

Call to Order – 3:30 pm, July 30, 2014 | MBC 2290

1. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

Vice President Finance (*chair*).....Adam Potvin
President (*ex-officio*) Chardaye Bueckert
Student At-Large.....Anthony Janolino
SUDS Representative.....Prateek Sood
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Hi-FIVE Representative (*non-voting*) Tanya Miller

Society Staff

Build SFU General Manager..... Marc Fontaine
General Office Coordinator Rena Hood-Lundrie
Student Union Organiser..... Antonio Daling
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Regrets

Board Representative Jeremy Pearce

Absent

Vice President Student Services (MSO *pro tem*)..... Zied Masmoudi

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION AFAC 2014-07-30:01

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented

CARRIED

3. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION AFAC 2014-07-30:02

Bueckert

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets of

Board Representative Jeremy Pearce

Pearce had an unscheduled volunteer engagement.

4. Update

a. President's Update

SFU had a Physical Access Committee with student representation, along with a corresponding fund.. Students United for Disabilities Support was unaware of the existence of the committee or the representation. The President would provide information to SUDS to encourage liaising between the two bodies

Bueckert left at 3:47pm

5. New Business

b. Student Union Building Second Elevator

MOTION AFAC 2014-07-30:03

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Whereas BuildSFU requires a second passenger elevator to increase accessibility;
Be it resolved to approve up to \$200,000 from the accessibility fund to be spent on a second passenger elevator for BuildSFU.

A second passenger elevator, in addition to the 1 planned passenger elevator and 1 cargo elevator, was a potential option for accessibility funding as recommended by the Build SFU accessibility and elevator consultants. Elevators would be located such that they access every floor of the building, with braille within the elevator, two floor selection panels (to provide greater ease of access for individuals on wheelchairs), along with an auditory system within the elevator. The accessibility consultant would provide a universal design report within the week with a large number of recommendations, which may be recommended for AFAC funding.

The elevator was deemed a positive development for both students experiencing temporary and permanent disabilities. Funding requested as a general estimate on the baseline building costs and would cover the installation as well as the costs for the accessibility consultant vetting the plans throughout the process.

The mechanics of transferring the funds was discussed, since the accessibility fund did not have application forms and the Board of Directors did not have to approve fund usage. However, the request was deemed to be in line with the terms of reference of the committee and the fund.

Action Item: Build SFU General Manager would provide the committee with an updated cost estimate when received.

CARRIED

Fontaine left at 4:01pm

6. Discussion

a. Review of consultation with feedback forms, The Peak article, the blind walk

Consultation forms - Communications Coordinator indicated that the SFSS website had an anonymous feedback form and therefore it may be desirable to utilize and promote the existing system.

Action Item: Vice President Finance would follow up on promotions of the form and usage for accessibility issue identification purposes

The Blind Walk – made the front page of The Peak. Janolino was credited for bringing up the idea. There was a desire to lobby SFU to follow through on the improvements identified during the event. Follow-up articles could potentially be submitted.

Action Item: Pearce would follow up with The Peak on subsequent articles including photos of identified accessibility issues on campus.

SFU President Petter was concerned around participation in publicity stunt without any tangible immediate results. Recommendations were also made to contact SFU Facilities Services and the Centre for Students with Disabilities, given their past participation in the matter.

b. Progress on mental health workshop and teaming up with SFPIRG for sensitivity training workshop

SFPIRG was also conducting a sensitivity workshop. Pearce was conducting discussions with SFPIRG on their training. The Fall Kickoff Concert working group had contacted the Student Union Resource Office on increasing accessibility of the event through accessibility funding. There was a desire for training to be provided to the concert volunteers with a focus on identified accessibility issues, potentially led by Janolino. The Working Group would provide the committee with a proposal.

Action item: Vice President Finance would look into the creation of an Accessibility Fund request form.

Next AFAC meeting was scheduled for 2014-08-22 at 3:30pm

7. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

To: Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee
From: Marc Fontaine, General Manager, Build SFU
Date: July 22, 2014
Subject: Student Union Building Elevators

In April 2014, the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee approved funding for an accessibility consultant to work with the architects of the student union building (SUB) to ensure that the building is designed to be as accessible as possible for all users.

Part of the committee's desire at that time was for the architects and design team to identify areas where the accessibility fund could be used to enhance accessibility in the building beyond basic building code requirements. Although work in this area is ongoing, a passenger elevator has been suggested for funding through the accessibility fund.

The SUB is being designed as a five-storey building with main entrances at Convocation Mall and via a pedestrian bridge from the AQ South Concourse. Many students will enter the building and only need to travel one or two floors up or down. Therefore, many students will make use of the building's prominent staircase.

Although one passenger elevator was initially planned in addition to a service elevator, the architects now recommend that the building include two passenger elevators. The second passenger elevator will provide enhanced accessibility through the building for all users including those who use wheeled mobility devices such as scooters and wheelchairs. Wait times will be reduced during peak hours.

The committee should be aware that an elevator consultant was retained to conduct a transportation study and advise the design team as to the requirements for elevators in the building. Unfortunately, in my opinion the consultant used unreasonably high estimates to calculate the number of building occupants who will use the elevators at peak times. The report indicates that 695 people will use the elevators per hour, 56 of whom will be disabled. Based on personal observation of elevator usage on the Burnaby campus,

including the passenger elevators in the MBC, I believe this estimate is much too high and that the report provides does not provide useful information in this regard. Therefore, I suggest that its results are not of value to this discussion.

The Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee is in a position to consider providing funding for the second passenger elevator in the SUB. By providing two passenger elevators rather than one, the building will be more accessible for all students, but especially those who have difficulty using stairs.

The estimated cost for a passenger elevator in this building is \$180,000.