#### Board Meeting

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

**Monday May 11nd, 2015 at 5 PM** – CLC Boardroom, Knowles Douglas Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER 8:06pm**
2. **OPENINGS**

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

*Present:* Aaron Thompson, Nick Brown, Chizaram Ukasoanya, Rhoni Mohanraj, Sarah Wallace, Racheal Wu, Sheyenne Spence, Derek Booth, Tyler Lischinski (Skype), Emma Southam (Skype), Suz McFadden, Nataly Ore

*Regrets:* R. Nakahara, Mercedes McLean, Jocelyn Bruce

*Absent:* Mairo Ahmadu

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion (15-BUSU-01)** Brown/Mohanraj CARRIED ***Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted***

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of March 22nd and April 12th are seeking council approval.

**Motion (15-BUSU-02)** Brown/Mohanraj CARRIED ***Be it resolved that the BUSU Council meeting minutes from March 22nd and April 12th 2015 be approved.***

1. **PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE**

Any presentations or correspondence shall be given at this time.

1. **RECEIPT OF REPORTS**

* 1. **Executive Members and Staff**

On May 1st 2015, Thompson was granted keys and access to BUSU.

On May 1st 2015, Thompson, Brown and Mohanraj, attended an Executive meeting discussing the upcoming year and their plans for upcoming events.

On May 4th 2015, Thompson, Brown and Mohanraj have made the former President’s Office into the new Executive Office and cleared the former VPI Room in order to create a Meeting Space for Directors during Office hours.

On May 5th 2015 Thompson, Brown, Mohanraj, Ore and McFadden has an Office Meeting scheduling some events for the year, and Summer Office hours. Spoke on goals and some upcoming changes, including updating the bylaws, the new Rock the Block, and details on Council Orientation.

President’s Report

As a new President, I first want to thank everyone who has taken up these new roles and I hope we have an excellent year together. As I have just taken Office on May 1st, my report will be a little short, my Executive and I have changed some things in the Office to allow for Space for Directors to meet their constituents. This space is only for council members, executive and office staff. We did a big spring cleaning and the office is cleaner and fresher then I’ve seen it in a long time. We’ve also gone through all the applications and have Directors that can fill some of the vacancies until the next By-election.

Vice-President Internal’s Report

Brown said that he, Springer, and a student went to the CFS Mb Provincial Annual General Meeting. He said that a report will be given at the next meeting. Said that Mohanraj and he have also been doing some legwork for “Crash the Courtyard” which will be discussed later on.

Vice-President External’s Report

Mohanraj said that he has been working on switching over from our old CFS email system as it was insufficient. Said he is also in the process of designing a new website. Said that he has also been working on “Crash the Courtyard.” Said he met with the physical plant and Look Music for “Crash the Courtyard.” Said that a meeting was also held with Kevin Bachewich from Parks Canada and it looks as though they may be able to partner with us and allow us to use their stage for our orientation event. Said the stage normally costs us around $15,000.00 and this year we will potentially be getting the stage for no financial cost. Said that they are currently looking into artist options.

General Manager’s Report

Ore said that she’s been spending time with Thompson for the transition period. Said that she has been trying to catch him up on information he may not have gotten from the previous president. Said that she’s been working on “Crash the Courtyard” as well as doing some preliminary audit work. Said we get audited every year and this is part of a process of a public organization. Said it takes place in June. Said she and McFadden have been meeting about general office guidelines for the year/summer and what work will be done by our Office Assistants.

Office and Services Manager  
  
McFadden Said that handbook has been sent off for creation. Said our designer Tim got it sent off last week. Said it’s a huge project for Tim and it looks like we’ll make money from our advertisements for the operating budget again. We also started working on the Orientation Magazine which is a magazine that we mail out to all students every year to let them know what’s going on. Said it’s going to be a fantasy theme this year. Said we are also working on staff reviews for the Office Assistants and we’ll let council know how those turn out at the next meeting. Said inventory is completed and we did the full office clean about a week and a half ago. Said she’s been working with Office Assistants to make a better bookings system and a better food bank system to make sure these services are running more efficiently. Steph and Corey (our Office Assistants) have been fantastic in helping with the implementation of those new systems. Said she is working on cleaning up some services this summer. Said she’s also been working with Student VIP about materials that they will be sending us for the fall. Said they will be providing us with a number of materials that will allow us to reach our students in a different way. Said that she met with Brown, Ore, Mohanraj, Thompson, and Michelle from Disability Services with Student VIP over the phone to see what our plan can offer to students registered with Disability Services.

