

Call to Order – 5:38 pm October 24, 2014 | MBC Undergrounds

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. Appointment of the Chair

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:01

Bueckert

Be it resolved to appoint Darwin Binesh – Vice President External Relations as chair of BOD 2014-10-24

CARRIED

2. Roll Call of Attendance

Board of Directors

President Chardaye Bueckert
Vice President External Relations..... Darwin Binesh
Vice President Student Life..... Kayode Fatoba
Vice President Student Services..... Zied Masmoudi
Vice President University Relations Moe Kopahi (*late*)
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

Society Staff

Build SFU General Manager Marc Fontaine
Executive Director Colleen Knox
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Chief Electoral Officer Stephanie Munez
Senator – SFU Senate Student Caucus Barbara Szymczyk
The Peak Leah Bjornson
The Peak Melissa Roach
Business Administration Student Society Jessica Gutierrez
Business Administration Student Society David Chapman

Regrets

Vice President Finance Adam Potvin
Faculty Representative (Sciences) Deepak Sharma
At-Large Representative Jeremy Pearce

Leave of Absence

Faculty Representative (Environment) Tesicca Truong

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:02

Escarcha/Amended Bueckert/Langmead

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended

Due to guest presence, senate caucus and BASS items were moved to the beginning of the agenda. BASS motion was amended.

Added: FASC motion on Finance Office computers, BOD meeting time.

All reports from the Board of Directors and committees were struck, as was the motion for summer work reports.

CARRIED

4. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:03

Langmead

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Vice President Finance Adam Potvin (*class conflict*)

Faculty Representative (Sciences) Deepak Sharma (*volunteer commitment*)

At-Large Representative..... Jeremy Pearce (*out of country*)

CARRIED

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:04

Khan

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

ADV 2014-10-09

BOD 2014-10-15

CPR 2014-09-15, 2014-10-06

EPCOM 2014-10-01, 2014-10-06

EXEC 2014-10-01, 2014-10-08

FARM 2014-10-02

GC 2014-10-08

RAC 2014-10-10

Kopahi entered 5:48pm

ONE ITEM SEVERED

Langmead

CARRIED

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:04

Kooner

Be it resolved to receive and file the minutes of EPCOM 2014-09-24

POSTPONED TO NEXT BOD

Masmoudi

6. Discussion

a. SFU Senate Student Caucus Request

Student senators serve on the body of the university responsible for the highest levels of academic governance. As it is composed of members of SFSS and GSS, the senators are in a position to assist with student academic advocacy of the student society, through a shared vision of the Caucus, the SFSS, and GSS on improving the democratic process at the university and promoting student leadership opportunities at all levels of the university.

Issues arose due to the Caucus not being an SFU Senate mandated body, thus having only limited support from the university for outreach activities and the booking of rooms. SFU would support the caucus if the promotional activities is for senate at large, including faculty and staff, but the caucus was focusing outreach exclusively to students, which impacted the opportunities for the caucus to attain funding. Additionally, as the caucus was made up exclusively of elected officials, it was not deemed feasible to register as a club.

The caucus sought room bookings for meetings and tables for permission of student leadership opportunities. They are also requesting a token amount of financial support. The caucus was only sought for a year – any support would not be in perpetuity.

Questions were raised around alternate venues for funding and room booking, since former senators have had access to the registrars board rooms and GSS board rooms. The Caucus had forwarded the letter to the GSS as well, and had contacted Senate Services. The former was awaiting a formal response, and the latter had expressed issues around the scope of the outreach being limited to students.

Overlapping work with the SFSS Advocacy Committee was identified and the opportunity to fill the senate representative seat was extended to the senator.

Concern was raised around potential conflicts, as providing support for senate may cause concern around conflicts of interest in the future. Equal support from the GSS and the SFSS and the university was sought to avoid any future conflicts. The Caucus recognized the potential issues, and the caucus has been speaking to both the GSS and the University.

Funding was exclusively for the coffee with a senator and therefore was minimal. Due to differing responses, there was no exact amount requested.

The board recommended that the issue be brought to Advocacy Committee.

Bueckert, Escarcha, and Fatoba, as student senators, declared conflicts of interest and did not contribute to the discussion.

Szymczyk left at 6:04pm

7. New Business

b. Referendum Question – Business Administration Student Society

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:08

Langmead/Amended Bueckert

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) Constitution and Policy Review Committee approved the Business Administration Student Society (BASS) Constitution & By-laws at 2014-09-15 Meeting;

Whereas the SFSS Board of Directors approved the BASS Constitution & By-laws at 2014-09-24 Meeting contingent on approval at a BASS AGM without precedence or prejudice;

Whereas the BASS membership ratified the BASS Constitution & By-laws at 2014-10-14 Annual General Meeting;

Whereas Faculty Student Unions may be established by referendum;

Whereas there is a Referendum scheduled in Fall 2014;

Whereas resolutions may be put to referendum by a simple majority vote of the SFSS Board;

Be it resolved to approve the following question for referendum in the Fall 2014 Referendum:

Whereas the Business Administration Student Society (BASS) operates under the Simon Fraser Student Society to serve a membership consisting of the undergraduate students within the Beedie School of Business;

Whereas BASS executes events and programs for all concentrations of the Beedie School of Business such as BASS FROSH, BASS Mentorship Program, Beedie Olympics, and BASS Banquet;

Whereas the BASS Constitution and By-laws define BASS as the faculty student union of the Simon Fraser University Beedie School of Business;

Whereas the BASS constitution and bylaws have been approved by the SFSS Board of Directors on 2014-09-15 without precedence or prejudice;

Whereas the BASS constitution and bylaws have been approved by the BASS membership at its annual General Meeting on 2014-10-14;

Whereas BASS wishes to continue operations in an official capacity as a faculty student union;

Do you approve establishing the Business Administration Student Society (BASS) as the Faculty Student Union (FSU) of the Beedie School of Business as of 2015-01-01?

