

Call to Order – 5:31 pm November 5, 2014 | Forum Chambers

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 2014-11-05:01

Bueckert

Be it resolved to appoint Darwin Binesh – Vice President External Relations as chair of BOD 2014-11-05

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
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 illness
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences) Ayla Kooner
Faculty Representative (Sciences) Deepak Sharma

Society Staff

Build SFU Administrative Coordinator Sabiha Jukic
Executive Director Colleen Knox
Staff Representative
Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator..... Pierre Cassidy
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Chief Electoral Officer Stephanie Munez
The Peak Leah Bjornson
The Peak Melissa Roach
Council Chair..... Kathleen Yang
Member Crystal Rivera

Regrets

Vice President Finance Adam Potvin

Absence

Vice President University Relations Moe Kopahi

Leave of Absence

Faculty Representative (Environment) Tesicca Truong

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:02

Langmead/Amended Bueckert/Escarcha

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

*Due to absence of primary motivator, the following items were postponed to next BOD:
interfund transfer, clean energy investment plan*

All reports from Board Members and Committees/Liaisons/Delegates were struck.

IEC agenda item added.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

4. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:03

Sharma

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Vice President Finance Adam Potvin (*out of town*)

The Vice President Finance was in Toronto for an academic commitment.

SEVERED

Langmead

CARRIED

The committee was reminded that the requirements of AP-1 were being fulfilled, however, the Board still had the authority to accept or reject the ratification of regrets.

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:04

Sharma

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Vice President University Relations Moe Kopahi (*academic*)

TABLED UNTIL 7B

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The downtime related to the server upgrades prevented the Resource Office from providing the Board with the minutes for approval. They would be provided at the next meeting.

6. Appointments/Resignations

a. Committee Vacancies for Board Member

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:04

Sharma

Be it resolved to open nominations for the vacant Board of Directors seat on the Advocacy Committee and the Student Space Oversight Committee

Environment Representative Truong was on a leave of absence. When they initially left in September, they were still able to fulfill a majority of their mandated duties. As they were on a leave of absence at present, they would no longer be able to fulfill those functions on the committee level. Delays resulted in the matter not being considered until the present time.

Concern was raised around the removal of the Environment Representative from the BOD position in Advocacy Committee, as previously approved leaves of absences did not cause individuals to relinquish their positions.

CARRIED

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:05

Langmead/Amended Pearce

Be it resolved to close nominations and appoint the following board members to the respective Society committees:

Advocacy Committee – Rebecca Langmead

Student Space Oversight Committee – Deepak Sharma

A member indicated that fixed meeting times would have prevented such issues of Board members having to step down.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Abstention noted: Escarcha

b. Student At-Large Vacancies

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:06

Pearce/Amended Langmead

Be it resolved to open nominations for the vacant student at large positions on the following Society committees until 2014-11-19, for ratification at the following BOD meeting.

Build SFU Student Advisory Committee

Constitution and Policy Review Committee

Question was raised around the process of student at large appointment process, given the issues around the timelines and the potential for students not being able to continue on the committee. It may be more desirable to postpone the matter until the following semester, however the democratic process may be impacted by preventing students from being involved in a named position within Society committees when they were prepared to take on the responsibilities presently.

The Chair of the Build SFU Student Advisory Committee indicated that it may not be necessary for the committee to meet until the next semester anyways.

MOTION AMENDED

POSTPONED TO THE FIRST BOD MEETING OF JANUARY

Wallace

Opposition noted: Pearce

7. Ratification of Regrets – Continued

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:04

Sharma

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Vice President University RelationsMoe Kopahi (*academic*)

AP-1.14 were being fulfilled. Changes were being proposed to Constitution and Policy Review Committee to match current practices.

FAILED

The Board of Directors was reminded that a written explanation had to be provided by the President or the Vice President Finance to the individual being affected.

