



# Ratification Board Meeting

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 8:00am

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## Public Minutes

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## 1. WELCOME

Call To Order @ 8:09 am

The SUS Board of Directors would like to acknowledge that SUS operates on the traditional, unceded territory of the Stó:lō Nation. We are grateful for the opportunities provided by this land and we are committed to enacting positive change for Indigenous students in consultation with our stakeholders.

**BOARD CHAIR:**

**Tripat Sandhu**

**President & Chair**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Gurvir (G) Gill**

**Kimberly (Kim) Hunter**

**Andrew Stahl**

**Vice President External**

**Vice President Students**

**College of Arts Representative**

**REGRETS:**

**GUESTS:**

**Julia Janzen**

**Jessica Levesque**

**Raman Bachra**

**Tania Smart**

**Ryan Chandler**

**Administrative Assistant**

**Chief Electoral Officer**

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## 2. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

### 2.1 Approval of agenda, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Introduced by G**

**BIRT the board approves the agenda as presented.**

**Moved: Gurvir Gill**

**Seconded: Kimberly Hunter**

**Motion passes**

## 3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

### 3.1 Report of the Chief Electoral Officer (1 hour) – Jessica

The Board will receive the report of the Chief Electoral Officer and vote on the findings.

- Congratulations to Tania Smart, our new Vice President Internal as per the polls.
- Congratulations to Raman Bachra the new Faculty of Health Sciences representative and Reece Doppenberg the new Faculty of Science representative
- One candidate withdrew from the position of VPI during the campaign, an appeal was put forth but was later retracted.
- There was correspondence with a student who expressed dissatisfaction in how the ballots are cast.
- Recommendations made were:
  - Ensuring the CEO role is filled in advance
  - Ensuring marketing information that is posted online is accurate and up to date
  - Requirements and procedures should better reflect the timeline of a by-election in the future
  - Ensuring there are enough staff to fill supporting roles in helping to facilitate the elections
- Conclusions:
  - Involve students more as part of the election process
  - Ensuring marketing materials, timelines and events are prepared in advance

**Introduced by G**

**BIRT the board approves by-elections report as presented.**

**Moved: Kimberly Hunter**

**Seconded: Gurvir Gill**

**Motion passes**





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## 4. REPORTS

## 5. QUESTION PERIOD

- Question was asked what were the total number of people that cast a ballot? Answer: Valid votes totaled were 213.
- Question was asked if a ballot is cast for no-one where does it go? Answer: Ballots that are not completed to entirety are removed. Those are the guidelines set in place at this time.
- Question was asked if students in Chandigarh were given the eligibility to vote. Answer: We are unsure if students from Chandigarh pay SUS fees and therefore are unsure if they are on the voting list, but will look into it.
- Question was asked why was there only one Q&A session? Answer: The timeline did not allow for more than one Q&A session
- Question was asked why were the election dates not announced before the campaign period started? Answer: There was a disconnect in communications with the marketing department, there were several different pieces that were not posted in time or updated adequately.
- Question was asked why were candidate statements removed from the website at the end of the voting period? Answer: That question has been forwarded to our marketing department, the board will be checking on that.
- Question was asked in future elections would you include the Chandigarh students? Answer: It is definitely something to look into. Since they are so remote we would have to make sure we can get marketing materials over to them and that we would have someone on the ground there to do what is needed.
- Question was asked considering students were not able to vote no, do you consider this a fair election? Answer: I believe it is a fair election. Going off of the federal elections there is not an option to vote no for a candidate either.
- Question was asked are there plans to ensure that the VPI role is not filled during elections in the future? Answer: Yes, we are going to clean up those policies as per the recommendation of the CEO.

## 6. DATE AND TIME OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> In Abbotsford S3103 at 6:00PM**

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved: Gurvir Gill**

**Seconded: Andrew Stahl**

**Motion passes**

Meeting adjourned.

Time: 8:24 am

