Gill noted that the conference will include key speakers and leading medical professionals in the field of studying prostate cancer who will be discussing new technology and practices in the field of prostate cancer research. Gill believed that the

conference would be a great opportunity for students to attend and gain experience and encouraged the board to fund the application.

TRUSU Grants Application #2017-CG-190 Shanghai Traditional Chinese Medicine Exhibition (Arman Gill)

Gill presented the request to attend the exhibition. Gill claimed that the exhibition would provide an opportunity to examine artifacts from all eras related to Chinese health care. Gill also claimed that the application would dovetail with the other application he was included in if jointly funded. Gill concluded by encouraging the board to fund the application.

6) Committee Progress Reports

Campaigns Committee (Leif Douglass)

Douglass reported that the committee met twice since the last meeting and that the committee plan continues to progress.

With respect to the committees' objective to educate the broader community about TRU underfunding through community and presentations and a social media campaign Douglass noted that the committee has fallen slightly behind but has nearly caught up. Douglass noted that the committee has its first presentation scheduled for the upcoming week and it is in the process of attempting to schedule presentations for the fall semester. Douglass also noted that the committee has completed its Fund the Future video and it expects to release the video in the coming weeks.

In terms of the committee's objective to communicate and engage members in advancing potential solutions on fees, funding, and financial aid Douglass reported that the committee is on track. Douglass reported that the committee did outreach on funding at TRU Orientation and at Clubs Day and were able to engage 550 students. Further, Douglass mentioned that the committee demonstration at the Back to School BBQ was successfully able to engage over 300 students around student financial aid.

Douglass reported that the committee's objective to advance policy alternatives at the provincial and federal levels to make post-secondary education affordable and high quality is ahead of schedule and nearly complete. The committee has completed both its federal and provincial budget submissions and that the committee has confirmed its presentation date for the provincial budget submission presentation and expects to complete this objective during the next period.

With respect to the committee's objective to empower students to share their perspectives with decision makers at the municipal level Douglass reported that the committee met with city officials regarding hosting a campus budget consultation and the committee expects to have more details regarding the event by early November.

Lastly, Douglass reported that the committee's objective to assist students to participate in the 2017 municipal election is on track and that the committee has its pizza and politics event coming up next week and that the committee is in the process of promoting the event and are expecting a successful turnout.

Services Committee (Cassandra Ring)

Ring reported that the committee has met once since the last meeting.

With regards to the committee's objective to improve the usage of the health and dental plan through a digital and campus outreach strategy to educate students Ring-Hall reported that the two initiatives related to the digital communications strategy have been delayed and that the committee expects to revisit them in October. However, Ring-Hall noted that the campus outreach plan to table is on track and that the committee will be out on campus next week tabling to communicate to members regarding using the health and dental plan.

In terms of the objective to increase the usage of the Members Advocate service by educating members about the service Ring-Hall reported that the committee hosted two tabling sessions during back to school and engaged 814 students regarding the service which is well on the way to the committee's desire to engage 1000 students.

Ring-Hall reported that the committee's objective to improve the usage of the TRUSU Grants program is well underway and that the committee is preparing for its upcoming information sessions to educate people on the opportunities available are scheduled to take place during the next reporting period.

Lastly, Ring-Hall reported that the committee's objective to educate students about the availability of Common Grounds as a campus food service alternative is on track and that the committee continues to plan its Common Grounds promotional give away event.

Entertainment Committee (Parth Patel)

Patel reported that the committee has met once since the last meeting

Patel noted that the committee's objective to host back to school bbq to foster social ties and establish a sense of belonging amongst the membership is now complete and was a success. Patel reported that the committee achieved all of the measures that it committed to in terms of this objective.

In terms of the committee's objective to host a club's day to bring together students around common interests and perspectives Patel reported that the committee has now completed this objective and that the committee has met its targets regarding this event. Patel noted that 600 students and over 60 groups took part in club's day last week.

Equity Committee (Dylan Robinson)

Robinson reported that the committee has met twice since the last meeting.

With regards to the objective to host a Pride Parade to address LGBTQ2S+phobia Robinson reported that invitations have gone out and that feedback is encouraging, that the development of the take away material for the event is wrapping up, and that the committee has exceeded its target for community organizations to participate in the resource fair. Overall Robinson believes the event is progressing as planned.

In terms of the objective to improve TRUSU's washroom signage to address washroom accessibility for trans and differently-abled persons Robinson reported that the committee has completed its consultation and that it is in the process of reviewing the data and that a report should be available at the next board meeting.

Finally, Robinson noted that the committee has completed its objective to raise awareness regarding the discrimination faced by men who have sex with men by Canadian Blood Services. The committee has 832 signed pledges signed and will be preparing a media release and sending the pledges to the federal government in the coming weeks.

Executive Committee (Nathan Lane)

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

Lane reported that the committee has received a resignation from Women's Representative Ohama and that a motion to receive the resignation is included today's meeting agenda.

Finally, Lane noted that the committee has sponsored two community events since the last meeting. The committee has sponsored the United Way 2017 Campaign Launch Breakfast and the TRU Sports Task Force Breakfast.

Student Caucus Steering Committee (Alex McLellan)

McLellan reported that the committee has not met since the last board meeting.

