

STUDENTS' GENERAL ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

5:00 pm –Senate Chamber

Present: Laura, Andrew, Alyssa, Kraymr, Rachael, Amanda

Absent: Abraham, Connor, Graham, Roberto, Astrid,

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Action Items

1. 2017-2018 Fee Structure

Kraymr: As a student, what is an acceptable number to increase?

Rachael: 20 or 25 dollars.

Laura: No more than 5%.

Kraymr: We need an increase of 6 and a half dollars to cover the cost of new salaries. My recommendation is \$10 - \$11.

Andrew: What will this cover?

Kraymr: Staff wages and other areas that may need an increase.

2. 2017-2018 Health Plan

Kraymr: 2 years ago when we switch to Campus trust, a premium level was set at which we didn't think we would hit. Now students are using more than they are paying. Hitting a deficit is fine but we have to come up with a strategic plan to overcome this. The debt is interest free so we can make a payment plan. As a board, you have to decide if we should decrease our services, increase our fees, or have a hybrid?

Please Refer to Renewal Report

Amanda: Reason we did the survey was because we knew we had to change the fee or change the service. We had 63 responses.

Kraymr: Any thoughts?

Laura: With an increase in fee, more will opt out and there will be more student comments made.

Kraymr: Now the next question going forward is how many will opt out because of the increase?

Rachael: I think you as the SGA, have to be transparent about why we're increasing.

Kraymr: We have no problem making an infographic to show this.

Laura: I think we should also market it as future use and not to cover the past.

Andrew: Will this increase be put to a vote?

Kraymr: Yes.

Rachael: Quick question. Do you know if HRT is covered?

Amanda: I want to say yes but if not, there is a drug exception form that you can get from the pharmacist that we accept or not.

3. 2017-2020 U-PASS

Kraymr: Going to council tonight. 3 associations agreed to extend the current contract for a year. This will give us a year to negotiate. We have heard feedback from students and will look to negotiate on those.

Rachael: Comments about bus change... instead of doing a double on the 501, why don't do every 15 minutes?

Kraymr: Fees will not change because the services are not changing next year. We intend to start the new plan the summer 2018. University has agreed to front the whole summer fee because we do not receive our fees until the fall.

Alyssa: A lot of students don't live in Sudbury in the summer so might receive backlash.

Kraymr: We're hoping this will kind of promote students to stay in the summer to experience Sudbury summer.

Andrew: Is there an opt out option?

Kraymr: That decision is outside of my time. Have to see if there is an opt out option.

4. Other Business

Kraymr: Update from CKLU, we are having trouble with the transmitter. CKLU is not operating on FM right now but is being addressed. We are looking at options to fix it and hoping to hear back from CKLU at the end of the week.

Kraymr: Last meeting, we had a lot of discussion about board training and attendance. Thoughts on honorariums for the amount you attend.

Alyssa: I think it would be a good incentive, a lot of boards do it. I just think there has to be guidelines in place.

Andrew: I like the idea of being paid but I also like telling people I am not getting paid for the work that I do. It shows I am not here to get paid, just that I care.

Rachael: I feel the same way. With everybody at Pride not getting paid, it would be weird if I did.

Andrew: Are there any other incentives that we can do?

Kraymr: Other than extra curriculum and reference, not really.

Rachael: Maybe instead of money to everybody, give it to 1 person who was most outstanding.

Kraymr: Like a scholarship that the board can vote on.

Roch: Even doing like a plaque that we can put in the new student centre.

Kraymr: I would like to start recognizing the board and acknowledging who is on the board. That and reference letters that you can take with you but I like the scholarship idea that can be put through your account summary.

Kraymr: University requires the fees by April 30th. We will make the discussion points and we will send it out for you to see. Once you see it, we can make the vote and once that's done, we can submit it.

5. In Camera

Adjournment

