#### Board Meeting

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

**Thursday January 18th, 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:* Nick Brown, Emily Simon, Meg Stade, Brooklyn Friesen, Corey Norton, Steven Holden, Natashalee Thompson, Donnovan Hillman (The Quill), Rebecca Store, Mohammed Agavi, Nataly Ore (5:01pm), Laura Davidson (5:27pm), Whitney Hodgins (5:27pm).

*Regrets:* Sheree Blacksmith, Saint Osaretin, Laura Davidson, Whitney Hodgins and Maya Sturrup.

*Absent:* Jenna Wade

* 1. **Land acknowledgement**

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion (17-BUSU-90)** Stade/Agavi CARRIED  ***Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.***

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of December 8th, 2017 are attached for approval.

**Motion (17-BUSU-91)** Simon/Storey CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the minutes from December 8th, 2017 be approved.***

1. **PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE**
   1. **Letter from Lisa Mizan**
2. **RECEIPT OF REPORTS**

* 1. **Executive Members and Staff**
     1. President**: Attached**
     2. Vice President Internal**: Attached**
     3. Vice President External**: Attached**
     4. General Manager**: Attached**
     5. Office and Services Manager**: Attached**
  2. **Canadian Federation of Students Local Representative Report: Attached**
  3. **Director Reports**
     1. Arts Director: **Regrets**
     2. Science Director**:** have send report

Monday, January 8th, 2018:Participated in Game Night with BUSU/BUGA. Played Catan and Geek Out! It was a lot of fun.

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018:Helped give out free pizza. Walked around with two pizzas at Club Day to get rid of the worst of it.

* + 1. Health Studies Director:

More funding for health studies faculty has resulted in the hire of one clinical instructor and one sessional professor.

Attended Snowientation events and they were a pleasure.

Students displeased with 2 hour parking laws surrounding university.

* + 1. Music Director:

Helpings with Snowientation

Working with professor to create Music Student Handbook

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

Reviewing information about Family Fun Event.

* + 1. Indigenous Director: **Regrets**
    2. Women’s Director**: Vacant**
    3. Queer Students Director: **Absent**
    4. International Students Director**: Regrets**
    5. Residence Director**: Vacant**
    6. Graduate Studies Director**:**

International Grad Studies Dinner

Planning a welcome back event

Attended Snowientation Trivia

Plans to meet with executives about Grad Student Symposium.

* + 1. Accessibilities Director**:**

Jan 5 – Tabling in the Mingling Area (11:30am-1:30pm)

Jan 8 – Tabling in the Mingling Area (11:00am-12:00pm)

o CFS MB Meeting (1:30pm-9:00pm)

Jan 9 – SCAC Meeting (4:30pm-5:30pm)

Jan 10 – Pancake Breakfast/Tabling in Mingling Area (9:00am-

12:00pm)

Jan 11 – Trivia (7:00pm-9:00pm)

Jan 13 – USAC Meeting w/ Laura (2:30pm-5:00pm)

Jan 16 – Senate Meeting (2:00pm-2:30pm)

Jan 17 – USAC Reading (9:00am-12:00pm)

o USAC Meeting w/ Laura (2:00-5:00pm)

Jan 18 – USAC Meeting (3:00-4:30pm)

* + 1. Racialized Director: **Regrets**

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

Brown said the student consultation, this week, for the Presidential Search went well. Said students want candidates who are in the middle of their careers and someone who is personable. Said candidates who were willing to advocate to the government on behalf of the institution were also highly requested.

Simon reminded council to sign up for events but to also share information about BUSU events with their friends and constituents.

Thompson said the Graduate Student Symposium will be during reading week: February 19th-23rd. Said a committee will be struck for students to submit their proposals to. Said she is working to have a link so students who are off campus can also present/attend.

Norton asked council members to remember the upcoming Mental Health Week and to share the events in addition to signing up to assist with events. Asked council to gather student feedback if their fellow students don’t want to attend an event so BUSU can modify and refresh their events to meet the needs of the students.

Agavi said he genuinely wanted feedback from students, specifically if its negative because we want to be creating events that students actually enjoy.

Holden suggested offering services and resources in the first few weeks and then promoting more entertainment focused events later in the month/semester.

**Motion (17-BUSU-92)** Simon/Agavi CARRIED

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

1. **Committees**
2. **Finance & Services**

The minutes of December 14th, 2017 are attached for information.

