

July Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Student Association of George Brown College
July 25th, 2013
Casa Loma

Board of Directors – Voting Members:

Executive Members:

Director, Internal Affairs	Julia Mackenzie
Director, Finance and Operations	Geneve Gray
Director, Education and Equity	Mohammad Ali Aumeer
Director, Public Relations	Ali Shahid
Director, Student Life and Campus Relations	Halley Requena Silva

At-Large Representatives:

St. James Campus Director	Saroop Pahal
Casa Loma Campus Director	Nicolas Kiriakou
Ryerson Campus Director	Mackenzie Deane
Waterfront Campus Director	Natasha Mehan

Educational Centre Representatives:

Business	Nick Dilawri
Community Services	Keisha McFarlane
Construction and Engineering Technologies	Thomas Hadwen
Health Sciences	Raymond Chiao
Hospitality and Culinary Arts	Kal Bekele
Liberal and Preparatory Studies	Trish Bonnaud
Art and Design	Yassi Yassini

Constituency Representatives:

Aboriginal Constituency Representative	Coty Zachariah
ASL Representative	Vacant
Centre for Women and Trans People Representative	Chirysh Dupie
LGBTQ Representative	Kyle Rodgers
International Student Representative	Jeang Yen Han

Resources:

Executive Director	Antoinette Davis
Operations Manager	Robert Cerjanec
Manager, Equity and Campus Services	TBD
GBC Rep	Gerard Hayes

Guests:

Chair	Toby Whitfield
Minute Taker	
Interpreters	

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1. Roll Call:

Position	Present (note even if late):	Absent:	Regrets Sent:
Dir. Internal Aff.	X		
Dir. PR	X		
Dir. Finance and Ops	X		
Dir. Student Life	X		
Dir. Ed and Equity	X		
Campus Director CL	X		
Campus Director SJ	X		
Campus Director RY			X
Campus Director WF	X		
Arts and Design Rep	X		
Hosp and Culinary			X
Business Rep	X		
Community Services Rep			X
Liberal Arts and Prep Rep	X		
Construction Rep	X		
Health Sciences Rep	X		
Aboriginal Rep			X
CWTP Rep	X		
LGBTQ Rep	X		
International Rep	X		
Executive Director	X		

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.

2. Call to Order:

Time: 5:26 PM

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3. Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Director of Internal Affairs

Second: St James Campus Director

Vote: Carried

Amendment: Add 6.a, update from College Representative

Moved: Director of Internal Affairs

Second: Director of Education and Equity

Vote: Carried

Amendment: Add 6.b, Russia Gay Rights Legislation

Moved: Director of Education and Equity

Second: LGBTQ Representative

Vote: Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the minutes from the last board meeting as presented.

Moved by: Director of Internal Affairs

Second: Director of Education and Equity

Vote: Carried

5. Logos with Yaw

Presentation from Graphic Designer

6. Board Report Presentation (2 min. max)

6.a Update from College Representative

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6.b Russia Anti-Gay Legislation

Whereas on June 29, 2013, Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin signed into law the bill banning the promotion of information about “non-tradition” sexuality; and

Whereas prior to the signing of this law, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe had called on the Russian authorities to drop the law noting that it was “at variance with freedom of expression and the prohibition of discrimination on account of sexual orientation and gender identity”; and

Whereas Human Rights Watch considers the law to be discriminatory against member sof the LGBTQ Community; and

Whereas the Russian Federation will be hosting the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia; and

Whereas RUSA LGBTQ, a Russian-speaking LGBT organization based in New York, has called for a boycott of the 2014 Sochi Olympics; therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Association of George Brown College write a letter condemning the recent discriminatory laws enacted by the Russian Federation; and

Be it further resolved that the SA lobby the Canadian government to also condemn the recent discriminatory laws enacted by the Russian Federation.

Moved: Director of Education and Equity

Second: LGBTQ Representative

Vote: Carried

7. Equity Statement Policy Amendment (secret ballot)

Be it resolved that the Policies and Procedures manual be amended to include:

2.6 Meeting Equity

- i. At each public meeting and event of the Student Association, the following statement will be read:**

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Moved by: Director of Internal Affairs
Second: Director of Education and Equity
Vote: Carried

8. Equity Statement Part Deux (secret ballot)

Be it resolved that the following statement be read at the beginning of every board meeting and major event for the 2013-2014 term:

The Student Association of George Brown College acknowledges that we live in a society rooted in oppression and inequalities; that structural injustice and unconscious prejudice influences our experiences; and the importance of incorporating the knowledge and guidance from oppressed people's experience within the organization.

Under the Federal Employment Equity Act, the following "designated groups" are identified as being disadvantaged in employment, and in society-at-large:

- Women*
- Indigenous People*
- People with Disabilities*
- Racially-marginalized people*

The Student Association also recognizes:

- Queer-identified people*
- Newly immigrated people*

The Student Association also acknowledges that low-income earners, those living below the poverty line, and other economically marginalized people are also disadvantaged in employment and society.

Moved by: Director of Education and Equity
Second: LGBTQ Representative
Vote: Failed

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Be it resolved that all ballots be destroyed by the Chair.

Moved: Director of Internal Affairs

Second: LGBTQ Representative

Vote: Carried

Motion to recess for 10 minutes

Moved: Director of Internal Affairs

Second: Waterfront Campus Director

Vote: Carried

9. Health Plan Family Rate

Whereas the Board of Directors already approved the Domestic Health and Dental Plan Single fee to be an amount that covers the premiums to be charged;

Whereas the total Domestic Health and Dental Plan Family fee consists of the Single fee that Full-Time George Brown College students pay plus an optional additional amount payable in person to the SA in order to have direct family members covered under the plan;

Whereas the current Domestic Health and Dental Plan Family fee does not cover the cost of the premiums to be charged; and

Whereas there will be a \$50 deficit per enrolled Family plan for September start students if the additional amount payable for the Family fee remains the same; therefore

Be it resolved that the Domestic Health and Dental Plan Family fee be \$310.00 for September start students and \$204.00 for January start students.

Moved by: Director of Internal Affairs

Second: Director of Education and Equity

Vote: Carried

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10. Student Levy Document

Be it resolved that the updated student levy agreement be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Director of Education and Equity

Second: Director of Internal Affairs

Vote: Carried

Amendment: Add ECE to Community Services Awards, Change ECE awards to Health Science awards.

Moved: Director of Education and Equity

Second: Business Representative

Vote: Carried

Amendment: Change “3rd or 4th year” to “2nd year and above.”

Moved: Waterfront Campus Director

Second: LGBTQ Representative

Vote: Carried

11. SafeWalk Advisory Board

Whereas the Master Agreement between George Brown College and the Student Association requires that two SA board members sit on the SafeWalk Advisory Board,

Be it resolved that the Director of Finance and Operations and the St James Campus Director be appointed to sit on the SafeWalk Advisory Board.

Moved by: Director of Internal Affairs

Second: Director of Finance and Operations

Vote: Carried

12. Motion To Adjourn

Moved by: Construction Representative

Second: Liberal Arts and Prep Representative

Vote: Carried