

Call to Order – 5:47 pm September 10, 2014 | HC 1500

Prior to the meeting, a presentation on a proposed Convocation Mall renovation was received by the board.

1. Roll Call of Attendance

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 University Relations..... Moe Kopahi by phone
At-Large Representative Jeremy Pearce
At-Large Representative Rebecca Langmead
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 (Health Sciences)..... Ayla Kooner
Faculty Representative (Sciences) Deepak Sharma (*late*)

Society Staff

Build SFU General Manager..... Marc Fontaine
Executive Director..... Colleen Knox
Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator Pierre Cassidy
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Faculty – Convocation Mall Renovations Ehor Boyanowsky

Regrets

On Leave (AP-1)

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

Absence

Vice President Student Services Zied Masmoudi

MOTION BOD 2014-09-10:01

Langmead

Be it resolved to appoint Chardaye Bueckert as Chair of BOD 2014-09-10

CARRIED

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION BOD 2014-09-10:02

Langmead

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Order changed. Build SFU motion added, appointment of BOD member to GC added.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

3. New Business

MOTION BOD 2014-09-10:03

Potvin

Whereas EXEC 2014-09-10 recommended the following motion;

Be it resolved to authorize Vice President Finance - Adam Potvin, and the Build SFU General Manager - Marc Fontaine, to sign the letter of engagement with Capital Decisions Inc.

Assistance to negotiate with the university on the Student Union Building lease and to provide additional support for other departmental matters. Individual originally worked for the university on project financing and will cease working for the university in September. They have already been deemed to have been extremely helpful in the Build SFU project. Although this was a budgeted expense within the Build SFU Department, it required a legal agreement and thus requires the authority of the board.

CARRIED

4. Guest Speakers

a. Convocation Mall Renovations

It was expected that minimal heating would be necessary given the heat trapped within the glass, human heat, and plants. Technical issues could be worked out. Much of the structure was already in place. The project would not require significant staffing and would simply enhance the existing environment, enhancing the therapeutic and community building nature of the space.

The speaker had consulted with environmental psychologists who have supported the idea. The idea would improve the environment on campus in general, not a new facility. There was a desire for the Student Society to support the project in general, and to build groundswell by spreading the ideas.

Architects and SFU Planning expected a minimum of \$10 million for the project, which may be impacted by the current ceilings. Construction was not expected to take significant time (1 academic year), given that much of the structure already existed, unless structure deficiencies with the existing structures were identified. While some Erickson supporters may object to the changes to space usage, human usage was identified as a major point of Erickson design. Consultation with Facilities and Convocation planners - there was a desire that the space could continue to be utilized for large-scale events. All sides were very open, and swinging walls provided opportunities for more flexible space usage.

University professors seeking development of the university outside the academic world.

Universities generate much knowledge and there was a desire to enhance relationships between people on campus.

Vice President Student Life was interested in supporting student outreach.

Student support was seen by the speaker as paramount to making change on campus, and it was difficult to object to an initiative that build the campus.

Fatoba/Amended Langmead

Be it resolved to support the Convocation Mall renovations in principle.

Opportunity to engage with the constituency groups prior to supporting such a project.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION BOD 2014-09-10:03

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

ADV-minutes-2014-08-12, Bod-minutes-2014-09-03, FARM-minutes-2014-08-18, Fasc-minutes-2014-08-07, GC-minutes-2014-08-20

POSTPONED TO NEXT BOD

6. Appointments/Resignations

b. Build SFU Student Advisory Committee

MOTION BOD 2014-09-10:04

Langmead/Amended Langmead

Be it resolved to open nominations for the vacant Build SFU Student Advisory Committee positions until 2014-10-01, with ratification at BOD 2014-10-08

CARRIED

c. Granting Committee BOD Seat

MOTION BOD 2014-09-10:05

Sharma

Be it resolved to open nominations for the vacant Board of Directors seat on the Granting Committee.

A reminder of the committee meeting times was provided. Motivations were provided and the Board conducted a straw poll.

CARRIED

MOTION BOD 2014-09-10:06

Khan

Be it resolved to close nominations and appoint Sciences Representative - Deepak Sharma to the vacant Board of Directors seat on the Granting Committee.

CARRIED

7. Reports from Executives and Department Representatives

Vice President External Relations

- Build SFU – working with Ministry of Advanced Education and Build SFU on the levy matter. Seeking potential project assistance from the City of Burnaby.

- Government Relations – working on lobby priorities with President, particularly given slot for submission to provincial budgeting. Scheduling meeting with advanced education critic.
- Advocacy Committee – Reviewing Kopahi’s letter on Guard.me plan. Committee would be reviewing academic advocacy
- Working on Marc Emery debate. At-Large Representative Pearce was working with Vice President External Relations on a potential debate counterpart. Tentatively scheduled for 2015-01-28
- CPR – going through BASS documents. Build SFU and AGM motion would come forward. Issues Policies were also of interest and would be reviewed in the near future.
- Large Scale Consultation - revisiting consultation questions and waiting on decision at FASC on tablets to see if they can be incorporated into the consultation process
- Meetings with The Peak.

