#### Board Meeting

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

**Monday November 28th, 2016 at 5 PM** – CLC Boardroom, Knowles Douglas Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 5:04pm.**
2. **OPENINGS**

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

*Present:* Nick Brown, Elizabeth Davidson, Mark Klapheke, Sheree Blacksmith, Lisa Mizan (7:40 left), Greg Monias, Meg Stade, Nataly Ore, Corey Norton, Jill Creasor, Laura Davidson, Trevor Poole, Demeter Van Vliet Vaisius (Phone), Ashlyn Pearce (The Quill), Kristin Smart (5:06pm, left 5:25), and Whitney Hodgins (5:07pm)

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion (16-BUSU-145) Monias/Poole CARRIED**

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

1. **PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE**

Thank you letter regarding Homecoming from Dr. Fearon to BUSU (Attached).

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: **Report submitted next meeting**.
		5. Office and Services Manager: **Attached**.
	2. **Canadian Federation of Students Local Representative Report**

Report from NGM will be provided at the next meeting

* 1. **Director Reports**
		1. Arts Director:

Regular Office Hours

Nov.2 Day of Action

Nov. 8th AFC Council meeting

Nov. 9th SGPA Meeting

Nov. 10th Finance Committee

Nov. 15th Senate

Nov. 15th AGM

No DAPL Solidarity

Nov. 16th SGPA

Nov. 17th Pancake Breakfast for LNAP

Nov. 26th BOG and luncheon

* + 1. Science Director:

Office Hours each Wednesday

Oct. 18th Senate and Women’s Collective meeting

Oct. 19th Science Faculty Council and Office Hours

Oct. 20th Take Back The Night

Oct. 21st All Out Preparation

Oct. 31st Halloween Food Drive

Nov. 2nd All Out

Nov. 15th AGM, Senate, No DAPL Solidarity

Nov.16th SGPA

* + 1. Health Studies Director:

Nov. 8th, 14th, & 28th BUHASSA Meetings

Meeting with students individually – displeasure with certain professors, students would like to see some sort of mid-way evaluation process for professor

Nov. 15th AGM

* + 1. Music Director: Vacant
		2. Education Director:

Nov. 8th Services Meeting

Nov. 10 Finance

Nov. 15th No DAPL Solidarity

* + 1. Part-Time/Mature Students Director: Leave.
		2. Indigenous Peoples’ Director:

Weekly BUASC meetings

Thursday Office Hours

No DAPL Solidarity

Day of Action

Community meeting with BUASC members – Let’s Stew it Up

* + 1. Women’s Director:

Office Hours

Nov. 8 Women’s Collective Meeting

Nov. 15th AGM

* + 1. Sexuality and Gender Identity Based Director: Vacant.
		2. International Students Director:

Weekly Office hours

Wednesdays BUSU Rep Brandon Sun

Nov. 2nd Day of Action

Nov. 10th Finance Committee

Nov. 15th AGM

Nov. 24th Trans Day of Remembrance

Nov. 26th International Students

Nov. 28th Library Senate Meeting

* + 1. Residence Director:

Weekly meetings with Residence Councils

Graffiti Social Planning

Food committee meeting

* + 1. Graduate Studies Director:

Day of Action

Office Hours – Tuesday Mornings

AGM

SGPA & Finance Committee Meetings

Services Week – Travel Fund & ISIC Day

PSAC Meeting

* + 1. Accessibility Director:

Nov. 8th Services Committee meeting

Nov. 15th AGM, No DAPL Solidarity

Nov. 16th LNAP

Office Hours

KDC Meeting

* + 1. Racialized Director: Vacant.

**Motion (16-BUSU-146)** Monias/Creasor CARRIED

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

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
2. **Campaigns and Government Relations**
3. **Student Groups Promotions and Affairs**

Attached to Monias’ report.

1. **Services**

The Services Committee met on October 11th and Nov 8th, 2016, the minutes are attached.

1. **Finance**

The Finance Committee met on October 18th and Nov 10th, 2016, the minutes are attached.

1. **Student Activities**

**Motion (16-BUSU-147)** Poole/Davidson. L CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Committee Reports be adopted.***

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. **Credit Card Policy**

The draft policy was presented at the last meeting, and is attached for discussion and approval.

**Motion (16-BUSU-148)** Creasor/Poole CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Policy 2511: Credit Card Usage be adopted as attached.***

Klapheke asked what the limits on the credit cards were.

Ore said $20,000.00 collectively.

Klapheke asked why they were so high.

Ore explained that the expenses for some of our larger events such as Crash the Courtyard and Orientation require such a high limit. Said Finance Committee will be approving all statements.

1. **Committees**

Bylaw 1200, point 7, states that council members can’t be on more than two committees, and that “typically” everyone should be on at least one. We need to address this.

**Motion (16-BUSU-149)** Creasor/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU 2016-17 Council create a Standing Rule that allows the Selection Committee to be comprised by elections from within the BUSU Council.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-150)** Monias/Poole CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the following council members be appointed to the following committees:***

***Trevor Poole: Services, Finance, and Policy & Bylaw Committees; Elizabeth Davidson: Finance, Student Activities, and Services Committees; Laura Davidson: Finance and SGPA Committees; Mark Klapheke: SGPA Committee; Lisa Mizan: Finance, Student Activities, and Campaigns Committees; Whitney Hodgins: Policy & Bylaw, Student Activities, and Services Committees; Sheree Blacksmith: Services and Student Activities Committees; Meg Stade: Policy & Bylaw Committee; Demeter Van Vliet Vaisius: Policy & Bylaw and SGPA Committees; Krista Chaney: SGPA, Campaigns, and Services.***

1. **Holiday Party**

The BUSU Holiday Party is being held on December 7th in the Louis Riel Room from 6-8pm. Please RSVP for yourself and up to one guest with any dietary restrictions to Corey at om@busu.ca by Monday, November 28th at 4pm.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

* 1. **Student Senator Positions**

There are two Senate positions open for students; Health Studies, and At Large. We have the ability to appoint students from BUSU Council to fill the vacancies.

**Motion (16-BUSU-151)** Monias/Poole CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Meg Stade be appointed as the Health Studies Senator.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-152)** Creasor/Davidson. L

***Be it resolved that Demeter Van Vliet Vaisius be appointed as the Student Senator At Large.***

* 1. **Workplace Health and Safety Committee**

There is a Workplace Health and Safety Committee on campus that Nick sits on, but we need to appoint an alternate.

**Motion (16-BUSU-153)** Creasor/Poole CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Meg Stade be appointed as the alternate for the Work Place Health and Safety Committee.***

* 1. **VPI Vacation**

Creasor is requesting to go on vacation from December 18th-31st, 2016.

Creasor said she has banked her maximum amount of time and would like to use it during this time.

**Motion (16-BUSU-154)** Poole/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Creasor be granted vacation from December 18th-31st, 2016.***

* 1. **BUSU Holiday Potluck**

BUSU has held a community driven potluck over the holiday break every year for those students who are stuck in Brandon away from their families. The Executive is proposing to change the venue and scope as last year’s event was overflowing the Elephant Room.

Brown said the proposed locations were the Mingling Area and SUDS or using Knox United Church at an approximate cost of $300.

Said it would be very helpful if council could assist with the event if they are still around during this time (Dec. 21-23rd).

Creasor said there had also been discussion about looking into buffet options at local restaurants.

Stade suggested holding the event on campus because students would feel comfortable.

Creasor said the budget for the entire event is $500.

Ore said there were donations in the previous years would could help with cost.

Brown said the direction from council would be taken into consideration when planning the event.

* 1. **BUSU AGM**

The Fall 2016 AGM Minutes are attached. The motions therein need to be discussed and/or approved.

**Motion (16-BUSU-155)** Monias/Poole CARRIED

***Be it resolved that all motions of the November 15th, 2016 BUSU Annual General Meeting be ratified with the exception of 16-AGM-10 and 16-AGM-11.***

Discussion began surrounding 16-AGM-10

Monias said he would like to go with the membership but didn’t feel that the AGM held a true student population representation. Said he would like to caution the board with approving the motion due to BUSU’s past situation earlier this year.

Stade agreed.

Creasor said the whereas clause before the 16-AGM-10 motion is incorrect: “Whereas BUSU is local 37 of the Canadian Federation of Students, a body of more than 600,000 students which has an expressed pro-choice opinion;”.

Brown said the council needed to ratify, rescind, or amend 16-AGM-10.

Monias said although there was no Pro-Choice stance taken by CFS, there was a motion at the NGM earlier in November. Said CFS National has allocated budget funding to Pro-Choice material on campuses. Said it is a CFS campaign, not a bylaw or policy.

**Motion (16-BUSU-156) Monias/Mizan** CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting move into closed session.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-157)** Klapheke/Stade DEFEATED

***Be it resolved that the meeting move into open session.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-172)** Creasor/Monias CARRIED

***Be it resolved that all motions made in closed session be recorded in open session.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-158)** Creasor/Stade CARRIED

***Be it resolved that BUSU ratify the motion 16-AGM-10 as amended: “Be it resolved that BUSU take a public, pro-choice stance in all decisions it makes in relation to womens’ reproductive rights”.***

**Motion to Amend (16-BUSU-159)** Creasor/Poole CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the motion be amended to strike the “Be it further resolved” clause from motion 16-AGM-10.***

Whereas the motion to create a pro-choice policy and bylaws for BUSU was passed at the
last BUSU AGM meeting, and;

Whereas this policy will be long lasting and potentially affect all members of the Union, and;

Whereas the BUSU council and the Union itself have had a history regarding a pro-choice
position that has not always been perceived to serve union members fairly or equally, thus
prompting a need for full transparency in operations surrounding this issue;

