

## SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS - MINUTES

Student Association of George Brown College

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 – 11:00AM Casa Loma Campus, Toronto, Ontario

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### 1. Call to Order – (Chair – Hildah Otieno)

The Chair called the Special Meeting of Member to order at: 11:21 a.m.

### 2. Land Recognition Statement – Tiffany White, Director of Education

*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 – Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

Modi introduces self and welcomes all students present. Modi explains the purpose of the special meeting and provides students with a presentation of the Student Association's mission statement and mandate.

### 4. Meeting Announcements – Hildah Otieno, Chair

The Chair provided all attendees with a brief overview of the Special Meeting of Members, outlining its purpose and procedural norms, including voting, proxy voting, and the rules of order for all Student Association meetings. The Chair also explained the following two items in relation to how the meeting would be conducted:

- Using Robert's rules of order
- Maintaining a speaker's list

### 5. Adoption of the Agenda – Hildah Otieno, Chair

The Chair asked the Members to adopt the Agenda for the meeting.

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

**Moved by:** Alex Stewart, Director of Equity

**Seconded by:** Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

**Vote:** Carries

### 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Hildah Otieno, Chair

The Chair asked the Members to adopt the Minutes from the March 6, 2017 Spring General Meeting. (Please see Appendix A).

**Motion: Be it resolved that** the Minutes of the March 6, 2017, Spring General Meeting be accepted as presented.

**Moved by:** Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

**Seconded by:** Riddhi Modi, Director of Communications and Internal

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**Vote:** Carries

**7. By-Law Changes**

Preamble from the Director of Education, who is the board member sitting on the elections committee for the 2017-18 term, introduces all of the proposed By-law changes as recommended for adoption by the Student Association of George Brown College Board of Directors. The speaker explains that the by-laws were revised with consultation from the current CRO, Charles Wilson, who also served as the CRO for the Spring 2017 General Elections, and also with consultation from legal counsel to ensure proposed changes were in compliance with the Not-For-Profit Corporations Act.

**Motion: Be it resolved that** the amendment to By-Law Article 13 be accepted as presented. (Please see Appendix B).

**Be it further resolved** that these changes will be effective September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Moved By:** Tiffany White, Director of Education

**Seconded by:** Ashley Cammisa, Satellite Campus Director

**Vote:** Carries

**8. By-Law Changes**

Preamble from the Director of Communications and Internal introduces all of the proposed By-law changes as recommended for adoption by the Student Association of George Brown College Board of Directors. The speaker explains that the by-laws were revised with consultation legal counsel to ensure proposed changes were in compliance with the Not-For-Profit Corporations Act.

The speaker explains that the reason for the change is largely due to the current budget not taking into account the recent change in the laws governing minimum wages in the province of Ontario. With the current rate of 125% with a minimum wage of \$14 and then \$15 in the following year, the Student Association budget would not be able to accommodate such drastic changes to part-time staff wages.

**Motion: Be it resolved that** the By-Law Article 10.9 be amended to read:

*10.9 The corporation is committed to providing a fair wage to all students employed in part-time positions. As such, the minimum wage of the corporation will be \$15 per hour. ~~125% of the province of Ontario's legal minimum wage.~~*

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**Be it further resolved** that these changes will be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**Moved By:** Riddhi Modi, Director Communications and Internal

**Seconded by:** Jazmyn St. Hilaire, Casa Loma Campus Director

**Vote:** Carries (as amended)

**Amendment to first “be it resolved” clause:**

Be it resolved that the By-Law Article 10.9 be amended to read:

*10.9 The corporation is committed to providing a fair wage to all students employed in part-time positions. As such, the minimum wage of the corporation will be \$1.50 above the Ontario minimum wage.*

**Moved by:** Elizabeth Orbe, Student

**Seconded:** Madison (last name unknown), Student

**Vote:** Defeated

**Motion to recess meeting until October 18, 2017.**

**Moved by:** Elizabeth Orbe, Student

**Seconded:** Madison (last name unknown), Student

**Vote:** Defeated

**Amendment to first “be it resolved clause”:**

Be it resolved that the By-Law Article 10.9 be amended to read:

*10.9 The corporation is committed to providing a fair wage to all students employed in part-time positions. As such, the minimum wage of the corporation will be \$15 per hour. The Board of Directors, in consultation with part-time staff, will review the minimum wage annually to make sure they are providing a progressive living wage.*

**Moved by:** Jeremy Worrall, Student

**Seconded:** Ashley Cammisa, Satellite Campuses Director

**Vote:** Carries

**9. Question and Answer Forum: Hildah Otieno, Chair**

No questions asked of the Board of Directors.

**10. Adjournment – Hildah Otieno, Chair**

The Chair asked Members to properly adjourn the Meeting.

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

**Moved by:** Mercedes Burrowes, Director of Campus Life

**Seconded by:** Elizabeth Orbe, Student

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**Vote:** Carries