

Call to Order – 3:35 pm August 26th, 2014| MBC 2294

The Board of Directors acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on the Unceded Coast Salish Territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

1. Roll Call of Attendance

ChairpersonBrandon Chapman

Board of Directors

President..... Chardaye Bueckert

Vice President External Relations.....Darwin Binesh

Vice President Finance.....Adam Potvin

Vice President Student Life.....Kayode Fatoba

Vice President Student Services Zied Masmoudi (*late*)

At-Large Representative Rebecca Langmead

At-Large RepresentativeJeremy Pearce

Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences) Ben Rogers

Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences)Brady Wallace

Faculty Representative (Business)..... Shadnam Khan

Faculty Representative (Communication, Art & Technology)..... Shirin Escarcha

Faculty Representative (Education)Katie Bell

Faculty Representative (Environment)..... Tesicca Truong

Faculty Representative (Sciences)..... Deepak Sharma

Society Staff

Build SFU General ManagerMarc Fontaine

Executive Director Colleen Knox

Staff Representative.....Nadine Chambers

Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator Pierre Cassidy

General Office CoordinatorLawrence Jones

DSU Outreach Worker Katie Mai

Guests

The Peak..... Leah Bjornson

Chief Electoral Officer Lorenz Yeung

Guest.....AON Insurance Representative

Tau Kappa Epsilon MemberArjan Mundy

Tau Kappa Epsilon MemberCurtis Pooghkay

Delta Alpha Theta..... Caryssa Afan

Delta Alpha Theta..... Itzel Vargas

Delta Alpha Theta..... Stephanie Au

Phi Kappa Pi.....Ryan Ackerman

Phi Kappa Pi..... Hermon Ephraim

Kappa Beta GammaKendell Kitt

Kappa Beta Gamma Shannen Young

Kappa Beta Gamma Christine Jamieson

Kappa Beta Gamma Cali Stinson

Kappa Beta Gamma Lydia-Rose Keyouac-Dube

Delta Kappa EpsilonAlex Campbell

Regrets

Vice President University Relations.....Moe Kopahi
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences).....Ayla Kooner

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:01

Sharma

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Added motion (9h).

Amended motion under 7a.

CARRIED

3. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:02

Sharma

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Vice President University Relations..... Moe Kopahi (vacation)
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences).....Ayla Kooner (car broke down)

CARRIED

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:03

Escarcha

Be it resolved to ratify the following minutes:

ADV-minutes-2014-08-05, EPCOM-minutes-2014-08-05, Exec-minutes-
2014-08-07, GC-minutes-2014-08-13

CARRIED

5. Appointments/Resignations

MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:04

Escarcha/Amended Bueckert

*Be it resolved to open student at-large nominations for vacant Student
Society committees until Monday, September 15.*

CARRIED

6. Unfinished Business

a. Fraternities and Sororities

MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:05

Langmead

*Be it resolved that GRID, the Greek Life Support Club, be granted temporary
registration as an SFSS club in accordance with the attached LOA until
September 1st, 2015. After said date, GRID will cease to operate via the club
platform.*

*Be it further resolved to task Moe Kopahi, Rebecca Langmead, and Adam
Potvin, in coordination with the General Office Coordinator, to continue*

working with GRID and Greek Societies in order to assist them in approaching the university.

Be it further resolved to appoint President Chardaye Bueckert and Adam Potvin to be authorized to sign the attached MOU on behalf of the SFSS BOD.

Board members were tasked to meet with GRID and LOA was drafted.

Question raised around the composition and structure of GRID. Clarified that GRID was created to represent Greek societies on campus. The concern was raised around GRID no longer acting according to protocol. This Letter of Agreement returns to step 1 and sets the guidelines for GRID. This grants the groups extension to act as a club and allow them to run for another year before coming to a conclusion on Greek societies' status.

Jones entered 3:46 pm.

Question raised around what activities are involved. Since it does not fit within SFSS club guidelines, AON may look into setting up a separate insurance package for these groups depending on their operation. Confirmed that the ballpark for an insurance of that nature would be over \$15,000.

Clarified that this motion simply allows GRID to operate as a club for the next year. In terms of insurance issues that might ensue when the groups exist one day as Greek societies, that's a discussion for a later date.

Questions raised around the reason why each individual was chosen (Chardaye, Adam, Rebecca, Moe). Moe Kopahi previously worked with GRID, Rebecca Langmead was tasked a few BOD meetings ago, Adam Potvin suggested because he is in contact with Rena and the insurance company, and Rena Hood-Lundrie was tasked because she was previously working on this motion.

To conclude: GRID will exist under the current SFSS insurance umbrella until Sept 1, 2015. The purpose is for frats and sororities to have an easy avenue to access resources like room booking and administrative support to approach the University.

