#### Board Meeting

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

**Monday January 23rd, 2017 at 5 PM** – CLC Boardroom, Knowles Douglas Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 5:09 pm.**
2. **OPENINGS**

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

*Present:* Nick Brown, Sheree Blacksmith, Meg Stade, Trevor Poole, Nataly Ore, Ashlyn Pearce (Quill), Kristin Smart, Elizabeth Davidson, Whitney Hodgins, Corey Norton, Jill Creasor, Lisa Mizan (5:12-6:16)

*Regrets:* Laura Davidson, Greg Monias, Demeter Van Vliet Vaisius, Krista Charney

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion (16-BUSU-183)** Hodgins/Poole CARRIED ***Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended.***

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion (16-BUSU-184)** Poole/Stade CARRIED ***Be it resolved that the BUSU Council meeting minutes from October 3rd, 2016 and October 17th, 2016 be approved.***

1. **PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE**
	1. **Letters of Resignation**
		1. Demeter Van Vliet Vaisius **(Attached)**
		2. Krista Charney **(Attached)**

**Motion (16-BUSU-185)**Poole/Creasor CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the letters of resignation from Demeter Van Vliet Vaisius and Krista Charney be accepted.***

1. **RECEIPT OF REPORTS**

* 1. **Executive Members and Staff**
		1. President **(Attached)**
		2. Vice President Internal **(Attached)**
		3. Vice President External **Regrets**
		4. General Manager **(Attached)**
		5. Office and Services Manager **(Attached)**
	2. **Canadian Federation of Students Local Representative Report**

No report as there has not been a meeting.

* 1. **Director Reports**
		1. Arts Director: **(Attached)**
		2. Science Director:

Dean of Science search committee – 2 candidate presentation so far, 3 more will be presenting

* + 1. Health Studies Director:
		Health Studies Association meeting today
		Said there were questions arising from mid-semester evaluations
		Meet and greet with Brandon Health Studies Students and executive members from Winnipeg Campus

BUHASSA Meetings

* + 1. Music Director: **Vacant**
		2. Education Director: **(Attached)**
		3. Part-Time/Mature Students Director: **Regrets**
		4. Indigenous Peoples’ Director: **(Attached)**
		5. Women’s Director: **Regrets**
		6. Sexuality and Gender Identity Based Director: **Vacant**
		7. International Students Director: No Report
		8. Residence Director:

Continuing weekly meetings with residence councils

Attended food committee meeting

Attending 10 St. committee meetings

Snowientation events

* + 1. Graduate Studies Director: No Report due to school and personal commitments
		2. Accessibility Director: **(Attached)**
		3. Racialized Director: **Vacant**

**Motion (16-BUSU-186)** Poole/Davidson. E CARRIED ***Be it resolved that the reports be adopted.***

1. **Committees**
2. **Finance**

The Minutes from the Finance Committee meeting on January 8th are attached for information.

1. **Policy & Bylaw**Brown said he is about half way through the bylaws and is continuing to make changes to benefit BUSU. Said likely there will be a meeting called for the first week of March.
2. **Student Groups Promotions and Affairs**A meeting notice will be sent out shortly.
3. **Student Activities**Met in December to plan Snowientation & Mental Health Week.
4. **Campaigns and Government Relations**No Meeting.
5. **Services**Meeting was cancelled last week due to regrets.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**

* 1. **Vice President External Leave of Absence**

On January 16th, Greg sent a message to the Executive stating that he needs to take a leave of absence due to an ongoing medical issue. A letter is attached.

Klapheke suggested the council send a card to Monias.

**Motion (16-BUSU-187)** Stade/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU Council immediately grant Greg Monias a leave of absence until February 6th, 2017.***

* 1. **Canadian Federation of Students National Graduate Caucus AGM**

The CFS NGC is holding their Annual General Meeting from February 24-26, 2017 in Ottawa Ontario. The cost is $500 per delegate, and there is no free delegate per local.

Brown asked if anyone was interested in attending the caucus.

Poole asked there was funds allocated in the budget.

Creasor said no.

Poole asked if there should be space in the budget for it.

Creasor said the current council cannot make changes for the incoming council’s budget.

Both Blacksmith & Klapheke said their schedules would not allow them to attend the conference.

* 1. **International Students Organization Winter Budget**

The ISO has provided a budget requesting their guaranteed funding for the winter semester. The budget is attached.

**Motion (16-BUSU-188)** Creasor/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that BUSU grant ISO $1000.00 of their collective funding.***

Ore noted that they did not state other types of funding/income they had received which technically means the document submitted is not a budget.

Poole asked if council wanted to request a full budget?

Brown said the council could but according to the bylaws the collective funding is granted as soon as it is requested. Said the motion could be tabled until a budget was received.

Ore said the funding is granted after a budget is received, not automatically.

Creasor said she would be willing to create a budget template for ISO and help them fill it out. Said she didn’t think the motion needed to be tabled. Said they may need the funds sooner rather than later. Said the money is already allocated to them in the BUSU budget.

