



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGENDA**

**Student Association of George Brown College**

**Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2013 - 11:00am St. James Campus, Toronto, Ontario**

### **1. Call to Order – (Chair)**

The Speaker will call the Annual General Meeting to order at approximately 11:00 am.

**The Annual General Meeting of the Student Association of George Brown College was called to order at 11:34 on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the Kings Lounge, St. James Campus.**

### **2. Land Recognition Statement (Director of Education & Equity – Mohammed Ali)**

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. Meeting Announcements – (Jeremy)**

The Speaker will provide a brief overview of the Annual General Meeting, outlining its purpose and procedural norms, including voting, proxy voting, and the rules of order for all Student Association meetings. The Speaker will also make any other Annual General Meeting related announcements relevant to the Members at the Meeting.

- Voting & Proxy Explanation
- Roberts Rules Explanation
- Mutual Respect

### **4. Adoption of the Agenda – (Jeremy)**

The Speaker will ask the Members to adopt the Agenda for the Meeting.

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

Discussion:

**Moved By: Julia Mackenzie**  
(Director of Internal Affairs)

**Seconded By: Reema Gowani**  
(Member)

**Results: Carries**

## 5. Minutes of Previous Meetings – (Jeremy)

The Speaker will ask the Members to adopt the Minutes from the November 21, 2012 Annual General Meeting.

**Motion:** *Be it resolved that the Minutes of the November 21, 2012 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented.*

Discussion:

**Moved By:** Julia Mackenzie  
(Director of Internal Affairs)

**Seconded By:** Mohammed Ali Aumeer  
(Director of Education & Equity)

**Results:** Carries

## 6. Welcome Statement (Halley Requena Silva, Director of Student Life & Campus Relations)

## 7. By-Law Changes

Preamble from the *Director of Internal Affairs*, who will introduce all of the proposed By-Law changes as recommended for adoption by the Student Association of George Brown College Board of Directors.

*(Appendix 1 – Proposed By-Law Amendments Presentation)*

Discussion:

- Murray Row (Member), takes mic to like to state that the Director of Internal Affairs stating that the board does not have a manager is incorrect and that they are accountable to the student body that elects the Board of Directors.
- Point of Information: The Constituency Centers referenced in the By-Laws are now the Community Action Centers. If the name has not been changed in the By-Laws will that affect the funding?
  - Jeremy explains that it is just a house keeping item and it will not affect anything
- Point of Information: If you remove the secret ballot from the By-Law what would the process be?
  - The amendment is to remove that and as it stands right now if a BOD member asks for a secret ballot, it would happen. If this change would happen, the Board would then follow Robert's Rules, and the Board would have to vote on whether or not they want a secret ballot vote.

**a) MOTION: Be it resolved that the amendments to By-Law motions be voted on omnibus.**

- Pull article 4
- Kyle Rodgers removes all, so the motion to Omnibus is void

**A. Motion: Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 1 be accepted as presented.**

Discussion:

- Kyle : Point of Information: Is Article 1 germane because it discusses Article 7
- Reema: Point of Information: The minor changes for the 4 directors.
  - We need to understand article 7 to approve article 1

**Moved By:** Julia Mackenzie  
(Director of Internal Affairs)

**Seconded By:** Ashley Thomas  
(Member)

**Results:** Carries

**B. Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 2 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

- Reema: How many campus would the Ryerson Campus Director be representing if this changes?
  - Sunnybrook
  - Theatre School
- Would the student still come from Ryerson?
  - It would be open to all satellite campus
- Do you feel that this individual would be able to embody these student issues?
  - The students are not feeling represented, so having 1 person.
- Can we consider a representative from each campus?
  - Most of the satellite campuses have low number of students (<30) and it would increase the Board side

**Moved By: Julia Mackenzie**  
(Director of Internal Affairs)

**Seconded By: Ashley Thomas**  
(Member)

**Results: Carries**

**C. Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 3 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

- Rema feels that removes the GPA requirement is a bad idea.
  - How will they be able to balance school life and work
- Kyle: Point of Information: Can we amend the motion?
  - Yes, but it would be considered an amendment to the amendment
- Kyle: Make an amendment

**b) Amendment:**

**That Article 3.1 a) be changed to read:**

*Be a member in accordance with Article 1; be eligible to continue studying according to the college's academic requirements, with a minimum C+ Grade Point Average as verified by the college; or. . .*

**Moved By: Kyle Rodgers**  
(LGBTQ Representative)

**Seconded By: Shaheer Bajoo**  
(Member at Large)

**Results: Fails**

**Moved By: Julia Mackenzie**  
(Director of Internal Affairs)

**Seconded By: Ashley Thomas**  
(Member at Large)

**Results: Carries**

**D. Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 4 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

- Coty (Board Member) I would like to point out that you keep saying it isn't a job. For this article you state that you are making new student jobs, but you are taking away other student jobs.
- lot of discussion about the community action center reps missing funds.
  - Lack of consultation with minority groups
- Save funding for food bank & other essential services