Education Representative

- Meeting with Education Student Association tomorrow.
- Clubs days outreach.
- Work on the Fall Kickoff Concert.
- Catching up on meeting minutes and other work.

Health Sciences Representative

- updated handouts for food bank.
- Ensuring that everything was prepared prior to departure to England.
- Working on semesterly work report.
- Clubs days tabling.

At-Large Representative Pearce

- Working on road trip promotion now that posters and tickets have been received.
- Week of Wellness fell through as a result of Convocation Mall being already booked out for Convocation – project has become Month of Wellness with events throughout the month. Reaching out with a number of organizations to encourage outreach.
- Working with Binesh on debater for Marc Emery
- Completed semesterly report and will email to the Board and staff list.
- Emails are still being received over the mental health first aid workshop. Membership clearly had an interest in the initiative
- Connecting student unions interested in initiating additional blood drives.
- Working on terry fox BBQ on the day of the concert.

President

- Work on the international student fee tuition increases. – work for ADV. Looking forward to the launch of a campaign on the matter.
- Open textbook – pushing the petition. Meeting with faculty association. Question hit senate and was well received.
- Has attended all standing committee meetings.

- AFAC - Continued to work with Executive Director on accessibility coordinator position. Continued work on wellness month initiatives.
- Assisting with clubs days and week of welcome outreach
- Work on Build SFU financing with the General Manager and the Vice President External Relations
- Preparing a submission to the All Parties Standing Committee on Finance
- Work on food bank Working group
- Staffing and support board members initiatives
- Organizing some appreciation events

Arts and Social Sciences Representative

- Week of Welcome – spent significant time outreaching to students on the open textbook
- Fall Kickoff Concert promotions.
- Interview with The Peak pertaining to Open Textbooks
- Working on summer semesterly report
- Attending committee meetings.
- SFPIRG meeting tomorrow
- Clubs days tabling and prepping for SASSquatch

Communications, Art, and Technology Representative

- First SFSS Shorts video released
- Board spotlights complete
- Working on d=signage for concert
- CMNSU Frosh presence talking about open textbook and concert
- FARM was looking forward to bringing the open textbook initiative to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committees.
- Food bank working group
- clubs days presence.

Sciences Representative

- Science Frosh occurring on Saturday and Sunday
- Meeting with the Faculty of Science curriculum committee for the Open Textbook Campaign
- Surrey Campus Committee met yesterday – Ideas Exchange Committee Meeting begin next Tuesday
 - Ideas exchange started last year as an initiative to enhance community at SFU Surrey. Attended by SFU administration, DSUs, students, and greater community members

Vice President Student Life

- Outreaching during Week of Welcome and Clubs Days
- Went to CMNSU Frosh and hoping to develop a more integrated frosh programme, considering the joint welcoming work and integrating student-led initiatives into the SFU welcoming experience

- Clubs Days – working with EPCOM and Communications Office on more interactive outreach opportunities online
- EPCOM – supporting members of the committee in completing their tasks and projects.
- Volunteering - Hoping to integrate the volunteering programmes across the organization into a single system
- Open Mic Night – brought in by the membership. Athletics have spoken to the opportunity for open night participants to sing at athletic events. Opportunities may also be present to put up banners during athletics events.
- Developing a SMART Template on a spirit rally for athletics. Soccer coach has agreed to support the development.
- Working on a proposal for community showcase – opportunity to showcase the talents of the SFU community and its many clubs and groups.

At-Large Representative Langmead

- Outreach - Handing out food - Assisted with an SFSS sponsored movie night. And ice cream
- Halloween Pub Night – building a community event by bringing in other stakeholders
- SAAC – spoke about upcoming events and encouraged them to be involved, generating interest from members to participate in Council. Open Textbooks petitions were also signed at the meeting
- Month of Wellness – working on yoga initiative
- Athletics – trying to get SFSS involved in the Terry Fox Run.
- Out on Campus – Hiring committee met for the midway probationary review without issues.
- GRID – ensuring timely elections for continued liaison work

Applied Sciences Representative

- Midnight Madness frosh – assisted with a number of events throughout the night
- Met with a number of DSUs
- Working on summer semesterly report
- Sent out a call out to DSU for the FAS Formal to begin preparatory work.

Business Representative

- Working on concert and BASS FSU
- Committee work

8. Reports of Committees, Representatives, and Delegates

Granting Committee

Working group establishing resources for making granting more convenient has been on hiatus and work would continue in the coming weeks.

Advocacy Committee

- Taskforce for Flexible Education has seats available and good opportunity to network with faculty and administration

- Report was being prepared on committee expenditures
- Interested in seeing athletics and Greek life representatives in ADV.
- CRPC will be making portfolios on the campaigns being run by the committee
- Open Textbook petition was well over 1300 signatures.

Events and Promotions Committee

Sign for future events would developed to indicate that the event was taking place on Unceded Coast Salish territory, which would require Board approval. May expand to all Society Activities.

