

August Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Student Association of George Brown College
August 22nd, 2013
St James Career Centre

Board of Directors – Voting Members:

Executive Members:

Director, Internal Affairs	Julia K. 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	Jeremy Salter
Minute Taker	Toby Whitfield
Interpreters	

Presenters:

John Harty, Library Learning Commons
Tetsuro Saito, Library Learning Commons
Pearl Raju, Library Learning Commons

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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: 5:32pm

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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, Internal Affairs

Second: Construction Representative

Vote: CARRIED

Amendment: Strike Item #11

Moved: LGBTQ Representative

Seconded: Aboriginal 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, Internal Affairs

Second: Aboriginal Representative

Vote: CARRIED

5. Library Learning Commons

Presentation from Library Learning Commons

- **20 minute presentation**
- **10 minute question period**

Representatives from the Library Learning Commons provided a presentation to the Board including an overview of services and resources available to members and an overview of future developments.

Board members provided suggestions to improve the Library Learning Commons including adjusting space, improving software and hardware, and developing new policies.

6. Board Report Presentation (2 min. max)

Each board member provided an update on work undertaken since the last board meeting and priorities for the coming weeks.

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7. Waterfront Campus Director, Health Sciences Representative Resignation

Be it resolved that the resignation of the Waterfront Campus Director be accepted.

Moved by: LGBTQ Representative

Second: Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative

Vote: CARRIED

Be it resolved that the resignation of the Health Sciences Representative be accepted.

Moved by: LGBTQ Representative

Second: Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative

Vote: CARRIED

8. Financial Statement Presentation

Presentation from Director, Finance and Operations.

The Director, Finance and Operations provided an update to the Board on the Student Association's finances. There has been a significant increase in spending from the building fund and the executive fund over the summer. Board members were reminded of the need to stay within budgets during the coming months.

9. Conference Budget for Constituency Reps

Whereas the Constituency Reps are reflective of the minority groups at both the college and CFS level;

Be it resolved that the Constituency Groups be given a 5000 conference budget line (1000 per group) so that they can properly represent both the student body and the college.

Moved by: LGBTQ Rep

Second: CWTP Rep

Vote: FAILS

The LGBTQ Representative explained that representatives from the Student Association attend conferences throughout the year including several that are focused on the constituency groups. The fund would allow the constituency groups to be able to attend conferences throughout the year without needing board approval.

The Director, Internal Affairs asked where the money for the conference budget line would come from. The Director reminded members of the Board that the budget for conferences was reduced this year to \$10,000 and a further 6% savings is required to ensure the Association's budget is balanced this year. Instead of establishing a new

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conference line it was suggested that members of the Board be involved in fundraising for various conferences.

It was suggested that the Student Association could organize events on campus instead of sending members away from campus to attend conferences.

The Aboriginal Representative said that while Constituency Group Representatives try to attend conferences within Toronto there are numerous conferences that take place in Canada that would benefit constituency groups.

The LGBTQ Representative said that fundraising is a great idea.

The Director, Internal Affairs suggested that attendance at conferences should be considered on a case by case basis instead of simply establishing a conference fund.

The Director, Student Life and Campus Relations stated that the second Where As clause is incorrect because the current executive has been very supportive of constituency groups.

The Director, Finance and Operations reiterated that the executive does support the Student Association's constituency groups and would support representatives attending conferences if attendance at conferences would have a positive impact on the College community.

The Director, Education and Equity stated their support for members to attend conferences because they often have a positive benefit on the Association. Instead of creating a new conference line representatives can draw funds from the Board conference line and attendance can be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Motion to Call to Question

Moved by: Construction Representative

Seconded: St. James Campus Director

Vote: CARRIED

10. Metropasses for Constituency Reps

Whereas the Constituency reps are required to travel between the three main campuses on a regular basis to support the student body and organize events and meetings;

Be it resolved that the constituency reps be given monthly metropasses so that they will be able to follow through with these demands.

Moved by: LGBTQ Rep

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Second: CWTP Rep

Vote: FAILS

The LGBTQ Representative explained that the Constituency Representatives are required to travel between the three campuses. Currently each time a Representative needs to travel between campuses they are required to ask for a TTC token which requires approval. Implementing a metropass system would be more efficient for the Representatives.

The Director, Internal Affairs stated that implementing a metro pass system for the constituency representatives is a very expensive solution to a small problem.

The International Student Representative stated that often the Constituency Representatives try to schedule their activities so as to limit the need for travelling between campuses within one day.