- Great that the honorariums are offered versus some unions which offer their directors only volunteer positions.
- More bursaries, restructuring options and be able to save money
- Governance versus part-time
- Hour requirements make certain positions inaccessible for FT students
- Focus on representation on different groups at the college and we need to ensure that this representation is not lost
- Representation on the Board doesn't change, equal votes still exist, all positions still exist, job descriptions stay the same and opportunities for training and conferences and learning still exist
- Consider cutting back PT staff versus the community action centers who are out there talking to students.
- Problems with accessibility at events in the Kings Lounge
  - Sign Language Interpreters
  - Childcare
- Save money from other places (ie. Exec Metro passes & phone bills)

**c) Motion: CALL TO QUESTION**

**Moved By:** Saroop Pahal (Campus Director, St. James)      **Seconded By:** Geneve Gray (Director of Finance & Operations)  
**Results: Fails**

- People should be running for the experience rather than the money

**Moved By:** Julia Mackenzie (Director of Internal Affairs)      **Seconded By:** Ashley Thomas (Member)  
**Results: Carries**

**d) Motion to Omnibus 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12**

- Article 6 & 13 Pulled

**Moved By:** Mohammed Ali (Director of Education & Equity)      **Seconded By:** Sam Dor (Member)  
**Results: Carries**

**E. Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 5 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

**Moved By:** Julia Mackenzie (Director of Internal Affairs)      **Seconded By:** Ashley Thomas (Member)  
**Results: Carries (Omnibus)**

**F. Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 6 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

- A member feels that it is important to keep the committee requirements
- Quorum problems with the removal of hours and no requirement for committee membership

**Moved By:** Director of Internal Affairs      **Seconded By:** Ashley Thomas (Member)

Results: Carries

**G. Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 7 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

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**Moved By: Director of Internal Affairs  
Results: Carries (Omnibus)**

**Seconded By: Ashley Thomas (Member)**

**H. Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 8 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

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**Moved By: Director of Internal Affairs  
Results: Carries (Omnibus)**

**Seconded By: Ashley Thomas (Member)**

**I. Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 9 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

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**Moved By: Director of Internal Affairs  
Results: Carries (Omnibus)**

**Seconded By: Ashley Thomas (Member)**

**J. Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 10 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

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**Moved By: Director of Internal Affairs  
Results: Carries (Omnibus)**

**Seconded By: Ashley Thomas (Member)**

**Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 12 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

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**Moved By: Director of Internal Affairs  
Results: Carries (Omnibus)**

**Seconded By: Ashley Thomas (Member)**

**K. Motion: *Be it resolved that the amendment to By-Law Article 13 be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

- Causing barriers for students to run
- Some students don't have the money

**e) Motion to Amend Section 13.13 to read:**

*j. Candidates may request from the elections committee to receive a portion of their campaigning expenses in advance of the campaigning period, as long as a draft budget of expenses is submitted.*

**Moved By: Julia Mackenzie**  
(Director of Internal Affairs)

**Seconded By: Christopher**  
(Member)

**Results: Carries**

**f) Motion to Call to Question**

**Moved By: Julia Mackenzie**  
(Director of Internal Affairs)

**Seconded By: Ashley Thomas**  
(Member)

**Results: Carries**

**Moved By: Julia Mackenzie**  
(Director of Internal Affairs)

**Seconded By: Ashley Thomas**  
(Member)

**Results: Carries**

**8. Approval of the Audited Financial Statements – (Grant Thornton LLP)**

A representative from the Student Association’s current auditors, Grant Thornton LLP, will present the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2013. The representatives will answer any questions from the Members concerning the audit process and/or its results.

The Speaker will ask the Members to accept and approve the Audited Financial Statements.

**Motion: *Be it resolved that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2013.*** *(Appendix 2 – Financial Statements)*

Discussion:

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**Moved By: Geneve Gray**  
(Director of Finance & Operations)

**Seconded By: Alosha P.**  
(Member)

**Results: Carries**

**9. Appointment of the Auditors – (Speaker)**

The Speaker will ask the Members to appoint Grant Thornton as the accounting firm responsible for the preparation of the Corporation’s audit for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2014.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we strongly recommend that the accounting firm of Grant Thornton be appointed as the Corporation’s auditor for the upcoming year.

**Motion: *Be it resolved that Grant Thornton be appointed as the Corporation’s Auditor for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2014.***

Discussion:

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**Moved By: Geneve Gray**  
(Director of Finance & Operations)

**Seconded By: Alosha P.**  
(Member)

**Results: Carries**

**10. Presentation of the Annual Report – (Executive Committee)**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee will provide the Members with a short summary of the Board of Directors’ Annual Report, highlighting key issues, challenges and successes.

A *Question & Answer* period at the end of the Meeting will provide members with a full and duly minuted forum for discussion of these Reports.

With this in mind, the Speaker will ask the Members to accept the Board of Directors' Annual Report as presented.

**Motion: *Be it resolved that the Board of Directors' Annual Report be accepted as presented.***

Discussion:

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**Moved By: Mohammed Ali**  
(Director of Education & Equity)

**Seconded By: Alosha P.**  
(Member)

**Results: Carries**

## **11. Adjournment – (Speaker)**

The Speaker will ask the Members to properly adjourn the Meeting and proceed to the *Question & Answer* period.

**Motion: *Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting be adjourned at 14:06.***

Discussion:

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**Moved By: Ashley Thomas**  
(Members)

**Seconded By: Amina Hughes**  
(Member)

**Results: Carries**

## **12. Question & Answer Forum – (Speaker)**