

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Minutes

Student Association of George Brown College

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – 1:00PM St. James Campus, Toronto, Ontario

1. Call to Order

The Speaker will call the Annual General Meeting to order at: 1:30PM

2. Land Recognition Statement

I would like to take a brief moment before we continue to recognize that, as many of us are settlers on this land, it is our collective responsibility to pay respect and recognize that this land is traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and that we are here because this land was occupied. In recognition that this space occupies colonized First Nation territories, and out of respect for the rights of Indigenous people, it is our collective responsibility to honour, protect, and sustain this land.

3. Welcome Statement – Tiffany White, Director of Education

- Welcome to all of the students to the Annual General Meeting.
- The by-law revisions will not be presented at this meeting. A second general meeting will be held in the spring to accommodate the proposed by-law revisions, as the organization wishes to present the revisions to a lawyer to ensure compliance with the Not-For-Profit Corporations Act.
- Should students require a formal letter from the organization for the purpose of academic consideration, they can be obtained from the Student Association office as of Thursday morning.

4. Meeting Announcements

The Speaker will provide a brief overview of the Annual General Meeting, outlining its purpose and procedural norms, including voting, proxy voting, and the rules of order for all Student Association meetings. The speaker will also make any other announcements related to the Annual General Meeting that may be relevant to the Members at the Meeting.

- Brief explanation of Robert's rules of order by Chair.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

The Speaker will ask the Members to adopt the Agenda for the meeting.

Motion: Be it resolved that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications & Internal

Seconded by: Sheldon Mortimore, LGBTQ Representative

Vote: Carries

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6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Speaker will ask the Members to adopt the Minutes from the December 3, 2015 Annual General Meeting. (Please see Appendix A).

Motion: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the December 3, 2015, Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications & Internal

Seconded by: Francis Torres, St. James Campus Director

Vote: Carries

7. Approval of the Audited Financial Statements – Grant Thornton LLP

A representative from the Student Association's current auditors, Grant Thornton LLP, will present the audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2016. The representatives will answer any questions from the Members concerning the audit process and/or its results. The Chair will ask the Members to accept the Audited Financial Statements.

Motion: Be it resolved that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2016.

Moved by: Gemeda Beker, Director of Operations

Seconded by: Sheldon Mortimore, LGBTQ Representative

Vote: Carries

8. Appointment of the Auditors

The Speaker will ask the Members to appoint Grant Thornton as the accounting firm responsible for the preparation of the Corporation's audit for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017.

Motion: Be it resolved that Grant Thornton be appointed as the Corporation's Auditor for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017.

Moved by: Gemeda Beker, Director of Operations

Seconded by: Brittney DaCosta, Director of Campus Life

Vote: Carries

9. Presentation of the Annual Report – Tiffany White, Director of Education

On behalf of the Student Association, the Executive Committee will provide the Members with a short summary of the Student Association's Annual Report, highlighting our programs and services in the 2015-16 year.

- AGM Booklet is available under Documents on the Student Association website.

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- Since the Fiscal year is June 1 – May 31 and the Election term runs May 1 – April 30, most of the material is from the previous board, with some overlap.
- Booklet read-through:
 - Mission, mandate, what they entail and how they reflect on the daily running of the Student Association.
 - Services: Yearly review, key achievements, statistics from the last year.

10. Strategic Priorities – Tiffany White, Director of Education

The Speaker will discuss the three new strategic priorities of the Student Association and how the Board and staff are working together to achieve these.

- The goals of the Student Association, our focus.
- The strategic plan for 2013-2015 consisted of 8 points, was quite word heavy.
- Strategic plan for 2016-18 has been simplified to 3 areas of focus and, as we consider the strategic plan to be our foundation, dubbed the “three pillars”.
 - a. Health & Wellness
 - Accessibility, Education, Healthy Food, Safety
 - Cheaper health plans, low-cost options for food, workshops on wellness, events - Oasis week, training and PD for staff, peer support, advocacy, food bank, good food market.
 - b. Good Governance
 - Accountability, Budget Adherence, Collaboration, Transparency
 - Building better programs, revising our by-laws.
 - c. Student Engagement
 - Advocacy, Civic Engagement, Employment, Events, Outreach
 - Events – National Day of Action, widespread election awareness, input from students on health plans, financial support - GBC Awards.

11. Question and Answer Forum: No Questions.

12. Adjournment – Speaker

Speaker will ask Member to properly adjourn the Meeting and proceed to the Question & Answer period.

Motion: Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting be adjourned at:

Moved by: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications & Internal

Seconded by: Sheldon Mortimore, LGBTQ Representative

Vote: Carries

Time: 2:22PM