

Student Association of George Brown College

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday February 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: St. James Campus – Quiet Lounge Room 150F

Board of Directors – Voting Members	
Executive Members:	
Director of Communications and Internal	Vacant
Director of Operations	Vacant
Director of Education and Equity	Muhammad Usman
Director of Student Experience	Peter Corno
Educational Centre Representatives:	
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
Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative	Jashan Chechi
Non-Voting Member:	
General Manager	Rosalyn Miller
Resources:	
Chair	Kayla Weiler
Minute Taker	Jessica Pasion
George Brown College Representative	Ian Wigglesworth
Operations Manager	Wafa Ulliyan
Guests:	
Dialog	Kunzang Dechen
Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario Office	Ashely D’Souza
Senior Coordinator Health Benefits	Yukiko Ito
Senior Benefits Advisor, The Integratis Group	Mike McCourt
Executive Director, George Brown College Foundation	Allan Penning
Vice President, Global Partnerships President, George Brown College International Vice President, Advancement, George Brown College	Cindy Gouveia
Professor of English & Communication Academic Convenor (Congress 2025, Committee Organizer)	Dr. Margrit Talpalaru

1. Roll Call:

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Board of Directors: Voting Members	Present	Absent	Regrets
Executive Members:			
<i>Director of Communications and Internal</i>		Vacant	
<i>Director of Operations</i>		Vacant	
<i>Director of Student Experience</i>	✓		
<i>Director of Education and Equity</i>		Suspended	
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, including school of Nursing</i>	✓		
<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: 6:08PM

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

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Moved by: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

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

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

- No amendments were made at this time or recommended

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: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

Seconded by: Ibrahim Hatia, Construction and Engineering 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: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

Seconded by: Mahi Batra, Business Representative

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

6. Approval of January Emergency Minutes – Appendix A

Whereas the board meeting on January 20, 2025, did not meet quorum.

Whereas an emergency board meeting was called for January 27, 2025

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Whereas the meeting minutes from the January 27, 2025, Board meeting requires approval.

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the meeting minutes of January 27, 2025 (Appendix A) Board meeting as presented.

Moved by: Simran Kaur, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative

Seconded by: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

Discussion:

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.

- No declarations of conflict were stated during the meeting

8. Insurance Usage 2023-2024 – Appendix B

Presentation by Mike McCourt, Senior Benefits Advisor, The Integratis Group and Yukiko Ito, Senior Coordinator Health Benefits

9. GBC 2025 Congress - Appendix C

A. Presentation by Allan Penning, Cindy Goveia, Margrit Talpalaru

B. Motion from January 2025 Board Meeting (as reference)

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 reconsider Waterfront level

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

Seconded by: Mahi Batra, Business Representative

Discussion:

Vote: Carries

Be it resolved that SAGBC partner with GBC and also sponsor Congress 2025 at the **Waterfront** 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

* **Back to the main motion**

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Motion to amend to read **Be it resolved that** SAGBC partner with GBC and also sponsor Congress 2025 at the platinum level for \$85,000 with an additional 100 tickets.

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

Seconded by: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

Discussion:

Vote: Carries

*** Back to the main motion as amendment.**

Be it resolved that SAGBC partner with GBC and also sponsor Congress 2025 at the platinum level for \$85,000 with an additional 100 tickets.

Vote: Carries

10. SAGBC Fees 2025-2026 & Enrollment – Appendix D

Whereas the Board of Directors has received the presentation of Fees on January 27, 2025;

Whereas the Student Association is required as per the Master Agreement to submit the fees to GBC by the beginning of March;

Whereas the fee for the upcoming year remains unchanged; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accepts the fee schedule for 2025-2026 as presented

Moved by: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

Seconded by: Simran Kaur, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative

Discussion:

Vote: Carries

11. SA Marketing and Communication Committee

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Whereas the Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative was elected during the SAGBC Fall Election;

Whereas the Marketing and Communications Committee has a current vacancy;

Whereas each Education Centre Representative must be on one standing committee of the Board; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Preparatory and Liberal Studies Representative, Jashan Chechi be appointed to the Marketing and Communications Committee.

Moved by: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

Seconded by: Simran Kaur, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

Motion to omnibus agenda items 12-15

Moved by: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Carries

12. Executive Report/ General Manager November/December Report – Appendix E (Tabled)

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: Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

Discussion:

Vote: Carries (Omnibus)

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13. Board Accountability November/ December Report – Appendix F (Tabled)

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: Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

Discussion:

Vote: Carries (Omnibus)

14. Executive Report/ General Manager January Report – Appendix G

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: Rishita Gupta, Health Science Representative, including school of Nursing

Discussion:

Vote: Carries (Omnibus)

15. Board Accountability January Report – Appendix H

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the Board Accountability January 2025 report as presented.

Moved by: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

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

Discussion:

Vote: Carries (Omnibus)

16. Other Business

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- Townhall Update; Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience
- Subway - St James campus update Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience & Wafa Ulliyan, Operations Manager

17. Adjournment

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

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

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

Seconded by: Ibrahim Hatia, Construction and Engineering Representative

Discussion:

Vote: Carries