

# Student Association of George Brown College Board Emergency Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday January 27, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Online - Zoom

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<b>Board of Directors – Elected Members</b>	
<b>Executive Members: (2025-2026)</b>	
Director of Communications and Internal	Vacant
Director of Operations	Vacant
<b>Educational Centre Representative - Elected: (2024-2025)</b>	
Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative	Jashan Chechi
<b>Board of Directors – Voting Members (2024-2025)</b>	
<b>Executive Members:</b>	
Director of Education and Equity	Muhammad Usman
Director of Student Experience	Peter Corno
<b>Educational Centre Representatives:</b>	
Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative	Rishabh Dhawan
Business Representative	Mahi Batra
Community Services and Early Childhood Representative	Barichisu Osman Abugbila
Construction and Engineering Representative	Ibrahim Hatia
Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing	Rishita Gupta
Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative	Simran Kaur
<b>Non-Voting Member:</b>	
General Manager	Rosalyn Miller
<b>Resources:</b>	
Chair	Kayla Weiler
Minute Taker	Jessica Pasion
George Brown College Representative	Ian Wigglesworth
Operations Manager	Wafa Ulliyan
<b>Guests:</b>	
Dialog	Rosa Yazdannejat
Senior Finance Coordinator	Galina Chible
Finance Coordinator	Niki Yeung
Chief Returning Officer	Charles Wilson
Registrar and Associate Vice-President, Strategic Enrolment	Janene Christiansen
Chair support	Alice Wu

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### 1. Roll Call:

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

### **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:

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### 3. Declaration of Position

*The General Manager will provide an update on SAGBC BOD positions.*

- The General Manager declares that the Director of Communications and Internal and the Director of Operations positions are deemed vacant as the elected members did not meet the eligibility criteria set out in the by-laws. An email communication was sent out at the initial board meeting where quorum was not met citing the bylaw sections of the requirement

### 4. Approval of the Agenda

**Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors accept the agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:** Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

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

- *No amendments to the agenda were raised at this time*

**Vote:** Carries

### 5. 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:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:** Mahi Batra, Business Representative

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carries

### 6. 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.

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**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:** Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carries

### 7. Approval of December Minutes – Appendix A

**Whereas** the meeting minutes from the December 12, 2024, Board meeting requires approval.

**Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes of December 12, 2024 (Appendix A) Board meeting as presented.

**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:** Rishabh Dhawan, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carries

### 8. Approval of December Minutes - Appendix B

**Whereas** the chair of the board initiated one online motion on December 13, 2024

**Whereas** the online motions concluded on December 17, 2024 at 4pm.

**Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors accept the minutes of the online decision as presented.

**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:** Mahi Batra, Business Representative

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carries

### 9. Declaration of Conflict

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

## **10. GBC Ancillary Fees – Appendix C**

Presented by Janene Christiansen, Registrar and Associate Vice-President, Strategic Enrolment

## **11. 2025-2026 Enrollment Projection and SAGBC Fees – Appendix D**

Presented by Galina Chible, Senior Finance Coordinator and Niki Yeung, Finance Coordinator

Item tabled from the December 2024 board meeting

## **12. 2025 Spring Elections**

**Whereas** the By-law 12: Elections is read as follows

### ***BY-LAW 12: ELECTIONS:***

The Student Association of George Brown College is committed to elected leadership, chosen from and by its student membership. The Student Association, by way of these By-laws, seeks to ensure that the election process is conducted in a fair, consistent and accessible manner

### **Timing Of Elections**

3. a) The timetable for the elections shall be as follows:

- i. for the fall election, the voting shall conclude no later than the first Friday in December; and
- ii. for spring elections, the voting shall end no later than the first Friday in April.

b) The elections shall be divided into four periods:

- 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;
- iii. Voting Period shall be the five days approved by the Board for voting;

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iv. the period in between the close of nominations and the start of the campaign period. (By-laws 2019as amended O2020, b.12, s.3)

**Whereas** the by-laws require a Spring election to be held which shall conclude no later than the first Friday in April;

**Whereas** there is a complaint process with the members of the Elections Committee, and the committee cannot meet;

**Whereas** the Student Association's by-laws mandate the establishment of specific dates for the nomination period, campaign period, and voting period for elections;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors approves the following dates for the 2025 General Election:

1. The nomination period will begin on MARCH 3, 2025, and will end on March 10, 2025.
2. The campaign period will begin on March 13, 2025, and will end on March 30, 2025.
3. The voting period will begin on APRIL 1, 2025, and will end on APRIL 7, 2025.

**Moved by:** Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

**Seconded by:** Rishabh Dhawan, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative

## **Discussion:**

**Motion to amend** the elections dates to the following dates:

1. The nomination period will begin on MARCH 3, 2025, and will end on March 10, 2025.
  2. The campaign period will begin on March 17, 2025, and will end on March 28, 2025.
- The voting period will begin on March 24, 2025, and will end March 28, 2025.

