

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order by the President of the Board at *12:37 pm*

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this meeting is being conducted on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples; which, to the current knowledge of the Society include the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

- President: Enoch Weng
- VP External Relations: Kathleen Yang
- VP Finance: Barbara Szymczyk
- VP Student Life: Deepak Sharma
- VP Student Services: Darwin Binesh
- VP University Relations: Brady Yano
- At-Large Representative: Curtis Pooghkay
- At-Large Representative : Shipra Sharma
- Faculty Representative (Business) : Hanguie Kim
- Faculty Representative (Communication, Art & Technology) : Salathiel R. Wells
- Faculty Representative (Education) : Melissa Lee
- Faculty Representative (Health Sciences): Larissa Chen
- Faculty Representative (Science) : Jas Hans
- Faculty Representative (Environment) : Christine Dyson - arrived late 12:46 PM
- Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences): Arr Farah - arrived late 12:46 PM

3.1 Regrets

- Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences): Corbett Gildersleve

3.2 Guests

- Karen Abramson
- Edward Ning arrived 1:17 pm

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:01

Shipra/Deepak

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

- Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences): Corbett Gildersleve

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:02

Larissa/Shipra

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended

Move 9.7 to ex camera

Retract 9.4-9.5: in camera discussion with reports

Move councillor updates

Remove Topic 7.1 Update regarding Translink

Remove Topic 7.2 Update regarding Bill 41: Kathleen will send out the attachment

DISCUSSION

A concern was brought up about how there was not enough time to review over 80 pages of reports for the meeting. This would not be sufficient time for members to give an informed discussion for the items provided. An apology was provided to the members as some reports were sent in late. The in camera topics are there to provide members with more communication and therefore an informed discussion can then be met.

CARRIED

ABSTENTIONS: Christine, Arr

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:03

Shipra/ Deepak

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes omnibus:

- BoardOfDirectors_2015-09-18
- BoardOfDirectors_2015-10-16
- Council_2015-07-29
- Council_2015-09-16
- Council_2015-09-30
- GrantingCommittee_2015-09-29
- GrantingCommittee_2015-09-15
- EventsCommittee_2015-10-27
- EventsCommittee_2015-10-06
- EventsCommittee_2015-09-08
- EventsCommittee_2015-09-29
- GrantingCommittee_2015-10-06
- GrantingCommittee_2015-10-13
- GrantingCommittee_2015-10-20
- SurreyCampusCommittee_2015-10-07
- GrantingCommittee_2015-10-27

CARRIED

ABSTENTIONS – Arr, Kathleen, Barbara, Christine

7. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:04

Deepak/ Curtis

Be it resolved to appoint Tatum Miller to the student at large position for the events and promotions committee.

DISCUSSION

- Tatum Miller applied for an open position however he was not invited to come to the meeting, nor was he able to make it if the invite was extended. It was confirmed that Tatum Miller has been currently active at SFSS events and would be a qualified candidate. A question was raised on how to appoint a candidate if he/she is not present in the meeting. Is the candidate properly suited for the position? The Board was advised that the application was forwarded to the board in advance. A suggestion was made to make sure new applicants are present when appointing to a new position.

CARRIED

ABSTENTIONS: Kathleen, Salathiel, Darwin and Christine

8. REPORTS FROM SOCIETY

8.1 Board of Directors Exit Reports 2014-2015

MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:05

Kathleen/Larissa

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) mandates all Board of Directors to write an exit report at the end of their term

Be it resolved to officially receive and file the exit reports of the 2014-2015 SFSS Board of Directors

8.2 Board of Directors Semester Reports Summer 2015

MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:06

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) Board of Directors are mandated to write work reports at the end of the semester detailing

Be it resolved to receive and file the Summer 2015 semester reports of the 2015/2016 SFSS Board of Directors.

Curtis/Arr

Be it resolved to postpone the ratification of 2014-2015 exit reports and 2015 Board summary reports to the next Board meeting.

DISCUSSION

All reports are made readily available for everyone to view them. It is important to keep them there even though some may not view it at all. A question was raised on if everyone on the Board of Directors had read them all. It was proposed to postpone the motion until all the Board members had read the reports.

CARRIED

8.3 Good News Stories

DISCUSSION

- Curtis threw a very successful Halloween pub night.
- Enoch has been doing a great job in his role and with dealing with the pressure of the job.
- Pierre really stepped up to the task of helping out with the minute taking and has been very helpful and accommodating.
- Sindhu has done a great job so far and has really taken charge of her position.
- Marc and Martin for being accepting of changes.

8.4 Report from Executive Members

- President
 - Read over survey results, will be shared via various social media outlets.
 - The purpose is to engage students to find out what can be improved.
- VP of Student Services
 - No committees have met.
- VP of Finance
 - FASC had their first meeting on Tuesday
 - Discussed salary, governance committee and reviewed the different committees.
- VP of External Relations
 - Approved the funding for Deepak and Brady to go to the conference.
 - Art supplies have been bought for the de-stress event throughout the campus.
- VP of Student Life
 - Community Christmas dinner is coming up with the plan for it to be closer to Christmas.
- VP of University Relations
 - No updates for committee
- Faculty Representative (Science)
 - Movie night coming up as well as the de-stress week.
 - A request was put to the board asking for some help with these events.

