

Call to Order – 3:41 pm, October 29, 2014 | Executive Conference Room

## 1. Roll Call of Attendance

### Committee Composition

Vice President Finance (*chair*) ..... Adam Potvin  
President (*ex officio*) ..... Chardaye Bueckert  
Vice President Student Services (MSO *pro tem*) ..... Zied Masmoudi  
Board Member ..... Jeremy Pearce  
Student At-Large ..... Anthony Janolino  
SUDS Representative .....  
Hi-FIVE Representative (*non-voting*) ..... Tanya Miller

### Society Staff

Minute Taker ..... Dion Chong

### Guests

### Regrets

SUDS Representative ..... Prateek Sood

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

### MOTION AFAC 2014-10-29:01

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*Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented*

## 3. Discussion

### a. Hi-FIVE Collaboration

**Action Items:** SFSS and Hi-FIVE would drop off promotional materials on day of HCS wellness events.

### b. MBC Atrium

Issues have been brought up around MBC food court tables that have been shifted into the perimeter of the space, which impacts the physical accessibility of the space. The matter would be referred to Student Space Oversight Committee to integrate into existing MBC atrium renovation plans.

At present, Food and Beverage Services is responsible for maintaining cleanliness of table and potentially could become responsible for ensuring that the accessibility of the space is maintained.

### c. University ATM Speech Features

The ATMs on campus were sourced from the University. Speech features aren't currently active on these machines.

**Action Items:** Pearce would contact Ancillary Services to request that the speech feature of ATMs be activated

### d. Support for SUDS Activities

There was a desire to enhance the SFSS handling of accessibility issues. Students United for Disabilities Support was not currently equipped to lead campaigns, and existing staff was not trained for such types of advocacy. Confidentiality did not allow for matters to be handled on an individual level, and the lack of official advocacy credentials for the students and staff resources

SUDS diluted the Society's ability to adequately advocate for the needs of the membership with accessibility needs.

Recent draft of the Accessibility Coordinator job description was under review by the Staff Liaison Officers and the Union. Legal Counsel has also been engaged to consider whether the Accessibility Fund could be used to fund the project. The hope is that the project would enhance the accessibility advocacy for the SFSS.

**e. Sensitivity Training for Food and Beverage Services**

Members have experienced varying levels of service at the Highland Pub due to staff inexperience with and lack of awareness for members with accessibility needs.

**Action Items:** Pearce would contact the FBS General Manager handle the matters of atrium physical accessibility and sensitivity training for FBS staff.

**f. Radio Interview**

Pearce had an interview on BCIT radio on accessibility initiatives.

**g. Mental Health First Aid**

21 people were certified at the recent training session. Largely positive feedback, although there were some complaints around length. The workshop cost \$2600. In conversation with the instructor, certification to become an instructor cost \$3000, thus Accessibility Funding may potentially be more well-suited for the training funds to be provided to a member in exchange for a number of workshops. Pearce has been preliminarily approved to be certified, pending SFSS approval.

If approved, Pearce could provide a workshop once per semester for the next two years for free, with some cost for funding.

There were issues raised in the past around the actual efficacy of the training, and potential exposure of the Student Society to liability, as Good Samaritan protections may not extend to mental health first aid. However, the popularity of the certification and the financial benefit to the organization of providing instructor training to Pearce were deemed adequate to pass the motion.

**MOTION AFAC 2014-10-29:02**

Bueckert

*Whereas* the SFSS Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee plans to hold 2 additional mental health first air workshops within the fiscal year

*Be it resolved that* up to \$3500 for Mental Health First Aid instructor training be approved for Jeremy Pearce.

3 workshops a year delivered a year was the minimum to maintain instructor status with the Canadian Mental Health Association.

President and Pearce would be in contact to draft the letter approving participation in the training.

**CARRIED**

Noted Abstention: Pearce

**h. Messages**

The free massages were positively received by the membership, although there were some issues with the waitlist system.

Although there was some desire to ensure that the massages were only accessed by members of the student society, systems did not exist to quickly verify membership, and any implementation was not seen as either feasible nor necessary.

Could consider speaking to Graduate Student Society on joint funding for the massages in Surrey and Vancouver campuses.

**MOTION AFAC 2014-10-29:03**

Pearce

*Be it resolved to approve up to \$3200 for Massage Therapy sessions on the Surrey and Vancouver campuses.*

**Action item:** Surrey Campus Committee would be contacted by Pearce around Massage Therapy sessions on the campus.

**Action Item:** Miller would be in contact with the Graduate Student Society around potential joint funding

**CARRIED**

**4. Adjournment**

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