

Laurentian University SGA/AGÉ Board of Directors Meeting



February 26, 2018 / 5:00pm / Location: Executive Learning Center

Land Acknowledgment by Gabrielle Pellerin

Presentations:

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Action items:

- 1) Election of temporary Chair
 - a. Nominations for temporary chair
 - i. Robert Moyer
 - ii. Tannys Laughren
 - b. Tannys Laughren elected with a majority vote

- 2) Approval of agenda
 - a. Motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion about the election and create a committee that will review the decisions of the elections committee.
 - i. Moved by Eric Chappell
 - ii. Seconded by Cassidy Houston
 - iii. Abstentions (1)
 - iv. In favour (10)
 - v. Against (4)
 - vi. Motion passes
 - b. Moved by Eric Chappell
 - c. Seconded by Cassidy Houston
 - d. Abstention
 - e. All in favour
 - f. None against
 - g. Motion passed

- 3) Approval of previous meetings' minutes
 - a. Tabled until next meeting

- 4) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- a. Leah McGilivray and Neill Martin declare a conflict of interest surrounding elections committee discussion as they were members of the elections committee.
 - b. All election candidates who are currently Board Members must declare a conflict of interest with any votes concerning the elections.
- 5) Review the decisions of the elections committee
- a. Concerns about the decision-making process utilized to review the PRIDE@LU endorsement.
 - b. Unclear rules in the candidate package, CRO package, and election committee.
 - c. Motion to have an external party review the Elections Committee decisions
 - i. Moved by Eric Chappell
 - ii. Seconded by
 - iii. Abstentions (6)
 - iv. In favour (1)
 - v. Against (5)
 - vi. Motion fails
 - d. Motion to construct a sub-committee to review the SGA elections candidate package and ensure that it is in line with the SGA Constitution and Bylaws as well as the CRO package.
 - i. Moved by Katlyn Kotila
 - ii. Seconded by Roch Goulet
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. This committee should include the CRO as they have exclusive input they could add.
 - iv. No abstentions
 - v. All in favour
 - vi. None against
 - vii. Motion passes
- 6) CRO Report and Ratification of Election Results
- a. The final results were as follows with 1170 voters (23.66% of the membership voted):
 - i. Tommi Gauthier for President (63.16%)
 - ii. Kathryn Kettle for Vice-President of Policy and Advocacy (52.78%)
 - iii. Whitney Simpson for Vice-President of Student Life (52.72%)
 - iv. Senators:
 - 1. Tomas Antolin Grant (61.61%)
 - 2. Katlyn Kotila (42.68%)
 - 3. Matthew Keith (33.30%)
 - 4. Troy Liddell (27.43%)
 - 5. Jacob Fielding (25.59%)

- b. Throughout the elections there were no disqualifications, so all candidates are eligible for ratification.
- c. There were \$135 in fines collected from candidates collected during the campaign period for technical things like poster stamping and failing to provide digital material before posting online. The board gets to choose a charity to which these fines will be donated.
- d. The elections committee will be meeting to review and modify the elections materials - i.e., candidate package, CRO package, etc.. – before next year’s elections.
- e. Motion to ratify the successful candidates
 - i. Moved by Cassidy Houston
 - ii. Seconded by Leah McGilivary
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. Thank you to the Lambda for hosting the elections debate.
 - 2. Thank you to all of the candidates who participated in the elections and made it as successful as it was.
 - iv. Abstentions (3)
 - v. In favour (8)
 - vi. Against (1)
 - vii. Motion passes

7) Motion to amend the constitution in regards to Board of Directors composition by creating a Board seat for a representative from the Barrie campus until the Laurentian Barrie campus is officially closed in summer 2019 and recognizing international students as an identified constituency thereby entitling a Board seat to a Laurentian International representative.

- i. Moved by Roch Goulet
- ii. Seconded by Marcus Vial
- iii. Discussion
 - 1. Comments of support for this motion as it gives a voice to people who are entitled to be part of this board.
 - 2. Friendly amendment to allow for nominations for these Board seats to open and commence immediately once filled for the duration of this term.
- iv. Abstentions
- v. All in favour
- vi. None against
- vii. Motion passes

8) Faculty awards

- a. Dr. William Crumplin who was nominated multiple times by the SGA’s general student population was elected by secret ballot.

