

Call to Order – 2:30 pm January 7, 2015 | MBC 2296

The Chair announced that all members of the Board of Directors fulfilled their registration requirements pursuant to R-6 and R-7, as verified by the Executive Director.

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 2015-01-07:01**

Sharma

*Be it resolved to appoint Chardaye Bueckert as chair of BOD 2015-01-07*

#### **CARRIED**

### 2. 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 Student Services ..... Zied Masmoudi  
Vice President University Relations..... Moe Kopahi  
At-Large Representative ..... Rebecca Langmead  
At-Large Representative ..... Jeremy Pearce  
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 (Health Sciences).....Ayla Kooner  
Faculty Representative (Sciences) ..... Deepak Sharma

#### **Society Staff**

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

#### **Guests**

Board of Governors .....Devan Azevedo  
The Peak..... Leah Bjornson  
The Peak..... Melissa Roach

#### **Absence**

Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences) .....Ben Rogers

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

#### **MOTION BOD 2015-01-07:02**

Masmoudi/ Amended Masmoudi/Bueckert

*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended*

*The following motions were added: SFU tuition increases, Spring 2015 concerts.*

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**MOTION BOD 2015-01-07:03**

Kopahi

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

Bod-minutes-2014-12-10

EPCOM-minutes-2014-11-26

Fasc-minutes-2014-11-27

SCC-minutes-2014-11-18

**CARRIED**

**5. Unfinished Business**

**a. FASC – FBS Deficit**

**MOTION BOD 2014-01-07:04**

Langmead

*Whereas* FASC 2014-11-27:04 recommends the following;

*Be it resolved to increase FBS (Dept. 19) by \$24,642 (to account for its worse-than-expected losses) from unrestricted surplus.*

FASC recommended the request to account for the losses already incurred in the department by September 30th. A number of other items still had to be reallocated from unrestricted surplus in the near future.

**CARRIED**

**6. Reports from Executives and Department Representatives**

**Vice President University Relations**

- Pancake breakfast for Spring Week of Welcome was successful
- Semester report has been completed
- Senate approved academic amnesty for members to attend the Special General Meeting.
  - The SFSS will have to provide confirmation of member attendance for any instructors who request verification.
  - Students must inform their instructors in advance of their intention to attend the SGM.
- Excellence in Teaching Award committee has identified the finalists.

**At-Large Representative Langmead**

- Completed semester report.
- SGM Outreach has been the priority, with outreach to all groups the representative had previously engaged with for the Annual General Meeting.
- Build SFU Student Advisory Committee meeting on Monday.
- Planning to meet with GRID to discuss the impact of the SGM and their role at the meeting.

### **Vice President External Relations**

- Working with the Executive Director and Communications Coordinator to consolidate communications and advertising work and budgets across the organization.
  - Departments would continue to identify necessary budgets needed to fulfill their communication needs and these would be forwarded to the Communications Office for consolidation.
- Reviewed Advocacy Committee budget – line item remains healthy
- Writing and editing documents, including fall work report.
- Meetings, including townhall meetings at each campus prior and after the SGM
- Policy changes incoming to be reviewed by the Constitution and Policy Review Committee.

### **Business Representative**

- Working with BASS – elections were imminent.
- Beedie School of Business Deans Search Committee was hosting an open forum to hear out faculty and student priorities
- Beedie Student Impact Award Adjudication Committee has selected a winner to be announced at the Business Administration Student Society Banquet
- Begun work on Comedy with a Cause, SGM outreach, and spring concert.

### **Sciences Representative**

- Administrative work including emails.
- Significant amounts of reading relating to the Excellence in Teaching Award Committee.
- Looking forward to developing Science Undergraduate Society given official status.
- SGM outreach.
- Surrey gala incoming.

### **Environment Representative**

- Starting on Taskforce for Flexible Education work on a world café.
- Conducting a meet and greet for Faculty of Environment student unions.
- Programme review for Environmental Science
- Outreach to DSUs.

### **Education Representative**

- Emailing DSU and trying to maintain activity over the semester.
- Working on SGM outreach.
- Semester report work.

### **Health Sciences Representative**

- Angel Tree Project – all 75 mothers registered through Burnaby Family Life were assisted by the project, along with 10 low-income student families.
- Starting work on semester report
- Helping HSUSU plan a career night

### **Arts and Social Sciences Representative**

- Semester report completed.
- OpenCon report completed and distributed – questions welcome.

#### **Communications, Art, and Technology Representative**

- Meetings for FCAT Deans Search Committee
- Working on proposal to offset costs of audiovisual grants to the Student Engagement Fund, to account for tripled AV costs since 2014.

#### **At-Large Representative Pearce**

- Working on Events and Promotions Committee projects.
- Meeting with Health and Counseling Services to consider shared programming for the semester.
- Continued work on Comedy for a Cause

#### **Vice President Student Services**

- SGM incoming – VP requested that all board members reach out to DSUs and constituents.
- Upcoming spring concert – meeting SFU administrators, conducting artist negotiation, negotiating with various production companies.
- Translink work on the implementation on the Compass Card – considering the communication and implementation strategy at SFU.

#### **Vice President Finance**

- Met with Out on Campus and Women's Centre to discuss excess budget capacity
- Working with FBS on tabulating revenue and expenditures – providing data for SGM
- Administrative work including cheque requisitions.

#### **Vice President Student Life**

- Working on student engagement and orientation.
- Build SFU - working on strategic vision of clubs days – expo aspect being introduced, in recognition of the number of clubs on campus.
- A number of club constitution developments.
- Working with athletics to find space for clubs which need to use recreational spaces.
- Sex Week – SFU was excited by the conference opportunity and would be willing to fund speakers.
- SFU's Got Talent – will be streamed online.

#### **President**

- Strategic Plan and priorities
  - Approach in Staff Liaison Officer role
- President portfolio
  - Engagement with CUPE 3338-5 on the collective agreement bargaining
  - SGM promotion
  - Corresponding with English Student Union and History Student Union on Build SFU concerns.

- Platform and advocacy work
  - Continued advocacy work around international student tuition increases.
  - Preparing proposal to ADV regarding the the Lower Mainland transit referendum – mail in vote for transit infrastructure funding of interest to the membership
  - Working with the Sciences Representative on Surrey food bank programme expansion
  - Open textbook working group - SFU has officially adopted its first open textbook.
    - Spoke to the Dean of Library Services on potential continued expansion of such textbooks.
  - Discussed relations between Board and Council with the Council Chair.
  - Working on the National Energy Board submission.
  - Frontrunner women’s campaign school is being promoted through SFSS channels, with an application deadline of January 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7. Reports of Committees, Representatives, and Delegates

Granting Committee has met in the coming semester. Funds were healthy.

Executive Committee met in second week on December with delegated Board authority.

- Funding to support sustainable SFU on the referendum
- SGM agenda – amendment made from the Board motion
- Substantial debate, but little which was of concern to the Board.
- Endorsed the academic excusal request for Senate

#### 8. New Business

##### a. CPR – AP-1 Amendment

##### **MOTION BOD 2014-01-07:05**

Kopahi

*Whereas* CPR 2014-11-17 recommends the following;

*Be it resolved* to amend AP-1 as presented.

**CARRIED**

##### b. CPR – AP-9 Deletion

##### **MOTION BOD 2014-01-07:06**

Sharma

*Whereas* CPR 2014-11-17 recommends the following;

*Be it resolved* to delete AP-9

**CARRIED**

##### c. CPR – R-1 to R-5 Amendment

##### **MOTION BOD 2014-01-07:07**

Kopahi

*Whereas* CPR 2014-11-17 recommends the following;

*Be it resolved* to amend R-1 through R-5 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**d. CPR – R-17 Amendment**

**MOTION BOD 2014-01-07:08**

Wallace

*Whereas* CPR 2014-11-17 recommends the following;

*Be it resolved* to approve the amendments of R-17 as presented contingent on the removal of R-17.6 and R-17.7

**CARRIED**

**e. SFU Budget Increases**

**MOTION BOD 2014-01-07:09**

Kopahi

*Whereas* the SFSS Constitution identifies promoting universally accessible, high quality post-secondary education as a founding mandate of the SFSS;

*Whereas* SFU has proposed a 10% increase to international undergraduate tuition for the 2015/2016 academic year;

*Whereas* SFU has rejected all requests the SFSS has made to alleviate potential negative impacts of the proposed increase;

*Be it resolved that* the SFSS officially oppose the proposed increase.

*Be it further resolved that* the attached open letter be released to the membership.

*Be it yet further resolved that* subsequent public communication be based on the concerns raised in the open letter.

*Chairship passed to Kopahi to allow the President to participate.*

The SFSS had initially delivered a statement of position at the SFSS budget consultation meeting with the SFU Vice President Academic and Provost Jonathan Driver, which included 4 request:

- prorate all existing students
- freeze tuition fees for 5 years
- robust communication policy
- degree completion fund for those who could not complete their degree due to these increases

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, the SFU Vice President Academic and Vice President Finance responded to the statement of position with a letter of their own, rejecting all requests of the SFSS – including those without any financial impact.

In the President's own research into university consultation policies, a number of universities have significantly strong policies around student consultation. In particular, UBC policy requires the university to explain to the student societies where proposed tuition fee revenue would go. At present, the university has yet to adequately explain where \$4.5 million would be used.

Process of engaging the university has been difficult, as this was the first year in recent history given that Advocacy Committee has had Board of Governors representation.

Board of Governors [BOG] policy 10.5 requires consultation with students – all responses of the SFSS and GSS in writing are forwarded to the BOG. While the Society has missed the deadline to submit its concerns to senate, there was still time for the Board to engage the BOG, although the timing differentials between ADV, BOD, and the SGM would impact response time. The hope at ADV was to have as many students as possible attend the BOG meeting to voice their concerns with the way that the university has approached the fee increases.

The BOD has missed the opportunity to deadline to submit to senate. Submissions for the BOG meeting is at January 9<sup>th</sup>. The hope at ADV was to have as many students attend as possible. Timing differentials between ADV and BOD and SGM impact would impact the response time. Further submissions would still be vetted by the Board and a final complete package would be forwarded to the university VP Academic.

Although the international student tuition fee increase was not a strategic priority of the Board of Directors, a director indicated that minimal staff resources would be necessary to continue advocacy on the matter. As such, there would not be a conflict between the matter and preparing for the SGM. Additionally, a significant subset of the membership would be affected and have raised concerns through multiple channels to this effect. This included the international club involvement in discussing issues and drafting letters within the international caucus, the 80+ members attending the Council townhall with the SFU Associate VP Students, and the 15+ members at the budget consultation session which overwhelmed the time allotment for the session.

BOD has not yet formally opposed the increases, although the constitution and issues policies of the organization are rooted in affordable and accessible education.

In the future, the board may also wish to engage with the Senate Committee on Scholarships Awards and Bursaries regarding the degree completion fund proposal.

Prioritization would be necessary should the board choose to take a position on the matter, as it was not currently the primary priority of the Advocacy Committee or the Vice President External Relations. However, some directors indicated that there would be no impact on the current workload of the organization. There was a desire to ensure that the organization did not remain stagnant after receiving the letter from the university rejecting all reasonable requests. It was expressed that the proposal provides an opportunity for the organization to consider the way that the Society polls its membership for advice and opinions. ADV tends to be conducted based on the priorities of the individual members given the lack of a society-wide advocacy plan.

SFSS founding mandate is on accessible education and members have indicated that the increases will impact their participation. While directors may not agree with IPs on differential tuition, the process used by SFU was seen as problematic.

#### **CARRIED**

#### **f. Spring 2015 Concert Contracts**

*Chairship returned to Bueckert*

**MOTION BOD 2014-01-07:10**



Sharma/ Amended Langmead

*Be it resolved to authorize Zied Masmoudi - Vice President Student Services and Adam Potvin - Vice President Finance to sign contracts with artists for the Spring 2015 Concert.*

The event has been approved by EPCOM. Contracts were nearly identical to those previously signed by the BOD in the current term. The item would be brought to the Board soon for information.

### **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

#### **9. Announcements**

##### **a. Minutes for Auditing**

The Minute Taker would be circulating minute packages which had to be signed and initialed as per the instructions attached for auditing purposes. Directors were reminded that they could only sign for meetings at which they were in attendance. Assistance could be sought from the Minute Taker or the Financial Coordinators.

##### **b. IEC Website**

IEC website was offline – Executive Director was following up with the previous Chief Electoral Officer on the matter.

##### **c. Appointment of the CEO**

Council will be reviewing applications and interviewing at the Council meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>. BOD may wish to convene an additional meeting immediately after the council meeting which would allow the BOD to avoid an additional subsequent interview. To date, no CEO applications have been received.

#### **10. In Camera Session – Build SFU Financing**

##### **MOTION BOD 2014-01-07:10**

Kopahi

*Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera*

### **CARRIED**

Confidential documents around Build SFU had been circulated to the Board of Directors and the Build SFU General Manager has provided resources to allow all Directors to interpret the documents given timelines relating to project financing.

The preferred lender has allowed its name to be shared.

The Board of Directors considered methods to alleviate any membership concerns that have been raised.

*A further extension of the In Camera Session was conducted with management and directors only.*

#### **11. Notices of Motion**

##### **MOTION BOD 20XX-XX-XX:XX**

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*Whereas CPR 2014-11-03:03 recommends to BOD the following;*



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*Be it resolved under delegated BOD authority to add a clause to R-12 which reads All Board Meetings shall be set on Wednesdays from 2:30pm.*

### **12. Attachments**

CPR Policy Changes Consolidated 2015-01-07.pdf  
NOM 2014-12-22 Board Meeting Times.pdf  
[REDACTED ] Budget Increase From Dept 19 FBS.pdf  
Open Letter 2 re. International Student Tuition Increases.pdf

### **13. Adjournment**

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