#### Board Meeting

Brandon University Students’ Union, Local 37 of the Canadian Federation of Students

**Thursday September 1st, 2016 at 5 PM** – CLC Boardroom, Knowles Douglas Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 5:02pm.**
2. **OPENINGS**

Those present at the meeting shall introduce themselves at this time. Regrets shall be noted.

*Present:* Nick Brown, Krista Charney, Corey Norton, Jill Vanderheiden, Greg Monias, Mark Klapheke, Nataly Ore, Kristin Smart, Elizabeth Davidson, Laura Davidson, and Whitney Hodgins

*Regrets:* Lisa Mizan and Trevor Poole

*Absent:* Sarah Wallace

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion (15-BUSU-93)** Monias/Charney CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended.***

1. **PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPNDENCE**
2. **Grad-Studies Director Presentation by Mark Klapheke**

Klapheke wanted to introduce himself as a candidate for the Graduate Students Director position.

Said he recently graduated with an honours degree in Geology from Brandon University. Said he is starting the graduate program at BU. Said he was the geology club president last year and said he has done well in his classes. Said he received a degree in economics when he lived in the states. Said he lived in Louisville, Kentucky. Said he has a lot of experience with student and community involvement. Said he has previously applied for this position and felt that he had the leadership and communication experience that would help him to take the advice and concerns of the graduate students and relay them to BUSU. Said he submitted an application and it was not accepted. Said he asked for clarification of why the decision was made. Said he was told that he did not have a cover letter and his resume was unprofessional. Said that is a matter of opinion but said he would disagree. Said he would really like to represent the graduate students. Said that they need a voice and he has the experience. Sid he would love the opportunity. Said he realizes none of the council know him but feels that the graduate students need representation. Said with his past experience he feels qualified and would be happy to answer any questions. Said he would like to better understand council’s decision and receive feedback.

Monias asked how Klapheke’s schedule would allow for this commitment.

Klapheke said he acknowledged that he would be busy but said that he thrives in that environment. Said the course work with his master’s program is more enjoyable and therefore will not be as time consuming. Said he has previous experience with heavy workloads.

Vanderheiden asked if he had goals for the position in terms of bringing ideas to BUSU and requests on behalf of the constituents.

Klapheke said most of his experience is with the program he is currently in and said that he recognizes the issues that are in his program. Said he would like to see better communication for the programs. Said he wanted to be available to masters students in other programs to hear their issues and relay them back to BUSU.

Vanderheiden asked how he would be looking forward to working with BUSU as some of his previous Facebook posts have been negative towards BUSU.

Klapheke said you don’t have to always agree with an organization to work with them. Said he didn’t foresee it as a problem. Said he could disagree and still work together.

Vanderheiden said she asked because as members of the council what we say and post is a representation of BUSU.

Klapheke agreed.

Smart asked why he wasn’t willing to wait until the by-election to apply for the position.

Klapheke said he would have liked to apply earlier but due to school commitments and travelling he was unavailable. Said he thought is would be a waste to wait and leave the students without representation. Said he knows there are already issues that could be addressed.

Vanderheiden said she has experience working with a student in Klapheke’s program already and said that she is willing to work alongside him to reach resolutions.

**Motion (16-BUSU-94)** Vanderheiden/Monias CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting move into closed session.***

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion (15-BUSU-95)** Hodgins/Charney CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU Council meeting minutes from July 4th, 2016, and July 18th, 2016 be approved.***

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. **Orientation**
   * 1. Event Schedule

Brown presented the schedule of events to council and asked that they confirm the information is correct in terms of their commitment to events.

Said Pizza Pizza will be bringing in free pizza.

* + 1. Crash The Courtyard

Brown said the volunteers will meet at 4:30pm on the Friday.

Ore said there will be a schedule/information document sent out to the volunteers before the event.

**Motion (16-BUSU-96)** Hodgins/Davidson. L CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting move into closed session.***

1. **CLOSED SESSION**

* 1. **Legal Issue**
  2. **UMSU Letter**

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brown said the regular council meetings for fall would be Monday nights at 5pm, based on council’s submitted schedules.

Said proposed meetings will be September 19th, October 3rd, 17th, 31st, November 14th, 28th, and December 12th.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn (15-BUSU-101)** Hodgins/Charney CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:15pm.***

**Minutes approved at meeting date: November 7th, 2016**

**Motioned by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Hodgins)**

**Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Davidson. L)**