Masmoudi entered 4:00 PM

QUESTION CALLED

Opposition noted from Potvin

CARRIED

Opposition noted from Potvin

7. Reports from Executives and Department Representatives

Jones left 4:05pm

Arts and Social Sciences Representative: Open textbook campaign (please fill out Doodle), Frosh prep, Welcome Day prep, Orientation, Week of Welcome.

At-Large Representative (Pearce): Mental Health First Aid workshop, Accessibility workshop (facilitated by SFPIRG, open to everyone), SFSS road trip, Wellness Week going to AFAC.

VP External Relations: Student Union Development Summit, Build SFU projects, Advocacy proposals, planning a way to manage work flow of CPR, etc.

President: Meeting with Petter tomorrow in conjunction with GSS and SUDS rep to discuss accessibility improvement opportunities on campus, speech to incoming students at orientation, worked on article from Peak, open textbook campaign, food bank.

VP Finance: Mental Health workshop, created pie charts on the website to show where students' money is going, surveying students in the hallways as part of consultation, busy month at the pub in September.

VP Student Life: Working with the international community, working with SFU bookstore to launch SFU's next top product (campaign to allow SFSS members to sell merchandise there), sponsorship workshop and package, volunteer program, Clubs Days, WoW, a number of events through EPCOM.

Applied Sciences Representative: Presentation to Surrey DSUs, Building meeting in think tank, summer report.

Environment Representative: Open textbook campaign, Townhall meeting, SFROSH, Build SFU SAC.

Education Representative: Concert volunteers, ESA recruitment, completed ESA journal, helping ESA with fall events, ResLife presentation for orientation, WoW.

Business Representative: Concert, EPCOM events, BASS.

Science Representative: Met with SFU admin at Surrey about study space, food bank, WoW presentation this week, Science Frosh.

VP Student Services: Attended SUDS, worked with Build SFU on AGM, EDHP committee is collecting complaints from students and dealing with them, Concert (tickets sold, sponsorship confirmed, promo material).

At-Large Representative (Langmead): OOC hiring, fall kickoff promo, Build projects, WoW presentation, semester report.

FCAT Representative: Concert, SFSS shorts, Board spotlights, presentations for FCAT, food bank program extension almost complete, met with GSS.

8. Reports of Committees, Representatives, and Delegates

Finance and Administrative Services: Has not met.

Event and Promotion: SFSS road trip, outdoor movie night, WoW, booking tables in AQ for SFSS promotion, volunteer program, sponsorship program.

Granting: Memo has been sent regarding timelines and procedures, 2 working groups – 1 for loans procedure and 1 for resource procedure.

Accessibility Fund Advisory: Has not met.

Build SFU Student Advisory: Has not met.

Advocacy: International Student Townhall taking place Friday at 5pm, Open textbook campaign (please fill out doodle), Guard.Me, miscellaneous projects.

Constitution and Policy Review: Notices of motion.

Commercial Services: Has not met.

Executive: Governance vs. operations structure, discussed a swag coordinator position, job description for executive assistant.

Masmoudi entered 4:20pm.

9. New Business

a. CPR – AP-20

MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:06

Bueckert

Be it resolved to revise AP-20 to read:

AP-20: Employment, Board of Directors Members

1. No Board of Directors Member shall be employed by the Society during, or for a period of two years following, her/his/zir term of office.
2. An employee may not be an elected student member of the Board of Directors, but employees may become and maintain membership in the Simon Fraser Student Society.

The motion originally read that employees must wait a period of 4 months before taking office to prevent a conflict of interest with staff members running for BOD positions. Concerns around this include: getting hired by the Society for the purpose of learning about the organization and using that knowledge to run for office, advantages during the campaign process,

Noted that as our by-laws currently read, any member of the SFSS can run and there is no authority to state that they can't. When there is a contradiction between the policy and by-laws, by-laws take precedent. In the Collective Agreement, it states that no member can be employed by the Society and hold a BOD position at the same time. Thus, the first step is to amend AP-20 as it conflicts with the by-laws. Then, the Society can employ electoral policies around employment to address staff members who choose to run.

As it stands, AP-20 would have no validity since the by-law exists. The revision of AP-20 simply makes it consistent with the by-law.

QUESTION CALLED

Pearce

CARRIED

Opposition noted from Khan

b. CPR – R-12/13/14

MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:07

Truong

Be it resolved to amalgamate R-12,13, and 14 as proposed under R-XX Board Meetings to read:

R-XX: Board of Directors Meetings

Duration

1. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be limited to three hours duration from the time when quorum has been achieved.

Quorum

2. Once a meeting of the Board of Directors becomes quorate, that meeting shall be considered quorate until such time that a question of quorum is raised.
3. A question of quorum shall be treated as a point of order, as defined by Robert's Rules of Order.
4. All students who are members in good standing have full speaking privileges at Board of Directors meetings.