* 1. **Director Reports**
     1. Arts Director: No report.
     2. Science Director: No report.
     3. Health Studies Director: No report.
     4. Music Director: No report.
     5. Education Director: No report.
     6. Part-Time/Mature Students Director: Vacant.
     7. Aboriginal Director: No Report.
     8. Women’s Director:   
          
        Wu said that she and Southam have been working with Dr.Mason from the Gender and Women’s Study Department on the implementation of the “Yes Means Yes” campaign that will start during Orientation. Said that in terms of the Women’s Collective, the individuals who were involved this past year were no longer interested in continuing into the next academic year, so currently there is no one on the Women’s Collective except for herself. Said that the idea is to get the executive to send out a campus-wide email to let students know if they want to be on the Women’s Collective they can contact her.
     9. Sex and Gender Identity Based Director:  
          
        Southam said that she has also been working on the “Yes Means Yes” campaign. Said that she is currently out of the country, but encourages council to attend Brandon Pride Day on May 30th.
     10. International Students Director: No report.
     11. Residence Director: No report.
     12. Graduate Studies Director: No report.
     13. Accessibility Director: No report.
     14. Racialized Director: Vacant.

**Motion (15-BUSU-03)** Wu/Mohanraj CARRIED  ***Be it resolved that the reports be adopted.***

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. **No Old Business to Report**
2. **NEW BUSINESS**

* 1. **Appointment of new Directors**

**As Executive Council we received several applicants for Director positions, and have decided on the following Directors:**

* + 1. **Mercedes McLean – Residence Director**
    2. **Derek Booth – Accessibility Director**
    3. **Sarah Wallace – Arts Director**

**Motion (15-BUSU-04)** Wu/Brown CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU Council ratify Mercedes McLean for Residence Director, Derek Booth for Accessibility Director and Sarah Wallace for Arts Director.***

* 1. **Crash the Courtyard**

**Executive would like to present to council the upcoming event Crash the Courtyard for consideration and approval.**

**Motion (15-BUSU-04)** Brown/Wu CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU Council approve hosting the upcoming event Crash the Courtyard.***

Brown said last year BUSU lost $40,000.00 on Rock the Block, which was a huge loss. Said it was the largest loss that BUSU has ever had on Rock the Block, and was the first loss in two years as the previous two had been profitable. Said that part of their campaign promises was to run Rock the Block in a financially responsible way. As part of the there has been a fundamental change to the event. Said that wanted the event to be more geared toward students than community (even though the public will also be welcome to this event).

Mohanraj said that in many ways Rock the Block has been turned into a community event as we sell more tickets to community members than students and we have lost focus on having students as our priority for this event.

Brown said last year we had around 1700 in attendance and only around 400 were students (approximately- numbers not exact). Said if we are only getting around 400/3000 students, we need to change that. Said our first instinct was to move the event from down town to on BU campus. Said that we had meetings with Scott Lamont and initially asked if the event could be held on the soccer field, but we couldn’t as it was just seeded. Because the field wasn’t an option we then asked if the courtyard was available and they said yes. Said that the stage will be right in front of the trees outside of our building facing the library. Said that they want more students to come to this event and had initially wanted to make it free for students, but it just wouldn’t work with the budget. Said we can provide the concert for roughly $10.00 a student. Said for Rock the Block we used to have 3 headliners and one battle of the bands winner and we usually rely on those headliners. Said that this past year didn’t work out. Said if it’s going to be a student event, we should get students involved on stage. Said that in terms of acts we are looking at getting a headliner and some local and student bands. Currently playing with the idea of having the top 3 bands from Battle of the Bands perform at “Crash the Courtyard.”

Spence wanted to know what our limit was for paying for a headliner.

Brown said that we have about $15,000.00 to pay for a headliner according to our current budget.

