

**Students' General Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 25th, 2017
6:00 PM**

Present: Laura, Andrew, Amanda, Astrid, Kraymr, Graham, Alyssa, Abraham, Connor, and Roberto

Absent: Rachel

Chairman of the Board: Kraymr Grenke

1. Ratify Candidates

1.1. Chief Returning Officer

Kraymr: We will begin this meeting by going through the different positions and having each candidate claim why they believe they are the best fit for the position. Let's start with the Chief Returning Officer position.

Amanda: We will start with Tina

Tina: I am a 4th year Public Health student. The reasons as to why I believe I am a good candidate for the CRO position is because of my experience as CRO last year, I take care of a lot of club, I know about the SGA, and I have knowledge on how the elections work.

Astrid: Since you were CRO last year, what were the challenges that you faced last year and how would you face it this time around?

Tina: Last year, there was an incident that occurred which included hacking and this year, right at the beginning, I will make sure to take the right measures and let them know you will get penalized.

Amanda: Okay we will now go to Connor.

Connor: I am currently a board member. The reasons as to why I believe I am a good candidate for the CRO position is because I am on the board, I have good understanding and expectation of what the position entails and what candidates need to succeed in the position. I also have a comprehensive knowledge on the constitution.

Kraymr: Any questions for Connor? Nope?

Amanda: Okay we will now go to Hom.

Hom: I had an opportunity to be a ballot officer in Toronto for 2014 and from that experience, I feel I can perform the job that the CRO requires. I am also great at building relationships.

Kraymr: Any questions for Hom? Nope?

Amanda: We will now go to Cheeko.

Zvikomborero (Cheeko): I do not have as much experience as everybody in the SGA but I am excited to learn. I want to be at the centre of the election and manage it. I have experience from my job at the YMCA. I believe with a position like this, communication is important.

Abraham: I have a question for every candidate. I was wondering if everybody was bilingual? Tina is and Connor can hold it for the position.

Astrid: I have a general question to everybody. Do you have any ideas on how you're going to get voters involved this year? Also details about the debate.

Kraymr: The Lambda deals with the debate.

Connor: With this generation using social media on a daily basis, I will promote with social media and posters.

Tina: I want to make it accessible. With campus mod, I want to make sure the kiosk is in the right place.

Cheeko: I do not have an implementation plan but I want to target people off campus.

Hom: I will coordinate with the candidates.

Laura: To all of the candidates, one of the requirements is you have to meet the SGA office hours. Are you able to do this commitment?

Tina: Being a part time student, I am available.

Cheeko: I have 3 days in the week where I have no classes.

Hom: I do not have class on Wednesday, two classes on Tuesday, and one class on Monday. After class, I am available.

Connor: Out of the candidates, I probably have the most classes but it depends on the week. In the requirements, it said a lot of the hours involve evening too.

Astrid: Procedural question, with all of the people that are not running for a position on the board, do we have enough people to reach quorum to vote for a CRO?

Laura: We do, you just have to have enough people in the room, they don't all necessarily have to be able to vote.

Kraymr: We have met quorum.

Kraymr: For those that are not board members, can you please step out.

2. In Camera

Kraymr: Tina will be our CRO. She will begin tomorrow morning until February 16th at 5 pm.

Astrid: Are we doing online or paper voting?

Kraymr: Online.

3. Senators

Kraymr: We will now start the Senators.

Amanda: We will start with Astrid.

Astrid: I am in French Journalism. I have already been a Senator for 2 years. I have numerous ideas that I would like to push and I want to continue getting involved with the school.

Amanda: Next candidate is Cassidy.

Cassidy: I am in 1st year nursing. I was a Student Trustee in high school. I know Ali and she convinced me to get involved. I am hopefully excited to be a part of this team.

Amanda: Next candidate is Kathryn.

Kathryn: I am in my first year in the Sport and Physical Education program. I am involved with different sport teams. I also get involved with clubs and I am excited to continue this support. I am excited to make student life better by showing students the different activities that are available on campus like outdoor activities.

Amanda: Next candidate is Alyssa.

Alyssa: I am currently a Senator. I have a lot of ideas that I want to push.

Kraymr: Does anybody have questions?

Andrew: For current Senators, what ideas have you pushed?

Astrid: Nothing yet but a lot with the Code of Conduct. There was a lot of discussion in regards of the Code of Conduct to protect the students. There are different ways where the interpretation of the Code of Conduct could affect the students academically. I haven't been able to push motions on Senate though this year but I have been an active member on the board.

