#### Board Meeting

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

**Thursday March 15th, 2018 at 4:30pm** – CLC Boardroom, Knowles Douglas Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 4:58pm.**
2. **OPENINGS**

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

Present: Corey Norton, Emily Simon, Laura Davidson, [Dele Ojewole](http://www.themanitoban.com/2018/01/dele-ojewole-appointed-cfs-mb-interim-chairperson/33478/)

(CFS-MB Interim-Chairperson), Jack Routledge (ACCSA-Extracurricular Activities Rep.), Jaswinder Kaushal ACCSA–International Rep.), Paige Cuvilier, Rebecca Storey, Nataly Ore, Mohammed Agavi, Brooklyn Friesen (Phone), Natashalee Thompson, Nick Brown & Whitney (5:30), Steven Holden (5:48).

Regrets: Maya Sturrup, and Sheree Blacksmith.

*Absent:* Meg Stade, Jenna Wade,

* 1. **Land acknowledgement**

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion (17-BUSU-105)** Simon/Davidson CARRIED ***Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted with amendments.***

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of February 1st, 2018 are attached for approval.

**Motion (17-BUSU-106)** Agavi/Davidson CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the minutes from February 1st, 2018 be approved.***

1. **PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE**

Any presentations or correspondence shall be given at this time.

Deli spoke regarding the newly released MB Budget specifically the cuts to post secondary education and international students health care. Also mentioned the CFS AGM.

Thompson asked about CFS plans regarding the health care cuts for international students.

Deli spoke to Minister of Education and Minister of Finance and they said it is still in planning stages and is only a proposal. Deli said CFS wants to push back now. Said they are reaching out the members of legislature to see how they can help. Said there is no motion/documentation in place by government. Said if the motion is proposed to house CFS will request support from students.

Thompson asked what can be done now to send a strong message.

Deli said CFS is asking students to email the Minister of Education and Minister of Finance as well as their individual MLAs to explain how changes would affect them. Said if the healthcare is removed, international students may not come to Manitoba and may also move away from Manitoba. Mentioned previous decisions from the current government such as removing the tax rebate for students who have graduated, cuts to Post-Secondary funding, and passing Bill -31.

Cuvilier asked if there was an opportunity to unite the voices of the students and the institutions on this issue.

Deli said CFS is open to any partnerships that would increase awareness.

1. **RECEIPT OF REPORTS**
   1. **Executive Members and Staff**
      1. President**: Attached**
      2. Vice President Internal**: Attached**
      3. Vice President External**: Attached**
      4. General Manager: **No Report**
      5. Office and Services Manager**: Attached**
   2. **Canadian Federation of Students Local Representative Report**
   3. **Director Reports**
      1. Arts Director: **Attached**
      2. Science Director**: Attached**
      3. Health Studies Director: **Absent**
      4. Music Director:

Office Hours, and Faculty Meetings

* + 1. Education Director: **Vacant**
    2. Part-Time/Mature Students Director:

Arrived after reports were received.

* + 1. Indigenous Director: **Regrets**
    2. Women’s Director: **Vacant**
    3. Queer Students Director: **Absent**
    4. International Students Director**: No Report**
    5. Residence Director: **Vacant**
    6. Graduate Studies Director**:**

Graduate Symposium

* + 1. Accessibilities Director**: Attached**
    2. Racialized Director: **Regrets**

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

**Motion (17-BUSU-107)** Simon/Davidson CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the reports be adopted.***

1. **Committees**
2. **Finance & Services**
3. **Policy & Bylaw**
4. **Student Clubs, Activities, & Campaigns**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
6. **Ratification of electronic motion regarding CFS NGC**

The Motion was passed unanimously with eleven votes submitted.

