

Student Association of George Brown College

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 30th, 2024

Time: 12:00PM to 2:00PM

Location: St. James Campus

Meeting Announcements and Logistics

The Speaker will provide a brief overview of the Annual General Meeting, outlining its purpose and procedural norms, including voting, and the rules of order for all the Student Association meetings. The Speaker will also make any other announcements related to the Annual General Meeting that may be relevant to the members at the meeting.

- *Brief explanation of Robert Rules of Order by Chair*
- *Maintaining a Speaker's list*
- *Logistics of the meeting*

1. Call to Order:

The Speaker will call the Annual General Meeting to Order.

Chair: Kayla Weiler

Time: 12:28PM

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 honour, protect and sustain this land.

2. Welcome Statement

The Director of Communications and Internal will welcome the student.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Speaker will ask the members to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the members accept the agenda as presented with the amendments if any.

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Moved by: Kaung Zin Hein, GBC Student

Seconded by: Simran Kaur, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Representative

Discussion:

- One person asked why three executives (Ayush Dara, Erubey Lechuga Molina, and Muhammad Usman) have been suspended without pay
- Motion came through by the same person to discuss the mediation committee
- The Chair rules the motion as out of order

Vote: Motion Carries

4. Approval of the Annual General Meeting Minutes – Appendix A

The Speakers will ask the members to accept the Minutes from the October 19, 2023, Annual General Meeting of Members.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the members accept the Annual General Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2023, as presented with the amendments if any.

Moved by: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

Seconded by: Kaung Zin Hein, GBC Student

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion Carries

5. Approval of the Audited Financial Statements – Grant Thornton LLP

A representative from the Student Association's current auditors, Grant Thornton LLP, will present the audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 2024. The representatives will answer any questions from the members concerning the audit process and/or its results. The Chair will ask the members to accept the Audited Financial Statements.

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Motion:

Be it resolved that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 2024

Moved by: Simran

Seconded by: Heather Chan, GBC Student

Discussion:

- Someone came up to request a motion to strike for admin to disclose investments in genocide - ruled out of order. It is not to be discussed in this space and can be brought up in board meetings not in this space

Vote: Motion Carries

6. Appointment of the Auditors

The Speaker will ask the members to appoint Grant Thornton LLP as the accounting firm responsible for the preparation of the Student Association's audit for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 2024.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Grant Thornton LLP, be appointed as the Student Association's Auditor for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 2025.

Moved by: Peter Corno, Director of Student Experience

Seconded by: Heather Chan, GBC Student

Discussion:

Vote: Motion Carries

7. Keynote Message from Dr. Gervan Fearon, President, George Brown College

8. Annual Reports

A). Board Annual Report - The acting Director of Communications and Internal from the Board of Directors will present the Board Annual Report (June 2023-May 2024) to the members present in the Annual General Meeting.

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B). Program Annual Report – Director of Student Experience from the Board of Director will present the Program Annual Report (June 2023-May 2024) to the members present in the Annual General Meeting.

* Folks kept bringing up comments on Dialog they would like to have about the three execs being suspended “calling it suspicious” and pointing out the articles.

* Multiple members - are bringing up the other executive members that are not in attendance .

9. Motion to Amend By-Laws – Appendix B

Whereas the current By-Laws of the Student Association of George Brown College include certain eligibility requirements, term limits, and course load restrictions for executive positions;

Whereas it is deemed appropriate to remove these requirements to enhance inclusivity, flexibility, and participation in the nomination and election processes for the Board of Directors;

Be it resolved that:

1. By-Law 3, Section 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws, which currently states:

"(2) In addition to the eligibility requirements in section 1(1) of this By-Law, the Director of Communications and Internal, the Director of Operations, and any candidate seeking a nomination for either position shall also meet the following eligibility requirements:

- a. Have at least a 3.0 grade point average during their most recent academic term and be in good academic standing for their program;
- b. Have submitted a letter of reference from a professor, employer or other supervisor confirming the candidate’s critical thinking and leadership skills. This criteria is met upon submission of the letter of reference, and the Chief Returning Officer shall not have the authority to reject a nomination based on the contents of the letter;
- c. If the director or candidate was an employee of the Student Association, not have discipline in the form of a written warning,

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- suspension without pay, or termination for cause on file during the previous three years;
- d. Not have been disqualified as a candidate in the election during the previous three years;
 - e. Not have been removed from the Board, suspended without pay, or impeached in accordance with the By-Laws within the previous three years; and
 - f. The Chief Returning Officer in consultation with the Elections Committee shall prepare a session on the Board's roles and responsibilities prior to the start of nominations, and shall prepare a written summary of the session. In order to have their nominations certified, all candidates must, prior to certification, have either
 - (i) attended the session; or
 - (ii) reviewed the written summary of the session, and have passed a test administered by the Chief Returning Officer or a Deputy Returning Officer regarding the board roles and responsibilities with a focus on the role of the Director of Operations and Director of Communications and Internal." be deleted in its entirety.
2. By-Law 12, Section 4(b) which currently states:
"An individual member may hold a position on the executive for a maximum of two terms within a five-year period to commence upon the last day of their second term." be deleted in its entirety.
3. By-Law 3, Section 7: Course Load Limit - Executive which currently states:
- "7. a) The Director Communications and Internal and Director Operations shall be enrolled in no more than a maximum of fifty percent of the normal course load for a student enrolled in their program during the term of office.
- b) The Director of Education & Equity and Director of Student Experience shall not take more than the normal full-time course load for their program. Extra courses are not allowed to be taken if stated otherwise." be deleted in its entirety.

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Seconded by: Vanshika, GBC Student

Discussion:

Vote:

*** Calls of Order for the day 2:01PM – meeting adjourned**

10. Other Business

A. Upcoming Elections

B. Q&A

11. Adjournment

The Speaker will ask the members to properly adjourn the meeting.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting is adjourned at ____PM

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Discussion:

Vote: