

Call to Order – 3:30 pm, March 17, 2015 | MBC 2290

1. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

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

Society Staff

Student Union Organiser..... Antonio Daling
Minute Taker Dion Chong
General Office Coordinator Adrienne Marino
Build SFU General Manager..... Marc Fontaine

Guests

Regrets

Absent

SUDS Representative.....Prateek Sood
Vice President Student Services Zied Masmoudi

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION AFAC 2015-03-17:01

Bueckert

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Miller entered at 12:13pm

3. New Business

a. Say Hi SFU

MOTION AFAC 2015-03-17:02

Pearce/Amended Pearce

Be it resolved to that Say-HI SFU be granted permission to print nametags from the approved Hi-FIVE Mental Health week budget.

Say Hi SFU was a mental health campaign which had been conducted by the Student Society in the past.

The committee was warned that the Communications Coordinator will be departing the organization, and the Communications Office would be at capacity given various other Society initiatives and limited hours allocated to the Communications Assistant position. Given the limited communications, the social media aspect of the event may not be feasible.

The committee was reminded that a previous iteration of the event did not achieve similar levels of success as a result of timing

Opportunity existed to collaborate with Hi-FIVE and integrate the project within the Mental Health week, which would reduce costs and enhance the event.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

b. Student Union Building Automatic Doors

MOTION AFAC 2015-03-17:03

Pearce

Be it resolved to grant up to \$24,000 to provide 8 automatic door openers for the new student union building

While the costs for the automatic doors qualified as an accessibility expense, this was also a requirement under the building code, which would bring issues of whether the funding would be sourced from the Accessibility Fund or from the Build SFU project fund itself. It was felt that, if the cost was simply necessary to keep the building to code, this was not seen as appropriate for AFAC to fund. This point was particularly important as the fund's purpose was to enhance buildings beyond code, as opposed to funding base building requirements. This was a slippery slope that the committee members did not wish to face.

Construction plans for the student union building were now 100% complete, with many accessibility enhancements planned to be built into the building which could not be quantified separately from the construction costs of the base building, such as the cost of building the floor vs. cost of building in the trench for tactile strips, or the installation of the assistance button within wheelchair accessible bathroom stalls vs the total cost of the bathroom construction. While a renovation would generate an invoice with a concrete cost, a renovation was very different from a new build. Any estimate provided by Build SFU would not be highly accurate, as not all costs are itemized.

The request for funding was for an easily quantifiable cost accessibility cost which would enhance accessibility without impacting the budget to install the full breadth of features available to the building. The Committee could consider a contribution of a flat amount to the SUB meant to cover hidden costs of accessibility measures within the building. It was felt that this was a first step to ensuring a more accessible campus for the student community, and that ideally building code would ensure that all buildings are at maximum accessibility.

Action Item: The Build SFU General Manager was requested to provide a list of accessibility enhancements for potential funding from the Fund in collaboration with the Accessibility Consultant.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

c. Special General Meeting—Stenography

Approved via email.

4. Discussions

a. Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee Streamlining

2 board meetings ago, the Vice President Finance put forward a motion to eliminate the Accessibility Levy, with the idea of accessibility within SFSS spaces within Student Space Oversight Committee and Advocacy Committee. This includes targeted funding for Hi-FIVE. The Vice President Finance felt that this was an opportunity to consolidate accessibility concerns within existing structures, such as Student Space Oversight Committee for space related accessibility issues, and the Advocacy Committee for university advocacy for greater accessibility. This spawned from concerns around the sheer amount being collected by the fund in relation to the total expenditures by the committee over the last number of years, along with

the limited space jurisdiction within the university that the Student Society could renovate. Lobbying the university for changes has also been mixed in results.

A member expressed that AFAC efficacy was seen as largely determined by the committee composition, and that the lack of expenditures may be linked to lack of imagination in where the funding could go and how accessibility could be approved within the organization. Build SFU Student Union Building accessibility enhancements were one of many options— the fund may be needed in the future to further enhance the building. The General Office has considered the possibility of using AF funding to access musical instrument rentals—enhancing mental health, reducing stress, participation in the community.

Dissolving the fund may simply limit the possible solutions for accessibility available to the Society. The Committee was reminded that the mandate for the fund was beyond space renovations. The Committee has the opportunity to enhance SFSS events and the member experience, as well as outreach on the matter to enhance campus inclusivity.

It was felt that the Society has failed to provide outreach, as well as services beyond the accessibility realm. For example, ASL interpretation isn't provided at meetings, videos are unavailable for visually impaired, and the SFSS website is inaccessible for visually impaired students. This would be an increasingly important area of service to the membership.

The proposed accessibility project worker remains an opportunity to enhance awareness of campus accessibility challenges, support for SUDS (which has faced a consistent lack of institutional support), and review areas for accessibility improvements in the Society A project worker could provide for proper, thorough, and proactive outreach to members, as well as providing education and workshops on accessibility needs to the membership.

This would alleviate the issues associated with having SUDS related matters handled under the auspice of an overtaxed Student Union Resource Office.

Concern had been raised by the Executive Committee around the permanence of a position, which was why the position had been classified as a project worker, with an opportunity to expand the mandate and change classification after the first year. It was expressed that the SFSS currently lacked the expertise to review club and student union events to propose enhancements to make the community more inclusive. This would provide the Society with a year to determine the value of the accessibility enhancements that such a position could provide. Finally, the position would be able to offer recommendations on possible expenditures necessary for the organization.

Action Item: The Vice President Finance was tasked to revisit the accessibility project worker. They indicated that this would be pushed to the next EXEC.

It was expressed that students should have the opportunity to participate without having to worry about the hassle of having to request accessibility support for each project. It was seen as ironic that the initial proposal of the project worker position was rejected by EXEC in citing Janolino and Pearce's work, when neither individuals could dedicate the time at present. The General Office Coordinator indicated that the exponential rate of student union and club activities will continue, and this position would become of ever greater value.

Recommendation: Continued AFAC funding for accessibility grants.

The accessibility audit mandate was included within the Job Description for the position.

b. Accessibility Fund Referendum Motion Proposed by BOD

Concern was raised in regards to the hasty addition of the referendum motion to the Board agenda, as well as the lack of documentation made available to the membership in support of the motion. A member expressed that they had minimal time to even be present at the meeting to defend the accessibility fund.

The Vice President Finance acknowledged the short notice given to the membership and indicated that they had forgotten about the BOD agenda timelines. The research conducted around the fund was based purely upon financial information. They apologized for providing short notice on the issue.

A member saw this as a larger issue of proper research and due diligence being completed by the Board, especially given the issues with the Schools Building Schools levy revocation question proposed at BOD, where similar issues of documentation and notice were missing.

It was recommended that the committee prioritize project worker funding and Hi-FIVE initiative funding for the next year.

Action Item: Student Union Organiser would circulate the motions approved by AFAC over the past number of years to inform discussions at next AFAC in changing the fund.

5. Announcements

Massages and puppies have been booked on all three campuses. PADS cannot provide dogs, thus SFU Health and Counseling Services staff will provide their own dogs.

6. Attachments

Accessibility Project Assistant JD_2014 ck 11182014

7. Adjournment 1:00pm

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MEMORANDUM

To: Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee
From: Marc Fontaine, General Manager, Build SFU
Date: March 11, 2015
Subject: Student Union Building Automatic Doors

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.

As a result of funding provided last year by the committee, over the past 12 months the SFSS has engaged an accessibility consultant who has conducted two accessibility workshops with SFU students. Thereafter, the consultant provided an Accessible Design Criteria Manual which offered guidance to the design team as they designed the building. Please take a look at the report at buildsfu.ca > Get Informed > Access & Inclusion in the SUB.

Because the design team has been able to incorporate accessibility-related features into the design from an early stage, it is difficult to separate and define the cost of these enhancements. However, one aspect of building design that is most often associated with accessibility is automatic doors. I have been asked to provide an outline for the committee of the automatic doors that are planned for this building.

The SUB will be a five-storey building with main entrances at Convocation Mall and via a pedestrian bridge from the AQ South Concourse. There will also be many other entrances and exits to and from this building given its location, connections to surrounding buildings, and terraced design.

Eight doors are being designed with automatic openers and they are all on the exterior:

# of doors	Location
1	1000 level, south side, to Science Road and passenger drop-off
1	2000 level, east side, to an exterior walkway and the chemistry building
2	3000 level, north side, to Freedom Square (two automatic doors with a vestibule in between)
2	4000 level, east side, to a pedestrian bridge and the AQ South Concourse (two automatic doors with a vestibule in between)
1	4000 level, west side, to a pedestrian bridge and the Highland Pub patio
1	5000 level, east side, to a pedestrian bridge and the AQ Gardens

The relevant building code dictates that buildings which are over 5000 square metres and which are designated as “assembly occupancy” must include power-operated doors that are in an accessible path of travel at the exterior accessible entrances. Furthermore, if a walkway or pedestrian bridge connects two accessible storeys in different buildings, the path of travel from one storey to the other storey by means of the walkway or bridge shall be accessible. This means that all of these doors are required by building code to be automatic.

The cost of adding an automatic door opener is estimated at \$3,000 per door where the door is already being designed to be electrified (for example, to provide for card readers or security monitoring equipment). All of these doors will be electrified. **The additional cost of providing eight automatic door openers is estimated at \$24,000.**

I welcome a discussion at the upcoming committee meeting where members can decide whether to provide funding from the Accessibility Fund for these automatic door openers. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me.

Say Hi SFU!

What: The Say HI SFU campaign was started in 2012 by At - Large representative *Karanvir Tharia*. It is a week long campaign that takes place on all our satellite campuses. It is a campaign that intends to bring mental wellness and create a positive learning space on campus before final examinations begin.

How: Our model is very simple, and straightforward. We request each and every student at SFU to participate, they simply need to pick up a name tag from one of many landmarks around SFU and have it on while on campus for the entire week. Furthermore student leaders, and SFU administrators will be contacted to participate as well. These leaders and administrators will act as role models for the General Student body, in addition to further encourage students to participate. Unlike previous years, the Say Hi SFU campaign will be having a large social media presence throughout the week as well. We intend to have the support of local social media avenues such as "Humans of SFU" and "SFU Confessions" who would be doing daily 'feature stories' on what is taking place on mental wellness and positive learning spaces.

Why: We firmly believe that adolescents and mature adults in post secondary are very intelligent and hardworking students. However a barrier towards the success of these hardworking and intelligent students is the stressful environment our campus becomes during exam period. The Say Hi SFU campaign is very simple and straightforward way to reduce the stressors students face leading up to exam period and create a positive learning environment.

When: We would request this to take place during Tuesday March 24th to Friday March 27th. We find that this is the most optimal time period to have the Say HI SFU campaign, as membership engagement will be very high due to the concert that will be taking place on March 20th. In addition this will be week 12 of the academic calendar year, which is another reason to have the campaign during this specific time period as students have time to actually engaged with this initiative.

Our request for AFAC is \$300 for the cost of printing name tags from the SFSS copy centre.