

Student Association of George Brown College

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 18th, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: ZOOM Meeting

Board of Directors – Voting Members	
Executive Members:	
Director of Communications and Internal	Taranjeet Singh Manchanda
Director of Operations	Sagar Sharma
Director of Education & Equity	Vacant
Director of Student Experience	Sri Krishna Rajan
Educational Centre Representatives:	
Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative	Urvish Patel
Business Representative	Naman Bafna
Community Services and Early Childhood Representative	Victoria Villanueva
Construction and Engineering Representative	Dishant Patel
Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing	Vacant
Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative	Purvin Patel
Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative	Robby Thompson
Non-Voting Member	
General Manager	Rosalyn Miller
Resources:	
Chair	Hildah Otieno
Equity & Advocacy Manager	Vacant
Operations Manager	Wafa Ulliyan
George Brown College Representative	Melissa Gallo
Minute Taker	Taranjeet Singh Manchanda/ Jessica Pasion
Guests:	
The Dialog Staff	Candice Zhang
Interpreters	-

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1. Roll Call:

Board of Directors: Voting Members	Present	Absent	Regrets Sent
Executive Members:			
<i>Interim Director of Communications and Internal</i>	✓		
<i>Director of Operations</i>	✓		
<i>Director of Education & Equity</i>		Vacant	
<i>Director of Student Experience</i>			
Educational Centre Representatives:			
<i>Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative</i>	✓		
<i>Business Representative</i>	✓		
<i>Community Services and Early Childhood Representative</i>	✓		
<i>Construction and Engineering Representative</i>	✓		
<i>Health Science Representative</i>		Vacant	
<i>Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative</i>	✓		
<i>Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative</i>	✓		
Non-Voting Member			
<i>General Manager</i>	✓		

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.

2. Call to Order:

Time: 6:02PM

3. Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the agenda as presented with the amendments if any.

Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal

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Seconded by: Urvish Patel, Arts Design and Information Technology

Discussion: *Any amendments to the meeting minutes should be made at this time.*

Motion to amend the agenda to add item 12. Director of Communications and Internal Update

Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal

Seconded by: Urvish Patel, Arts Design and Information Technology

Discussion: Taranjeet explained motion added as it was presented Thursday and Friday after the agenda had been sent out

Vote: Carries

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4. Limitation of Speakers

Be it resolved that all discussions and/or debates be limited to three (3) speakers for and three (3) speakers against each individual motion

Moved by: Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Student Experience

Seconded by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

5. 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: Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Student Experience

Seconded by: Robby Thompson, Preparatory and liberal Studies Representative

Discussion: None

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6. Approval of Minutes

Whereas the meeting minutes from the December 7th, 2020 Board meeting requires approval.

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes of December 7th, 2020 Board meeting as presented with the amendments if any.

Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal

Seconded by: Purvin Patel, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative

Discussion: *Any amendments to the meeting minutes should be made at this time.*

Vote: Carries

7. Declaration of Conflict

At this time members are to come forward to disclose any conflicts of interest they may have, either work related, personal relationships, etc.

- Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative; Working as a Career Coach at the College

8. Strategic Plan Update

Whereas the Strategic Plan of the Student Association must be presented to the members

Whereas the Strategic Plan of the Student Association has been reviewed and discussed

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the strategic plan as presented.

Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal

Seconded by: Urvish Patel, Arts Design and Information Technology

Discussion: Presentation of the draft report by Taranjeet

Vote: Carries

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9. Committee Composition

a. Operations Committee

Whereas, the By-Law, Section 1, Sub-section 3 stated that the Board of Directors shall be advised by the committees of the corporation,

Whereas, the organization has 6 standing committees (Appendix C)

Whereas, the Operations Committee composition requires two representatives and one executive appointed at the board meeting,

Whereas the Director of Education and Equity was on the operations committee

Whereas the Director of Education and Equity is deemed vacant as of January 1,2021

Be it resolved that a new executive member be appointed to the Operations Committee

Moved: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications and Internal
Seconded: Urvish Patel, Arts Design and Information Technology

Discussion:

Motion to amend be it resolved that a board member be appointed to the Operations Committee on an interim basis

Moved: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded: Sagar Sharma, Director of Operations

Discussion:

Vote: Carries

Be it resolved that Victoria be appointed to the Operations Committee on an interim basis