**Motion (17-BUSU-104)** Thompson/Blacksmith CARRIED

**Be it resolved that BUSU covers the cost for Natashalee Thompson, Graduate Studies Director, to attend the National Graduate Caucus General Meeting from March 24 to 25, 2018 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.**

**Motion (17-BUSU-108)** Simon/Agavi CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Motion (17-BUSU-104) be ratified.***

1. **Motions for the Board of Governors**

The Two attached motions were submitted to the BU Board of Governors for the March 17th meeting. The motion regarding Our Turn has been tabled until after the current round of changes to the Sexual Assault Policy.

Simon said that after meeting with the President’s Executive Committee it was decided to wait on the motion regarding Our Turn. Said the committee felt it would be better to wait to propose the Our Turn motion until the current changes to the Sexual Assault Policy have been approved by the board.

Thompson mentioned there was sub-committee of the Sexual Assault Advisory Group struck to take into account the additional costs for Indigenous and International Students in the event of an assault. Said the committee wanted to ensure there were proper channels in place to appropriately cover all students in the policy.

Norton mentioned that Brown requested for students to show their support at the Board of Governors Meeting on Saturday March 17th at 8:30am. The meeting will be held in the Health Studies Building Room 143.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **Graduate Symposium**

BU is holding its’ first Graduate Symposium on March 23rd, 2018 and is looking for BUSU to sponsor the Coffee and Snacks.

Thompson said she would follow up with Brown after the meeting on the 19th to confirm numbers.

**Motion (17-BUSU-109)** Storey/Agavi CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU cover the cost of the coffee and snacks for 50 people for the March 2018 Graduate Symposium.***

* 1. **Election Results Ratification**

The Election Results are attached, and the results need to be ratified.

**Motion (17-BUSU-110)** Agavi/Simon CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the ratification of the BUSU Council for the 2018-19 year be accepted with the following individuals and their respective position from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019: Vice President External Mohammed Agavi, Vice President Internal Emily Simon, Music Director Katherine Charles, Senator Student at Large Manuel Colmenarez, Arts Director Uzoma Duru, Accessibilities Director Whitney Hodgins, International Students Director George Nkuo, Graduate Students Director Natashalee Thompson.***

* 1. **CFS MB AGM Motion**

A motion has been submitted to BUSU for submission to the CFS MB AGM regarding the CFS MB Students with Disabilities Commissioner. We need to approve this motion for submission to the CFS MB AGM.

**Motion (17-BUSU-111)** Brown/Storey CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the attached motion regarding the title of the CFS MB Students with Disabilities Commissioner be approved and submitted to the CFS MB AGM on behalf of Local 37.***

* 1. **Family Fun Week**

Holden will speak to this.

Holden contacted the Deans of each department, the Library, and the President’s Office and is hoping professors will speak in classes to let students know professors are okay with having children attend classes/labs. Haven’t heard back from Betty Braaksma regarding library involvement. Asked for 1-2 volunteers for set up. Asked who is interested

Davidson said she was interested in helping

Holden said he is still working on dates.

* 1. **Vice Presidential Leave**Agavi is requesting leave from April 9 to 27th.

**Motion (17-BUSU-112)** Brown/Davidson CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Mohammed Agavi be granted leave from April 9th-27th, 2018.***

* 1. **CFS MB AGM**

If you are interested, please register for the CFS MB AGM before March 23rd through the Facebook event and the registration form.

The AGM is Saturday April 7th, 2018 in Winnipeg at the Saint Boniface Campus. The AGM is free for members to attend. Members can sign up online using EventBright on the CFS MB Facebook page or using the physical forms in the office. Deadline to apply is Friday March 23rd.

1. **BUSINESS ARISING**

Thompson expressed that she was not happy with the removal of the Dean of Graduate Studies position.

Norton asked council to provide their feedback to the executive regarding the position cuts made by the university administration recently. Said the executive meet with the President’s Executive Committee on a monthly basis and it is fortunate that they have that open communication.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   1. **Next Meeting on March 29, 2018 at 5pm.**
2. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn (17-BUSU-113)** Hodgins/Davidson

***Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:53pm.***

**Minutes approved at meeting date:**

**Moved by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Agavi)**

**Seconded by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Friesen)**