#### Board Meeting

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

**Monday December 12th, 2016 at 5 PM** – CLC Boardroom, Knowles Douglas Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 5:08pm**
2. **OPENINGS**

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

*Present:* Nick Brown, Corey Norton, Jill Creasor, Mark Klapheke [Ariele Kehler](http://www.thequill.ca/news/?author=586dbeea59cc688e1a8286b0) (The Quill), Trevor Poole, Nataly, Lisa Mizan (left at 6:05pm), Meg Stade, Elizabeth Davidson, Kristin Smart (Phone)

*Regrets:* Greg Monias, Demeter Van Vliet Vaisius, Laura Davidson, Whitney Hodgins, Krista Charney, Sheree Blacksmith

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion (15-BUSU-177)** Stade/Creasor CARRIED

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
2. **PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE**
3. **RECEIPT OF REPORTS**

* 1. **Executive Members and Staff**
     1. President: **Attached**
     2. Vice President Internal: **Attached**
     3. Vice President External: **Regrets**
     4. General Manager: **Attached**
     5. Office and Services Manager: **Attached**
     6. Returning Officer: **Attached**
  2. **Canadian Federation of Students Local Representative Report**
     1. CFS NGM Report: **Attached**
  3. **Director Reports**
     1. Arts Director: **Attached**
     2. Science Director: **Attached**
     3. Health Studies Director: Vacant
     4. Music Director: Vacant
     5. Education Director: **Attached**
     6. Part-Time/Mature Students Director: **Regrets**
     7. Indigenous Peoples’ Director: **Attached**
     8. Women’s Director: **Regrets**
     9. Sexuality and Gender Identity Based Director: Vacant
     10. International Students Director: **No Report**
     11. Residence Director:

Continue weekly meetings with residence hall councils

* + 1. Graduate Studies Director:

Office Hours

Meeting with BU Administration

* + 1. Accessibility Director: **Attached**
    2. Racialized Director: Vacant

**Motion (15-BUSU-178)** Stade/Davidson. E CARRIED

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

1. **REGULAR AGENDA TOPICS**
2. **Campaigns and Government Relations**
3. **Student Groups Promotions and Affairs**
4. **Services**
5. **Finance**
6. **Student Activities**

Snowientation is the annual winter orientation events that BUSU puts at the beginning of the winter session. The following is the proposed series of events.

Creasor presented the events below and suggested that directors attempt to assist with as many events as possible.

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| Jan 1 | Jan 2 | Jan 3 | Jan 4 | Jan 5 | Jan 6 | Jan 7 |
|  | University Closed | Orientation Day  No Classes | Clubs Day  First Day of Classes | Trivia Night | Snowientation Social  with DJ Rhoni  SUDS 30th Birthday |  |
| Jan 8 | Jan 9 | Jan 10 | Jan 11 | Jan 12 | Jan 13 | Jan 14 |
|  | Services Day | Free Pizza in the free slot  Karaoke |  | Jazz Night |  |  |
| Jan 15 | Jan16 | Jan 17 | Jan 18 | Jan 19 | Jan 20 | Jan 21 |
|  | Blue Monday  #MyDefinition launch  PMH on campus  I Love Me Because… | Taco-Bout-It Tuesday  Taco-in-a-bag sale  Fireside Chat | Wellness Wednesday  Bubble Wrap, Colouring, Beading | Think About It Thursday  Local Resources  SUDS discount on healthy options | F#@K It Friday  Brew Drop  Therapy Dogs  Massage Therapy |  |

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. **Issues Arising out of the Nov 28th Meeting**

After BUSU put out the press release, there was significant anger directed towards BUSU. Because all of the discussion was in closed session, we were not able to fully explain the reasoning behind the decision. We would like to be able to be able to make some sort of public statement to inform the membership.

**Motion (16-BUSU-179)** Stade/Klapheke CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes, to resume at 5:35pm.***

The meeting resumed at 5:38pm.

Brown said there would be discussion with the members regarding the fact that BUSU has not received legal counsel regarding free speech. Said also BUSU would need to clarify the definition of Pro-Choice for the membership before making any decisions.

Poole asked how the information would be distributed to the membership.

Brown said the format of the message isn’t as important as the content of the message. Said there will be later discussion about how to distribute the message.

1. **Motions tabled from November 28th**
   * 1. **Pro-Choice Policy Ad-Hoc Committee**

The motion is attached.