The Ryerson Campus Director stated that a metropass for each Constituency Representative would be quite expensive. Instead of distributing metropasses perhaps tokens could be allotted in advance to avoid needing approval every time a token is needed.

The Construction Representative stated that while the token system is good it could be improved. A metropass requires the holder to use a metropass twice a day to realize a financial benefit but Representatives aren't currently traveling that much. The token system is more transparent because each token is tracked so the Board can see who is travelling where and for what purpose.

The Director, Finance and Operations stated that the Executive is required to travel between campuses on a daily basis to perform expected duties and attend meeting. Often executive members are required to travel back and forth several times a day.

Motion to Amend

Be it resolved the phrase "during the fall and winter semester" be added.

Moved by: LGBTQ Representative

Seconded: International Student Representative

Vote: FAILS

The LGBTQ Representative stated that while a Representative may be able to schedule campus visits on a daily basis during the summer it is much harder to stay on one campus on a day during the school year due to classes and other requirements.

The Director, Internal Affairs stated that travelling between class and work isn't considered part of your job. Representatives only get reimbursed when travelling from work on one campus to work on another campus.

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Motion to Call to Question

Moved by: Director, Student Life and Campus Relations

Seconded: St. James Campus Director

Vote: CARRIED

The Ryerson Campus Representative stated that distributing metropasses will be expensive and not necessary.

The Aboriginal Representative stated that the current discussion is belittling to the work of the Constituency Representatives. Instead of providing executive members they should also be required to use the token system.

Motion to strike the second where as clause from item 09

Be it resolved that the second whereas clause from Item 09 be struck from the record.

Moved by: Director, Student Life and Campus Relations

Seconded: Director, Finance and Operations

Vote: CARRIED

The Aboriginal Representative stated that by voting against the motion in Item 9 the current board is acting in a similar manner as the last board.

The Director, Public Affairs stated that even while the Board did not create a dedicated conference line that the discussion was important and raised an important issue.

The Director, Internal Affairs stated that in the last year no motion for conference attendance has been brought to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Motion to Amend the Agenda

Be It Resolved that a new item “TTC Token Distribution Authorization” be added to the Agenda as item 11.

Moved by: Construction Representative

Seconded: Director, Student Life and Campus Relations

Vote: CARRIED

11. TTC Token Distribution Authorization

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee be authorized to distribute TTC tokens to board members in the event that the Managers are unavailable.

Moved by: Construction Representative

Seconded: Director, Student Life and Campus Relations

Vote: Referred to the Finance Committee

The Construction Representative suggested that authorization by the Executive Committee will help improve the process and ensure Board Members can access TTC Tokens to travel between campuses.

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The Aboriginal Representative said that this change would improve the current process.

Motion to Amend

Be it Resolved that “Member Services Staff” replace the “Executive Committee”

Moved by: Director, Education and Equity

Seconded: International Student Representative

Vote: FAILS

The Operations Manager clarified the current process for distributing TTC Tokens. Staff or Directors that request to travel between campuses before or after class are not eligible for TTC tokens because the Student Association doesn't pay for staff to travel to work, travel is only covered when staff are traveling during work time between campuses.

The Director, Education and Equity outlined the differences between staff and board members.

The Construction Representative spoke in favour of the motion. The tracking system is set-up to prevent staff or board members from abusing the system.

The Aboriginal Representative stated the extending authority to Member Services staff will ensure that Board Members are able to access tokens.

The Operations Manager stated that the current authorization process was established because people abused the TTC Token system in past years.

The Director, Student Life and Campus Relations stated that the Executive should be responsible for distributing tokens not part-time staff.

Motion to Call to Question

Moved by: St. James Campus Director

Second: Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative

Vote: CARRIED

Motion to Recess

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 5 minutes.

Moved by: Director, Student Life and Campus Relations

Second: Aboriginal Representative

Vote: CARRIED

The LGBTQ Representative said that this is currently the process and instead the entire system needs to be reviewed.

Motion to Refer

Be it resolved that this motion be referred to the Finance Committee

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Moved by: Director, Finance and Operations
Second: Construction Representative
Vote: CARRIED

The Director, Finance and Operations stated she would like to review the budget and develop a solution that supports all board members.

The Director, Internal Affairs states they are in favour. Referring the motion will allow the Finance Committee to review various solutions including a potential subsidy system.

The Construction Representative supported referring this motion as it will allow the Finance Committee to review the tracking sheets for the last several months.

The Director, Education and Equity spoke against referring the motion and instead suggested that the motion be postponed to the next board meeting.

12. Motion To Adjourn

Moved by: Construction Representative
Second: LGBTQ Representative
Vote: CARRIED