

Call to Order – 12:31 pm, October 7, 2015 | Executive Conference Room

## 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

The Advocacy Committee acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, which included the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people to the current knowledge of the Society.

## 2. Roll Call of Attendance

### Committee Composition

Vice President External Relations (*chair*)..... Kathleen Yang  
Vice President University Relations..... Brady Yano  
Vice President Student Life ..... Deepak Sharma  
Board of Directors Representative ..... Christine Dyson  
Board of Directors Representative ..... Arr Farah  
Councilor ..... Elena Jiang Su  
Councilor ..... Erwin Kwok  
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Out On Campus Representative..... Russell Kanim  
Women’s Centre Representative ..... Anjali Biju  
Board of Governors Representative ..... Deven Azevedo  
Student At-Large ..... John Ragone (*late-work*)

### Society Staff

Minute Taker ..... Dion Chong

### Guest

Member..... Anson Wong  
Embark..... Amy Farahbakhsh

### Regrets

Senate Representative ..... Arjan Mundy

### Absent

Student At-Large ..... Muhsin Suleiman

## 3. Adoption of the Agenda

### MOTION ADV 2015-10-07:01

Kwok, Amended Sharma

*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.*

*Added: OpenCon Funding in New Business*

**CARRIED**

## 4. Ratification of Regrets

### MOTION ADV 2015-10-07:02

Biju

*Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:*

Senate Representative .....Arjan Mundy (*medical*)

**CARRIED**

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**MOTION ADV 2015-10-07:03**

Kwok

*Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-09-24*

**CARRIED**

**6. Committee Member Updates**

The presentation for the provincial government budget submission was currently being developed. The primary concern to be addressed by the presentation was the funding gap, as undergraduate tuition now constitutes the largest amount of revenue for the university. Additional funding from the provincial government would be requested to fund several priority areas.

**7. New Business**

**a. Embark Sustainability Partnership for Food Security**

**MOTION ADV 2015-10-07:04**

Sharma

*Whereas* the SFSS Advocacy committee has an interest in addressing food security on campus

*Whereas* the community kitchen events are pay what you can for students to learn how to cook healthy meals at a lower cost

*Be it resolved to allocate \$200 for four Embark Sustainability community kitchen events to cover the cost of ingredients.*

Embark runs monthly food kitchens programs teaching students how to prepare nutritious meals, in partnership with Residence Life and coordinated by number of volunteers and staff. The Embark Learning Gardens and Nestors provides fresh local ingredients, and the event is usually free to lower barriers for student participation. Ten to twelve students generally participate given the limited space within the kitchen on Residence. In the fall, the desire was for weekly kitchen events to be hosted for the month of November, recognizing student hunger during this time as financial aid depletes. Additional crops have been planted to facilitate these programs.

**QUESTION FAILED TO BE CALLED**

Kwok

Food security was considered a priority for the Committee, however it was necessary for the committee to have a discussion on amount of funding it would be willing to provide for external groups.

It was raised that there were opportunities for the committee to collaborate with Embark to develop an educational component to the SFSS Emergency Food Bank Program.

**CARRIED**

Abstention Noted: Azevedo

**b. OpenCon Funding**  
**MOTION ADV 2015-10-07:05**

Kwok

*Whereas* Brady Yano and Deepak Sharma were successful in their applications to attend OpenCon 2015 taking place November 13-16 in Brussels, Belgium.

*Be it resolved to* approve up to \$3000 from 820/20 Advocacy to cover flights, per diems, hotel and a potential conference fee.

Flights between Vancouver and Belgium would be around \$1866, with per diems of \$350 for six days. Hotel fees for each delegate would be at \$300 per person.

Neither delegates received financial sponsorship from the organisers. In the past year, the delegates were not charged a conference fee despite not having been sponsored to attend, however information on the cost of any conference fee was not yet available from the event organisers. If such costs were incurred, the committee would have to approve additional funding.

The SFU Library would only provide funding for a graduate student, which was considered confusing considering the work put in by the SFSS to address open educational resources.

**CARRIED**

Abstentions noted: Sharma, Yano

**8. Discussion**

**a. All Candidate Debate Debrief**

The organisers of the debate were thanked for their work and the success of the event.

**MOTION ADV 2015-10-07:06**

Yano

*Be it resolved to* approve up to \$60 from 820/20 Advocacy to cover an appreciation card and gift for federal election debate moderator Aleksandra Panić.

**CARRIED**

- It was recommended that the debates span all three campuses in the future
- Students were dropping by throughout the debate (with 70 to 80 attending at any given time), and likely contributed to the success of the Get Out The Vote campaign this week.
- For future debates, a large sign should be printed to encourage student participation, as well as additional advertising over a longer advertising period.
- A longer Q&A period was desired, but candidates were not very open to such a session
- It was difficult to listen to all candidates at times, particularly around the time when classes were changing.
  - Audio was reduced due to Saywell Atrium being in proximity to classrooms.

*Ragone entered 12:54pm*

**b. Campaign Proposal Procedures**

Basecamp access would be reviewed due to confusion around administration.

Moving forward, all campaign proposals had to be brought forward to the committee with the following items addressed:

- List of goals
- Rationale
- Timeline
- Objectives
- Action items
- Budget

This would set the baseline for future formalization of proposal procedures moving forward.

**9. Announcements**

**a. SFSS Outreach**

A document was made available to the committee regarding the outreach days conducted by the Society earlier in the year. The committee had an opportunity to build upon this moving forward alongside the strategic planning process.

The majority of answers to the question on whether students knew about the activities of the SFSS were incorrect, which was of concern for the Society.

The outreach initiative was an opportunity to link the work of the two largest committees of the Student Society, and the reporting mechanism to both would ensure that all members had a voice in the process.

**10. Adjournment 1:02pm**

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