



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **Minutes**

Thursday, December 5, 2019

3:30 p.m. – Room 6-250 (NUSC Event Space)

### **1 – Call to order**

President McVea called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm

#### 1.1 – Roll Call

President McVea and GM Minaker noted that we had over 90 members present, with exact counts to be finalized after the meeting. This was enough for quorum and the meeting to proceed. (110 people in total signed in by the end of the meeting based on sign in sheets)

### **2 – Approval of the Agenda**

Approval of the agenda as presented

Motion: President McVea

First/Second: Tyree Corfe/Chris King

In Favour: All

CARRIED

### **3 – Acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh**

3.1 – President McVea acknowledged the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh

### **4 – Minutes**

4.1 – Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of October 24, 2018 presented for consideration of adoption.

Motion: President McVea

First/Second: Molly Mabbett/Zach Fleck

In Favour: All

CARRIED

## **5 – New Business**

### **5.1 – Presentation of KPMG’s annual audit – Corey Naphali, Partner, KPMG**

Question from the audience – This year (2019) we will have a renegotiated contract with BMO, what will it look like, how will our deficit look after this? Can we repay the loan to BMO?

Answer: Unable to speak about the exact terms of the new loan but there is more than enough money to repay debt based on the money being brought in by NUGSS.

### **5.2 – Hiring of the auditor for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year**

KPMG presented as the auditor for the 2019-2020 fiscal year

Motion: President McVea

First/Second: Noah Stobbe/Chris King

In Favour: All

CARRIED

### **5.3 – Report on the society from the Board of Directors**

Food Bank updates

- Three locations at this time
- Low stocks at the beginning of this year
- Freak Food Drive in October resulted in \$400 of cash plus many food donations

Monetary Affairs Commission

- Explanation of how this commission works and the goal of assisting with funding towards travel grants and SLO events. Send us an email to enquire or apply for funding.

Advocacy updates

- British Columbia Federation of Students (BCFS) – not a member but we support some of their campaigns (e.g.: lower student debt)
- Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – looking into joining them
  - Benefits of joining would give us:
    - Bulk Buying discounts for planners, health & dental plan
    - Access to fair trade network of suppliers
    - International Student ID card (ISIC) card with associated discounts
    - Free U-file tax program plus ability to become certified to hold tax clinics to teach students how to file taxes
  - More research is needed before we join to ensure an informed decision is made

- Question from audience resulted in clarification that we are not looking to join onto other campaigns but looking to the join CFS itself. There was some confusion around campaigns and joining federation that was cleared up.
- Course parking and scheduling issue discussion
  - When a course if not offered
  - The locations of where classes were handled
- Langara Campus
  - About 80 students (Social work students, 2 years at UBC then 2 years at UNBC) do not have access to a bus pass program in Vancouver; working on implementing this program
- Regional Campuses
  - Working to connect with the official campuses
  - Currently one student representative at Quesnel, looking for one at other campuses
- Job Action
  - Addressed ongoing job action
  - Mentioned the “snacks with student leaders” and the Faculty Association meeting

## 5.4 – Consideration of Bylaw changes

### 5.4.1 Bylaw VI – Elections – Removal of 2.5 with no replacement wording

Approval of change to Bylaw VI  
 Motion: President McVea  
 First/Second: Chris King/Sarah Peden  
 In Favour: All  
 CARRIED

### 5.4.2 Consideration for renaming positions on the Equity Council:

*LGBTQ to LGBTQ+*

*Layperson to Representative at Large*

*International Student Representative to International Representative*

*Aboriginal Representative to Indigenous Representative*

Approval of change to Equity Council position names  
 Motion: President McVea  
 First/Second: Lisa Mansour/Zach Fleck  
 In Favour: All  
 CARRIED

5.4.1 Bylaw III – Meetings of the Members – Addition of *1.1 The Annual General Meeting may be postponed past November under extenuating circumstances beyond NUGSS control; the Board of Directors will make every effort possible to minimize this delay and will provide updated notice to all society members during this delay.*

Approval of change to Bylaw III

Motion: President McVea

First/Second: Dakota Clapperton/Sarah Peden

In Favour: All

CARRIED

## **5.5 – Information about the 2019 NUGSS Equity Council By-Elections**

Provided timeline and description of activities and positions

## **5.6 - Information about the 2020 NUGSS Board of Directors & Equity Council Elections**

Online voting for 2020 NUGSS Elections

## **6 – Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting

Motion: President McVea

First/Second: Chris King/Sarah Peden

In Favour: All

CARRIED