

Call to Order – 11:30 pm, July 29, 2014 | MBC 2290

1. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

Vice President University Relations Moe Kopahi
Vice President Finance Adam Potvin
Board of Directors Representative Shadnam Khan
Councilor
Student At-Large Laura J. Angel
Student At-Large Arjan Mundy

Society Staff

Finance Coordinator Vanessa Kwong
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Regrets

Board of Directors Representative Katie Bell
Councilor Samaah Jaffer

Absent

Vice President Student Services Zied Masmoudi

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION SSOC 2014-07-29:01

Potvin

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented

CARRIED

3. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION SSOC 2014-07-29:02

Potvin

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Board of Directors Representative Katie Bell
Councilor Samaah Jaffer

Jaffer and Bell both had employment conflicts.

CARRIED

4. Updates

a. MBC Atrium Space Usage

Tenants had expressed concern around circular tables being occupied by single persons and staying for long periods of time. The committee was requested to consider alternatives which would replace the smaller tables while adhering to maximum capacity (which was reduced relative to the space available due to the atrium designation as a multiuse space rather than a food court). Additional signage without enforcement was deemed ineffective, although it may be prudent to consider larger signs encouraging sharing of tables.

Potential options included communal tables or potential of selecting mobile single-person tables. Concerns around the latter arose around reset of the space, which would require significant labour.

Community tables have been used in dining hall and in high schools and may be more palatable.

Pilot project could be conducted where conversation starter notes are added to tables to encourage conversation, however socialization may not be prudent in a dining environment. Shapes were considered – rectangular tables were generally used for individual seating while circular tables were used by groups.

Booths may be used individually due to availability of chargers, thus investment into power ports may be necessary, although there was a desire to ensure that studying was not occurring in the space during peak traffic periods.

MOTION SSOC 2014-07-29:03

Khan

Be it resolved to strike an Atrium Space Working Group

CARRIED

Khan, Angel, and Mundy volunteered to join the working group.

The working group may also wish to consider alternative uses for the existing Atrium tables, including conversations with Build SFU around the extension of the food court space into the student union building.

b. Higher Grounds Renovation Project Update

In the previous year, Student Space Oversight Committee approved a small project to provide meat-based soups at Higher Grounds and other minor renovations around additional equipment and power. Additional funding was necessary due to overages. Services were not expected to be operation until Fall 2014 given limited services.

MOTION SSOC 2014-07-29:04

Khan

Be it resolved to allocate an additional \$500 for the Higher Grounds Renovation Project.

CARRIED

5. New Business

a. Rotunda Wireless Access Point

MOTION SSOC 2014-07-29:05

Khan

Be it resolved to approve up to \$5800 to install 4 wireless access points in the Rotunda

Out on Campus and Women's Centre had requested more stable internet services within their space. During bus arrivals at SFU SFU, the wireless access points in the Rotunda area experienced surges in traffic and thus impacts internet services for the entire rotunda area. The Executive Director did not feel that the investment was prudent given the timeframe for the shift into the student union building in the near future. As SFU would be occupying the space after the shift into the student union building, it was requested to consider cost sharing with the university on the project.

POSTPONED TO NEXT SSOC

Khan

6. Announcements

It was indicated that the committee was comfortable with videoconferencing in for meetings.

b. Potential for Informal Project Timelines

Student Space Oversight Committee was responsible for the maintenance and renovation of spaces. Informal parameters may be desired around the disbursement authority of the committee without submission to Board for transparency and accountability purposes. Submission deadlines could potentially be set on all project proposals to ensure that all members were able to conduct reviews of all materials.

c. Vacant Atrium Space Update

Board in the previous year approved an agreement to share costs in adding an electrical panel to the currently vacant SFSS space, as the space currently shared an electrical panel with Bubbleworld. The SFSS was to share the installation cost with the incoming tenant, which would necessitate Student Space Oversight Committee approval of funding.

7. Adjournment 12:09pm

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