- Council report
 - The next meeting will be on November 25th
 - Includes reviewing and interviewing for new position.
- Executive Director Report
 - Working with the executive team on a strategic plan.
 - Meeting with food and beverage general manager.
 - A plan is set in place to set aside a day for a staff planning day to engage the staff and talk about concerns and issues.
 - There is a union meeting coming up to seek approval on some items.
 - The work process review has started starting with the copy centre. This review will also be done with each department to review how work orders happen and how we can improve.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 AGREEMENT TO ADHERE TO BOARD POLICIES

MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:07

Shipra/Deepak

Whereas the SFSS Board of Directors has committed to pursuing a new model of governances.
Whereas the members of the Board of Directors at the Board meeting of 2015-09-18 passed the motion to adopt the SFSS Board policies.

Be it resolved that each of the members of the Board of Directors sign the Agreement to Adhere to the SFSS Board Policies as of September 18, 2015.

DISCUSSION

It was debated that the actual signing of the policy was more of a formality in that when each member signed up for their role then they were indeed already agreeing to the terms set out in front of them. The members were advised that even though the Board is in a transitional phase, the signing of the policy is to show that the members are committed to each other and to their roles. The Board was also advised that by signing the agreement they are showing each other and the society that they are committed to carrying out their role and responsibilities together and is not meant to instil fear to the members. A concern was expressed about the policies being frequently changed or amended and members should not be held accountable for something that was signed off on but then was later amended.

Called the question.

Curtis P.

CARRIED

9.2 IN CAMERA

Motion BOD 2015-11-06:08

Larissa / Shipra

***Be it resolved* to move the meeting to in-camera**

CARRIED

9.3 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT
MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:09

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the Construction and Development Phase Cost Control, Indemnity and Construction Agreement (also known as the Construction Services Agreement);
Be it further resolved that Enoch Weng, President, and Martin Wyant, Executive Director, be authorized with signing the agreement on behalf of the Board.

WITHDRAWN BY CHAIR

9.4 FUND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:10

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the Fund Management Agreement;
Be it further resolved that Enoch Weng, President, and Martin Wyant, Executive Director, be authorized with signing the agreement on behalf of the Board.

WITHDRAWN BY CHAIR

9.5 CREDIT AGREEMENT
MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:11

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the Credit Agreement for the student union building financing;
Be it further resolved that Enoch Weng, President, and Martin Wyant, Executive Director, be authorized with signing the agreement on behalf of the Board.

WITHDRAWN BY CHAIR

9.6 BUILD SFU COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
MOTION BOD 2015-11-07:12
Curtis/Christine
BUILD SFU COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors ratify Martin Wyant and Enoch Weng as members of the Build SFU Building Committee effective November 6, 2015;
Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors ratify Enoch Weng and Darwin Binesh as members of the Build SFU Joint Steering Committee effective November 6, 2015;
Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors ratify Martin Wyant as co-chair of the Build SFU Building Committee and Joint Steering Committee effective November 6, 2015.

CARRIED

9.7 EX CAMERA
Motion BOD 2015-11-06:13
Curtis/Ar

Be it resolved to move the meeting to ex camera
CARRIED

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 PRESENTATION FROM EDWARD NING – EXTENDED GRADUATION TIME

Time To Graduate Presentation

To date, it takes the average student nearly six years to graduate from SFU with half the student body being part-time students. There are many contributing reasons for this with course enrolment and uncertain long-term vision by the students being some of the reasons. One of the main reasons is poor course scheduling by the faculty resulting from no central authority. The organizer is seeking to campaign to the student body to engage students and raise awareness. Someone needs to be held accountable.

Discussion:

What are the next steps? Since Mark Walker has resigned, the school needs to match the reality of the student body. The faculty is aware of the problem however no changes have been made creating frustration within the student body.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Minute Taker left at 2:15pm

Adjournment – 3:58 PM

November 6, 2015

Update: Bill 41 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2015

What is Bill 41?

- Miscellaneous amendments that include a clause to ensure the collection of Student Association fees regardless of whether or not a student is a member. This is to rectify the issue created with the new *Society Act*, which allows for members to resign

The amendment in *Bill 41* follows:

- Section 1 of the College and Institute Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 52, is amended by adding the following definitions:
 - “capital fee” has the prescribed meaning;
 - “program or service fee” means
 - (a) a prescribed fee, or
 - (b) a fee for a prescribed program or a prescribed service that is imposed and collected by the board on annual notice from a student society under section 21;

What’s the issue?

- Student associations across the province were concerned that advocacy work would not be included in the mandatory fee category despite being a program/service. They did not like that the Ministry was going to distinguish mandatory and non-mandatory fees.
- Some were content that the Ministry would ensure regulations would protect all current fees, others do not have confidence that regulations will ensure the mandatory collection of advocacy based fees and all current fees collected by student associations.

