

# Student Association of George Brown College

## Spring General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

**Location:** St. James Campus, Toronto, ON

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### 1. Call to Order

*The Speaker will call the Spring General Meeting to Order*

**Chair:** Sami Pritchard

**Time:** 12:04 PM

### 2. 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 Mississauga's of the 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 honor, protect and sustain this land.*

### 3. Meeting Announcements

*The speaker will provide a brief overview of the Annual General Meeting, outlining its purpose and procedural norms, including voting, proxy voting, and the rules of order for all Student Association meetings. The speaker will also make any other announcements related to the Annual General Meeting that may be relevant to the Members at the Meeting.*

- *Brief explanation of Robert's rules of order by Chair*
- *Speaking Time and Limitation of Speakers*
- *Maintaining a speaker's list*

### 4. Welcome Statement

*Presented by Carla Rudberg, Director of Communications & Internal*

- *Welcome statement was presented by Director of Communications & Internal*
- *Mission statement of the Student Association was provided*
- *Students were informed about their rights:*
  - *Right to Vote*
  - *Right to Participate*
- *Students were notified that they can get the Participation letter from Director of Education & Equity, Manisha Punjabi*

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### 5. Adoption of the Agenda

*The speaker will ask the Members to adopt the Agenda for the meeting*

**Motion:**

**Be it resolved** that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

**Moved by:** Carla Rudberg, Director of Communications & Internal

**Seconded by:** Manisha Punjabi, Director of Education and Equity

**Discussion:**

**Motion to amend the agenda:**

**Be it further resolved** that item #7: Key note Speaker be moved to after item #9: By Law Changes

**Moved by:** Manisha Punjabi, Director of Education & Equity

**Seconded by:** Benny Brown, Community Services & Early Childhood Representative

**Vote:** Carries

*\*Back to the main motion with the amendment\**

**Vote:** Carries

### 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

*The speaker will ask the Members to adopt the Minutes from the October 16th, 2019 Annual General Meeting (Appendix 1).*

**Motion:**

**Be it resolved** that the Minutes of the October 16th, 2019 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented.

**Moved by:** Carla Rudberg, Director of Communications & Internal

**Seconded by:** Vimal, Arts, Design & Information Technology Representative

**Vote:** Carries

### 7. Report

*Executive team from the Board of Directors will present a report with updates of activities and events happening around the Student Association of George Brown College.*

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*Questions were asked about event timing, mindfulness (art therapy), C.C.C and its hours of operation, kings lounge bar, pub night and alcohol or no alcohol.*

### **8. By-Law Amendment Changes**

**Whereas**, the York Federation of Students & Canadian Federation of Students won the legal challenge against Ministry of Colleges & University and the Ontario Government;

**Whereas**, the Student Choice Initiative has been deemed unlawful by the divisional court;

**Whereas**, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Student Association of George Brown College, 2019 defines Voting members and Non-Voting members as of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in response to the framework created by the Ministry of Training Colleges and University;

**Whereas**, the Governance Consultant recommends adding another executive position, Director of Student Engagement; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors acknowledge adding another executive position but recommends changing the title to Director of Student Experience;

**Be it resolved** that the Amendment to By-Law 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9 & 12 be accepted as presented in Schedule 1; and

**Be it further resolved** that these changes be enacted immediately.

**Moved by:** Manisha Punjabi, Director of Education & Equity

**Seconded by:** Student Representative

**Discussion:**

*Director of Education and Equity presented all the proposed changes as recommended for adoption to the members of the Student Association of George Brown College*

**\*Motion to amend:**

**Be it further resolved** that these changes regarding membership be enacted immediately, the rest come into effect May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**Moved by:** Carla Rudberg Director, Communications and Internal

**Seconded:** Student Representative

**Discussion:**

*Other motion will be introduced to avoid any confusion*

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**Vote:** Carries

**\*\*Motion to amend:**

**Be it further resolved** that these changes be enacted immediately, other than by law 4 subsection 6 which would be enacted May 1st, 2020

**Moved by:** Benny Brown Community Services & Early Childhood Representative

**Seconded by:** Vimal Arts, Design & Information Technology Representative

**Discussion:**

*By Law 4 subsection 6 is about the honorarium that Board of directors' educational centre representatives will be receiving and that they come in effect May 1st, 2020.*

**Vote:** Carries

*\*Back to the main motion with amendment\**

**Be it resolved** that the Amendment to By-Law 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9 & 12 be accepted as presented in Schedule 1; and

**Be it further resolved** that these changes be enacted immediately, other than by law 4 subsection 6 which would be enacted May 1st, 2020

**Moved by:** Manisha Punjabi, Director of Education & Equity

**Seconded by:** Student Representative

**Vote:** Carries

### 9. **Keynote Speaker**

*A representative from the Canadian Federation of Students, Felipe Nagata presented on the Student Choice Initiative and impacts of SCI on Student Union across Ontario*

### 10. **Other Business**

*None*

### 11. **Adjournment – Speaker**

*Speaker will ask Member to properly adjourn the Meeting and proceed to the Question & Answer period.*

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**Motion:**

**Be it resolved** that the Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

**Moved by:** Carla Rudberg, Director of Communications and Internal

**Seconded by:** Benny Brown, Community Services & Early Childhood  
Representative

**Vote:** Carries

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