**Motion (16-BUSU-160)** Poole/MoniasTABLED

***Be it resolved that the Union take a pro-choice stance on future topics related to women’s
health, and;***

***Be it resolved that a BUSU Ad Hoc committee be formed with the expressed mandate of: a)
creating a pro-choice policy for implementation by the Union, and b) conducting a review of
current BUSU policies and By-Laws as they relate to a pro-choice stance, and:***

***Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc committee have full jurisdiction over its mandate,
pursuant within the parameters of the BUSU bylaws unless otherwise endorsed by a 50% +
1 vote of BUSU council, and;***

***Be it further resolved that ratification of documents recommended by the Ad Hoc
committee in accordance with its mandate only be implemented when said
recommendations are approved by a 2/3rds vote of the full BUSU council, and;***

***Be it further resolved this committee be struck immediately and stand until its mandate is
completed, and;***

***Be it further resolved that membership to the Ad Hoc committee be by appointment by
BUSU council, or by a 2/3rds vote of sitting Ad Hoc committee members, and;***

***Be it further resolved that the Ad Hoc committee will be made up of at least two (2)
members of the Union that are not sitting BUSU councilpersons, and that total committee
membership not exceed seven (7) voting members, and;
Be it further resolved that quorum for the Ad Hoc committee meetings be 50% + 1 members
currently sitting upon the Ad Hoc committee, and;***

***Be it further resolved that the chair of the Ad Hoc committee update BUSU council on the
progress made by the Ad Hoc committee at least once per term until completion of the
mandate.***

Whereas previous events have occurred on BU campus that resulted in the
perceived targeting or triggering of Union members, and;

Whereas a collective recommended motion regarding the need for a BUSU prochoice policy now was passed at the latest BUSU AGM meeting, and;

Whereas the rudimentary protection of women’s reproductive health and rights
should be addressed by BUSU immediately and improved upon long-term;

**Motion (16-BUSU-161)** Poole/Monias TABLED

***Be it resolved that the attached, stand-alone, interim BUSU pro-choice policy
prepared by members of the Union at large be adopted by BUSU council, and;***

***Be it further resolved that the interim policy become effective immediately and last
until a vote can be made by BUSU council on the full Pro-Choice policy as
recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee for BUSU’s Pro-Choice Policy, and;***

***Be it further resolved that the interim policy be posted in such a way that it is easily
accessible to all members of the Union in both the BUSU office and online.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-162)** Poole/Monias TABLED

***Be it resolved that BUSU executive proactively inform (via written correspondence)
the BU campus, all BUSU recognized clubs, and BUSU collectives in regards to the
16-AGM-10 resolution.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-163)** Monias/Creasor CARRIED

**Be it resolved that the ruling of the chair be challenged.**

**Motion (16-BUSU-164)** Poole/Monias CARRIED

***Be it resolved that BUSU executive proactively inform (via written correspondence)
the BU campus, all BUSU recognized clubs, and BUSU collectives in regards to the
16-AGM-10 resolution.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-165)** Creasor/Monias CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the Motion 16-AGM-11 be ratified.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-166)** Monias/Poole CARRIED

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

***Motion (16-BUSU-167)*** Creasor/Poole CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the motion be reconsidered.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-168)** Creasor/Monias DEFEATED

***Be it resolved that the Motion 16-AGM-11 be ratified.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-169)** Poole/Monias CARRIED

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

**Motion (16-BUSU-170)** Poole/Creasor CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the BUSU executive correspond with the Women’ s Collective and BUSL regarding council’s decision to revoke the motion 16-AGM-11.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-171)** Klapheke/Stade CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting move into open session.***

* 1. **Bylaw Changes**

Bylaw changes 1200 for Committee Meetings as well as Bylaws 2501 and 600 to incorporate the International Students’ Organization as an official Collective.

**Motion (16-BUSU-173)**

***Be it resolved that changes to Bylaws 2501, 1200, and 600 be adopted.***

* 1. **Water Bottle Requests**

We have requests from BUSMEA and Flora Cowan.

**Motion (16-BUSU-174)** Creasor/Davidson. L CARRIED

***Be it resolved that BUSU donate Flora Cowan Residence Council with four water bottles.***

**Motion (16-BUSU-175)** Monias/Davidson. L DEFEATED

***Be it resolved that BUSU donate enough water bottles and pens for 35 people to BUSMEA.***

Monias did not support the motion because they have already received club funding.

Brown tasked Monias with contacting BUSMEA as Brown will contact Flora Cowan.

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

Creasor said she had wanted to discuss Smart’s report of the meal plan issues regarding what council could do to assist Smart.

Brown suggested he add it to the next agenda as an item for discussion as Smart had to leave the current meeting early.

Creasor said she would also like to meet with Stade regarding issues about student advocacy.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Council Meeting will be December 12th at 5:00pm in the CLC Boardroom.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion (16-KDC-176)** Poole/Stade CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at* 7:57pm.**

**Minutes approved at meeting date: March 13th, 2017**

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

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