External Chair

5. The Board of Directors may, by simple majority vote, appoint a person to chair the Board of Director meetings from amongst its seated members, or it may appoint a chairperson external to it as per By-law 6.9(a).
6. An external chair shall receive a \$75 honorarium for each meeting that he/she/zir chairs.
7. The external chairperson shall continue to chair Board of Directors meetings during in camera sessions.
8. The external chairperson is bound by all rules governing in camera sessions.

Agenda

9. The order and items of business for Board of Directors meetings are:
 - a. Appointment of the Chair
 - b. Adoption of the Agenda
 - c. Guest Speaker
 - d. Adoption of the Minutes
 - e. Matters Arising from the Minutes
 - f. Appointments/Resignations
 - g. Unfinished Business
 - h. Reports from Executive and Department Representatives
 - i. Reports of Committees, Representatives, and Delegates
 - j. New Business
 - k. Notices of Motion
 - l. Announcements
 - m. Attachments
 - n. Adjournment
10. Agenda items for regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and supporting documents must be submitted to the Chair, President and the Minute Taker no later than noon, three business days before a Board of Directors meeting.
11. Board of Directors packages will be available electronically on the Society website two business days prior to regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

Location

12. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Harbour Centre campus over the course of any administration.
13. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Surrey campus over the course of any administration.
14. The agenda, time, and location of regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings shall be published on the Society website prior to these meetings. The agenda, time, and location of emergency Board of Directors meetings shall be published on the Society's website if possible.

RXX: The XX is a place filler for now. CPR Coordinator was given authority to change numbers, thus still in work.

CARRIED

c. CPR – R-3.1
MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:08
Bueckert

Be it resolved to revise R-3 to read:

R-3: Establishment and Revision of Administrative Policies

1. Administrative Policies regulate the business of the Society in general.
2. A motion to establish or amend an Administrative Policy shall:
 - a. Be given two (2) weeks notice of motion,
 - b. Be posted on the SFSS website and
 - c. Be circulated to the Council Email list, and
 - d. Be referred to the Constitution and Policy Review Committee for a recommendation and for a report on its impact and effects, and its compatibility with the Constitution and By-Laws and other Rules, Standing Orders, and Administrative Policies of the Society.
3. An Administrative Policy shall be adopted or amended only by a simple majority vote of members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Board of Directors.

Question raised around article 3 regarding the identity of the membership and directors.
Responded that the members are Board members.

CARRIED

a. Tablet Usage
MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:09

Sharma

Be it resolved to approve up to \$7,000 to purchase tablets for the usage of SFSS Board, Committees, Departments and outreach.

Be it further resolved that Moe Kopahi - VP-University Relations and Stijn Daenens – Communications Coordinator, be in charge of ordering and programming the tablets to be used for the meeting.

Be it further resolved that SFSS bans the usage of paper for any of the society meetings unless necessary.

Suggested postponing motion until the next BOD meeting until VP University Relations can be present.

Suggested recommended this motion to FASC instead of postponing to the next BOD meeting. Responded that since this is a Board initiative, FASC shouldn't be responsible for this decision. Disagreed that FASC makes recommendations, not decisions, so this will come back to BOD for the final say, but the committee exists to make recommendations.

FASC should not be making the decision on whether or not to ban paper. That is a BOD decision. Noted that the ban of paper affects all department meetings – including Women's Centre, Out on Campus, etc – so unless tablets can be shared throughout the organization, the Society should reconsider this.

FIRST TWO SUB-MOTIONS REFERRED TO FASC

Sharma/Amended Sharma

THIRD SUB-MOTION FAILED

Bueckert

b. Space Expansion Fund Debt Transfer
MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:10

Potvin

Whereas the General Fund has an outstanding debt of \$1.44 million to Space Expansion;

Whereas BuildSFU's mandate is to expand space;

Be it resolved that the General Fund transfer \$500,000 to Space Expansion

Be it further resolved that Space Expansion transfer \$500,000 to Build SFU

If passed, one million dollars will be transferred from the General Fund to the Space Expansion fund for repayment, and then transferred to Build SFU as Build SFU's mandate is to expand space. The auditor has already vetted this.

There is not enough usage of the Space expansion fund as it stands now, thus the best use of this one million is to transfer it to Build SFU. If this motion passes, there will still be one million dollars in the Space Expansion fund.

CARRIED

c. WellnessFits Proposal
MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:11

Pearce

Be it resolved that the Simon Fraser Student Society partner with WellnessFits with the goal of creating a healthy workplace environment that supports and promotes employer and employee wellness.