Current Situation:

- The Ministry of Advanced Education has assured us that regulations for the legislation will ensure the collection of all mandatory fees from students regardless of whether or not they resign membership.
- The Bill is current in its second reading and was discussed at the Legislature on Thursday (see appendix). If Bill 41 passes the Ministry would like to start consultations as soon as possible and get regulations in place within a few months.

Meetings:

- October 23, 2015: Phone call with MLA Kathy Corrigan to gain clarity on Bill 41
- October 26, 2015: Conference call with Ministry of Advanced Education, Deputy Minister Claire Avison, AVED Chief of Staff Jennifer Chalmers
- November 2, 2015: Conference call with Minister of Advanced Education Andrew Wilkinson and BC Student Associations

Appendix

Excerpts from 40th Parliament - 4th Session Debate Transcripts, Thursday, November 5, 2015, Afternoon. <https://www.leg.bc.ca/documents-data/debate-transcripts/40th-parliament/4th-session/20151105pm-House-Blues>

MLA Kathy Corrigan Debate: Bill 41 — MISCELLANEOUS STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT (No. 3), 2015

That is the concern, the main concern that I have with this bill. It's that just like Bill 7, so much of the act was not dealt with in the act itself, and they said: "Well, we'll fix it later with regulation." That's now what we have been told and what the students have been told: "Trust us. We're going to fix it later with regulation, and we're going to consult with you."

I appreciate that. The student societies are willing to work with the minister, and I give them credit for that. But the problem is that what we're dealing with is the act itself. We're not dealing with the promises of the minister. We are dealing with what we see on paper. Apart from the promises — I'm not suggesting that the minister is not going to follow through on those promises — what we see on paper does not give me comfort. So much is going to be determined in the regulations that, basically, it's going to determine what kinds of fees are going to be covered and which are going to be protected as mandatory. That doesn't give me much comfort.

What the students were hoping for was a fairly straightforward fix that said if someone resigns from a student society, they would simply have to pay all the fees levied by the student society. Why is it, when this bill is supposed to address those concerns and provide for mandatory fees, that students and the official opposition continue to be concerned?

As I said, some of those student groups have been satisfied by the amendments to the amendments that happened as a result of their concerns raised. There are some student groups that are happy enough or willing to work with the ministry on that, but I have concerns. The problem is that the bill does not clearly give the student societies the right to collect fees from all students, including those that choose to resign. Instead, the provisions differentiate between different types of fees, and the determination as to what types of fees are mandatory is left to regulation.

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This was a letter that was signed by UBC Alma Mater Society, the BCIT Students Association, the Kwantlen Student Association, the University of Victoria Students Society, the UBCSUO, the SFU grad society, UBC Graduate Student Society, Capilano Students Union, Emily Carr Students Union, Langara Students Union, Northern Undergraduate Student Society, the Vernon Student Association, Okanagan College, Camosun College student union and the Thompson Rivers University Students Union.

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All of those student unions, in very short order, got together. It's quite something. They represent a lot of students. They got together. They saw it as such an emergency that they managed to put together a letter, and I'll quote a little bit from it.

"We have serious concerns about the contents of the proposed amendments." And later: "We are concerned that differentiating between various fees will force government, postsecondary institutions and student societies to add

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together a letter, and I'll quote a little bit from it: "We have serious concerns about the contents of the proposed amendments." And later:

"We are concerned that differentiating between various fees will force government, post-secondary institutions and student societies to add layers of bureaucracy to handle the logistics of implementation. Additionally, the lack of depth and subjectivity to these categories will cause significant problems for the different fee structures of the over 30 student societies in B.C. A proper adaptation to each fee structure would also be onerous and not practical in achieving the goal of clarity. Under the current proposed language in Bill 41, the government, post-secondary institutions and student societies would be required to expend significant resources to sort through the various fees and may even be required to subdivide existing fees. Furthermore, universities, colleges and institutes, along with their respective student unions, would have to expend resources, handling the opt-out process and differentiating between member and non-member students. This would involve permanently hiring extra staff at each level."

Now, they don't say it but I will: it sounds like red tape to me. I thought we were against red tape in this government. They finally say:

"Student societies operate on a democratic model where all society fees are approved by students through referendum and are collected to provide benefit in various shapes and forms to the entire student body. All members of the society vote upon all student society fees, and their legitimacy rests with them and them alone. While allowing students to disassociate themselves from the student society is understandable, all students benefit from the work of their student society. To allow students to resign their membership and divest themselves of paying the dues that come with being a student is to allow them to receive the benefits without the costs; thus, being subsidized by those that do pay the fees. Many of the services we provide are integral to the health of our communities. These services include, but are not limited to: food banks, technological support for students with disabilities, sexual assault centres, student refugee programs, child care assistance and bursary programs for low-income students"

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The minister has promised that he's going to discuss it with students, but there is nothing in the legislation itself that prevents the government from picking and choosing what fees are going to be mandatory

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There is no promise at this point that all fees that are collected now should be mandatory. Even if there is, why should student societies have to be providing a list of all of those fees? It makes no sense. There should be a universal, comprehensive ability to make the decisions, similar to what would be set out in the Rand formula.