

Call to Order – 3:30 pm on Monday, October 20th at the Build SFU Think Tank | MBC 2270

1. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Members

At-large Representative (*Chair*) Rebecca Langmead
Council Representative Anthony Janolino (*late*)
Council Representative Maren Thompson
Student-at-large Brandon Hillier
Student-at-large Brian Portner
Student-at-large Ben Russell
Student-at-large Alessia Guidi

Society Staff

Build SFU General Manager..... Marc Fontaine
Build SFU Consultation Coordinator..... Ross MacMillan
Build SFU Administrative Assistant Michelle Robertson

Guests

Member Oscar Sanchez
Vice President Student Life Kayode Fatoba (*late*)

Absent

Student-at-large Yaser Ahmed
Student-at-large Eric Hedekar

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION BUILDSFUSAC 14-10-20:01

Hillier
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Declare Committee Vacancy

Hillier
Be it resolved that the committee declare an at-large position vacant as Yaser Ahmed has abandoned his position.

Discussion:

Given the committee recently collected nominations for student at-large positions, those who have already nominated themselves will be notified to resubmit. Other students may nominate themselves as well.

(Janolino arrived at 3:34)

CARRIED

4. Ratification of Minutes

MOTION BUILDSFUSAC 14-10-20:03

Janolino

Be it resolved to ratify the following minutes: September 22, 2014

CARRIED

5. Announcement: SFSS AGM on Wed. Oct 22 @ 1:30 pm in the SFU Theatre

The committee was asked to promote the event and its importance to their networks. It was suggested that if a committee member cannot make the AGM that they ask two of their friends to go in their place.

ACTION: The committee members were each tasked to give out 10 postcards to their networks.

The committee reviewed the Build SFU postcards and the motions at the AGM were explained. The first motion is asking the membership to approve that the Society may enter into a debenture (a loan) for the project. In 2012 undergraduate students voted and approved to create a Build SFU levy and pay for the project. With the SUB design almost complete, the SFSS will need to obtain a loan to begin construction. The approval of a loan is in accordance to SFSS Bylaw 6. The second motion is asking for the addition of a bylaw which states that any Society fee that is attached to the repayment of the loan must be collected until that loan is paid off. This second motion gives banks reassurance on the security of the levy.

More information on the Build SFU motions at the AGM can be found at buildsfu.ca, communications materials, The Peak, and the Build SFU outreach tables around campus.

It was suggested that in order to explain the motions in a palatable way, the SFSS use simple language and clarify that the motions are important formalities that are the next step in the project.

6. Project Update

The focus of Build SFU staff has been to the upcoming AGM.

The SUB's design is progressing and consultants are doing their work.

The Build SFU General Manager noted that the SUB's floor plans have changed slightly. A stairwell on level 3000 has been deleted, increasing hallway width. The staircase was there for architectural design purposes and was not a functional stair (i.e. for fire exiting purposes). Therefore, the deletion is not critical to the circulation in the SUB and will save costs. Other changes have been made to level 1000 increasing the size of the napping space and decreasing the size of one larger student organization space. This was necessary due to a change to the staircase on level 1000.

(Fatoba entered 3:59 pm)

A question was raised regarding the breakdown of costs for the overall \$65M dollar project. The SUB budget is \$55M which would include the cost of construction, construction management, contracting consultants, and other costs. The stadium budget is \$10M. The financing cost including interest payments is separate from the project cost.

It was announced that the project has been through several cost estimates and remains on budget. Previous issues regarding GST implications are being sorted out. It was noted that the project will save money in the envelope of the building to make sure it does not go over budget. As well, it was noted that the project remains on schedule.

7. Classroom Announcements

ACTION: The committee was tasked to make short announcements about the AGM in their classes on October 21 and 22.

It was noted that the chair of Council sent a reminder to Council members stating that it was part of their duty to attend the AGM.

The committee discussed potential questions that may be raised by students at the AGM. A list of questions and answers is as follows:

- Students may confuse Images Theatre for the SFU Theatre.

The SFSS could place signs at the Images Theatre directing students to the SFU Theatre

- Does voting in favor of these motions mean the SFSS cannot get out of the loan if students do not want a SUB in the future?

Voting yes to obtaining a loan for the project shows that students are agreeing to pay the loan therefore they are supporting the project. This gives bank assurance that the SFSS intends to repay the loan in its entirety.

- Why does the project cost \$65M?

Constructing a public building with durable materials is different than constructing a house, for example. Other costs include taxes and maintenance fees. The committee suggested that Build SFU provide a frame of reference for students such as other buildings on campus.

- What is the relationship for ownership of the building and the land between the SFSS and SFU?

The University and the government of BC own the land and therefore they maintain control over the land. The SFSS will lease the building for 50 years. After 50 years, the building will need

maintenance and if the SFSS is still operating the building, the lease would be extended. The lease will not legally allow SFU to take over the building and gives all operations to the SFSS.

- Why is the SFSS focusing on constructing a SUB and not other issues such as deferred maintenance or International Fee increase?

The government of BC recently cut funding for building maintenance. The deferred maintenance issue is the University's responsibility and not the responsibility of the students. Furthermore, the students voted to pay for a SUB and stadium, not to maintain existing buildings on campus.

The increase to international student fees occurred after the initiation of the Build SFU project. The SFSS could not foresee the issue. Through work on the Advocacy Committee, the SFSS is currently advocating for international students regarding the 10% fee increase.

- Is the stadium also relevant to the motions at the AGM?

The motions at the AGM are for the Build SFU project including the SUB and stadium. The development of a SUB takes more time and resources than does a 2,500 seat stadium. Both portions of the project will be completed by fall 2017.

The committee was reminded to please remember to send their regrets.

8. Adjournment: 4:05 pm

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