#### Board Meeting

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

**Monday February 6th, 2017 at 5:00 PM** – CLC Boardroom, Knowles Douglas Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 5:03pm**
2. **OPENINGS**

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

*Present:* Nick Brown, Lisa Mizan, Corey Norton, Laura Davidson, Elizabeth Davidson, Kristin Smart, Ashlyn Pearce (The Quill), Nataly Ore, Jill Creasor, Trevor (Dean) Poole, Meg Stade, Sheree Blacksmith (5:04pm), and Hodgins (5:07pm).

*Regrets:* Mark Klapheke

*Absent:* Greg Monias

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion (16-BUSU-190)** Poole/Davidson CARRIED ***Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.***

1. **PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE**

Any presentations or correspondence shall be given at this time.

1. **RECEIPT OF REPORTS**

* 1. **Executive Members and Staff**
     1. President: **Attached**
     2. Vice President Internal:

**No report, updated report will be submitted next meeting.**

* + 1. Vice President External: **Absent**
    2. General Manager: **Attached**
    3. Office and Services Manager: **Attached**
  1. **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 meetings

* + 1. Health Studies Director:

Said there hasn’t been a BUHASSA meeting this week yet but it will be on Thursday.

Said they are having the Winnipeg BUHASSA executives on campus this Friday.

* + 1. Music Director: **Vacant**
    2. Education Director: **Attached**
    3. Part-Time/Mature Students Director: **Vacant**
    4. Indigenous Director:

BUASC Meetings

There will be a Kahomani on February 17th

* + 1. Women’s Director: **Vacant**
    2. Sexuality and Gender Identity Based Director: **Vacant**
    3. International Students Director: **Attached**
    4. Residence Director:

Residence Councils Weekly Meetings

Bi-Weekly meetings with food committee

Weekly 10th St. Meetings

Hosting Erotic Bingo on Friday the 11th

* + 1. Graduate Studies Director: **Regrets**
    2. Accessibility Director: **Attached**
    3. Racialized Director: **Vacant**

**Motion (16-BUSU-191)** Creasor/Poole CARRIED ***Be it resolved that the reports be adopted.***

1. **Committees**
2. **Finance**
3. **Policy & Bylaw**
4. **Student Groups Promotions and Affairs**

A club funding application from BUPEC is attached for consideration.

**Motion(16-BUSU-192)** Poole/Hodgins DEFEATED

***Be it resolved that The BUSU grant $800 in club funding for the Brandon University Physical Education Club to attend the Tech-NOW MPHETE 2017 Conference.***

Creasor said she would not like to grant BUPEC club funding for this particular request as they could apply for the Travel and Conference Fee Fund which BUSU and Student Services fund.

Ore said other clubs this year have applied for funding from BUSU for conferences.

Brown said that was BUSMEA’s Da Capo conference which they hosted, not attended so they wouldn’t be able to apply for to the Travel and Conference Fund.

Smart said she didn’t like that the club applied so close to the time of the conference because if they don’t received funding, and were expecting it, they will be out a lot of money. Said she would like to see some form of rule within the application wherein a club cannot apply for funding so close to the event.

Brown said it has been practice that funding requests are submitted post-event as the groups then know what the final costs are. Said there could be a stipulation in the Club Funding Bylaw that could be changed.

Smart said she would like to see a change.

Creasor said she would like to note that they registered for the conference on the day of which doubled the registration cost.

Brown said he would contact BUPEC and inform them of the Travel and Conference Fund.

1. **Student Activities**
2. **Campaigns and Government Relations**
3. **Services**
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
5. **Motions to the Board of Governors regarding tuition fees.**

Brown and Creasor will give an update on the motions that were served to the BU Board of Governors (BOG), and the plans that are in motion.

Brown said he presented the original motion (Motion 2 Attached) to BOG in due time and at the correct process but at the Executive Committee of BOG the board (met on Friday evening) decided to remove the motion from the agenda stating they were not interested in having a conversation about tuition fees at BU.