**Moved by:** Mahi Batra, Business Representative

**Seconded by:** Barichisu Osman Abugbila, Community Services and Early Childhood Representative

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**Discussion:**

- Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing declares conflict of interest on this agenda item

**Vote:** Defeated

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**Vote:** Carries

### 13. GBC 2025 Congress

**Whereas** on December 13 to December 17, 2024, an email vote was conducted, and the results were shared with the Board on December 17, 2024;

**Whereas** the motion "*GBC 2025 Congress*" was defeated by a majority vote;

**Whereas** as per Robert's Rules of Order, voting members who were on the prevailing side/majority have the option to reconsider the motion; therefore,

**Be it resolved that** the GBC 2025 Congress motion be reconsidered

**Moved by:** Rishabh Dhawan, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative

**Seconded by:** Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Carries

**Whereas** the Board at the December 12, 2024, meeting has motioned to determine the GBC Congress proposal through an online vote

**Whereas** GBC has invited SAGBC to partner on the largest academic gathering in Canada, the 94th Annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences to be hosted on GBC campuses during the month of May 2025

**Whereas** Congress is Canada's **largest academic gathering** with nearly 10,000 scholars, apprentices, graduate students, policymakers,

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and GBC community members from across the country expected to attend.

**Whereas** SAGBC has utilized in 2022 and 2023 our prior years surplus to support GBC or GBC Foundation alumni initiatives

**Whereas** the GM has confirmed through the Audited Financial statement presented by Grant and Thornton, the unrestricted funds available (surplus) from the prior fiscal period ended May 31, 2024, is \$289, 732

**Be it resolved that** SAGBC partner with GBC and also sponsor Congress 2025 at the **Platinum** level as identified in the presentation.

**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:** Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

## **Discussion:**

**Motion to amend** Be it resolved that SAGBC partner with GBC and also sponsor Congress 2025 at the **Program** level as identified in the presentation.

**Moved by:** Barichisu Osman Abugbila, Community Services and Early Childhood Representative

**Seconded by:** Mahi Batra, Business Representative

## **Discussion:**

**Vote:** Fails

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**Motion to amend** Be it resolved that SAGBC partner with GBC and also sponsor Congress 2025 at the **Silver** level as identified in the presentation.

**Moved by:** Rishabh Dhawan, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative

**Seconded by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

## **Discussion:**

**Vote:** Fails



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**Motion to amend** Be it resolved that SAGBC partner with GBC and also sponsor Congress 2025 at the **Waterfront** level as identified in the presentation.

**Moved by:** Rishabh Dhawan, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative

**Seconded by:** Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Fails

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\*\* Motion to extend the board meeting to 8:20PM

**Moved by:** Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

**Seconded by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carries

**Motion to amend** Be it resolved that SAGBC partner with GBC and also sponsor Congress 2025 at the **Gold** level as identified in the presentation.

**Moved by:** Rishabh Dhawan, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative

**Seconded by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Fails

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**Motion to table** this agenda item to the next board meeting

**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

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**Seconded by:** Barichisu Osman Abugbila, Community Services and Early Childhood Representative

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Carries

## **14. February & April BOD Meeting Rescheduling**

**Whereas** the monthly BOD meeting for February is scheduled for February 19, 2025 and the monthly BOD meeting for April is scheduled for April 21, 2025;

**Whereas** a key BOD support resources are not available for both months given off site conference and holiday;

**Be it resolved that** the February BOD meeting be held on February 12, 2025 at 6pm to 8pm and the April BOD meeting be held on April 23, 2025 at 6pm to 8pm.

**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:** Rishabh Dhawan, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative

**Discussion:**

**Motion to amend Be it resolved that** the February BOD meeting be held on February 24, 2025 at 6pm to 8pm and the April BOD meeting be held on April 23, 2025 at 6pm to 8pm.

**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:** Rishabh Dhawan, Arts, Design and Information Technology Representative

**Discussion:**

**Vote:** Carries

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**Vote:** Carries

\*\*\* Orders of the day 8:25PM - adjourned by the Chair

## **15. Executive Report/ General Manager Report – Appendix E**

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**Be it resolved that** the Board of Directors accept the Executive Report/General Manager Report as presented.

**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:**

**Discussion:**

**Vote:**

## **16. Board Accountability November/December Report – Appendix F**

**Be it resolved that** the Board of Directors accept the Board Accountability November/December 2024 report as presented.

**Moved by:** Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

**Seconded by:**

**Discussion:**

**Vote:**

## **17. Other Business**

- Townhall Update; Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience
- Subway -St James campus update

## **18. Adjournment**

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

**Be it resolved** that the Board Meeting is adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**Discussion:**

**Vote:**