

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS , 20TH & 28TH AUGUST 2024

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 20th August 2024

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 - Ayush Dara (Director of Communications & Internal)
 - Muhammad Usman (Director of Education & Equity)
 - Erubey Lechuga (Director of Operations)
- **General Manager:** Rosalyn Miller
- **Peter Corno** (on Leave of Absence)

BRICK PROJECT UPDATES

Overview: The BRICK project aims to make student life easier by offering portable chargers at all three George Brown College campuses. This will help students keep their devices charged, which are important for studying and staying connected.

Current Status: Erubey Lechuga, the Director of Operations, is leading the project and is set to meet with Wafa to finalize details, including how to buy and distribute the chargers. The project aims to ensure students can access chargers across campuses. After their meeting, more updates and timelines will be shared.

Next Steps:

- Erubey will meet with Wafa to confirm details such as locations, costs, and when chargers will be available.
- A progress report will be given at the next Executive Committee meeting.

FULL-TIME HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE ADVISOR PROPOSAL

Overview: Ayush Dara, Director of Communications and Internal (DCI), proposed hiring a full-time Health and Lifestyle Advisor. This advisor would help students with health, fitness, nutrition, and mental well-being.

Rationale: There is a growing need for health and wellness services on campus. Having a dedicated advisor would make it easier for students to get help with maintaining a healthy lifestyle, supporting both their studies and personal well-being.

Action Plan:

- DCI will create a detailed concept paper about the advisor's role and duties.
 - Ronnie, a health and nutrition wellness graduate, will assist in developing this role.
 - The General Manager will provide guidance on the job's format and requirements.
 - DCI will present a formal proposal in two weeks.
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NAVRATRI NIGHT PARTY (OCTOBER 3RD)

Overview: Ayush Dara proposed a Navratri Night Party on October 3rd to celebrate the traditional Indian festival with music, dance, and celebration, promoting cultural diversity on campus.

Budget & Execution: The event will be funded by the board's promotion budget. A DJ will play both festival music and popular Canadian songs to attract a wide audience.

Action Items:

- A follow-up meeting will be held to discuss logistics.
- Event costs will be covered by the program budget, with any needed adjustments discussed to meet financial needs.

KEY DATES AND ACTIONS FOR FALL SEMESTER

AGM (Annual General Meeting) - October 30th: The AGM is an important event where the Student Association shares its annual report and sets goals for the next year. Preparations include:

- Finalizing the annual report.
- Finding a keynote speaker.
- Preparing an agenda and addressing any unresolved issues.

Elections in November: The Director of Internal and Director of Operations elections will take place in November. Official notices will be sent out, and the Chief Returning Officer will oversee the process.

EXECUTIVE STRATEGIC WORK ACTION & FALL PRIORITIES

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The GM stressed the importance of aligning the board members' work with the association's strategic plan. All reports should reflect these priorities, ensuring accountability.

- Board members should regularly meet with their representatives to ensure objectives are being met.
- Data-driven reports and student feedback through surveys should be used.

Role of the Director of Education and Equity: Muhammad Usman will inform representatives to include the strategic priorities in their work plans and provide updates throughout the semester.

CONFERENCE AND TRAINING BUDGET

Equity in Allocation: Muhammad Usman proposed distributing the conference and training budget more fairly, giving priority to those who haven't attended past conferences. A shortlist process will be developed to ensure equal participation.

Next Steps:

- A model will be created to allow participation until April 30th.
 - Erubey will schedule a meeting to finalize the allocation process.
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Discussion on GPA Requirements and Scholarship Distribution: The Director of Education and Equity suggested lowering the scholarship amount from \$2,000 to \$1,000 to support more students. There was also debate on lowering the GPA requirement from 3.0 to allow more students to qualify.

Next Steps:

- A final proposal will be ready by August 24th, 2024, with executive input.
 - Any approved changes will be communicated to the college by the end of August.
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GBC FOUNDATION DONOR IMPACT REPORT AND REQUEST LETTER

Food Court Social Donation: The Student Association approved a \$1,500 donation to support the GBC Foundation's Food Court Social, which helps fund Augmented Education students.

Next Steps:

- The Director of Communications and Internal will notify the GM about which members will represent the Student Association at the event.

WORK-RELATED SOFTWARE FEE REIMBURSEMENT

Proposal for ChatGPT Subscription Fee: Ayush Dara requested reimbursement for the ChatGPT subscription to improve work efficiency. While the committee saw the potential benefits, the decision was postponed for further discussion. Ayush was asked to submit a detailed proposal on how the tool will help the Student Association's work

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NOMINATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

- Discussion was held on appointing a new Executive Committee Chair.
 - The team agreed that **Erubey Lechuga Molina**, Director of Operations, would take over as temporary chair until December 2024.
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GBC FOUNDATION AND SAGBC SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A discussion was held regarding the GBC Foundation and SAGBC Scholarships for the upcoming year. The following resolutions were passed:
 - All Non-GPA awards to be set at **\$1,000**, except for Special Needs and Constituency/Equity-based groups, which will remain at **\$2,000**.
 - GPA-dependent scholarships will be split into two categories:
 1. 75% of scholarships to require a **2.8 GPA** with a maximum award of **\$1,000**.

2. 25% of scholarships to require a **3.5 GPA** with a maximum award of **\$2,000**.
- The Arts, Design & Technology Centre awards will be increased proportionally based on enrollment.
 - The Foundation will work with GBC to review scholarship levels across each center's enrollment.