Said he proposed another motion (Motion 1 Attached) to eliminate all differential fees and hold tuition increases at no more than the rate of inflation in Manitoba. Said this second motion was submitted as a motion from the floor, on the morning of BOG (Saturday February 4th, 2017). Said Klapheke, Blacksmith and many other students showed up to the BOG meeting to support the BUSU’s motions. Said discussion then ensued for almost an hour. Said the end result was the first part of proposed motion (Motion 1) was defeated and the second part was tabled until March. Said he then submitted the original motion (Motion 2) which was also tabled until March. Said he would encourage all directors and members to support BUSU in person at the next BOG meeting: March 25th at 8:30am in the Louis Riel Room. Said there are also plans for tabling to get the word out to students as the motions involve both international and domestic students.

The current motions include holding tuition increases at no more than rate of inflation, holding differential fees charged to international students to be 100% or less of domestic student tuition, and not charging any differential fees to international grad students.

Poole said after speaking to students and others in the BU community the motions seem to be controversial. Said he understood that we didn’t want to impose barriers to education but there is also limited funding. Asked if these motions would compromise the quality of education and services from BU.

Brown said if the differential fee stays the same, which is what the motion proposes, there will be no effect on the budget.

Creasor said she wanted remind council that this issue concerns tuition as a whole not just international student tuition.

Mizan said there is a lack of communication between the administration and students on this particular issue. Said when talking to certain admin she has received mixed reports regarding international student recruitment, services, and differential fees.

Poole asked if the motion would be better presented to a governmental body rather than the university as the university holds particular priorities that don’t necessarily include affordable education.

Brown said the campaigns are being brought forward to varying levels of government both Provincially and Nationally but it is important to bring them forward to the university as well because they have the power to make the changes and are affected by the decisions of the government.

1. **BUSU AGM Date**

Due to a scheduling conflict with BU Senate, and a potential benefit, it is recommended that the BUSU AGM be moved to March 21st at 12:40 pm.

**Motion (16-BUSU-193)** Poole/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU AGM be held on March 21st at 12:40pm.***

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

* 1. **Office Manager Desk Purchase**

Corey is requesting that a new desk be purchased for her, as the current one does not fit her need, and is falling apart. The preferred desk will cost $531.09, and the product information is attached.

**Motion (16-BUSU-194)** Hodgins/Creasor CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU purchase a desk up to the cost of $600.***

* 1. **Presidential Leave**

Brown is requesting a leave from Wednesday February 22, 2017 to Friday March 3, 2017 as he will be running in the upcoming BUSU election. These dates are during the Election Campaign Period.

**Motion (16-BUSU-195)** Poole/Smart CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU grant Nick Brown leave from Wednesday February 22nd, 2017 to Friday March 3rd, 2017.***

Creasor asked what Brown’s plans were for distributing the presidential tasks during the leave.

Brown said he is still discussing with the Returning Officer (RO). Said it may depend on whether the position is contested, if not, he will be able to take part in any tasks that do not require him to be in the office.

Creasor said there would likely still be some tasks that would be left during that time as they would require being in the office each day. Said she wanted council to be aware that when Monias took a leave there was a shift in task distribution and both herself and Brown took on a lot of tasks, which was not brought up to council.

Said with how the workload has been distributed over the last 8 months and Brown out of the office, there would only be one executive member available for the day to day tasks which is overwhelming.

Pearce asked what would happen if Brown’s leave was not granted.

Brown said he would have to vacate the position to run in the election, according to the bylaws, so the presidential tasks would have to wait until his return after the election.

Poole asked why Brown would be able to attend to out of the office presidential tasks while technically not being able to be the president, during the election period. Said he wanted to know how council felt about it.

Brown said the decision is up to the RO, council doesn’t have a say. Said if the position is contested he will be unable to attend to any tasks.