Poole rescinded the motion.

* + 1. **Interim Pro-Choice Policy**

The motion is attached.

Poole rescinded the motion.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

* 1. **Pro-Choice and Clubs Direction**

Over the past two weeks, Nick has been researching student union stances on pro-choice stances and how they affect clubs. Three main directions that these policies and bylaws can go have emerged:

* + - 1. Full pro-choice policy, and bylaws stating clubs can not have a mandate or actions that are against the union. (Ryerson Students’ Union)
      2. No Clubs. Many student unions are not in the business of recognizing clubs. (UMSU)
      3. Course Unions. No more recognized social groups, only groups that are associated with a degree stream are recognized. (Ryerson Students’ Union)

Brown was looking for suggestions from council based on the three solutions above. Said the decision would ultimately be up to the Policy & Bylaw Committee.

Klapheke said he supported any of the choices presented.

Smart said she disagreed with option three. Said BUSU would be punishing other clubs.

Poole disagreed with Smart. Said he did not support option one as it would be very time consuming and there could be legal ramifications. Said he did support option two/three. Said he thought students would still operate in groups on their own but would not be regulated by BUSU. Said option 3 was more regulation then two.

Creasor said she supported option two. Said there are many issues with clubs such as bank accounts and email addresses. Said groups would still be able to receive reimbursement for events but they wouldn’t be BUSU clubs just BU student groups. Said the Student Group Executive Caucus could also still be an option.

Mizan wanted council to consider the student reactions to each of the options.

Brown said when UMSU moved from recognizing clubs their students didn’t seem to be upset about the choice. Said student groups would not lose many services from BUSU aside from an email address.

Klapheke said he still supported the third option as he believed subsidizing educational activities should come before subsidizing social activities. Said he liked option three the best.

Smart asked if BUSU chose option two, would there still be a club day held for groups to get their materials out to students. Said she felt that clubs still needed some sort of governance even if it wasn’t BUSU. Said she would support not making any changes to the direction of clubs.

Brown said there are other options for club governance.

Poole spoke in favour of option two.

Mizan asked what the criteria for funding student groups would be.

Brown said that decision would be made when forming a new policy/by-law.

* 1. **Council Orientation**

Due to the number of council members who were not available to make the June Council Orientation, it is proposed that a Council Orientation be held on January 3rd, 2017 at 1pm.

* 1. **Director Office Hours**

Norton will go over the procedure for booking the Directors Office in BUSU.

Said directors should speak to the Office Assistants (OAs) to book their weekly time in the office as they are the ones who organize the bookings for the building. Said a complete schedule for office hours will then be printed and placed in the directors’ office once all the office hours are scheduled for the remainder of the term. Norton reminded directors that if they were holding office hours in other places than the directors’ office they should still let the OAs know. This way the OAs can advise students about directors’ office hours when they ask questions at the front desk.

* 1. **Second Semester Council Meetings**

We need to decide when to hold our first council meeting of 2017.

Brown suggested the next BUSU Council meeting be on Monday January 9th at 6pm (after the Finance Meeting).

**Motion (16-BUSU-180)** Smart/Creasor CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting move into Closed Session.***

1. **CLOSED SESSION**
2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

Poole asked for clarification about Brown’s experience at the CFS NGM.

Brown said there was an attempt to shift the balance of power within the CFS. Said this attempt failed.

Poole asked for clarification about the balance of power.

Brown said 11 institutions, who are larger institutions, felt as though they are not being fairly represented. Said each institution is represented equally no matter their population. Said there was an election for the next deputy chairperson and treasurer but the slates from those larger institutions failed. Said those elections will take place after the June meeting.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   1. **Mental Health First Aid**

Norton said Student VIP is offering to run Mental Health First Aid for the 14th & 15th of January. Said the days would be likely from 9-5pm. Norton urged council members to let her know if they were interested as Student VIP needs a minimum of 8 people to come out and run it.

Poole, Davidson, Ore, Smart, Brown, and Creasor were interested.

* 1. **Student Holiday Dinner**

Creasor said there is a sign up and it first come first serve. Said the purpose is for students who cannot go home to enjoy a meal over the holidays. Said it is hosted in SUDS and will be catered. Asked if Smart could let residence students know.

Smart said she would.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion (15-BUSU-182)** Creasor/Smart CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:32pm.***

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

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

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