**Motion (17-BUSU-93)** Stade/Agavi CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Rebecca Storey and Mohammed Agavi be appointed to the Finance and Services Committee and Steven Holden and Natashalee Thompson be appointed to the Policy and Bylaw Committee.***

1. **Policy & Bylaw**
2. **Student Clubs, Activities, & Campaigns**
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **Education For All**

Since Bill 31 passed in the Provincial Legislature it is time to bring the fight against increasing tuition fees to the university level. The following motions are being considered to be put forward to the March Board of Governors meeting, and input on the motions and action would be welcome

* + 1. BIRT Brandon University adopt the following:

The increase in a tuition fee permitted for Brandon University for an academic year is the tuition fee for the preceding academic year multiplied by the percentage change, as determined by the following formula, rounded to one decimal place:

% change = 100 × (A − B)/B

In this formula,

A   is the average of the 12 monthly consumer price indexes for the 12-month period ending on March 31 of the calendar year in which the academic year for which the tuition fee increase is being calculated begins;

B   is the average of the 12 monthly consumer price indexes for the 12-month period ending on March 31 of the preceding calendar year.

For this purpose, the monthly consumer price index is the monthly consumer price index for Manitoba (All-items), as published by Statistics Canada under the authority of the *Statistics Act* (Canada).

Holden asked what leverage BUSU has over the University on this issue

Brown said the University of Winnipeg Students’ Association is interested in a student strike for September based on the increasing tuition fees. Said he is not sure if a strike is something the Brandon students would be interested in.

Simon said there will be further research before motions are submitted to Board of Governors. Said there will be discussions with Scott Lamont and the President’s Executive Committee regarding tuition and the motion.

Brown said the plan is to submit a motion to the March 17th Board of Governors meeting and hopes to have student support similar to the support from last year’s motions to Board of Governors, last year, regarding international student tuition.

* + 1. BIRT Brandon University adopt the following:

The increase in a tuition fee permitted for the English For Academic Purposes(EAP) be no more than 2% per year,

AND

The Tuition for the EAP program at Brandon University be lower than any other accredited post-secondary institution in Manitoba.

Brown said EAP students are not BUSU’s members but he felt that BUSU has a duty to look out for them. Said at the Board of Governors meeting in November their tuition increased from $3,000.00 per semester to $3,500.00 per semester. Said this is the first increase in four years. Said this proposal is to regulate tuition increases for EAP students as they are not Brandon University students but students of the school board as a program run by Brandon University. Said the increases feel like a cash grab by the university.

Holden said the students union needs to support students, not just by advocating for low tuition fees but also advocating for a quality education. Said it is important to have a university that is sustainable.

* 1. **Our Turn**

Our Turn is a National, Student-Led Action Plan to End Campus Sexual Violence, and a number of Student Unions across Canada and Manitoba have signed on to Our Turn, including the CFS-MB. The BUSU Exec and Carla Navid have had discussions about becoming g signatories to the action plan. Please review Our Turn for the next BUSU Council Meeting.

Brown said this document answers a lot of questions the Sexual Assault Advisory Group had when initially creating the policies and procedures for BU. Said he would like to see both BUSU and BU sign on to the document.

Ore asked if Brown had any information as to why other universities haven’t signed on to the document yet.

Brown said he has the information and will have that for the next meeting.

Ore said she was interested in seeing which professional specialists, and supports or resources were used to create the document.

Holden said the document may seem too broad for the university to sign on. Said he found the document well balanced and he supported the intention. Said the wording that supported the intention was excessively broad whereas the policies are overly applicable. Said there were a few points that were contradictory to traditional presumptions of justice in the Our Turn document. Said he is not assailing the intent of the document, it is fantastic and timely but, if you have overly broad statements and two or three points that reach extremely far against balanced justice then you have a policy can turn against those who it is meant to serve. In the pursuit of social justice we can do great harm to those we intend to protect because political situations change so whatever you set precedent for can be very damaging. Universities tend to be hands off of documents that are this broad.

* 1. **2018 BUSU Election**

GM to provide important information regarding the upcoming Election in March and some fun new updates relating to the Returning Officer’s activities.

Ore said the advertising for the election will begin much earlier than the nominations period. Said the RO (Krystal Kayne) will be tabling in the Mingling Area and near the library twice a week. Said info sheets will be available to explain the campaign process and positions available. Said any questions about the election can be directed to [ro@busu.ca](mailto:ro@busu.ca).

Ore asked council members to contact herself if they were interested in being filmed for a video testimonial about their position as a director with BUSU. Said she will be getting testimonials from executive and directors.

Said polls will be on March 1st and 2nd and we’re hoping to have an electronic election this year.

1. **BUSINESS ARISING**
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brown said the Sexual Assault Advisory Group is looking for a student who identifies as Indigenous to sit on the committee. Said they meet on Tuesdays during the free slot and they will be reviewing the Sexual Assault Policies and Procedures.

Brown said the upcoming meeting is scheduled for 4:30pm on Thursday February 1st.

Ore said council member’s 2017 T4’s will be mailed to their addresses on file with the university.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn (17-BUSU-94)** Simon/Hodgins CARRIED

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

**Minutes approved at meeting date: February 1st, 2018**

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

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