Creasor sad the bylaws (2501) actually don’t state that the collective need to submit a budget to receive funding.

* 1. **Undergraduate Student Appeals Committee**

A new BU Senate committee has formed to hear and make final decisions on academic and admissions appeals from students. Two positions on the committee are to be appointed by the BUSU Council.

Creasor said she thought the positions needed to be filled by student senators. Creasor read the purpose and positions of the committee:

“Whereas standing committees of Senate specify membership of students, those members will normally be student Senators, unless otherwise specified in theses Bylaws. There no student Senator is available or eligible, then BUSU shall be asked to elect or appoint a student representative to the committee as appropriate.”

Brown asked which student senators were interested.

Creasor and Poole put their names forward.

By acclimation Creasor and Poole were appointed to Undergraduate Student Appeals Committee.

* 1. **KDC Board Vacancy**

Due to a resignation, one of the BUSU Council Representative positions is currently vacant.

Lisa Mizan was appointed by acclimation to the KDC Board.

* 1. **Senate Vacancy**

Due to a resignation, one of the Student Senator At Large positions is currently vacant.

Brown said Senate meets once a month (second Tuesday of every month). Said they usually start at 2pm and cannot go longer than 3 hours.

There were no student senators appointed.

* 1. **Library Committee**

Mizan said the meetings about once a month and are usually about an hour. Said they discuss budgets and journals.

Stade volunteered to be appointed.

Stade was appointed by acclimation to the Library Committee.

* 1. **Motion to the Board of Governors**

Nick has submitted the following motion to the BU Board of Governors along with a presentation on the Nov 2 Day of Action, and BUSU’s ongoing campaigns.

*“Be it resolved that differential fees charged to international students be no higher than 100% of domestic student tuition.”*

Brown said the meeting is in the Louis Riel Room this upcoming Saturday at 8:30am. Said he was called to a meeting with the BU President, VP Finance, and VP Academic Provost to discuss the motion he submitted. Said he did not let them change his mind and is still submitting the motion as a BOG member.

Stade asked what they said to Brown.

Brown said they wanted him to rescind the motion. Said they expressed interest in tabling the motion so they could research what students actually want.

Ore asked if there had been discussion with ISO in regards to student support.

Brown said he has a meeting with them in the next few days.

Creasor said she would be posting to the ISO page tomorrow.

Brown said they would like council to spread the word about the meeting and have as many students show up to demonstrate support for the motion. Said open session is open to students.

Creasor said the more support the better. Said support at the upcoming meeting would be more influential than waiting for the budget approval meeting in May.

Poole said he liked the motion but worried that if it passed and there was a significant impact to the budget we could be negatively affecting students.

Brown said keeping the tuition rate increases tied to inflation should not negatively affect the university budget.

Poole asked if this was the only motion going forward to BOG regarding international student fees.

Brown said yes, said to increase the differential they only need to propose it in the budget, there doesn’t need to be a motion.

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

Stade asked how to move forward with mid-semester course evaluation requests.

Brown said after his meeting with BU Faculty Association, he discovered that they are not for any type of course evaluation.

Stade asked how she can assist students with this issue.

Brown suggested they go through the appeal process.

Creasor said there is an option to appeal up to 30 days after the final grade if they are fearful of repercussions.

Creasor asked Brown about his report stating the Snowientation social took place from 10pm-2am on two days.

Brown agreed that should have only been on one day.

Creasor asked that council members think of the election and consider running for the same positions, or different positions.

Ore said when speaking with the RO, she explained that the RO planned to do more tabling to engage students and provide more information.

Creasor said she had heard some concerns from students about the changes to the BUASC bylaws. Said she was hearing that students were concerned that the changes being made before an AGM and also BUASC’s spending.

Sheree said she understood why students would be concerned. Said there were some recent technology purchases that came with high costs.

Creasor said that herself and Brown have been meeting with Koren, Paul, Katie, and Susan about adjusting the meal plans. Said they are planning an overhaul of the program. Said there will be multiple tiers that can hopefully accommodate as many of the students on campus as possible. Said there will also be marketing materials developed for each plan.

Creasor said she posted a poll on the BUSU Facebook page about the options for new residence buildings. Asked council to share the poll to reach as many people as possible.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be held on February 6th at 5pm.

Brown said the scheduled meeting after the Feb.6th meeting was for February 21st (during Reading week) but it is proposed that the meeting be moved to February 27th at 5pm. Council agreed to this change

Ore said the Imaginus poster sale is Thursday and Friday next week.

Creasor said herself and Norton have been planning events for the rest of the term. Said March 8th will be Wintervention, said March 27-31st will be Family Fun Week, and April 7th will be The Great Escape from Finals.

Hodgins asked if council would be asked to help with those events.

Creasor said yes, she would be reaching out with a signup.

Creasor said the executive applied for a UFile tax clinic through CFS.

Brown said he is proposing the BUSU AGM for Tuesday March 14th, in Harvest Hall with free snacks.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn (16-BUSU-189)** Hodgins/Smart CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:28pm***

**Minutes approved at meeting date: March 27th, 2017**

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

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