

Student Association of George Brown College

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 18, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: St James Campus – Quiet Lounge

Executive Members:		
Director, Communications & Internal	Riddhi Modi	
Director, Campus Life	Mercedes Burrowes	
Director, Education	Tiffany White	
Director, Equity	Alex Stewart	
Director, Operations - Interim	Vacant	
Campus Directors:		
Casa Loma Campus Director	Jasmyn St. Hilaire	
St. James Campus Director	Francis Torres	
Satellite Campus 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	Jessica Pasion/Tiffany White	
Interpreters		
Guests:		
	Dialog Staff	Tenniel Rock
	Diana	Jackie
	McIntyre	Macchione
	Kasia Dziwak;	Colin Fitzsimon

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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	N/A		
Campus Directors:			
Casa Loma Campus Director	X		
St. James Campus Director	X		
Satellite Campus 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	
Non-Voting Members:			
General Manager	N/A		

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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: 6:05 P.M.

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: Francis Torres, St. James Campus Director

Discussion:

Motion to amend that the Board of Directors amend the agenda to include an in camera motion after item #6

Moved by: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

Motion to amend that the Board of Directors amend the agenda to include after item #12, the resignation of Director of Operations (interim)

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Ashley Cammisa, Satellite Campus Director

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

Motion to amend that the Board of Directors amend the agenda to include after Tiffany's motion, the co-sponsorship request from a ratified club

Moved by: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Seconded: Leslie Van Every, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students' Representative

Discussion: None

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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: Ashley Cammisa, Satellite Campus Director

Discussion: None

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: Francis Torres, St. James Campus Director

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Whereas the meeting minutes from the August 14, 2017 board meeting requires approval (see Appendix 1); therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes as presented (please refer to Appendix 1). Any amendments to the meeting minutes should be made at this time.

Moved by: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Seconded: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

Vote: Carries

7. In-Camera

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors will move in-camera

Moved by: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Seconded: Jasmyn St. Hilaire, Casa Loma Campus Director

Vote: Carries

In-camera time, 6:12 P.M. Out of camera 6:27 P.M.

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8. UPDATE: Peerconnect and Tutoring and Learning Center

Presentation: Tenniel Rock, Counselling and Student Well-Being; Diana McIntyre, Student Affairs Student Success Initiatives; Jackie Macchione, Student Affairs Student Success Initiatives; Kasia Dziwak; Colin Fitzsimons, Academic Services and Learning Resources

9. Athletics Space

Be it resolved that SA approves the renovations for phase 2 of the St. James gym & athletics space with the funds coming from the Athletic Capital Account.

Moved by: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded: Francis Torres, St. James Campus Director

Vote: Carries

10. Communications and Internal Committee

Be it resolved that the Student Association Board of Directors accepts the recommendations of the Communications and Internal Committee. (Please refer to Appendix 2)

Be it further resolved that the board will present these recommendations for consideration at the Special Meeting of the members on September 27, 2017.

Moved by: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded: Francis Torres, St. James Campus Director

Vote: Carries

11. By-elections

Be it resolved that the Board of the Student Association of George Brown College direct the Chief Returning Officer to hold a by-election for all positions certified as vacant by the Director of Communications and Internal in accordance with by-laws 5.1 and 4.1 (e) on or before September 25, 2017.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

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Motion to amend be it resolved that the Board of the Student Association of George Brown College direct the Chief Returning Officer to hold a by-election for all positions certified as vacant by the chair in accordance with by-laws 5.1 and 4.1 (e) on or before September 30, 2017.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

Vote: Carries

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12. Hybrid voting model

Whereas the majority of student associations in Ontario uses online voting as the method of election; and

Whereas the recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer Report in Spring 2017 was to implement electronic voting as a test for the 2017 fall elections; and

Whereas it is also recommended from the Elections Committee that the 2017 fall elections be done in a hybrid voting model where the student association would operate 3-6 polling stations in conjunction with online voting; therefore

Be it resolved the Board of Directors approves the use of electronic voting as a secondary and alternative voting system for the 2017 fall elections.

Be it further resolved that the supplier of the online voting be approved by the Elections Committee in the future

Moved by: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded: Francis Torres, St. James Campus Director

Discussion:

Charles – recommendation from last years' report. Request for Proposal (RFP) done with six companies and received 2 pkgs. This will reduce the number of polling stations and will be easier to use.

Vote: Carries

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13. Elections Committee

Be it resolved that the Student Association Board of Directors accept the recommendations from the Elections Committee for the changes in the by-laws. (Please refer to Appendix 3)

Be it further resolved that the board will present these recommendations for consideration at the Special Meeting of the members on September 27, 2017.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

Discussion:

The Chief Returning Officer, reviews the appendix at hand and goes through the

Vote: Carries – (2/3 Vote)

14. Board Composition: Resignation

Whereas the position of Director of Operations is vacant due to the resignation of Francis Torres to the board, via email, at 8:41 pm on August 21, 2017; and

Whereas Avez Hasham, Finance Coordinator, will provide staff support and be the main point of contact while the position remains vacant; and

Whereas in the by-laws, refer to Article 5: Board of Directors Vacancies and Pro-term Appointment, Section 5.2; therefore

Be it resolved that the position of Director of Operations will be either filled through fall by-elections or appointed thereafter.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Jasmyn St. Hilaire, Casa Loma Campus Director

Vote: Carries

15. Co-sponsorship Support

Be it resolved that the Board supports the GGJ club and provide funding at the maximum amount that can be allocated through co-sponsorship.

Moved by: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Seconded: Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

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Discussion: Mercedes - I believe we should do this co-sponsorship because it is one of our largest clubs, last year the GGJ was the 3rd largest in the country and this year they're looking to be the first. In return for the co-sponsorship they will be branding all posters and web design's with the SA logo. This is one of our largest clubs with very active members and we should support that to the best of our abilities.

Yuseph – What constituency line does this come out of?

Leslie – How much is in the budget?

Faris – approx.. \$4,000.

Mercedes – great for co-sponsorship to support clubs

Leslie - \$650 max?

Jasmyn – Do we have a criteria? Last year the funding ran out

Mercedes – No system in place

Alastair – We have a system in place, board votes

Tiffany – Gave money to the club last year and they were successful. Majority of the funds went to the food court social

Vote: Carries

16. Other Business

Tiffany – Special members meeting, faculty are aware and it is mandatory for the board to attend. Letters can be given to those who will be missing class. For board members who will be missing the meeting, make sure to send regrets

Ron – request for mediation committee to retract letters

Tiffany – Point of Information/ Privilege

Jasmyn – Point of Information, should we go in camera?

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17. In-Camera

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors will move in-camera

Moved by: Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

Seconded: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

Vote: Carries

In-camera time, 7:53 P.M. Out of camera 8:03 P.M.

18. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Yuseph Jackman, Accessibility Representative

Seconded: Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

Vote: Carries

Adjourn time: 8:05 P.M.