

Student Association of George Brown College

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 17, 2022

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Location: Online Zoom

Board of Directors – Voting Members	
Executive Members:	
Director of Communications and Internal	Sri Krishna Rajan
Director of Operations	Dhwani Bhalavat
Director of Education & Equity	Angeline Nijmeh
Director of Student Experience	Simran Malhotra
Educational Centre Representatives:	
Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative	Mehak Khanna
Business Representative	Arlinda Sokoli
Community Services and Early Childhood Representative	Luke Bowden
Construction and Engineering Representative	Nirmala Singh
Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing	Shriya Gupte
Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative	Ashmeet Kaur
Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative	Vacant
Non-Voting Member:	
General Manager	Rosalyn Miller
Resources:	
Chair	Sami Pritchard
George Brown College Representative	Joseph Stapleton
Minute Taker	Jessica Pasion
Guests:	
Dialog Staff	Ayeshwini Lama

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1. Roll Call:

Board of Directors: Voting Members	Present	Absent	Regrets
Executive Members:			
<i>Director of Communications and Internal</i>	✓		
<i>Director of Operations</i>	✓ late		
<i>Director of Student Experience</i>	✓		
<i>Director of Education & Equity</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>	✓		
<i>Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative</i>	✓		
<i>Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative</i>	Vacant		
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: 6:06PM

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

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Moved by: Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by: Arlinda Sokoli, Business Representative

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

- No discussion was had at this time and no amendments to the meeting minutes were notified to be made.

Vote: Carries

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: Dhvani Bhalavat, Director of Operations

Seconded by: Mehak Khanna, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative

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: Dhvani Bhalavat, Director of Operations

Seconded by: Simran Malhotra, Director of Student Experience

Discussion: No discussion was had at this time

Vote: Carries

6. Approval of Minutes

Whereas the meeting minutes from the September 22, 2022 Board meeting requires approval.

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Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes of September 22, 2022 (Appendix A) Board meeting as presented with the amendments if any.

Moved by: Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by: Nirmala Singh, Construction and Engineering Representative

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

- Luke Bowden, Community Services and Early Childhood Representative, asks point of information – Luke acknowledged that the minutes were well done and almost verbatim. Question - are the August minutes available for inspection on the SA website?
- Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Communications and Internal, confirms that they are on the website
- Luke Bowden, Community Services and Early Childhood Representative responds back requesting a follow up as he has indicated that the website does not allow him easy search access to documents
- Chair advises Luke to send an email to Krishna and take the discussion outside the meeting

Vote: Carries

7. **Conduct During Board Meetings**

Statement presented by Angeline Nijmeh, Director of Education and Equity

- Statement was not presented due to Angeline Nijmeh, Director of Education and Equity sending in her regrets.

8. **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.

- No Declaration of Conflict was provided during the meeting

9. **Student Association Advancement Fund**

By Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Communications and Internal (Appendix B)

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Whereas the Foundation proposal responds to a need for Student Association ability to support Alumni's and Alumni initiatives

Whereas the Association does not currently have a dedicated fee for this area of support

Whereas the SA is currently obligated to meet the 2012 pledge amount of six (6) million for GBC student bursaries and awards.

Be it resolved the Student Association provides seed funding of \$94 000 (75% of 125000) for the 2022-2023 academic year (Nov 2022 to April 2023) to initiate the collaborative initiatives identified in the George Brown College Foundation August 2022 proposal

Be it further resolved that the board authorizes the funding from prior year end audited balance

Be it further resolved the outcome identified through the required report of funding usage will be used towards future consideration with the foundation.

Moved by: Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Communications and Internal

Seconded by: Nirmala Singh, Construction and Engineering Representative

Discussion:

- Motivation of motion by Krishna – reminding folks of our mission statement and referenced the meeting with the George Brown College Foundation at the last board meeting. Informing folks that though we cater to current students we should enhance our outreach and connect with current graduates and alumni's. Krishna reminds folks of the report submitted and mentions certain highlights. He then requests that the board members consider and support the seed funding proposed and that a report will be provided to assess future funding.

Vote: Carries

10. Marketing and Communications Committee Report

Presented by Simran Malhotra, Director of Student Experience (Appendix C)

- Simran presented the following information
 - o Meeting took place (September 27, 2022)
 - o "Training board members about the preparation of the survey" (from report), relating to class talks and events

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- “Developing trust relationships with the students by making board members visible in every month of the term strategically through social media” (from report); possibly 1 min short videos with the board members for the AGM.
- Continues to read the rest of the highlighted points, Appendix C

11. Executive Committee Report

Presented by Sri Krishna Rajan, Director of Communications and Internal (Appendix D)

- Krishna highlights and reads the followings points from the Executive Committee Report;
 - Labour Negotiations – The first meeting is going to be held at the end of October 27th. For negotiations with OPSEU is that entire date is blocked. We can meet for half an hour; meeting will last between five hours to nine hours. We don’t know until we get to the table. We wont be able to wrap up negotiations by December and so we need to look at who’s going to continue next year.
 - Donation from the bookstore space for the indigenous department – waiting for the confirmation from Director of Communications and Internal. Director of Communications and Internal will be meeting with Indigenous Initiative team for the confirmation that they are willing to accept the donation.
 - CFS NGM – CFS NGM date are close, Director of Education and Equity will initiate the process. Executive team needs to decide who will be participating in the NGM. Information should be shared soon with the board. CFS has sued the University of Manitoba for defederating from CFS and that university of Manitoba has to follow proper procedure and has to pay all the pending fees.
- Luke Bowden, Community Services and Early Childhood Representative, asks Point of Information – noticed in the minutes of the Executive Check In regarding the General Manager of a discussion regarding their annual performance eval and asked about the second point related to a request about bank leave and email to follow. He expresses his notice that there is no reference of the annual performance evaluation in the executive report check-in and request to speak on the matter
- Director of Communications and Internal tries to explain but the Director of Operations steps in to respond – process has not started yet. Partial process, connecting with legal council has occurred and will be working on it. In process and in discuss but a pause has occurred. Will finish before term ends.

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12. Board Report

Presented by Angeline Nijmeh, Director of Education and Equity (Appendix E)

- Krishna reads over the Board Report;
 - o Outcomes of the Month
 - o Areas of Concern
 - o Next Steps

13. Other Business

- Educational Centre Updates by BOD Representatives
- CFS Updates (By Angeline Nijmeh, Director of Education and Equity)
- Events Updates (By Simran Malhotra, Director of Student Experience)
- Board Governance Review Updates (Dhwani Bhalavat, Director of Operations)

14. Adjournment

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

Be it resolved that the Board Meeting is adjourned at **6:54PM**

Moved by: Dhwani Bhalavat, Director of Operations

Seconded by: Simran Malhotra, Director of Student Experience

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries