

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order by the Chair – 3:02 pm

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this meeting is being conducted on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples; which, to the current knowledge of the Society include the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

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| 1. Vice President Student Life (chair): | Deepak Sharma |
| 2. President (ex officio) | Enoch Weng late |
| 3. Board of Directors Member | Larissa Chen |
| 4. Board of Directors Member | Hangue Kim |
| 5. Board of Directors Member | Curtis Pooghkay |
| 6. Councilor | Erwin Kwok |
| 7. Student At-Large | Tatum Miller |
| 8. Student At-Large | Ibrahim Hafeez |

3.3 GUESTS

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| 9. Melissa Lee | |
| 10. President, Education of Student Association | John Ragone |
| 11. Treasurer, Education of Student Association | Susan |

3.4 REGRETS

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| 12. Student At-Large | Stephanie Ly |
| 13. Student At Large | Kevin Kumar |
| 14. Board of Directors Member | Shipra Sharma |
| 15. Councilor | Pardeep Barn |

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION EPCOM 2016-01-26:01

Hangue/Curtis

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Discussion

- DISCUSSION
 - Add Appreciation Week Introduction

- Syrian Refugee Fundraiser
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Strike Motion 9.1
 - Add CJSF Partnership Motion

5. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

MOTION EPCOM 2016-01-26:02

Ibrahim/Hangue as amended by Larissa and Hangue

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Stephanie Ly, Shipra Sharma, Pardeep Barn and Kevin Kumar.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Discussion

- Late notice meeting

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION EPCOM 2016-01-26:03

Hangue/Tatum

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-12-18 as presented.

CARRIED

7. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

POWER OF POSITIVITY WEEK

- February 22-26th
- Power of Positivity week falls in line with Pink Shirt day and addresses bullying, which is a big problem in BC schools and work places.
- Negative affects leave individuals or groups feeling socially rejected or neglected.
- The focus of the Power of Positivity Week is to encourage students to think positively by providing them with creative avenues to express how they are feeling. Some examples are:
 - A gratitude board, in which students can write down what they are thankful for
 - Handing out Encouragement Post-Its that have personal hand written notes of encouragement
 - Free chocolate
- Tables will be set up in the AQ throughout the week of February 22-26.
 - The ESA has requested help from the SFSS seeking volunteers and Communication support
 - Branding
 - No financial help is needed at this time, as it will be covered through the ESA fund.
- A Collaboration Planning Meeting has been scheduled in the Forum Chambers on February 3rd and 17th from 4:30-5:30pm.
 - The meeting is open to anyone who would like to come.
- Larissa has volunteered her time to assist with communications and branding for the event.

7.1 MOTION EPCOM 2016-01-26:04

Hangue/Tatum

Be it resolved to provide communications support to the power of positivity week.

Be it further resolved to task Larissa Chen as the liaison as the event organizer for the power of positivity week.

CARRIED

****John and Susan left at 3:23pm*

8. UPDATES

PROJECT RECONNECT

- In partnership with Health and Counselling
- The murals have been approved and are larger scale than originally thought.
- The SFSS has agreed to pay for the print and providing the resource for booking space for the events,
- The focus of the project is to bring awareness to mental health as it helps with de-stressing.
- Deepak will contact the Visual Arts students to see if they would like to get involved.
- It was suggested that Salathial be looped in to contact the Vancouver campus.
- Deepak has been tasked with resending the proposal to the committee and with confirming the dates and times with the Committee.

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES SWAB DRIVE

- The Swab Drive will be taking place in the James Douglas Study Area on Wednesday, January 27 10am -3pm and in Surrey on February 17th.
- 11 volunteers have signed up for the event but the Committee is seeking more volunteers.
 - Recruiters will be there informing students about the importance of the swab drive.
- The goal is to have at least 65 students take part in the drive.