9) Motion to approve CFS Payment plan that repays the debt over ten years

- a. Moved by Roch Goulet
- b. Seconded by Neill Martin
- c. Discussion
 - i. The payment would be roughly \$33,000.00 per year over ten years to repay the debt of \$327,992.32, the draft budget for next year already accounts for this first payment.
 - ii. This offer is conditional on the clause that the SGA no longer sees that money, it is collected by Laurentian and paid for by Laurentian on our behalf.
 - iii. Motion to go in camera
 - 1. Moved by Eric Chappell
 - 2. Seconded by Roch Goulet
 - 3. No abstentions
 - 4. All in favour
 - 5. No one against
 - 6. Motion Passes
 - iv. In-camera session ends
- d. Abstention
- e. All in favour
- f. No one against
- g. Motion passes

10) Motion to enact proposed Contingency Fund policy

- a. Moved by Roch Goulet
- b. Seconded by Cassidy Houston
- c. Discussion
- d. No abstentions
- e. All in favour
- f. No one against
- g. Motion passes

11) Motion to pass the HR Policy as is so that there is something in place that the SGA team (Execs, Full-Time Staff, and Part-Time Staff) must abide by until it is improved

- a. Moved by Roch Goulet
- b. Seconded by Cassidy Houston
- c. Discussion
 - i. Policy lacks clarity surrounding the three different types of relationships in the policy; this needs to be improved.
 - ii. There are still concerns about cultural sensitivity training and indigenous specific cultural competency training.
 - iii. A friendly amendment that stipulates consultation must be conducted between the ISC and SGA to ensure that they are in agreeance on the specifics of this policy and that motions to

amend areas where there is dissatisfaction are prepared and sent to the Board in advance for the next board meeting.

- d. Abstentions
- e. In favour (11)
- f. Against (1)
- g. Motion passes

Reports/Information Items:

12) SGA/AGE Fee Presentation

- a. Breakdown of the SGA fees and where they go.
- b. Proposed fee decreases in certain areas to be re allocated to debt repayment, etc.

13) Indigenous Student Circle (ISC) Governance

- a. The ISC support not only indigenous students but indigenous-minded students and allies as well. The ISC represents these students while the ISA (Indigenous Student Affairs), whom the ISC is often confused with, is a Laurentian Service that provides services and organizes advocacy campaigns and events for indigenous students.
- b. The ISC does not receive set funding from the SGA, the amount of funding they have received in the past has fluctuated depending on the executive and their attitude towards the ISC. This model does not enable the ISC to run consistently over time and provides no security for the organization.

14) President's Report

- a. The SGA will be informing Dr. William Crumplin about the award they were nominated for, as well as of the Partners in Higher Education award supper.
- b. The SGA is hosting the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance Spring 2018 General Assembly here on campus the second weekend of March so watch out for that! Students are invited to attend the plenary session on Sunday, March 11th at 9 am here in the ELC.
- c. Will be meeting with campus trust to renegotiate the coming year's health plan towards the end of the semester.
- d. The open house is coming up and the SGA will be present and participate in that.
- e. Recently the SGA came across an account containing \$100,000 that has been inactive for several years. This will be split among the student associations based on size.

15) Outreach Report

- a. Farmers market

- b. Twelve Days of Giveaways
- c. SGA Arts Night
- d. Upcoming: International Women's day speaker Dr. Samantha Nutt March 7th in the ISLC.

16) Student Life Department

- a. Bell Let's Talk Day/Night in conjunction with other organizations on campus

17) VPPA's Report

- a. Financial Literacy week was the last week of January, which went well with our guest speaker Robert Brown. We also gave out piggy banks as a little reminder to students to keep thinking about their finances. There was a financial sector service fair in the atrium. There were two draws for bursaries; there was a lot of student participation for these.
- b. The SGA supported and helped with some of the organizational aspects of Black History Month by supporting the Laurentian University African and Caribbean Student Association in their events and awareness campaigns.
- c. Finished and submitted the NOHFC grant application and the SGA is waiting to hear about that.
- d. The landlord and tenant talks will be held March 23rd at 10 am for students. This will be taking place on the second floor of the atrium.
- e. Working on organizing a tax seminar for students.

18) COO's Report

- a. The COO is absent, and the majority of their jurisdiction has been covered by the Presidents report.

19) Senator's reports

- a. The last senate meeting had lots of student engagement.
- b. An accessibility policy that had not been renewed in 20 years was brought up, and after lots of effort to delay it was passed unanimously with only three abstentions.

20) Student Center Update

- a. Finalizing the Student Centre design and finance agreements.

Adjournment :

21) Motion to adjourn the meeting

- a. Moved by Ra'anna Brown
- b. Seconded by Leah McGilivray
- c. No abstentions

- d. All in favour
- e. No one against
- f. Motion passes and the meeting is adjourned.