This is a project that came out of the Health and Safety Committee. It is a free program offered by the Canadian Cancer Society to increase workplace wellness within small- and large-sized organizations through various modules. The program offers online modules, learning materials, interactive activities, programs, and consulting. If passed, this will involve all Society staff and the BOD. The staff representatives on the committee will present at the next CUPE meeting for Staff input. Upon approval, the Canadian Cancer Society will be contacted and a consultation will be conducted to evaluate staff and Board health concerns. From there, an action plan for the Society will be drafted.

Noted that the FBS health and safety committee also needs to be approached. Board rep on that committee is Shadnam Khan.

CARRIED

d. Sept 2, 2014 Peak Article
MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:12

Escarcha/Amended Bueckert

Be it resolved to approve the attached article to be published in the September 2, 2014 edition of the Peak with minor stylistic, grammatical and structural edits.

Peak representative informed the BOD that editing and grammatical edits happen on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. Suggested that the BOD amend the motion to add that the draft will have minor grammatical and structural edits.

MOTION AMENDED

Traditionally, the SFSS President writes a short “welcome to SFU” blurb. The blurb is on the Board table for transparency’s sake and to get the sign-off from the BOD.

CARRIED

e. FARM Stipend Eligibility Increase
MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:13

Wallace

Be it resolved to approve a stipend eligibility increase to all FARM representatives for the month of September as per outlined in R-7 3b.

Concern raised around a conflict of interest if FARM representatives vote. Responded that it is outlined in policy that FARM is eligible for a 20-hour increase. September will be more hectic for FARM members, so this is a proper use of that policy. There is no loss to the FARM stipend line item because that money is already there.

Noted that if this motion passes, it does not mean that all FARM reps will get an increase in stipend. Members will get an increase if they put in the hours. This is just recognition of the additional time volunteered by FARM. Also noted that FARM must be mindful about how they fill out their timesheets because it is student money. Screening procedure will be the same as always: honesty system.

Noted that FARM reps cannot bill the time spent on working on their DSUs' Froshes. FARM should not be stipended for work that other bodies are responsible for doing.

Noted that this situation could be kept in the context of past and future bargaining, as there are additional funds set aside for Board members but not for Staff. Thus, the optics of this might be challenging.

CARRIED

Abstention noted from Rogers

10. Discussion

a. Build SFU Presentation – Fall Outreach

Build SFU General Manager facilitated a presentation on their Heroes campaign. The message is that the heroes of today will be building the campus of tomorrow, depicting the average student as superheroes. Students portrayed in the campaign are students who have gotten involved with the project through various avenues, whether it's consultation, or the advisory committee, etc. With these students being shown as examples, the message is that if you aren't a hero, you can become one by attending the AGM and getting involved with the project that way.

b. SFSS Partnership with Open Connection

While searching for Fall KickOff sponsorships, at-large representative Pearce came across Open Connection, who offers student plans for phones. The company offers student groups a password code that can be shared, and each person they refer receives \$10.

The company is looking for long-term sponsorship, and this could be an opportunity to help clubs and DSUs with their fundraising initiatives. Partnership with them could be as big or as small as we would like; it can be something that the GO staff refer to students, or it can be a bigger contract.

Suggested that the best course of action would be to officially partner with Open Connection without promoting them.

MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:14

Bueckert

Be it resolved to task At-Large Representative Jeremy Pearce and VP Student Life Kayode Fatoba to follow up with the General Office to discuss this further.

Noted that this would help the Concert working group as Open Connection has yet to agree to sponsor the Fall KickOff. This is a win-win: fundraising opportunity for student groups, zero risk for the organization, and help in securing sponsorships for the Concert.

Financial implications will be discussed offline.

QUESTION CALLED

Langmead

CARRIED

11. Announcements

- a. Thank you to Chief Electoral Officer

The Board formally thanked Lorenz Yeung, Chief Electoral Officer 2014, for his commitment and contribution to the Society this year.

12. In Camera Session

- a. Fall KickOff Contracts

MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:15

Bueckert

Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera

CARRIED

MOTION BOD 2014-08-26:16

Binesh

Be it resolved to move the meeting ex camera

CARRIED

MOTION BOD 2014-08-12:17

Langemad

Be it resolved to authorize VP Student Services Zied Masmoudi and President Chardaye Bueckert to sign the contracts on behalf of the BOD for the Fall KickOff Concert 2014 artists, contingent upon recommendations from legal counsel.

Finalized documents will be circulated to Board members only.

CARRIED

13. Attachments

GRID Memorandum of Understanding with the SFSS.pdf

Tablet usage for SFSS Board and Committee Meetings Proposal.pdf

SMART goals – Workplace Wellness.pdf

Peak Article Draft.docx

14. Adjournment 5:36pm

KM /CUPE 3338