9. New Business

a. Open Letter on Pearson Presentation

MOTION BOD 2014-09-10:05

Sharma

Whereas the Advocacy Committee of 2014-09-04 approved the attached open letter;

Be it resolved to approve the Open Letter on the Pearson Presentation for distribution to the membership.

Pearson provided a presentation to the Advocacy Committee. Upon discussion of the model proposed by Pearson, the Vice President External Relations was tasked to draft the following letter.

Clarification was provided on the mechanics of the release of the open letter. There was a desire to move away from the Issues Policy and the open letter was an opportunity to do so.

There was concern around the disapproval of mandatory student fees, particularly around the SFSS usage of such fees. One member expressed that the Pearson model being the short-term model was potentially desirable. However, the letter was based upon discussion at the Advocacy Committee.

CARRIED

b. Food Bank Programme MOU

MOTION BOD 2014-09-10:05

Escarcha/Amended Langmead

Be it resolved to authorize Shirin Chardaye and Rena to sign the MOU for the Vancouver Food Bank Programme

The MOU explained the workflow of the Vancouver Food Bank Pilot (ad hoc) Programme. The document had been vetted by legal counsel.

The SFSS General Office would continue to administer the programme and the 'screening process', which ensured that users had a valid undergraduate student number and have not used the programme beyond the maximum per semester usage of 3. As a change from the existing system, vouchers for Burnaby would continue to be picked up from the General Office, while Vancouver vouchers could be picked up from Nesters Market Woodwards. The General Office would continue to provide Nesters with the student numbers (only) of individuals who had requested the vouchers within a 24 hour period. It was stressed that the confidentiality of the users of the programme was paramount.

The CRPC requested that documentation be sent to the CRP Office. The Executive Director also maintained records of all signed documents within the Financial Office. Food Bank Working Group has been documenting all work and documentation.

10. Announcements

Reminder of the Student Services Meet and Greet on Friday in the Student Central area.

11. Notices of Motion

a. R-15 Elections

MOTION BOD 2014-XX-XX:XX

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Be it resolved to approve the changes to R-15 as presented.

12. In Camera Session

13. Attachments

Open Letter re - Pearson.docx

14. Adjournment 7:01pm

An Open Letter to the Students of Simon Fraser University

The Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) Advocacy Committee has declined to support the courseware sales and distribution proposal, as presented by Pearson Publishing Company on July 29, 2014. According to the presentation, the four largest textbook publishers would work together to standardize the e-book format to offer students full access to all course materials integrated into the learning management system, charging every student an automatic fee calculated on the basis of his, her, or zir classes, which would be administered once a semester along with tuition.

While interested in the possibility of providing a more extensive selection of electronic courseware, the committee found the proposal lacking in the following respects:

- It was based on an opt-out rather than opt-in model.
- The province of British Columbia already provides free electronic courseware, which professors may customize to their needs.
- The program may unduly favour certain publishers and influence the development of course curriculums.
- CANVAS may make some of the programs tools redundant.

The program was not been found lacking in principle because the committee supports providing students with less expensive course-ware materials; however, the committee does not support the proposed implementation of an automatic student fee. The committee has chosen to focus its advocacy work on providing better student services without an increase to student fees. Specifically, it is exploring programs that may provide similar benefits at lower cost, such as the BC Open Textbook program.

For more information please contact: vpexternal@sfss.ca

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Effective September 2, 2014, the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) and Nester's Market will engage in a pilot program, called the SFSS Emergency Food Bank Program ("the Program"). The SFSS will provide Nester's with 80 vouchers, valued at \$25 each. SFSS members who the SFSS has determined qualify for the Program will be able to use these vouchers to purchase food at Nester's on the following terms:

- The SFSS members will only be entitled to purchase food with the vouchers, and the conditions of use will be stipulated on the printed vouchers.
- Nester's agrees to train designated staff, who will be aware of the Program and its objectives, and agree to treat the SFSS members who participate in the Program with the same respect they would treat other customers..
- Nester's agrees to provide the SFSS with the used vouchers, as well as a duplicate of the sales receipt ,at the end of the Program.
- The SFSS agrees to screen Program applicants and notify Nester's of eligible applicants each business day (Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays).
- The SFSS agrees to pay Nester's in full for all vouchers they collect, no later than January 10, 2015.

The agreement is in effect only from September 2, 2014 – December 31, 2014 and can only be renewed by mutual consent of both parties.

Chardaye Bueckert
President, SFSS

Shirin Escharcha
FCAT Representative, SFSS

Rena Hood-Lundrie
Coordinator, SFSS

Mike Pare
Manager, Nester's Market

Susan M. Coristine 14-9-5 9:39 AM

Comment [1]: I assume the SFSS will be providing them to Nestors?

Susan M. Coristine 14-9-5 9:43 AM

Comment [2]: Is this realistic, or would weekly work better.

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Comment [3]: This seems redundant.

Susan M. Coristine 14-9-5 9:44 AM

Comment [4]: I had understood until this point that Nester's would have the vouchers, as opposed to collecting them?