Mohanraj said that it needs to be under $25,000.00. Said that this is 1/3 of our cost for Rock the Block. Said that last year most bands cost around $20,000.00. Said so just for the bands last year it cost $60,000.00 on top of all of the other expenses. Said that they are thinking about starting the event around 4:00pm. Said that they are planning to have three student bands.

Brown said that we are currently in the process of asking Student Services to help out with the funding for student bands. Said it creates a job for students.

Brown said that we will be looking into sponsorship options. Said we usually get the radio stations and MTS. Said that Parks CND has the exact same stage that we usually get and they will be willing to borrow it to us so long as they can be recognized through stage advertising.

Mohanraj said that as part of this partnership they want us to bring a bus load of students up to Riding Mountain for a camping trip/event.

Brown said that we are still playing with ticket prices. Non-students will be around $20-$25 and the student price will be around $10 as we want to make sure that students know that they are our priority audience.

Mohanraj said that for budget purposes they are estimating around 2000 students and 200 non-students.

Spence asked if it’s an +18 event.

Brown said that it is and said it will probably start around 4:00pm because a large portion of our revenue sales are liquor. Said we could potentially fence off a separate area for families for the first two hours.

Wallis asked if our student sales are not getting as high as they need to be, will we allow for more non-student sales.

Mohanraj and Brown said yes.

Mohanraj said that the even will likely take place on September 18th and that Food Services will provide the food. Food and beverage will be in the parking lot.

Brown said that Look Music will be doing the sound. Said that will save us a lot of money. Said we are looking into getting Toro Security (event security from Wpg) again. Said we want to have a large portion of our stuff set up the day before.

Spence asked if the motion was asking council to agree with all of the information, or just the concept of the event.

Thompson clarified that it’s just to agree to the concept. Need it approved otherwise it will just be approved last minute.

Mohanraj said that we also need the name and the date approved.

Ore said that she suggested to just approve the event as an orientation event for September 2015 until they have more details.

Brown said that this means that they will not be hosting Rock the Block this year.

* 1. **PENT BBQ**

**Executive will be holding a BBQ for PENT (Program for the Education of Native Teachers) Students on 27th May 2015. PENT Students pay fees like other students but are only around during the Summer months making it important to engaged with them. If any council members can volunteer please put your name forward.**

* 1. **Brandon Pride**

**BUSU will be tabling at Brandon Pride on May 30th 2015 at Stanley Park. We are**

**looking for anyone interested in volunteering to help table this event.**

Ore said for council members to give Thompson their names at the end of the meeting if they are able to attend events so that Thompson can send them information.

* 1. **Committee Changes**

**Subcommittees in the previous year have been difficult to organize, so Executive have decided to present all Committee Information during Council meetings for resolution. Due to underlying issues with the current BUSU sub-committee system, the executive will be proposing changes that will hopefully increase transparency, accountability, and council involvement. The change will be proposed at this time.**

**Motion (15-BUSU-05)** Brown/Booth CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU Council approve the transfer of Sub-Committee responsibilities to regular Agenda points during Council meetings.***

McFadden said that she, Ore and the executive met to discuss sub-committees. Said for the past few years it’s been difficult to get people to sub-committee meetings and so things weren’t getting done in a timely fashion. Said that they discussed that maybe instead of having the committees outside of council meetings, we could move them to be permanent agenda points. Said that way, things like club ratifications will be done every two weeks. Said when they are not getting approved we get some upset clubs and students. Said that they also discussed how it could increase transparency because you’re getting everyone’s viewpoint. Said that we have essentially had three years with no campaign meetings, and this change could potentially help encourage more activity within the committees as council will see what they haven’t been as active with.

Brown said that it’s hard enough finding a time when the majority of council members can meet for a council meeting and it’s even harder to try and schedule in the other meetings around that. Said that this change is for ease of use and speed of democracy. Said instead of having the committee meet and then send recommendations to us, we should just have council meet in those points. Said that our subcommittee meetings to happen often enough or long enough to require them to be separate from the council meeting.

Southam asked if the subcommittee topics would meet informally.

McFadden said that from her understanding they would. Said that they would be permanent agenda items and if interested council members wanted to form ad hoc committees they could do that too.

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn (15-BUSU-06)** Wallis/Spence CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:51pm.***

**Minutes approved at meeting date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Moved by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Seconded by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**