Alyssa: I wasn't able to do as much as I wanted to because of my position as Associate Vice President of Student Life. I want to push more with Mental Wellness and continue working with my club to support it.

Astrid: 3 ideas I have is look at the modular for the courses and continue working with Bilingual programs. It is a good way to save francophone programs and help students who are English students but stuck in francophone programs.

Kraymr: I would like to put a motion on the floor to ratify these candidates.

Motion to Ratify the Senator Position

Moved: Roberto

Second: Connor

All in favour

Motion carries.

Kraymr: With four seats on senate, you four will sit on it but I still highly encourage you four to campaign during the election.

Astrid: With no competition, I want to propose working as a team and promote it.

Kraymr: Be mindful that your Senate position starts in June. You are required to call into Senate. You will be accompanied with a Senator to observe.

4. Vice President of Student Life

Kraymr: We will now look at our Vice President of Student Life.

Amanda: Simon Lafontant

Simon: I am a 3rd year nursing student. I was President at Boreal. I do entertainment in the city. I have a lot of experience in marketing and promotion. At my time at Boreal, we were able to

increase student engagement. Enrolment went up 6% when I was there. I have large commitment toward events for LGBTM and blood donations.

Alyssa: Are you bilingual?

Simon: Yes

Kraymr: Motion on the floor to ratify the candidate.

Kraymr: Motion passed.

5. Vice President of Policy and Advocacy

Kraymr: We will now look at our Vice President of Policy and Advocacy.

Amanda: Abraham King

Abraham: I am a 2nd year Mechanical Engineer. I want to run again because I want to continue making changes to the organization, the SGA made some large changes this past year and being in this position will allow me to make more changes.

Amanda: McKenzie

Mckenzie: I am a 2nd year communication. 1st time doing something like this. I am a part of Campus Rec and Lambda. I am just your typical student. I have ideas on ways to communicate to the students on what students want.

Connor: In regards to new ideas, what would each of you like to do?

Mackenzie: I really want to improve the communications between students and the University. Before the election, I have never seen what's been going on so I want to get more involved.

Abraham: Last year, a lot of work was not in place because the position was essentially vacant so I created new things and I want to continue seeing it succeed.

Kraymr: I would like to put a motion on the floor to ratify these candidates.

Motion to ratify these candidates.

Moved by Connor

Seconded: Roberto

Moved.

6. President

Kraymr: We will now go to the President position

Amanda: Roch Goulet

Roch: I can speak English and French. I want to work with the clubs, look at the diversity at the university, be familiar with the school, work within the school but continue to put the SGA on the map. I also want to continue working with the programs and all the languages. I want to work with the team and strive for more consistency.

Kraymr: I would like to put a motion on the floor to ratify this candidate.

Motion to ratify these candidates.

Moved: Astrid

Seconded: Graham

Moved.

Kraymr: I ask the candidates to please campaign and promote the elections. Even though you are running unopposed, we need you to promote what the position does and what you want.

Kraymr: I want to thank the board. To all the candidates, I wish them good luck. Candidates will have a meeting with the CRO and receive the candidate package. They will still have to fill out the package. Demerit dollars are still relevant even though you are running unopposed.

Astrid: What charity are the demerit dollars going to?

Kraymr: We will determine in the future as a group.

Kraymr: The election governance committee needs to be ratified. I would like to make one alteration. It is consisting as CRO as non-voting chair of the board, two board members and Chief Operating Officer. I would like to make one alteration that I trade with the Chief Operating Officer because she is not here during the election. If the board can exercise the power to allow this, I will need two other board members to sit on this.

Kraymr: Andrew and Laura will sit on this committee.

3. Other Business

Laura: For other business, on the SGA website, the board minutes were posted. I would like to put a motion to remove the emergency board minutes.

Kraymr: French one's will be posted ASAP and I will remove that. You will get the nomination package as well so you can make changes. We talk a lot about the election process and awareness. We have an allotted amount for election. I want to promote using our printer to the candidates. We will print it but not design it. They can send it to us but the CRO has to make sure they are approved. They have to follow CRO procedure.

Amanda: Big Pulse costs 4,000.

Kraymr: Big Pulse is very reliable.

Roberto: The SGA should look at doing something next year so 2/3 of the positions are not running unopposed.

Kraymr: I hope working with Jessica Lambda, it will help promote it for the future. I think contributing with money for campaigns will help.

Kraymr: **Motion to give candidates 100 posters.**

Moved.

Kraymr: I will send it out to everybody.

Kraymr: **Motion to Adjourn at 7:30 pm**

Moved: Abraham

Seconded: Connor

Sustained and Carried