

Call to Order – 8:31 am, July 21, 2014 | MBC 2296

1. Appointment of the Chair

MOTION FARM 2014-07-21:01

Langmead

Be it resolved to appoint Tesicca Truong – Environment Representative as chair for the Faculty and At-Large Committee Meeting of 2014-07-21

CARRIED

2. Roll Call of Attendance

Board of Directors

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 (Environment)..... Tesicca Truong
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences)..... Ayla Kooner
Faculty Representative (Sciences) Deepak Sharma

Society Staff

Build SFU General Manager..... Marc Fontaine
Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator Pierre Cassidy
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Regrets

Faculty Representative (Education) Katie Bell

Absent

Executive Officer Moe Kopahi
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences) Ben Rogers

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION FARM 2014-07-21:02

Sharma

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ethernet cable discussion struck, Build SFU Discussion added

4. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION FARM 2014-07-21:03

Wallace

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Faculty Representative (Education) Katie Bell

CARRIED

Fontaine and Cassidy entered 8:35am

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION FARM 2014-07-21:04

Kooner

Be it resolved to approve the following minutes:

FARM-minutes-2014-07-07

CARRIED

6. Standing Updates

a. FARM Updates

Faculty Representatives were requested to reach out to Frosh Organizer and provide information on SFPIRG accessibility training.

Fall Kickoff Concert printing and distribution will occur in the next two weeks.

b. Week of Welcome Committee Updates

Committee did not meet in the previous week. It has been indicated through a number of avenues that the SFU 2014 Facebook page was available for the promotion of first year events including the various faculty and departmental froshs.

7. Unfinished Business

a. FARM Collective Goals

Discussion was postponed until the Board goals were ratified.

8. Discussions

b. Microsoft Office on FARM Computers

Action Item: Business Representative was tasked to acquire Microsoft Office for the FARM computer.

c. Build SFU

The Build SFU General Manager identified quorum at the AGM as a desired major goal for the Board from the department. In order to meet quorum and share project details, Build SFU communications were in development. There was a desire for Faculty and At Large Members to share Build SFU information with student unions and clubs. Liaisons positions and personal networks were to be leveraged.

250 were needed for quorum and 75% had to vote in favour of the special resolutions to move forward with a debenture, as well as changes to the constitution and by-laws to ensure levies cannot be reduced if it impacts the ability to pay off a loan. The change would be unalterable, to ensure that financial institutions had confidence in the organizations' ability to fulfill financial obligations.

Street team was recently hired, but additional support was requested from FARM representatives. Despite various strategies, quorum had not been met in a number of years.

Representatives were invited to attend the upcoming Building Committee meeting.

Fontaine left at 8:52pm

d. Transition to Undergraduate, Orientation

Faculty administrators in some faculties were interested in various methods of student retentions, avoiding students dropping out or changing faculties. A number of strategies were in place throughout the university

- Beedie has a set of first year business courses, with workshops and orientations, conducted between the Student Engagement Office and Business Administration Student Society
- SFU 101 was also a tool identified.
- Health Sciences had peer educators
- Athletics had mentorship programmes between the rookies and senior students
 - Health Sciences programme was based off of the athletics model
 - Potential of expanding the programme beyond the small-scale system.
 - A number of faculties had access to such programming
 - Communications, Art, and Technology mentorship has changed over the years and has swapped to an email based system

There was a desire for the FARM Representatives to focus on the welfare of students in the discussion on student retention, as opposed to economics, which may be a driving force for University discussions on the matter.

e. Vice President Student Life/FARM Flowchart and Relationship

POSTPONED TO NEXT FARM

f. The Future of FARM and Restructuring

A number of FARM Representatives and the Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator had a discussion recently on the incoming changes to the student union models. Relationships between the various levels of governance had not benefitted from a more complete discussion, and a number of areas were identified as redundancies resulting in a number of expenses. Discussions were necessary around the process of consolidating the various levels of governance. The development of the Code of Conduct also brought concerns of the efficacy of Council's current governance model.

The CRP Coordinator was planning the schedule a meeting soon to discuss the issue. FARM was requested to provide representatives for a principled discussion on the future governance model of the organization, and that individual representatives conduct research. There was a desire for the process to be completed by December. Contributions were encouraged from all members.

Action item: The Arts and Social Sciences Representative and Business Representative were tasked to represent FARM on the matter

FARM Representatives were encouraged to continue development of FSUs, and request buy-in from Department Student Unions.

Council represented the wider membership from the Board of Directors. It may be necessary to change over. Proportional representation had been identified as a concern in the past for Council. In order to allay such concerns, Council representation could be sourced from the FSU President and a number of members (DSU Presidents). The FSU would be the primary touchpoint for the membership on Council, but DSUs would continue to be involved through the FSU level.

Nearly all faculties were working towards the development of Faculty Student Unions. Resistance will provide a feedback opportunity and encourage voting. SASS in particular faced challenges to engage membership given the immensity of the membership. Proportional representation would be a concern within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences given existing Board structure vis-à-vis Council structure.

9. Adjournment 9:26pm

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