REVIEW FALL KICK OFF

- Deepak will be sending the Fall Kick Off report out this week to the Board and will be presenting it at the Board meeting on Friday, January 29th in the Forum Chambers at 12:30pm.
- A request has been put to the Committee to come and support and perhaps speak about the presentation.
 - It would be good to have multiple perspectives provided to the Board.
- The Committee has scheduled a debrief before the Board meeting on Wednesday or Thursday evening.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 CJSF LIVE MUSIC EVENT

MOTION EPCOM 2016-01-12:05

Ibrahim/Curtis

Be it resolved to approve the booking of convocation mall for CJSF for their April 7th live music event.

CARRIED

- The CJSF would like to host a free live music event on April 7th, 2016.
- They would like to book convocation mall and have the event as a free event showcasing local Vancouver bands.
- A beverage garden is also possibly in the works however CJSF would be in charge of the legalities and metrics of putting a beverage garden together.
- The SFSS has agreed to book the Convocation Mall on their behalf.

10. DISCUSSION

KARAOKE TUESDAYS

- The hope is to have Karaoke Tuesdays as a monthly event.
- The SFSS would provide administrative and logistical support.
- It was suggested to have it take place at Highland Pub, which would precede Wings Wednesdays.
 - A question arose asking the two events could collaborate to draw in more interest.
 - The Committee was reminded that the SFSS would like to have a consistent calendar and have an event every day of the week.
- The Committee discussed UBC's Karaoke Nights they held during the summer.
 - It was suggested that the Committee speak with their Student Union to get tips on how to run a successful Karaoke night.
- The cost to run the Karaoke Night would be minimal.
 - The project would require AV materials – use of the PA system, the drop down screen and a projector.
 - An MC would be needed, who could also be the person in charge of playing the song off of YouTube.
 - Advertising could be done through social media outlets.
- It was suggested to have a pub night special on Tuesdays to attract more of an interest.

**Enoch arrived at 3:47pm*

MUCH MUSIC EVENT

- The Much Music Event is slated for either March 4th or 17th.
- The Committee was asked for any volunteers or if there was any interest in hosting the event.
- Possible themes could be Justin Bieber pub night or a Drake pub night.

SPRING LARGE SCALE EVENT

- The Spring Send Off has been slated for early March or late April.
- The Committee has been coming across some venue roadblocks, being that there are not very many venues available.
 - The downtown venues are completely booked all semester.
 - Currently, the only location available is Convocation mall and the East Gym is undergoing renovations.
 - One concern for an outdoor concert is that the weather could be problematic, in that it could be raining and cold.
- One idea is to have simultaneous concerts taking place on the same day but different venues.
 - The Vocal Jazz and Choir have expressed interest in putting together a final concert, which would make it more a concert style.
 - It was suggested that the concert could be a mix of YouTube entertainers along with musical groups within the SFSS.
 - It was advised that because of the short time frame provided at this time, the clubs may or not be able to take part.
 - It was encouraged to take care of the venue issue first and foremost before deciding if we can have simultaneous concerts or one large-scale concert.
- Another idea is to have a day concert that runs into the evening.
 - Fencing would be required as well as security.
 - It was suggested to provide wristbands to allow for re-entry.
- The estimated budget for artists is \$4,000 - \$6,000 however because of the depreciating dollar, the costs could increase.
- Any interested parties can contact Enoch and a proposal could be written.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPRECIATION WEEK

- The event will take place during the last week of March or the first week of April.
- It will be a free large-scale event offered to the membership and will include:
 - Treat Yourself Tuesday
 - Carnival Day
 - Dunk a Board Member
- An informal meeting took place last week with another meeting to be held on Thursday, January 28th at 6pm.
 - Curtis will send out an email to EPCOM regarding details and quotes.
 - A proposal will be provided next week.
- It was suggested to extend the invite to the Vancouver and Surrey Campuses.
- 5 day event – last week of march to the first week of April free event

*** Stephanie arrived at 4:10pm*

NEXT MEETING

- Please send your schedules to Deepak to figure out a time for meetings going forward.