Poole said last year when the president was on leave, a director stepped into that role. Asked if this was a possibility for the current situation.

Brown sad yes.

Poole said he would volunteer for that position.

Ore said previously when current executive members ran in elections they were granted leave. Said as a staff person she supports granting Brown the leave as he has a lot of unused vacation time and this way he would be away from the office and be able to dedicate time to campaign. Said she believed the day-to-day tasks could be taken care of within the office whether it be by a staff member or other executive members. Said as a staff person she believed Brown has worked very hard this year and deserved time off to be able to devote time to the election.

Creasor said she agreed. She thought Brown should step away from all tasks, whether the position is contested or not, in order to take time for himself.

After the motion was carried there was discussion about having a council member step into the president’s role during the leave.

Ore asked if this person would be assisting the other executive or assuming the role of president.

Council agreed that the training for the role of president would consist of more time than the leave itself and agreed that a director did not need to assume the role.

Norton suggested that Brown look ahead to the time during his leave and make a list of tasks that would not be able to wait the week and a half leave. Said these tasks could then be distributed to the other executive and office staff. Said if more help was still required a call could be put out to council members to assist with the tasks. Said regarding emails, there would be an away from the office auto-reply set up and then delegation to Creasor if the email was urgent.

Ore said she agreed with Norton and believed the tasks could be taken on by the managers and executive.

Hodgins asked Creasor if she could handle the extra workload.

Creasor said yes, but wanted council to be aware that she would be taking on extra tasks which would affect her overall tasks.

Poole asked when Monias was supposed to be back in the office.

Creasor said he was supposed to be back today. Said they received word that he was at CFS Lobby Week but there was no request for extended leave and he did not receive council’s permission to attend. Said he is there in his CFS position, not BUSU.

Poole said for the past 8 months it has basically been Creasor and Brown taking on the tasks and he didn’t want to overload Creasor with Brown being out of the office. Said that is why he put his name forward.

Creasor said she agreed with the suggestion that Brown has an auto-reply to his emails and turns off his phone to BUSU tasks/information during his leave. Said if help is needed directors can be brought in.

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

Creasor asked about the Winnipeg Health Studies Executive of BUHASSA Council (Vice President and Secretary) coming in on Friday as per Stade’s Report. Said she would like to meet to discuss some services.

Stade said the executive would be around most of the Friday, February 10th.

Creasor said she wanted to speak with Blacksmith about Family Fun Week as if BUASC is interested in hosting an event Creasor needs to know as soon as possible for scheduling and promotion.

Said she also appreciated Mizan’s diligence in mentioning the BOG meeting and motions to the Brandon Sun as they were at the BOG meeting and it was great press for BUSU.

Smart asked about the procedure of elections for directors who are running.

Ore said all the information will be in the nomination package.

Hodgins asked if directors need to submit a request for leave.

Ore said no.

Poole asked where Monias was.

Brown said unofficially the exec know he is in Ottawa at Lobby Week but no specific information was provided.

Poole asked what that meant for Monias’ tasks and pay.

Brown said his tasks are still being carried by himself and Creasor and Monias has claimed any BUSU time for pay at this point but, deadline for timesheets is next week.

Poole said he didn’t feel comfortable with the Monias’ unapproved extended leave.

Pearce asked when Monias would be back.

Brown said since Lobby Week is done on Thursday, hopefully Friday.

Poole asked if there would be an upcoming Policy and Bylaw Committee Meeting.

Brown said he is still working on them.

Poole asked what BUSU was doing to prepare for the BOG motions in March.

Brown said there isn’t a specific plan for director involvement yet.

Norton said CFS is providing materials for those students who are interested and BUSU will make us of them at a later date.

Ashlyn asked if she could be notified when Monias does return.

Brown said yes.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next BUSU meeting is Monday February 27th, 2017 at 5pm.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn (16-BUSU-196)** Poole/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:16pm.***

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

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

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