

Call to Order – 10:35 am, July 27, 2015 | MBC 2294

1. Appointment of the Chair

MOTION GC 2015-07-27:01

Yang

Be it resolved to appoint Deepak Sharma as chair of GC 2015-07-27

CARRIED

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

The Granting Committee acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, which included the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people to the current knowledge of the Society.

3. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

Vice President Student Life Deepak Sharma

Board of Directors Member Kathleen Yang

Board of Directors Member

Councilor Elena Jiang Su

Student At-Large Hermon Ephraim

Student At-Large Darren Lau (*late*)

Society Staff

General Office Coordinator Adrienne Marino

Student Union Organiser Antonio Daling

Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Dota2 Club Edward Ning

Regrets

Board Member Corbett Gildersleve (*volunteering*)

Councilor Jenna Kraychy (*out of town*)

Leave of Absence

Absence

4. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION GC 2015-07-27:02

Jiang Su, Amended Ephraim

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Camping Club discussion added.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION GC 2015-07-27:03

Ephraim

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Board Member Corbett Gildersleve (*volunteering*)
Councillor Jenna Kraychy (*out of town*)

CARRIED

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION GC 2015-07-27:04

Yang

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-07-20

CARRIED

Lau entered 10:39am

7. Discussions

a. SFU Camping Club Letter of Agreement

The Camping Club was largely inactive Fall 2014/Spring 2015 which resulted in issues of contacting members for loan repayment, as per discussions at the previous Granting Committee meeting. A draft letter of agreement was provided for the committee. It was expressed that one of the founding executives (Moe Kopahi) had been involved throughout the discussions on the repayment scheme, including the development of the LOA.

- Questions arose on the process to ensure that the executives would not just abandon the club and establish a new one—members not in good standing could not be registered in clubs, however that was a risk.

Ning entered 10:44am

- Repayment—the General Office was placing trust in the club executives to ensure that loans are repaid.
- The club was given latitude to decide how to fundraise for the loan.
- In the past, a Department Student Union has had their trust account reduced if a loan was not repaid. Similarly, clubs cannot operate with a negative trust account amount. Core funding allocations could be blocked for a number of years as necessary.
- Question was raised around the deadline selected, as 2015-10-30 was considered a fairly short timeframe. Balance was needed between giving some space to the club for fundraising and being firm in ensuring that the matter was resolved.
- SURO loans align loans with the end of the fiscal year. A similar system could be used by the General Office.
- It was recommended to bringing the matter to Executive Committee for a discussion on the repercussions on becoming a member in bad standing.

RECOMMENDED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ephraim

8. Grant Presentation/Consideration

a. Dota2/LANcouver Gaming Event

LANcouver is a third party event organizer, traditionally among the most well-known gaming events. Due to venue issue events have not been run over the past few years. Ning reached out

to the organizers and have set up a 72 hour event in the West Gym where gamers would be bringing in their own computers. The venue agreement has been signed. SFSS funding was requested for facilities costs related to setup and teardown (\$2,500 as quoted by Facilities). The Dota2 Club was a partner organization hosting the event.

The matter was brought to the attention of the GC given the large-scale nature of the event. General Office typically approves facilities charges for club events under delegated authority for smaller events. It was raised that Facilities Services costs ranges substantially, with a number of venues have a flat rate regardless of the number of tabling. The matter arrived late to the committee as a result of assumptions that the Facilities cost would be covered as per previous practice. For entirely club driven events, facilities costs are typically granted 100% by the General Office.

- As the event was occurring on SFU campuses, SFU Facilities had to be used for tables and seating.
- Attendees were estimated at between 200 to 300. Spectators were also likely. SFU students would receive a discount on attendee fees. The discount is contingent on SFU and SFSS funding.
 - Advertising for the discount was based upon the understanding that the Dota2 Club would be granted the full facilities amount as was past practice. The club was unaware that Facilities Services costs would amount to such a high cost.
- A number of SFU students would be volunteering for the event as well as participating. Many of the most active clubs on campus would be involved and participating in some way. These include both the Dota2 Club and the Collegiate Gaming Club.
- Given the length and nature of the event, questions arose around the signing of waivers—Ning had yet to review insurance coverage or waiver.
 - A risk assessment form was requested to be prepared by the clubs.
 - SFSS needs to be recognized as a third party within the event organizer's insurance.
- Question was raised around the issue of implied endorsement for an event organized outside the confines and controls of the SFSS.
- The external organization has been made aware of the SFSS requirements for grants, and the necessity for a breakeven event.
 - The General Office would only be working with the Dota2 Club for any requests.
 - The Dota2 Club is being involved in all conversations with SFU or SFSS.

It was requested that the organizers returned to Granting Committee at the next meeting with a formal proposal. However, the matter was considered time-pressing given the necessity to begin ticket sales, particularly at the discounted SFU tier. Media was being prepared and if the SFSS wished to have their logo on posters, it would be necessary for the grant to be processed soon.

Issue arose that the committee could not continue meaningful discussion without hard documentation and answers to many of the issues. It was raised that this was necessary to protect the student society and to ensure that the organization was being fiscally responsible.

A contingent grant was requested, however it was raised that the Student Society has provided grants in the past based on contingent factors, which have resulted in undesirable responses (

The following information was requested from the organizer:

- Risk assessment form being completed—forwarded by Student Union Organiser
- Detailed budget, including what the external organization is provide and what the club/SFSS would be provided
- Background of external organization and the responsibilities of the clubs involved
- Benefit to SFSS members, including details on the
- Waiver being developed for participants.
- SFSS being named as an insurance third party.

MOTION GC 2015-07-27:05

Yang

Be it resolved to grant Dota2 Club and Collegiate Gaming Club up to \$1250 each from the clubs grant line item for the LANcouver 2015, allocated towards SFU Facilities cost.

CARRIED

Ning left 11:28pm

Concern was raised that the issue pointed to a hole in the services provided by the SFSS, in that there was insufficient staffing to ensure that student leaders are adequately prepared for the granting process and in developing the material to request grants. This issue aligned with ongoing Executive Director and Executive Committee discussions on staffing within the organization and was noted by the Directors present.

9. Discussions

Granting Committee would not be meeting next week as a result of BC Day

10. Attachments

Camping Club LOA Draft 2015-07-27.pdf

11. Adjournment

July 27, 2015
Granting Committee
Camping Club Loan – Letter of Agreement

“Without Prejudice and Precedent”

In July of 2014, the SFSS Camping Club (the “Club”) held their major weekend outdoor event on Harrison Lake, for which they had carefully planned for many weeks. Revenue was forecast to come from sales of tickets and food, leaving only a \$500 funding gap for which they were granted money from the SFSS Club Grants line, G1220.

Unfortunately the event was hit with quite inclement weather, resulting in a significant loss of revenue. Where possible, food and equipment was returned for refund. However, one SFSS member was still left short by 602.88 (Receipts are with the General Office).

In September 2014, Granting Committee approved a loan in order to see the member repaid, but the loan was not activated.

Based on the attached, renewed motion, Granting Committee 2015/16 agrees to enable a loan for the outstanding fees, if the Club agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. A repayable grant for \$602.88 will be created from the SFSS Club Grants line for the Club to fund the repayment to the member.
2. To reflect the money owed, the Club's Trust account on the database, T4483, will be placed at negative \$602.88.
3. The Club agrees to pay the amount back in full by Oct 30, 2015.
4. Failure to repay in full will result in the revocation of the Club's active status.
5. Failure to repay in full will also result in a one-year revocation of the Club's Executive student status as “Members in Good Standing”, with the attendant loss of privileges.