12. ATTACHMENTS

Power of Positivity Week Summary

Power of Positivity Timeline

13. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment –4:12pm

Power of Positivity Week – Summary

The Issue:

Bullying is a problem in BC's high schools, work places, and, yes, universities. Those affected by this problem are left discouraged or depressed and can lead individuals or groups to feel socially rejected or neglected. The sad reality is that this negative behaviour can be found on our campus and although it may not be overtly obvious that it is happening, it is, and that's an issue.

The Vision:

In light of the issue of bullying, the Education Student Association (ESA) wanted to host an event advocating for victims of bullying and supporting the Stop-Bullying Day also known as Pink Shirt Day movement. However, instead of just highlighting the issue, we wanted to create intentional and proactive solutions that reverses the effects of bullying. What followed was the creation of Power of Positivity Week.

Power of Positivity Week will run in the AQ in front of B9200 from February 22 – 26, coinciding with Pink Shirt day (Feb 24th), and will be all about inspiring students at SFU to think positively. Our goal is twofold:

- a) we want to stimulate as many students and staff as possible this week to think positively
- b) and we want to encourage students and staff through creative avenues so that people feel loved and valued (because they are!).

Examples of creative avenues could be having a Board of Thankfulness where students can write things they are thankful for, handing out Encouragement Post-It's that have personal hand written notes of encouragement on them and of course free Chocolate (or other dietary restrictive treats) because what doesn't say we appreciate you like free food!

The Invite:

You are invited to join the PoP Week coordinators to support the mental health of your fellow students at SFU. To make this event a success, we need volunteers, individuals who care about people and who have a desire to see SFU continue to become a space defined by positive thinking. If you represent/are a club, DSU or advocacy group, we'd love to partner with you and get your logo up on our list of supporters and sponsors. The ESA will be covering all current costs to make it as simple as possible for you and your group to get involved.

There will be two collaborative meetings where interested individuals or groups can come together to share ideas, discuss the issues and prepare for PoP week. The agenda will include discussions on creative ways to encourage and engage with students in the AQ, what resources and materials will be needed to make this happen, scheduling time blocks for your participation with our set up in the AQ, a short presentation on the issue of bullying, whether we should keep the "focus" days in the timeline/what that should look like and an open conversation around other

ways we might be able to expand our efforts while pertaining to our vision. You are encouraged to come to both meetings to stay in the loop with ideas and planning. **Please email jragone@sfu.ca to let him know which collaboration session(s) you plan to attend!** See the Timeline Document that has been attached with this summary for details, which can also be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HQGQFvzrIuhagZxWQ0TBk-1a82SaJqtc0tkhW8kv_fY/edit?usp=sharing

At these collaborative meetings, a schedule will be created for which hours and days groups and individuals would like to participate. If you cannot make the collaborative meeting times but still want to be a part of the schedule, email jragone@sfu.ca and let John know!

If you have any questions about PoP week or would like a representative to come to your group's meeting to present on PoP week, email John at jragone@sfu.ca.

I look forward to working with you all,

Sincerely,

John Ragone

President
Education Student Association
Simon Fraser Student Society

Power of Positivity Week – Timeline

Dates you need to know:

Collaboration Planning Meetings:

These meetings give us an opportunity to dream up creative ideas to engage students and to hash out all the details needed to put this event on.

	Date	Time	Location
1	February 3 rd (Wednesday)	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Forums Chamber
2	February 17 th (Wednesday)	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Forums Chamber

Event Dates:

	Date	Time	Location	Focus
1	Feb 22 nd (Monday)	10:30 am – 2:30 pm	AQ	Be Encouraging!
2	Feb 23 rd (Tuesday)	10:30 am – 2:30 pm	AQ	Be Thankful!
3	Feb 24 th (Wednesday)	10:30 am – 2:30 pm	AQ	Let's End Bullying
4	Feb 25 th (Thursday)	10:30 am – 2:30 pm	AQ	Be Encouraging!
5	Feb 26 th (Friday)	10:30 am – 2:30 pm	AQ	Be Thankful!