Moved: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded: Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Student Experience

Discussion: None

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Vote: Carries

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b. Elections Committee

Whereas, the By-Law, Section 1, Sub-section 3 stated that the Board of Directors shall be advised by the committees of the corporation,

Whereas the organization has 6 standing committees (Appendix C)

Whereas the Election Committee for the By-Elections composition requires two board members appointed at the board meeting not seeking elections in Spring 2021

Be it resolved that the Board appoints **Sagar Sharma** for the Elections Committee

Moved: Urvish Patel, Arts Design and Information Technology

Seconded: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications and Internal

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

10. Executive Committee Report & Board Report December 2020 *(Presented by Director of Communications and Internal)*

11. Spring Elections 2021

Whereas by-law 12 states for spring elections, the voting shall end no later than the first Friday in April.

Whereas by-law states the following

- i. Nominations period, which shall start on the 5th business day prior to the closed of Nominations and shall end on day approved for the close of nominations.
- ii. Campaign period which shall begin on the 10th business day before the Close of Voting and continue until the close of voting.

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- iii. Voting Period shall be the five days approved by the Board for voting; and
- iv. the period in between the close of nominations and the start of the campaign period.

Whereas Spring Election is required, and the Board is responsible for setting the dates of the election.

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors sets the following dates for the Spring 2021 Election according to the by-laws as follow:

Nominations: **March 9- March 16, 2021**

Campaign period: **March 19- April 1, 2021**

Election week (Voting): **March 26, 2021-April 1, 2021**

Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal
Seconded by: Urvish Patel, Arts Design and Information Technology

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

12. Director of Communications and Internal Update

Whereas the VDAM 5.5 Authority for appointment of Board of Directors, allows the executive committee to coordinate and make recommendations to the Board to fill an interim vacancy.

Whereas the organization program department Community Care Centre and Events and Recreation can provide organizational support for campaigns and student engagement

Whereas the Director of Communications and Internal has been granted the leave of absence as per Board Remuneration policy 2.4 from February 1st, 2021 to April 30th, 2021 deeming the position vacant on interim basis

Whereas there are critical work actions with nonnegotiable timelines pertaining to the portfolio

Whereas the organization will increase internal administrative support to the current Executives

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Whereas the Director of Communication and Internal is a signing officer of the corporation

Be it resolved that the executive committee recommends that the Director of Student Experience, Sri Krishna Rajan is appointed on interim basis as the interim director to fill the vacancy up to April 30th, 2021

Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal

Seconded by: Sagar Sharma, Director of Operations

Discussion: Motivated by Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications and Internal

Motion to amend be it resolved that the executive committee recommends that the Director of Student Experience, Sri Krishna Rajan is appointed on interim basis as the interim director to fill the vacancy from February 1, up to April 30th, 2021

Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal

Seconded by: Urvish Patel, Arts Design and Information Technology

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

Be it further resolved that the Director of Communications and Internal will notify the Student Association 30 days prior to the end of leave for the intent of return

Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal

Seconded by: Naman Bafna, Business Representative

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

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13. CFS Fees (In-camera)

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors go in camera including the General Manager.

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Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal
Seconded by:

Discussion:

*** No need for motion to occur since the agenda was accepted as is, with the notion of this agenda item already stated as in-camera***

Vote:

Be it resolved that the Student Association will send a letter to CFS considering a reduction in member fees or any similar possible reductions

Be it further resolved that the CFS provides a report and or present on actions that directly affect the members of SAGBC at an upcoming meeting or townhall.

Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal
Seconded by: Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Student Experience

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

14. Other Business

- Co-Sponsorship launch update – presented by Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Student Experience
- Spring General Meeting Update – presented by Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications and Internal
- Department/ Program Centre update, meeting survey – presented by Urvish Patel, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative
- Department/ Program Centre Class Issues – presented by Naman Bafna, Business Representative
 - o Action item: Robby Thompson, Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative will also look into their program department and it may be a possible trend occurring

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15. Adjournment

Whereas the Board Meeting was scheduled till **8:00 PM**

Be it resolved that the Board Meeting is adjourned at 8:06PM

Moved by: Taranjeet Singh Manchanda, Director of Communications & Internal

Seconded by: Urvish Patel, Arts Design and Information Technology

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries