

Call to Order – 12:07 pm, October 29, 2014 | Executive Conference Room

## 1. Roll Call of Attendance

### Committee Composition

President (*chair*)..... Chardaye Bueckert  
Vice President Finance..... Adam Potvin  
Vice President Student Services ..... Zied Masmoudi  
Vice President University Relations ..... Moe Kopahi

### Society Staff

Campaigns, Policy, and Research Coordinator ..... Pierre Cassidy  
Executive Director..... Colleen Knox  
Student Union Organiser..... Antonio Daling  
Minute Taker ..... Dion Chong

### Guests

Management Consultant ..... Lindsay Thompson

### Absent

Vice President External Relations ..... Darwin Binesh  
Vice President Student Services ..... Kayode Fatoba

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

### MOTION EXEC 2014-10-29:01

Potvin

*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.*

*RHA Election matter was struck.*

*Social Media Usage added*

*Additional in camera session added*

*Discussion added for referenda question.*

### CARRIED

## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

### MOTION EXEC 2014-10-29:02

Masmoudi

*Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2014-10-15*

### CARRIED

## 4. Ratification of Regrets

The committee requested the individual chairs be notified by board members in cases where regrets were requested. Vice President Student Life and Vice President External Relations will not have their stipends docked by the Vice President Finance

## 5. Executive Officer and Staff Updates

It was requested that Executive Officer updates be limited to areas where discussion and collaboration were necessary.

## Vice President University Relations

Discussions are underway to consider areas of collaboration between the Highland Pub and SFU Security around resources for problematic patrons and for larger scale pub events. Liquor Sales and Consumption Agreement allows the university to bill the SFSS for additional security, which has not been exercised in the past.

### **Vice President Finance**

Concern was raised around the amount of funding being spent on what would likely be a referendum period with a single referendum question. The Vice President Finance was requesting that the Board consider whether additional referendum questions should be added through the Board level.

The Vice President Finance requested a discussion on the continued purpose of the Space Expansion Fund. Lenders for the Build SFU project are already aware that the Space Expansion levy cannot be utilized for the project. The Vice President Finance has considered changes to the usage of the Space Expansion levy, since the fund was not being used to its full potential. While some renovation projects were under discussion, the fund would never be exhausted. It was recommended that the entirety of the levy and therefore funding for renovations and repairs be shifted into the general fund, since similar activities were already being conducted through the general fund. The infusion of funding to the General Fund would be targeted towards initiatives such as allocations to the members equity to build organization resilience, student bursaries, and society operational expansion. Such changes may be more palatable should the levy be reduced slightly.

The Vancouver Giants has expressed interest in re-establishing a relationship with the Student Society that was lost a number of years ago. This relationship may provide for additional sources of funding and community engagement. A proposal for the matter was requested. Additionally, consideration of board priorities was requested.

### **Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator**

- Media monitoring services had been sought to support advocacy initiatives, as it would be desirable for all media relating to society campaigns to be made available to the SFSS. Advocacy Committee was to have a discussion on potentially funding the service.
- Governance report feedback has been very helpful
- Board priorities document would provide opportunities for the board to evaluate management, and management of staff.

### **President**

- Board priorities document would be circulated by the end of the day.
- Calendar invites for governance reform sessions – two sessions have been set up for the Board to attend to provide input.
- Stipends procedure work with Vice President Finance – will be developed to be incorporated into the procedure manuals of the respective positions
- Procedure manuals were due today. The President's procedural manual will include a redacted section to address staffing.

- Delivered letter on international student fee increases to the university. Expecting response in the next number of weeks. Advocacy Committee will have discussions on the continued engagement on the matter.
- Joint Operations Group meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> – Agenda items would be discussed on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Agenda items may include updates on Greek Life townhall, mandatory institution fee for material, and members complaints around demolition of low income housing and mould issues in Residence

### **Student Union Organiser**

Meeting with Annette Santos of Student Success, and General Office Coordinators. SFU Student Engagement Fund has already approved two grants for DSUs

### **Vice President University Relations**

Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee and Commercial Services Committee restructuring would be submitted to the Constitution and Policy Review Committee in the near future.

### **Executive Director**

- Significant time has been spent in working conditions meetings
- General Office work plan was being developed, as a General Office Coordinator would be away until January for health purposes.
- Both Women's Centre staff were ill – Kathleen Yang from the Women's Centre Collective has been the point person to maintain some services in the area
- To accommodate staff schedules, General Office and Copy Centre would be closed earlier in December.
- Deadlines for Communications Office and Copy Centre requests would be provided to the board
- Working with Food and Beverage Services and SFU Security in identifying procedures and opening door of communication to minimize risk to The Highland Pub and the SFSS.
- Awaiting details on the rotunda lease
- Finance Coordinator Kwong has requested that the Executive Director and Vice President Finance consider the continued relationship with Pasta Organico.

### **6. Discussions**

#### **a. Board of Directors Social Media Usage**

Recurring issues of Directors registering for social media accounts using SFSS emails were identified, particularly in instances where email invites were being distributed through SFSS mail list channels to the membership. Such activities had the adverse effect of spamming members and thus reducing future efficacy of society communication through those channels. It was requested that the board cease and desist from using SFSS email addresses for social media purposes.

The matter would be reiterated at the next Executive Committee meeting.

### **7. In Camera Session**

#### **MOTION EXEC 2014-10-29:04**

Potvin

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

**CARRIED**

**MOTION EXEC 2014-10-29:04**

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*Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera*

**8. Adjournment**

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