

GSU Board of Representatives (BOR) Meeting Minutes  
**Wednesday, 1/20/2021 3:02p**  
**The Evergreen State College – Zoom Meeting**

**Geoduck Student Union (GSU) BOR Members**

- Vice President of Internal Affairs: **Trygve Vandal** (Chair) – (P)
- Vice President of External Affairs: **Melinda Bratsch-Horsager** (*voting*) – (P)
- Chief Justice: **Demetrius Romero** (*Non-voting*) – (P)
- Director of Legislative Affairs: **Sophie Parker** (*Limited-voting*) – (P)
- Legislative Liaison: **Zachary Lynch** (*voting*) – (E)
- Student Life Liaison: **Vacant** (*voting*)
- Treasurer: **Vacant** (*voting*)
- Communications Liaison: **Rayni Lussier** (P)
- Historian & Policy Analyst: **Vacant** (*Non-voting*)

● = Present	Present	(P)
□ = Absent	Excused	(E)
	Not Excused	(N)

**Voting Members Present: 4/5<sup>1</sup>**

*\* Zachary Lynch proxy vote to Trygve Vandal (This is were you show proxy or write in votes – Remove from Final Draft)*

**Advisors:**

Kayla Mahnke Hargett

**Others Present:**

Emily Bettis

Kat Beck

**Proceedings**

1. Call to Order  
.3:02p
2. Roll Call and Introductions
3. Medicine Creek Treaty Acknowledgement

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<sup>1</sup> Vacant positions are not counted towards total voting members.

#### 4. Public Comments

WashPIRG (Emily Bettis, Kat Beck): 27 students attended the kickoff last week on Wednesday and this built a lot of momentum for quarter. 200+ dollars raised during MLK and looking forward to raising more for Thurston County Food Bank.

Expressed concerns for assurances on getting on the referendum.

#### **5. Motion to approve the minutes of 01/13/2020: Motioned by Melinda, Seconded by Sophie 4-0-0 PASS**

#### **6. Vacancies:** There are 3 vacant positions. We had planned on filling at least one of them. Which one should we fill?

Melinda Asks: Do we need to address the issues surrounding by laws before we address this? Trygve: Not really, it can be one or all. There is a concern about an overload on Trygve expressed by both Melinda and Sophie. However, Trygve explained: that focusing on a policy analyst provides for a better environment for checks and balances. Also, the policy analyst is responsible for the documentation that becomes a measure of accountability to the citizens of the state of Washington and the students. If we think about treasurer, we need to consider this as well as training which is intensive for treasurer but also for policy analyst.

Student life and treasurer and student life are most hindered by coming in at this point. And Policy Analyst is probably the easiest to deal with as far as training is concerned coming into this point.

There is an agreement to focus on one of the position after Sophie expressed her concern over finances, Rayni mentioned to put focus on one member in agreement.

Sophie agrees on the policy/analyst and historian.

Kayla asked who is performing critical function.

Trygve answers that we are already at a tapped level.

Kayla looks at as far as task orientation.

Trygve explains we just need to be able to work to fulfill our legal obligations.

#### **Motion introduced by Melinda, seconded by Sophie 4-0-0 PASS**

#### **7. By law amendments**

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Melinda asks: Can we also reduce compensation if duties are reduced?

Trygve: This is not a good practice but this covers us. This can be used to cover all instances for example, when a non-voting member acts as a elections commissioner.

#### **Melinda motions, Sophie seconded to adopt as usual 4-0-0 PASS**

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Demetrius asks about conflicting information about advisor appointment for hiring committee. Trygve Replies with information about appointment makes a balanced committee. One on the part of the GSU and one on the part of the advisor. And also, the advisor needs to be able to delegate responsibility.

**Melinda motions, Sophie seconded to adopt as written 4-0-0 PASS**

**Sophie motions to adopt, Melinda seconds Section 1.1.4 as written 4-0-0**

**8. Advisors Comments**

Kayla Mahnke Hargett

The student study space is open today in the CAB and is being promoted by student activities. Need people to reserve it in advance and is asking for the GSU to promote it through social media.

Asked the CPJ and the faculty to attend GSU meetings in order to connect.

There is more to come.

**9. Adjourn Meeting**

- Trygve to adjourn 4 PM. Lost quorum.