

Special Board of Representatives 2/5/21

5:03 Trygve calls meeting to order

Roll Call:

Melinda Bratsch-Horsager (she/her) VP of External Affairs

Trygve Vandal (he/him) VP of Internal Affairs

Rayni Lussier (she/her) Communications Liaison

Demetrius Romero (he/him) Chief Justice

Zach Lynch (he/him) Legislative Liaison

Sophie Parker (she/her) Director of Legislative Affairs

Kayla Mahnke Hargett (she/her) Advisor

Abbey Maroney (any pronouns) historian and policy analyst

5:04 Medicine Creek Treaty Land acknowledgement

5:05 Election Commissioner role with Trygve

- Screen share looking at election commissioner position job description
- 1.1.5 establishing additional GSU Positions can be used to establish an election commissioner position.
- Trygve goes over what 1.1.5 in the bylaws state
- Melinda asks if anyone can be assigned election commissioner
- Trygve- that's the tricky thing. I would probably say we can but I don't know. We can maybe say our advisor is a GSU entity.
- Kayla- I would still be their advisor, approving their pay
- Trygve- interesting point. They would report to GSU advisor and board of reps
- Trying to avoid consolidation of power
- Start date 2/15/21, job description left open for 2-weeks. Since this is an urgent issue we should try to fill the position as soon as possible.
- Referendum end date 2/15/21 (?) we need to certify the results soon after so end date 3/19/21
- Kayla- I would say 3/31/21 because that's the end of a pay period
- Trygve- having a specific end date would help me determine pay. If we have a longer end date compensation goes up.
- Kayla- its better to have pay end at the end of a pay period even if they aren't getting paid for a portion of the time until the end of the pay period. Though learning allotments don't behave the same way its just cleaner this way.
- Trygve-if they will be hired by the 15th is it reasonable to say they start working the 15th?
- Melinda- it depends on their duties, if it says they need to they will, if it doesn't they won't
- Kayla- do we need to have these details hammered out?

- Trygve- if we violate the bylaws by not having these details we could face litigation like we have in previous years.
- Kayla- I recommend as your advisor to pay them using the base learning allotment
- Trygve-That would violate the bylaws because that learning allotment doesn't equal out to minimum wage for the hours worked.
- Melinda- I think we should state in the job description that the position ends in spring and we intend to have two election periods.
- Trygve- does anyone have alternatives?
- Zach- the language should be accessible for those who don't know the bylaws
- Sophie- I agree with zach, I think this description is good, but maybe more should be included about how this position relates to other GSU members.
- Trygve-I want them to focus on the core aspects of the job. I wouldn't put any references into the bylaws. We just need to know them in order to make the position.
- Trygve- does anyone have any issues with the job description?
- Melinda- besides updating the start position, no, it looks good
- Kayla- I suggest making a covid edit, removing a lot of " in person" language. Just saying that we expect them to promote the election.
- Trygve alters language to be more covid friendly
- Trygve- start date 2/15/21.
- The item for debate is hours per week
- Kayla- 2/15 is presidents day so technically it would start on 2/16/21
- Trygve- how do people feel about the hours per week? Because of the lack of in person we could argue for less hours per week
- Melinda- I think the current hours per week is good because having everything online makes it equally as hard or harder.
- Sophie- I agree with Melinda. Is their opportunity to change this if the person we hire says they need more time to do the task?
- Trygve- theoretically yes, in practice I don't think it would be advisable.
- Sophie- okay, I think 7 hours a week is reasonable
- Zach- no objections
- Melinda- any last comments?

5:36- Melinda motions to accept the modifications to the election commissioner position as presented in the 2/5/21 board of representatives meeting and establish the election commissioner role as presented.

Seconded by Zach

5:40- passes 5-0-0

Trygve- I will email this out this everyone with the edits we made

Trygve adjourns the 2/5/21 Board of reps meeting at 5:41