

APPENDIX 1

(June Board meeting minutes)

Board of Directors – Voting Members:	
Executive Members:	
Director, Communications & Internal	Riddhi Modi
Director, Campus Life	Mercedes Burrowes
Director, Education	Tiffany White
Director, Equity	Alex Stewart
Director, Operations - Interim	Francis Torres
Campus Directors:	
Casa Loma Campus Director	Jasmyn St. Hilaire
St. James Campus Director	Francis Torres
Satellite Campuses Director	Ashley Cammisa
Waterfront Campus Director	Vacant
Educational Representatives:	
Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative	Alejandro Prieto
Business Representative	Ron Greenberg
Community Services and Early Childhood Representative	Tisha Graham
Construction and Engineering Technologies Representative	Vacant
Health Sciences Representative	Vacant
Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative	Chioma Adaeze Ogbonna
Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative	Vanessa Truong
Constituency Representatives:	
Accessibility Representative	Yuseph Jackman
First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students’ Representative	Leslie Van Every
LGBTQ Students’ Representative	Garth Vernon
International Students’ Representative	Kushagra Manchanda
Women and Transgendered Students’ Representative	Tiah Beckles
Black Students’ Representative	Sabrina Mohammed
Non-Voting Members:	
General Manager	Vacant
Resources:	
Chair	Alastair Woods
Operations Manager	Faris Lehn
Equity and Advocacy Manager	Rosalyn Miller
George Brown College Representative	Gerard Hayes
Minute Taker	Tiffany White
Interpreters	
Guests:	Dialog Staff

1. Roll Call:

Board of Directors: Voting Members	Present	Absent	Regrets Sent
Executive Members:			
Director, Communications & Internal	X		
Director, Campus Life	X		
Director, Education	X		
Director, Equity	X		
Director, Operations - Interim	X		
Campus Directors:			
Casa Loma Campus Director	X		
St. James Campus Director	X		
Satellite Campuses Director	X		
Waterfront Campus Director	N/A		
Educational Representatives:			
Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative	X		
Business Representative	X		
Community Services and Early Childhood Representative		X	
Construction and Engineering Technologies Representative	N/A		
Health Sciences Representative	N/A		
Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative		X	
Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative	X		
Constituency Representatives:			
Accessibility Representative		X	
First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students' Representative		X	
LGBTQ Students' Representative	X		
International Students' Representative	X		
Women and Transgendered Students' Representative		X	
Black Students' Representative		X	X
Non-Voting Members:			
General Manager	N/A		

Land Recognition Statement:

I would like to take a 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.

2. Call to Order

Time: 1:16 pm

3. Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the agenda as presented. Any amendments to the Agenda should be made at this point in time.

Moved by: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Vote: Carries

Discussion: Tiffany states that there will be one emergency motion and one motion in “other business” that was forgotten on this meeting’s agenda.

4. Speaking Time

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors, resource persons and guests respect Robert’s Rules of Order and, when invited to speak by the Chair, limit their speaking time to 3 minutes per item.

Moved by: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

Seconded: Francis Torres, Interim Director of Operations

Vote: Carries

5. Limitation of Speakers

Be it resolved that all discussions and/or debates be limited to four (4) speakers for and four (4) speakers against each individual motion.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

Vote: Carries

6. Tabled Item (February 28, 2017): Approval of Meeting Minutes

Whereas the meeting minutes from the February 13, 2017, Board meeting requires approval (please refer to Appendix I); therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes as presented (Appendix I). Any amendments to the meeting minutes should be made at this time.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Francis Torres, St. James Campus Director

Vote: Carries

7. Tabled Item (April 24, 2017): Approval of Meeting Minutes

Whereas the meeting minutes from the February 28, 2017, Board meeting requires approval (please refer to Appendix I); therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes as presented (Appendix I). Any amendments to the meeting minutes should be made at this time.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Vanessa Truong, Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative

Vote: Carries

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Whereas the meeting minutes from the May 15, 2017 board meeting requires approval (see Appendix I); therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes as presented (please refer to Appendix I). Any amendments to the meeting minutes should be made at this time.

Moved by: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Seconded: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

Vote: Carries

9. UPDATE: Strategic Planning workbook

Presentation: Tiffany White, Director of Education; Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

Discussion: Tiffany and Riddhi explain that the strategic planning facilitator has requested that the Board complete these workbooks and have them ready for the next morning.

10. UPDATE: SUDS conference

Presentation: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Discussion: Mercedes explains that the Student Union Development Summit is happening this year in Vancouver, BC. In previous years, the execs have been told they could not go by the Executive Director, but there are a lot of excellent learning opportunities.

Ron feels that this is not inclusive to the rest of the Board, and wants to know why only executives should attend.

The executive team explains how, since the start of the term, there has been a lack of attendance on the Board's behalf, and execs have had to "chase" folks to ensure accountability. As many Board members have not been able to demonstrate engagement with their own student union, it would be a risk to send folks who may not attend every workshop. Strong emphasis is put on how the attendance to conferences are paid for by students with student money, as our members are our financial source through their membership fees. When sending folks to conferences, there needs to be a certainty that the conferences are being utilized to the fullest and no money is "wasted" or misused.

Tiffany recommends putting forth a motion to mandate the executives to provide a report back.

Mercedes expands and states that the execs would provide the Board with a training based on what is learned at SUDS.

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accepts the recommendation of the executive committee to send the five executives, Tiffany White, Mercedes Burrowes, Alex Stewart, Riddhi Modi, and Francis Torres to the 2017 Student Union Development Summit (SUDS).

Be it further resolved that the executive committee be required to provide a report back to the Board.

Moved By: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

Vote: Carries

Abstentions: 1

MOTION TO AMEND:

Be it yet further resolved that the executive committee be required to provide the Board with a training based on the education gained at SUDS in August or September.

Moved by: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Seconded: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

Vote: Carries

Abstentions: 1

11. UPDATE: Student Association 2017-2018 Budget

Presentation: Executive Committee

Motion to go in-camera to discuss financial details

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Ron Greenberg, Business Representative

Vote: Carries

Motion to move out of in-camera

Vote: Carries

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accepts the recommendation of the Operations Committee to adopt the budget as presented for the 2017-2018 term.

Moved by: Ron Greenberg, Business Representative

Seconded: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

Vote: Carries

12. Other Business

Emergency Motion

Whereas Suzette Cameron (Linton) suffered from a severe headache that was caused by severe pressure on her brain by an undiagnosed tumour, causing cardiac arrest followed by a catastrophic brain injury that eventually lead to her death; and

Whereas Suzette Cameron was a mother to five children: Dailia (22), Isaiah (17), Shawn (13), Jasmine (11), and Josiah (3); and

Whereas Suzette was actively pursuing her Practical Nursing diploma at George Brown College and worked as a Personal Support Worker (PSW); and

Whereas a GoFundMe page has been set up to assist with the immediate needs of Jasmine and Josiah; and

Whereas the peers of Suzette in the Practical Nursing program have reached out to a member of the Board of Directors at the Student Association of George Brown College to support in this fundraising; therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Association of George Brown College pledge \$500 towards the fundraiser in support of the two youngest children of Suzette Cameron.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education
Seconded: Francis, Interim Director of Operations
Vote: Carries (as amended)

MOTION TO AMEND:

Be it resolved that the SAGBC pledge \$1000 towards the fundraiser in support of the two youngest children of Suzette Cameron.

Moved by: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity
Seconded: Jasmyn St. Hilaire, Casa Loma Campus Director
Vote: Defeated

MOTION TO AMEND:

Be it resolved that the Student Association of George Brown College pledge \$250 towards the fundraiser in support of the two youngest children of Suzette Cameron.

Be it further resolved that the Student Association of George Brown College outreach, through social media and other means, to the general community to encourage donations from the community.

Moved by: Ron Greenberg, Business Representative
Seconded: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity
Vote: Carries
Discussion:

Rose – SA supports over 26,000 students and we need to establish a budget for emergency funds

Jasmyn – in favour of the amendment; we should support the students because we are an organization for students

Ron, Francis – against the amendment due to a lack of a system in place in our budget to support emergency situations such as these.

Ashley – how would it be fair for us to come up with a number at this point without a structure in place?

Motion to Support 5th Annual 5-on-5 Youth VS. Toronto Police Basketball Tournament

Whereas the Esplanade Youth Movement focuses on preventing youth-on-youth violence by involving members through educational workshops and free community programs and creating awareness in the surrounding community; and

Whereas previous events such as the “Know Your Police” and “Know Your Rights” workshop, hosted by the Esplanade Youth Movement, have brought together over 400 youths from the surrounding community; and

Whereas the Student Association executive committee was approached with the request for funding and support through the means of tabling and a financial donation; therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Association of George Brown College donate \$500 towards the Esplanade Youth Movement’s 5th Annual 5 on 5 Youth Vs. Toronto Police Basketball Tournament.

Be it further resolved that the Student Association of George Brown College support the event further by tabling during the event and talking to youth about George Brown College, post secondary education, and the Student Association.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

Vote: Carries (as amended)

MOTION TO AMEND:

Be it resolved that the SAGBC donate RUN GBC gear towards the Esplanade Youth Movement’s 5th annual 5 on 5 youth vs. Toronto Police Basketball Tournament.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Francis Torres, Interim Director of Operations

Vote: Defeated

MOTION TO AMEND:

Be it resolved that the SAGBC donate \$250 towards the Esplanade Youth Movement’s 5th annual 5 on 5 youth vs. Toronto Police Basketball Tournament.

Be it further resolved that the SAGBC provide tabling for outreach purposes at the Esplanade Youth Movement’s 5th annual 5 on 5 youth vs. Toronto Police Basketball Tournament.

Moved by: Jasmyn St. Hilaire, Casa Loma Campus Director

Seconded: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Vote: Carries

Discussion re: Kempenfelt

Ron feels that not enough Board members were present at this year's retreat. Feels that this retreat is integral to development of relationships with staff and board, and their absence is concerning.

Ron feels that maybe not enough effort was put into stressing the importance of attending this retreat, so some may have felt it was not mandatory.

Mercedes explains that the executive committee has been, in fact, "chasing" folks to follow up on their attendance. There have been one-on-one conversations with those not present and the lack of communication was on them as they did not respond to our outreach attempts.

Riddhi explains that the survey regarding attendance was sent out numerous times, both in email and non-formal communication methods (such as WhatsApp), and now the onus is on those directors to reply and do their due diligence.

Tiffany explains that, when everyone originally ran in the elections, everyone was given the same information: SAGBC bylaws. It is up to the directors who were elected to do their duties that they were elected to perform. If folks don't attend, it is on them, especially when the executives have been working diligently to ensure as much open, transparent communications as possible. To insinuate that the execs have not been doing their jobs because folks aren't present will be challenged, as there is no basis for such claims.

13. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Ron Greenberg, Business Representative

Seconded: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Vote: Carries

Meeting adjourned: 3:16 p.m.