#### Special Board Meeting

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

**Friday February 17th, 2017 at 5:00PM** – 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, Laura Davidson, Ashlyn Pearce (Quill), Trevor Poole, Jill Creasor, Nataly Ore, Corey Norton, Sheree Blacksmith, Lisa Mizan, Mark Klapheke, Kristin Smart, Elizabeth Davidson, Whitney Hodgins, Meg Stade

*Absent:* Greg Monias

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion (16-BUSU-197)** Poole/Hodgins CARRIED ***Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.***

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

* 1. **VPE Letter of Resignation**

**Motion (16-BUSU-198)** Creasor/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU council accept Greg Monias’ letter of resignation.***

* 1. **VPE Time Allocation**

Upon investigation of past and present hourly pay, multiple inconsistencies have been found in the VPE's time allocation. These inconsistencies are broadly related to the dual roles held by Mr. Monias - namely as BUSU VPE and CFSMB Aboriginal Commissioner.

Brown asked if council was interested in discussing. Said Monias was both a BUSU VPE as well as the provincial Aboriginal Commissioner for CFS. Said Monias flourished in the role of Aboriginal Commissioner but to the detriment of his role as BUSU VPE. Said approximately 10% of his BUSU time claimed was actually CFS MB. Said Monias’ role with CFS as Aboriginal Commissioner was not within his VPE job description. Said two weeks ago Monias was asked to attend CFS Lobby week by CFS National as the CFS MB Aboriginal Commissioner. Said Monias was absent from BUSU for the entirety of Lobby Week without requesting this leave from council.

Creasor said after speaking with Monias he was understanding and agreed that he was not putting as much effort into the VPE position compared to the MB Aboriginal Commissioner position. Said he believed it was in his best interest to leave BUSU and continue as part of CFS MB as this is where he was most passionate.

Pearce asked for clarification regarding the 10% of BUSU time claimed that was actually not spent on BUSU initiatives. Asked what this meant for the BUSU budget.

Brown said the time had already been approved.

Creasor said she wanted to be honest with council. Said it is very difficult to hold fellow executive members accountable when you work so closely with them throughout the entire year. Said herself and Brown had been approving timesheets even if they didn’t entirely agree with the time being claimed because they did not want to create an uncomfortable environment in the office. Said now with directors noticing and requesting special meetings the issue obviously needed to be dealt with.

Poole said that students then paid for Monias to do CFS work, rather than BUSU work in some cases.

Brown agreed.

Klapheke asked what would be the plan moving forward for VPE position.

Smart said she believed Monias claimed the time with good intentions so she did not believe there should be anything done.

Ore said since the timesheets had already been approved, by the executive, which means that there is nothing that can be done with the funds that were already paid out. Said council would be able to go over the timesheets but they can’t do anything with the funds that were already approved.

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

Brown said the following discussion would surround what to do about the vacant position:

1. Tasks could be split between the President and VPI and any administrative tasks could be given to an office assistant.
2. Appoint a member of the union.
3. Offer the VPE elect the role.
4. Appoint a director.

Brown said his recommendation would be to appoint a director as the motion would take effect immediately which would make option 3 difficult as the VPE elect will not be decided until 2 weeks from now.

Creasor suggested having someone in for the day to day tasks would be most beneficial. Said this wouldn’t total in 20 hours a week, likely less.

Mizan asked about the credit hour restrictions for the VPE position. Said many directors may be taking more than 9 credit hours this semester meaning they would not be allowed to be a VPE as per the bylaws.

Brown & Creasor said the bylaws allow for a VPE to be in more than 9 credit hours per semester if it is approved.

Klapheke asked how Brown and Creasor would feel about taking on the roles. Said that is his most preferable option.

Brown said they did not feel as though they would be able. Said for the better part of the past 10 months they have already been covering parts of the VPE role and they would not be able to continue or expand on the tasks they have already taken on. Said the contact with the clubs and collectives has been lacking for the entire year and they would need someone to step in and assist for the last few months in order to ensure a smooth club transition for the next council’s term.

Creasor said she felt that Corey and herself had been covering a lot of the tasks for the past few months such as event planning and social media. Said these tasks would not take away from her VPI role as she has already been doing then but she didn’t feel that she could take on the clubs portion of the position. Said is she is concerned about the BUSU budget as well and worried about paying out the salary to someone rather than saving it by not filling the position.

Poole his schedule would allow him to step into the VPE position. Said he would be willing to take tuition rebate to help the budget.

Davidson. L asked how it would work if the director stepping up was running in the election.

Brown said he would not recommend that as the director would then need to be absent for the next two weeks which would then be counterintuitive.

Ore asked how many hours the executives would expect from the individual appointed?

Brown said 10-15 and Creasor agreed.

Ore said this would fit within the budget as a director could be paid with tuition rebate for the maximum of credit hours and the remainder would be salary coming out of the operating budget.

**Motion (16-BUSU-199)** Hodgins/Davidson. L CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the council appoint a director who is not running in the current BUSU election as the interim VPE.***

Poole put his name forth for the position of VPE.

**The meeting took a short recess for 2 minutes.**

Poole said he is only taking two courses at the moment. Said his time commitments are decreasing at this point. Said he has experience with a variety of clubs and collectives as a student. Said he is open to creating changes along with the executive members, in terms of clubs/collectives. Said he wouldn’t need to be paid. Said he would like to assist BUSU in finishing the term strong.

**Motion (16-BUSU-200)** Creasor/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Trevor Poole be appointed as VPE.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-201)** Creasor/Smart CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.***

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion (16-BUSU-202)** Klapheke/Poole CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:38pm***

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

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

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