#### Board Meeting

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

**Thursday February 1st, 2018 at 4:30PM** – CLC Boardroom, Knowles Douglas Centre

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 5:25pm.**
2. **OPENINGS**

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

*Present:* Nick Brown, Emily Simon, Whitney Hodgins, Brooklyn Friesen, Corey Norton, Nataly Ore, Laura Davidson, Greg Owens (Canadian Federation of Students National Campaigns Coordinator), Brianne Goertzen (Manitoba Organizer Canadians Federation of Students), Sheree Blacksmith, Natashalee Thompson, Mohammed Agavi.

*Regrets:* Rebecca Storey, Steven Holden

*Absent:* Jenna Wade, Saint Osaretin, Maya Sturrup, and Meg Stade

* 1. **Land acknowledgement**

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion (17-BUSU-95)** Simon/Davidson CARRIED ***Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.***

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of January 18th, 2018 are attached for approval.

**Motion (17-BUSU-96)** Friesen/Thompson CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the minutes from January 18th, 2018 be approved.***

1. **PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE**
   1. **Canadian Federation of Students- MB**

Goertzen and Owens introduced themselves and their roles with the Canadian Federation of Students. They presented on various campaigns and efforts of both CFS MB and CFS National. They focused on their efforts towards accessible, affordable, and high-quality education.

Goertzen discussed the upcoming plans following the decision of the Manitoba Government to pass Bill-31. Said the organizing focuses on Board of Governors and depends on each local’s needs and priorities.

Concerns were raised about the security guards on campus approaching students about smoking outside as well as being in the IPC. Some Indigenous students were feeling singled out by the security guards on campus.

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**: Attached**
     5. Office and Services Manager**: No Report**
  2. **Canadian Federation of Students Local Representative Report: No Report**
  3. **Director Reports**
     1. Arts Director**: Attached**
     2. Science Director**: Attached, Regrets**
     3. Health Studies Director: **Absent**
     4. Music Director: **No Report**
     5. Education Director: **Vacant**
     6. Part-Time/Mature Students Director: **Regrets**
     7. Indigenous Director:

Senate Sub-Committee for Indigenous Education

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

Jan. 11 – Attended and assisted with Trivia Night

Jan. 22 – Met with Dean of Grad Studies discussing ‘Welcome Back’ event for grad students. Also discussed seminar/symposium and committee for vetting proposals for the seminar/symposium.

Jan. 23 – Attended SAAG policy meeting.

Jan. 31 – Met with Carla Navid RE: Sexualized Violence Policy.

* + 1. Accessibilities Director**:**

USAC

Mental Health Week

ROBAM Conference

* + 1. Racialized Director: **Absent**

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

**Motion (17-BUSU-97)** Simon/Hodgins CARRIED

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

1. **Committees – No Reports**
2. **Finance & Services**
3. **Policy & Bylaw**
4. **Student Clubs, Activities, & Campaigns**
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
6. **Our Turn - A National Student-Led Action Plan to End Campus Sexual Violence**

Freisen asked about the Our Turn recommendation to not include a clause related to “bad faith claims”.

Owens said the recommendation comes from the concept that including a “bad faith claims” clause perpetuates the idea that “bad faith claims” happen frequently. Said the statistics show the amount of “bad faith claims” are miniscule and don’t warrant a clause within Sexual Violence Policies. Said defamation is often covered under Discrimination and Harassment Policies. Said it can deter claimants from coming forward as the clauses can appear to state that if a claim isn’t proven with the facts provided, it will be considered a “bad faith claim”.

Thompson agreed and said it is important to remember the purpose of the policy, which is to protect people from sexual violence.

Council also discussed recommendations from Our Turn regarding media and the press.

**Motion (17-BUSU-98)** Simon/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the Brandon University Students’ Union acknowledge rape culture on campus, and commit to taking action to prevent sexual violence, support survivors, and advocate for needed reforms.***

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **ERDIE Board Appointments**

ERIDE - With the upcoming Brandon University Students’ Union (BUSU) Election, we are looking for council members to sit on the Elections and Referenda Discipline Interpretation and Enforcement (ERDIE) Board. This is only available to council members not running in the 2018 election.

Mandate - to consider and adjudicate disputes that arise during BUSU Elections.

Composition - 4 Members of the Union, to a maximum of 2 council members. In the event that BUSU is unable to find non-council members to sit on this committee, council members may fill the vacant positions. The Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at the first meeting.

Term - of an ERDIE Board member shall commence by his or her appointment and shall expire at the end of the current academic year on April 30th.

Committee members shall be: objective and impartial; from different faculties, where possible; and available on short notice.

Meetings - Number of meetings vary each year, as different issues arise, but on average - the committee has met 3 times from February to mid-March. Meetings are scheduled around each members’ schedule and average from 30-60 mins.

**Motion (17-BUSU-99)** Simon/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Brooklyn Friesen, Nick Brown, and Sheree Blacksmith be appointed to the ERDIE Board for the 2018 BUSU Election, in order of need.***

* 1. **Bylaws 1045 and 1070 - Electronic Voting**

A series of changes related to Electronic Voting and BUSU Elections are attached for approval.

**Motion (17-BUSU-100)** Simon/Hodgins CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Bylaws 1045 and 1070 be amended as attached.***

* 1. **Vice Presidential Leave**

Emily Simon and Mohammed Agavi are requesting to take time off from February 21st to March 2nd, 2018.

**Motion (17-BUSU-101)** Hodgins/Thompson CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Emily Simon and Mohamed Agavi be granted leave from February 21st – March 2nd, 2018.***

* 1. **Work Study Committee**

We need to appoint one BUSU Executive and one other student to sit on the committee to decide how to disburse $30,000 to fund student jobs.

**Motion (17-BUSU-102)** Thompson/Blacksmith CARRIED

***Be it resolved that Emily Simon and Whitney Hodgins be appointed to the Work Study Committee for 2018.***

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

Next meeting is February 15th, 2018 at 4:30pm in the CLC Boardroom.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn (17-BUSU-103)** Hodgins/Thompson CARRIED

***Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:03PM.***

**Minutes approved at meeting date: March 15th, 2018**

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

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