8. New Business

a. Council - Schools Building Schools Logo Usage

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:08

Wallace/Amended Bueckert

Whereas Schools Building Schools and the SFSS are two separate entities;

Whereas Schools Building Schools and the SFSS have no joint initiatives or events;

Be it resolved to refer the matter to Council for recommendation to Board on the type of initiatives the Council seeks between the SFSS Board of Directors and Schools Building Schools.

Although allowing clubs to utilize SFSS branding was regular practice, issues were expressed around the use of logos outside of SFU, where the SFSS has little to no ability to provide oversight. While the Board of Directors acknowledged the positive intention of Council, it was not deemed desirable to allow an external and fully independent organization to control SFSS branding applications, particularly when such status would allow the organization to conduct activities which may not necessarily be in the best interests of the SFSS.

Opposition was expressed around such a view, particularly given recent examples of partner organizations during the Fall Kickoff Concert being allowed to use the SFSS logo. Further, there was some desire expressed to promote the activities of an international organization which had formed as a result of the SFSS clubs platform, as had been the case for Schools Building Schools. There was concern around the advisory body's advice being rejected by the organization, which could potentially be viewed as the BOD not fulfilling its function in serving the membership. The inability of the Board of Directors to speak and participate fully in discussion at the Council level was identified as an area of concern, as such issues could not be brought up during the meeting. The Board was reminded that they were not precluded from providing their rationale and decision to the Council.

The Council Chair expressed that it would be good practice to recommend the item back to Council and request a discussion on the spirit of the request to the Board of Directors.

A Director questioned the factual basis of the Council's decision and whether research had been conducted on the matter.

As Council had provided the BOD with a recommendation, the Board was reminded that it was under obligations to make a decision on the matter.

MOTION AMENDED

It was expressed that the presenter from Schools Building Schools did not understand the legal implications of allowing another independent society to control logo usage.

A member requested that the Constitution and Policy Review Committee consider the relations between the SFSS and external organizations such as SBS.

CARRIED

b. Council - Levy Collecting Organizations Awareness

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:09

Kooner/Amended Bueckert/Bueckert

Be it resolved to task all board liaisons to levy collecting organizations (SFPRIG, Schools Building Schools, The Peak, Sustainable SFU) to report opt out information by November 19, 2015.

Be it further resolved that information be posted on SFSS website.

Be it further resolved that the Vice President Finance collect opt out information for organization that the SFSS does not have an assigned liaison to.

MOTION AMENDED

It was expressed that many members have been confused around the optout process for the Health and Dental Plan, and a common standard was requested by a director. However, such a view was opposed by others, given that the Health and Dental Plan was both internal to the organization and was a service as opposed to an organization. It was further expressed that a communications procedure had been developed over the summer semester and had resulted in higher than average optouts. Communication plan discussions could be conducted with the Vice President Student Services and the Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee

CARRIED

c. FASC – IEC Stipends Reduction

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:10

Bueckert/Amended Langmead

Whereas previous calculations of approved IEC stipends with the assumption that maximum hours would be reached by all commissioners and the CEO.

Whereas BOD voted to reduce IEC hours by 180.

Whereas FASC 2014-10-30:04 recommends the following;

Be it resolved to decrease the 901/25 stipend line item by \$2,600 (180*\$14.58/hour)

MOTION AMENDED

The Board of Directors was reminded that budget decrease forms were not received at either the FASC nor Board levels.

POSTPONED TO NEXT BOD

Masmoudi

d. ADV – Kinder Morgan Pipeline Stance

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:12

Sharma

Whereas ADV 2014-10-30 recommends the following;

Be it resolved to take a formal opposition stance on the Kinder Morgan Pipeline

The SFSS had already applied for intervenor status in the Kinder Morgan-National Energy Board [NEB] hearings. Advocacy Committee has requested that the BOD take a formal stance in order to inform the continuing work of the committee in the area, as well as any submissions to the NEB. The Board was reminded that the currently proposed pipeline route would tunnel through the mountain that SFU Burnaby campus was located on. Impact to the membership was highly likely through disruptions to transit and commutes in general. This would inform the submission to the national energy board and Advocacy Committee initiatives. Advocacy Committee had discussed the matter on principle as a number of campus organization would like to participate in actions in opposition to the pipeline and has invited ADV to participate on behalf of the Student Society.