The following amendments were made: Faculty of Business was changed to Beedie School of Business. Reference to the SFSS was included in the first *whereas* clause in the referendum question to alleviate concerns around perceptions of the relationship of BASS, Beedie School of Business, and the SFSS. Date system was harmonized.

The Business Administration Student Society representatives were congratulated on their work.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

BASS Representatives left at 6:14pm

8. New Business Continued

c. ADV – International Student Tuition Fee Increase Letter

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:09

Langmead/Amended Bueckert

Whereas ADV 2014-10-16 recommends the following subject to stylistic and grammatical changes;

Be it resolved to approve the international student tuition fee increase letter to SFU contingent to removal of references to International Students Group,

referencing a coalition of international clubs, and Rahul Rajanala being referred to as a representative of the coalition of international students clubs.

The President distributed the final version of the letter – the matter had been a longstanding discussion matter on the 10% tuition fee increase being experienced by international students. At the end of August, a townhall was conducted. The letter was prepared by the president of International Students Group and was edited by the SFSS President to include statistical information.

The letter expressed concern around the continually rising international student tuition fees, as well as the viability of such tuition fee increases being used to address budget shortfalls. The letter requested a grandfathering clause (in practice at UBC, used at SFU in 2003), the establishment of a degree completion fund to support students who might otherwise be unable to complete their degree as a result of the increases, and a communication protocol to the community for all future fee increases.

International Students Group was deemed as inactive in the current semester. As such, they could not design and sign a letter of this nature. The Vice President Student Life had the letter cowritten by a number of cultural clubs, and then edited by Rahanala, who had been delegated the task as president of ISG. In a symbolic gesture, it was recommended to indicate that the letter was written on behalf of the international student clubs, alluding to ISG.

It was pointed out that the letter was substantially changed from the original approved at Advocacy Committee.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

**d. FASC – Budget Increase to Capital Expenditures for Finance Office Computer
MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:09**

Kopahi

Whereas FASC 2014-10-23 recommends the following;

Be it resolved to increase the line item Capital Expenditures 896/31 by \$6,100 from the unrestricted surplus for the purchase of new computers and a server for the Finance Office

The matter was brought to FASC multiple times however inquorate meetings delayed approval on the matter. The Office continued to utilize Windows XP computers. With the loss of support from Microsoft for the operating system, the payroll software was now having usability issues, and the operating system as a whole become a point of security vulnerability. As such, the Finance Office requested the replacement of the existing computers and finance server. In the future, the Board of Directors was requested to bring forward the final amount within the unrestricted surplus after a budget increase/decrease.

CARRIED

Opposition noted from Rogers

**e. R-14
MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:09**

Bueckert

Be it resolved to amend R-14 - Board of Directors Meetings, Agenda, Location and Package to fix meeting times to Wednesdays, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Concern was raised by the membership at the AGM that could be dealt with at the Board of Directors level and lack of awareness of such venues of resource may have been caused by continually changing board meeting times. Setting the time early would allow the board to consider the time in course registration and provide adequate notice to candidates for the Board of Directors in the future.

The time selected was considered arbitrary and there was concern around the limited consultation on the matter, along with committee meeting time overlap. Such matters had been under discussion by the Constitution and Policy Review Committee. It was requested that CPR be allowed to present their findings and recommendations at the board level.

A point of order was raised that the amendment of a rule required the prerequisite 2 weeks notice, which the motion on the table had not fulfilled. An additional point of order was raised that the item could not be amended at the Board level without CPR review.

There was concern around the necessity to provide a permanent meeting time to ensure that all members could participate.

REFERRED TO CPR

Masmoudi

Opposition noted from Escarcha

9. In Camera Session

f. Build SFU Financing

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:05

Masmoudi

Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera with management

CARRIED

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:06

Fatoba

Be it resolved to move the meeting ex camera

CARRIED

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:06

Langmead

Whereas the Build SFU project requires financing in order for the project to proceed;

Whereas work has been ongoing for approximately 18 months in search of an appropriate lender for the project;

Whereas the Build SFU Joint Steering Committee has made a recommendation to the SFSS Board of Directors regarding the selection of a preferred lender for the project;

Whereas negotiations with potential lenders are ongoing and confidential;

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors accept the recommendations of the

Build SFU Joint Steering Committee for a preferred lender and that negotiations continue with the lender;
Be it further resolved that the lender's identity remain confidential until negotiations are complete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BOD 2014-10-24:05

Masmoudi

Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera with management.

CARRIED

10. Attachments

BASS Package.pdf

Letter Regarding International Student Fee Increases .pdf

Senate Caucus Letter.pdf

11. Adjournment 6:58pm

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