

Student Association of George Brown College

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: St James Campus – Quiet Lounge

Board of Directors – Voting Members:	
Executive Members:	
Director, Communications & Internal	Riddhi Modi
Director, Campus Life	Brittney DaCosta
Director, Education	Tiffany White
Director, Equity	Carlos Carli
Director, Operations	Gemeda Beker
Campus Directors:	
St. James Campus Director	Francis Torres
Casa Loma Campus Director	Naqeeb Omar
Satellite Campus Director	Vacant
Waterfront Campus Director	Gracel Quibrantar
Educational Representatives:	
Business	Ron Greenberg
Community Services	Andrew Murrell
Construction and Engineering Technologies	Temiloluwa “Mufasa” Fashina
Health Sciences	Nikki Shumaker
Hospitality and Culinary Arts	Cathy Chung
Liberal and Preparatory Studies	Michelle Harrypaul
Art and Design	Rajat Sood
Constituency Representatives:	
Accessibility Representative	Carolyn Mooney
First Nations, Métis and Inuit Representative	Leslie Van Every
LGBTQ Representative	Sheldon Mortimore
International Student Representative	Gurjot Singh
Women and Trans People Representative	Jimberly Cotoner
Non-Voting Members:	
Executive Director	Vacant
Resources:	
Chair	Alastair Woods
Operations Manager	Faris Lehn
Equity and Advocacy Manager	Rosalyn Miller
George Brown College Representative	Gerard Hayes
Minute Taker	Jessica Pasion
Interpreters	
Guests:	
	Dialog Staff

Student Association of George Brown College

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: St James Campus – Quiet Lounge

1. Roll Call:

Board of Directors: Voting Members	Present	Absent	Regrets Sent
Executive Members:			
Director, Communications & Internal		X	X
Director, Campus Life	X		
Director, Education	X		
Director, Equity	X		
Director, Operations	N/A	N/A	N/A
Campus Directors:			
St. James Campus Director	X		
Casa Loma Campus Director	X		
Satellite Campus Director	N / A		
Waterfront Campus Director	X		
Educational Representatives:			
Business	X		
Community Services		X	
Construction and Engineering Technologies	X		
Health Sciences		X	X
Hospitality and Culinary Arts	X		
Liberal and Preparatory Studies	X		
Art and Design		X	
Constituency Representatives:			
Accessibility	X		
First Nations, Métis and Inuit		X	
LGBTQ		X	X
International Student		X	
Women and Trans People		X	X
Non-Voting Members:			
Executive Director	N / A		

Student Association of George Brown College

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: St James Campus – Quiet Lounge

Land Recognition Statement:

I would like to take a moment before we continue to recognize that as many of us are settlers on this land, it is our collective responsibility to pay respect and recognize that this land is traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and that we are here because this land was occupied. In recognition that this space occupies colonized First Nation territories, and out of respect for the rights of Indigenous people, it is our collective responsibility to honour, protect and sustain this land.

2. Call to Order

Time: 6:37 pm

3. Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the agenda as presented. Any amendments to the Agenda should be made at this point in time.

Discussion:

Tiffany – Motion to amend agenda

MOTION: Be it resolved that the agenda include an in-camera motion after item #8 on the agenda.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Carolyn Mooney, Accessibility Representative

Vote: Carries

Carolyn – Motion to amend agenda

MOTION: Be it resolved that the agenda include a discussion period regarding the budget after item #9.

Moved by: Carolyn Mooney, Accessibility Representative

Seconded: Ron Greenberg, Business Representative

Vote: Carries

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Naqeeb Omar, Casa Loma Campus Director

Vote: Carries

4. Speaking Time

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors, resource persons and guests respect Robert's Rules of Order and, when invited to speak by the Chair, limit their speaking time to 3 minutes per item.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Francis Torres, St. James Campus Director

Student Association of George Brown College

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: St James Campus – Quiet Lounge

Vote: Carries

5. Limitation of Speakers

Be it resolved that all discussions and/or debates be limited to four (4) speakers for and four (4) speakers against each individual motion.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Mufasa Fashina, Construction and Engineering Technologies Representative

Vote: Carries

Opposed: 1

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Whereas the meeting minutes from the February 17, and February 28, 2017 board meeting requires approval (see Appendix I); therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes as presented (please refer to Appendix I). Any amendments to the meeting minutes should be made at this time.

Discussion:

Chairperson - Asked if minutes were available; did not have a copy if they were ready

Tiffany – Informed group that the minutes were not completed and would have to table this item to the next meeting

Naqeeb – Motion to table this item

MOTION: Be it resolved that this item be tabled until the May Board meeting.

Moved by: Naqeeb Omar, Casa Loma Campus Director

Seconded: Carolyn Mooney, Accessibility Representative

Vote: Carries

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: N/A

Vote: N/A – Item Tabled to next meeting

7. Elections Results Ratification

Be it resolved that the results of the Annual General Elections for 2017 be accepted as presented.

