

**Board of Directors**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 30, 2019**

**Board Secretary:** Rebecca Stirling  
**Minutes Taker:** Tracey Beirness



## ATTENDANCE

Name and Position	Present	Regrets	Absent
	[“X” if present / “R” if calling or skyping ]	[“X” if absent with regrets / time of arrival if late with regrets]	[“X” if absent w/o regrets / time of arrival if late w/o regrets]
Alison Sachs, Chair	X		
Naima Samuel, Director, President	R		
Vacant – Director			
Isidora Sidorovska, Director	R		
Emily Cyr, Director, Deputy Chair			X
Evan Andrews, Director		X	
Graham Mayberry, Director		X	
Julia Goyal, Director			X
Nick Revington, Director	X		
Norman Kearney, Director	R		
Rebecca Stirling, Director, Corp Sec	X		
Sondra Eger, Director	X		
Christopher Van Bommel, Council Speaker	X		
Kevin McKay, General Manager		X	

Other	Present with notice	Present
Marsha Paley – Incoming Council Chair	X	

## MINUTES

### 1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

*Meeting commenced at 4:04pm. Attendance noted. Amendments to agenda are proposed as follows:*

*Move Opt Out Discussion to start of meeting*

*Policy gap – second reading not given 30 days, but had feedback from council*

*Minutes item*

*Add second reading*

*Add VP vote as 9a*

*Add H&D report as 5b*

*Add ED as 8c*

*Add Confidential minutes to 3c*

### 2. Board Development – Did not discuss

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- a. March
- b. Minutes content discussion
- c. Confidential Minutes

*Moved into confidential session to discuss confidential minutes*

*Stirling/Eger*

*Carried by Consent*

**BIRT** the Board approve March 19 confidential Minutes

*6-0-1*

*Carried*

**BIRT** the Board approve April 3 confidential Minutes

*6-0-1*

*Carried*

Left confidential session at 6:40

### 4. Monitoring Reports

- a. Opt-Out

*Presentation by the GSA President outlining a possible plan going forward to collect GSA Fees that will be accepted by the University and fall into line with the Student Choice Initiative legislation. Ancillary fee framework from the Provincial Government was presented and discussed. Framework requires the ability for students to opt out of the fees. The mandatory fees and non-essential fee breakdown was presented in detail.*

*Subsequent discussions surrounding options to collect fees presented by the President and Directors. The opportunity to collect fees independently of the University was presented by a Director and opinions in the room varied as implications were beneficial as well as detrimental.*

*Funding requirements to keep in line with the Corporation's mandate are vitally important. Opt-In vs. Opt-Out discussion and concern with the possibility that if presented with the choice of Opt-In that some who would not have completed the Opt-Out may not take the opportunity to accept the services available to them. The importance of providing Grad students the benefits of the non-essential fees was stressed. Visibility of the GSA needs to be in the forefront over the next two years as the Legislation continues to develop. There is some discussion that the proposed legislation is a two-year experiment and may be re-visited.*

*Some directors were concerned about the timeline of having to make the final decision, but also concerned about rolling the decision over to the new Board at their first meeting. A joint session possibly including a former Board Member in a consulting role was suggested to allow for more time.*

**BIRT** the Board approve a mandatory fee of ~\$10 per student per term, and an optional Fee of ~\$12.80 per student per term, for fall 2019 term (pending final confirmation by the Board),

And

**BIFRT** the GSA directly collect a unified fee of ~\$43.30 per student per term from graduate students starting as soon as Winter 2020 and no later than Fall 2020 term, provided that this move receives support from graduate students through a well-informed and properly notified referendum.

*Samuel/Revington*

*6-1-0*

*Carries*

*Motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes*

*Approved by consent*

Discussion with regard to rescinding previous motion and amending the wording.  
Suggestion is to split the question

**BIRT** the previous vote is split

*Stirling/Sachs*

*2-3-2*

*Motion failed*

Discussion: Important for incoming board to understand these two motions are closely connected.

Amendment to wording of second part of previous motion.

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*Kearney/Sachs*

*Unanimous*

*Carried*

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5 min break requested approved unanimously

- b. Board Request Update – **Did not discuss**
- c. State of the Organization – **Did not discuss**
  
- 5. Board Committee Reports – **Did not discuss**
  - a. SLA
  - b. H&D Report
  
- 6. Council Report – **Did not discuss**
  - a. JPRC End of Year Report
  - b. Council April Report
  - c. Speaker Reflections Report
  
- 7. Special Orders – **Did not discuss**
  
- 8. Unfinished Business and Business Arising from the Minutes – **Did not discuss**
  - a. New Directors Discussion
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy

c. ED Job Description

**BIRT** the Board accept the Executive Director job description as stated  
*Stirling/Eger*  
*Unanimous*  
*Carried*

9. New Business – **Did not discuss**

a. VP Nomination Consideration

10. In Camera – **Did not have**

11. Adjournment

*Sachs/Eger*  
*Carries by Consent*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm*