

**Lakehead University Student Union
Board of Directors Meeting 17B-07**

Wednesday, November 29 2017 | time 6:00 pm | UC 2020/OA 3041

Vision:

An inclusive community where students are engaged and supported in achieving personal and common goals.

Mission:

We are a progressive, inclusive and diverse student organization, which aims to serve the best interest of students both on our campuses and in our communities

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Attendance and Regrets
- b. Declaration of Conflict(s) of Interest

2. Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda

3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (November 13, 2017)

4. Presentation(s) to Board

- a. Tom Warden
- b. Jayal Chung- Honouring Our Stories (*Backgrounder enclosed- Attachment "A"*)

5. Motion(s)

- a. **Re: Proposed Election Schedule** (*See enclosed supporting documents- Attachment "B"*)

WHEREAS the Elections Period commences in January 2018 in accordance with the LUSU Constitution;

AND WHEREAS there are a number of required dates within the Elections Period enumerated within the Constitution;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approve the Election Period Agenda as presented.

/MOVED BY Executive Committee

b. Re: Restricted Health and Benefits Funds

WHEREAS there are currently LUSU funds which are restricted for the possibility of LUSU one day running their own Health and Benefits plan;

WHEREAS these funds are not being used for the betterment of student life;

WHEREAS the LUSU Board of Directors and Executive have not discussed the possibility of a LUSU run Health and Benefits plan in last 3 years;

WHEREAS there are a number of other projects which LUSU would like to be able to invest in;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT these funds become unrestricted (allowing them to be used for things other than a LUSU Health Insurance).

/MOVED BY VP Orillia

c. Re: VP Orillia Role Description

WHEREAS currently the description of the role of VP Orillia is out dated and not reflected of the work that happens within that role;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this matter be referred to the Governance Committee to investigate what is done by the VP Orillia and take the necessary steps to update the governing documents to reflect these changes, including but not limited to the title, roles and responsibilities.

/MOVED BY VP Orillia

d. Re: Proposed Referendum Question

WHEREAS, the Orillia campus lacks sufficient usable space for students to study, work and engage with one another;

AND WHEREAS, student space is imperative to the betterment of your experiences as students at Lakehead University;

AND WHEREAS, the Orillia campus population is growing each year; with more graduate students on campus each year and the creation of the Lakehead - Georgian programs;

AND WHEREAS, student groups and clubs are struggling to find space to gather for their events and meeting;

AND WHEREAS, members have been calling on their union to build a Student Centre since 2010;

AND WHEREAS Lakehead University Student Union is committed to making an investment in the creation of a Student Centre for and by the students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Referendum question be put to the membership at the time of the 2018 Election:

REFERENDUM QUESTION:

Are you in favour of an “Orillia Student Center Fee” of \$20.00 per year to be charged to all students for the creation of a student center?

/MOVED BY VP Orillia

e. Re: Mandatory Mental Health Leave Policy (University of Toronto Policy) (See Supporting Documentation Enclosed- Attachment "C")

WHEREAS a university-mandated leave of absence policy is set to be reviewed by the Executive Committee of University of Toronto ("U of T") on December 5th 2017, and by the Governing Council on December 14th 2017;

WHEREAS this policy gives the University power to apply a mandatory leave of absence to a student as they deem fit, if they consider the student to be "at risk";

WHEREAS this policy leaves students without access to education, leaves them with a possibility of more financial burden, prohibits them from seeking on campus resources, and does not actually address the rising issue of mental health among students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LUSU Board of Directors draft a letter of concern to the University of Toronto Governing Council immediately in support of students living with mental health conditions.

/MOVED BY Director VandeBurgt

6. Elections Committee Candidate Presentations and Board Vote- President and VP Orillia to Present (*Supporting Materials Attached- Attachment "D"*)

7. Summary Executive Update Presentations (*Supporting Materials Attached- Attachment "E"*)

8. Centre Reports (*Pending- Received Reports to be distributed*)

9. Brief Announcements

11. Next Meeting Date (January tbd)

12. Adjournment