Discussion:

Student Association of George Brown College

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: St James Campus – Quiet Lounge

Carolyn – After the Fall by-election, the Board amended the ratification of the elections results to include the names of all elected directors

Tiffany – Explained that this was done because the Executive Director, at that time, had insisted it was for the sake of the auditors because they didn't typically look at the CRO and DRO reports, but rather looked straight for the meeting minutes

Carolyn – Motions to do the same for these elections results

MOTION to amend: Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Tiffany White is the elected officer for the position of Director of Education for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Riddhi Modi is the elected officer for the position of Director of Communications and Internal for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Alexander Stewart is the elected officer for the position of Director of Equity for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Mercedes Burrowes is the elected officer for the position of Director of Campus Life for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Francis Torres is the elected officer for the position of St. James Campus Director for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Jasmyn St. Hilaire is the elected officer for the position of Casa Loma Campus Director for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Ashley Cammisa is the elected officer for the position of Satellite Campuses Director for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Alejandro Priero is the elected officer for the position of Arts, Design, and Information Technology Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Ron Greenberg is the elected officer for the position of Business Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Student Association of George Brown College

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: St James Campus – Quiet Lounge

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Tisha Graham is the elected officer for the position of Community Services and Early Childhood Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Chioma Adaeze Ogbonna is the elected officer for the position of Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Vanessa Truong is the elected officer for the position of Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Yuseph Jackman is the elected officer for the position of Accessibility Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Leslie Van Every is the elected officer for the position of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Students' Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Sabrina Mohammed is the elected officer for the position of Black Students' Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Kushagra Manchanda is the elected officer for the position of International Students' Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Garth Vernon is the elected officer for the position of LGBTQ Students' Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors accepts that Tiah Beckles is the elected officer for the position of Women and Trans Students' Representative for the 2017-2018 term of office.

Moved by: Carolyn Mooney, Accessibility Representative

Seconded: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Vote: Carries

Moved by: Carlos Carli, Director of Equity

Seconded: Michelle Harrypaul, Liberal Arts and Preparatory Studies Representative

Vote: Carries

Student Association of George Brown College

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: St James Campus – Quiet Lounge

8. Chief Returning Officer Report

Be it resolved that the CRO report for 2017 election be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Carlos Carli, Director of Equity

Seconded: Gracel Quibrantar, Waterfront Campus Director

Vote: Carries

9. Motion to Go In-Camera

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Carlos Carli, Director of Equity

Vote: Carries

10. Financial Decision Regarding Gameda Beker's Beneficiaries

Whereas on April 7th, 2017, the Director of Operations, Gameda Beker, passed away;
and

Whereas Gameda Beker's salary has been placed on a hold due to his passing; and

Whereas due to a misunderstanding/communication error, Gameda had opted out of the benefits plan offered to full time staff and Board members of the Student Association;
and

Whereas Gameda Beker had initially named beneficiaries on the health benefits application form prior to the miscommunication; and

Whereas the Board of Directors of the Student Association of George Brown College can decide to release the remainder of Gameda's salary to his family, if they so choose; therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Association of George Brown College's Board of Directors accepts and agrees to release the remaining salary of Gameda Beker to his named beneficiaries.

Be it further resolved that the Student Association of George Brown College's Board of Directors agrees to, in the absence of a life insurance plan, determine an additional lump sum payment as an offer of support to Gameda Beker's named beneficiaries, with consultation from the financial coordinator and organization's health benefits provider.

Moved by: Tiffany White, Director of Education

Seconded: Francis Torres, St. James Campus Director

Vote: Carries

Student Association of George Brown College

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: St James Campus – Quiet Lounge

11. Budgetary Recommendation for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year

Presentation: Carolyn Mooney, Accessibility Representative

See Appendix I for open letter provided by Mooney.

12. Other Business

13. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Brittney DaCosta, Director of Campus Life

Seconded: Mufasa Fashina, Construction and Engineering Technologies Representative

Vote: Carries

Request for Noted Opposition: Naqeeb Omar, Carlos Carli

Student Association Board of Directors
200 King Street East, room 147
Toronto, ON
M5A 3W8

Re: Budgetary Recommendation for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year

To Whom It May Concern,

As the departing Accessibility Representative on the Student Association's Board of Directors, I have made it my role to help move the organization towards accessibility and inclusivity at George Brown College. In moving towards this goal, I strongly recommend that funds be allotted for accessibility improvements from the Student Association Building Fund in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

In conjunction with Student Association Management and the Joint Health and Safety Committee, I have begun conducting accessibility audits. These audits are scheduled to be completed by the end of next week, which coincides with the end of my term. The notes from these audits are being compiled by Angela Gallant, the chair of the Joint Health and Safety Committee, and Faris Lehn, Operations Manager. Upon the completion of these notes, the expectation is that they will prioritize accessibility improvements in terms of which items are most in need of updating and will consider which items that will have the most positive impact on the student population.

I highly recommend that any recommendations or actions that result from the accessibility audit be prioritized and acted upon for the upcoming fiscal and budget year. This accessibility work is a priority for the Student Association under AODA, and must be integrated into the Student Association's operational needs. It is important to note that full compliance with AODA requirements is legally expected by the year 2020. In the Student Association's Mission Statement, the organization commits itself to providing services in an accessible environment. As such, the intention of this and future accessibility audits, and the subsequent recommendations, is to identify many ways in which accessibility could be improved. While many recommendations will exceed the minimum requirements of AODA, I also recommend exceeding the minimum requirements where changes will be valuable to the membership of the organization.

Regards,


Carolyn Mooney, Accessibility Representative (2015-2017)

CC: Manager Operations
CC: Manager Equity and Advocacy
CC: Executive Committee of the Board