With respect to the objective to facilitate opportunities for students to participate in decision making at TRU. McLellan reported that student recruitment is in progress and has been going successfully in terms of reapplications, outreach metrics, and applications and that final number will be available for the next board meeting.

In terms of the objective to pressure TRU to respond to the Student Budget Consultations and fulfil commitment McLellan noted that this objective is on track. The current year's report has been written and is in the design process and expects to be distributed shortly. McLellan also noted that the committee met today with the Provost to communicate student frustration with the progress regarding the implementation of the Degree Works project and to seek

action to address the same and that a more detailed update will be available at the next board meeting.

Lastly, McLellan noted that the committee's objective to seek a full consultation on the food service contract renewal is on track. McLellan noted that the early media coverage has been successful and that the committee's launch event was upcoming this week and that the committee would report on the its outcome at the next board meeting.

7) Finance Report

8) Staff Report

Club Ratifications – (Parth Patel)

Patel reported that all club's applications submitted for consideration today are eligible for ratification by the board of directors.

Communications Report – September 11, 2017 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that the overall performance of our communications has been positive during this period.

With respect to the website Reisle reported that the performance for the period was positive and that we surpassed our weekly averages from the previous years for this period. Reisle noted that the traffic has been generated largely by the club's directory, the Now is the Time campaign page, and the events calendar.

In terms of social media Reisle reported that Facebook performance was above average for the period driven largely by back to school events and activities. Reisle also noted that performance during this period was positive on Instagram however there is no previous year data to compare on this platform. Lastly, Reisle reported that our performance on Twitter was poor again during this period.

Reisle noted that there has not been a newsletter sent out during this period as the next newsletter will go out tomorrow although Reisle mentioned that thus far the newsletter has performed exceptionally well this fall and expects the same for this upcoming edition.

TRUSU Grants Report – September 15, 2017 (Natalie Reisle)

Reisle reported that it is early in the new fiscal year so that there was very little to report overall thus far.

Reisle noted that there was nothing material to report with regards to the general and educational grants portion of the program.

Reisle noted that the board has funded \$7,813.97 and that given this early pace Reisle expects this to be a busy year for the conference grants portion of the program.

Reisle reported that there was nothing material not report with regards to the guest lecture grants portion of the program.

Reisle noted that there have been two new community sponsorship grants that have been approved since the last meeting.

World University Services of Canada Student Refugee Program – (Nathan Lane)

Lane reported that he has received a letter from the World University Services Canada Club indicating that they are willing to wind down their club in hopes of partnering with the Union to host a referendum to support a student refugee program. Lane reported that he will meet with the club during the coming period to discuss the club's intentions for the upcoming year and to develop a proposal to come to the board regarding moving forward the project.

9) Old Business

10) New Business

10.1) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *BAINS/ALECK*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors rescind TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-184 for \$1,575.00 to attend the National Sports Law Negotiation Competition 2017.

CARRIED

10.2) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *MIEGE-MOFFAT/DROZDA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-GL-007 \$1,740.00 to host the Coast Mountain Epic Lecture.

CARRIED

10.3) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *KAUNDA/DARAMOLA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-GL-006 \$500.00 to host the Advancing Nursing Practice in Contemporary Healthcare Lecture.

CARRIED

10.4) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *GILL/ALECK*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-EE-022 \$5,000.00 to host the Music Bridge – TRU Campus Singing Competition 2018.

CARRIED

10.5) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT *BAINS/KAUNDA*

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-185 \$900.00 to attend the Bright Blue Green Conservatism Conference.

CARRIED

- 10.6) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
DROZDA/DARAMOLA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-186 \$2,000.00 to attend the Play the Game Conference.
CARRIED
- 10.7) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
BAINS/ALECK
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-187 \$3,000.00 to attend the World Health Summit.
CARRIED
- 10.8) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
ALECK/ORTEZA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-188 \$4,000.00 to attend the 17th Annual Pacific Northwest Prostate Conference.
DEFEATED
- 10.9) MOTION – TRUSU GRANT
HICKSON/DROZDA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors fund TRUSU Grant Application #2017-CG-191 \$1,990.98 to attend the National Sports Negotiation Competition.
CARRIED
- 10.10) TRUSU HONORARIA
ABANKWA/MIEGE-MOFFAT
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the honoraria report for the period of August 24, 2017 – September 06, 2017.
CARRIED
- 10.11) MOTION – BOARD RESIGNATION
KAUNDA/ALECK
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors receive the resignation of Women's Students Representative Ohama.
CARRIED
- 10.12) MOTION – CLUB RATIFICATION
DROZDA/HAYASHI
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors ratify the Fashion Club
CARRIED
- 10.13) MOTION – CLUB RATIFICATION
SINGH/KAUNDA
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors ratify the FUTSAL Club
CARRIED

- 10.14) MOTION – CLUB RATIFICATION
LAPOINTE/SINGH

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors ratify the Arts & Culture Club
CARRIED

11) Meeting Time

Tuesday, October 03, 2017 – 4:00PM

12) Notices of Motion

13) In Camera Section (if needed)

14) Adjournment

- 14.1) MOTION
SINGH/HAYASHI

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned
CARRIED