CARRIED

Abstention Noted: Rogers

e. IEC – Question and Answer Session
MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:13

Khan

Whereas R-15.7 states "The Independent Electoral Commission shall organize and promote at least one all-candidates debate during the campaign period at each of the Surrey and Burnaby campuses, and, if possible, at the Vancouver campus";

Whereas the nomination period has ended and the Independent Electoral Commission has received campaign registration forms for only one side for each of the referendum questions;

Whereas the definition of a debate is "a formal discussion on a particular topic in a public meeting or legislative assembly, in which opposing arguments are put forward";

Whereas a debate cannot be held without an opposing side;

Be it resolved to allow the Independent Electoral Commission to host a Question and Answer Session instead of a debate for the Fall 2014 Referendum.

Concern was raised that the last minute addition of the motion did not allow the Board to adequately review the request made via the motion. Additionally, the Board may not have the power to vote on the procedures and the conduct of the Independent Electoral Commission. It was expressed that the Board may wish to avoid setting precedent of dictating the operations of an IEC.

In the previous year, the Society of Arts and Social Sciences referendum question did not have a no side registered, which essentially resulted in a question and answer period during the debates. Directors indicated that a debate would become a question/answer period if one side of a referendum question remained unregistered, regardless of decisions made at the board level. An alternative was put forth to suspend the policy, however this was not seen as best practice.

QUESTION CALLED

Khan

FAILED

Abstention noted: Khan

f. Strategic Plan and Priorities
MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:13

Kooner

Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors adopt the attached strategic plan and priorities revised November 5, 2014

The Board of Directors moved to recess for three minutes at 6:33pm, returning at 6:36pm

It was pointed out that the revised document was not attached.

A director wished to have a discussion on the previously adopted strategic plan and priorities. The hope was to review the strategic objectives, strike a number that had been completed, and refine new and existing priorities with a focus on ensuring that each department and each committee had clear priorities attached, and to ensure an equitable spread of objectives throughout all SFSS departments. Additionally, it was identified that Faculty and At Large Members had few objectives assigned in the previous round of priority setting. It was requested that members be identified specifically in the future to ensure accountability in the completion of objectives. However, disagreement ensued on the matter as the tasking of individuals may result in individual priorities being sidelined. Additionally, it was requested that a less restrictive environment (i.e. outside of the meeting context) be utilized for the development of the strategic objectives.

It was identified that three board members were not present, and one was on a leave of absence, which may impact the breadth of priorities that may ensue from such a discussion. The Board was reminded that it had the authority to dictate the overall organizational strategy and direction.

Given time limits, the Board of Directors would review the objectives offline. The President provided the board of a draft for changes as envisioned by themselves. A sample motion was provided to the committee, which referenced specific individuals, departments, measurable targets, and the board goals. It was expressed by the President that in moving forward, only motions which referenced specific board objectives would be included in the BOD meeting agenda.

Proposed timeline - One week for offline follow-up, and the revision of the document for submission to BOD for approval at the next Board of Directors meeting. Deadline was identified as November 12

The Executive Director would be asking staff to submit priorities and objectives as per the four goals of the previous strategic planning process as established by the departments. This would allow the BOD to review staff objectives in the development of their organizational vision. The BOD was reminded that any additional contributions, particularly by those directors who were not present, could be done at the CRP Office.

POSTPONED TO NEXT BOD

Bueckert

9. Discussion

a. Governance Reform

POSTPONED TO NEXT BOD

Fatoba

10. In Camera Session

MOTION BOD 2014-11-05:15

Wallace

Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera with management

11. Adjournment

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