

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 2:33 pm

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that this meeting is being conducted on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples; which, to the current knowledge of the Society include the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Vice President External Relations (chair): Kathleen Yang
President (ex officio) Enoch Weng
Vice President Student Life Deepak Sharma
Vice President University Relations Brady Yano
Councilor Erwin Kwok
Councilor.....
Board of Directors Representative Christine Dyson
Board of Directors Representative..... Arr Farrah
Board of Governors Representative Deven Azevedo
Out of Campus Representative
Senate Representative Arjan Mundy
Student At-Large John Ragone
Student At Large Muhsin Suleiman
Women’s Centre Representative Anjali Biju
Minute Taker Carmela Frouws

3.2 REGRETS

3.3 GUESTS

Christian Avendano

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION ADV 2016-01-06:01

Deven/Muhsin

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

5. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

MOTION ADV 2016-01-06:02

Arr/Deepak

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Brady Yano

CARRIED

Discussion

- Brady is tabling for the open textbook campaign

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION ADV 2016-01-06:03

Erwin/Deepak

Be it resolved to approve the minutes from: 2015-12-10

AdvocacyCommittee_2015-12-10

CARRIED

Abstention - Anjali

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Open Textbook Campaign – The campaign is on now and if anyone can help out with tabling, please sign up at the Board office.

8. DISCUSSION

NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD ORAL SUMMARY PRESENTATION (JANUARY 22)

The SFSS hired someone to create a written and oral argument to the NEB on behalf of the Simon Fraser Student Society and will be presenting the oral presentation in the morning of January 22.

A couple of the concerns highlighted in the presentation are climate change and the safety risk. Kathleen will forward the draft out to the committee members once she receives it.

The Committee members would like to organize a presence outside of the hotel to show solidarity in opposition of the pipeline.

The meeting will be taking place at the Delta Burnaby Hotel on Dominion Street.

Some options for transporting everyone to the location:

- 1) *Rent a bus to pick everyone from a central location and transport to and from the hotel.*
 - *Kathleen would need to submit an application to request a quote.*
 - *If the cost is reasonable then Kathleen would then submit a motion at the next meeting to get approval for the bus cost.*
 - *It was suggested to also include the community surrounding SFU, as they would be impacted by the pipeline as well.*

- 2) *Everyone meets at a central location and will use public transit to get to the location. Everyone will then walk together to the hotel as a show of solidarity.*

The Committee members were urged to get the word out to their networks via Social Media to gain support and awareness for the rally. It was suggested to the committee to host an awareness event the Thursday night before the meeting to make signs and have presenters come to speak about the concerns regarding the potential pipeline. The Committee was urged to have a prepared speech ready in case they get to speak with the media.

NEXT STEPS FOR SCHOOLS BUILDING SCHOOLS

Muhsin sent out a document, Kathleen will make revisions to it and will make a motion recommending to the Board to revoke the levy. SBS has been notified.

MANDATORY ABORIGINAL ISSUES COURSE AT SFU

Kathleen emailed out links to everyone regarding a mandatory Indigenous studies course before graduating.

The University of Winnipeg has approved the new requirement and will be taking effect for all new students beginning in 2016–17 and will not affect graduation requirements for current students.

How do you feel about having a mandatory aboriginal education course implemented at SFU?

- *It promotes Indigenous education and will help assist people with a better understanding of the history.*
- *A question arose asking if the course would be free seeing as it is a mandatory course. It was speculated that students would still need to pay for the course themselves.*
- *Is there a way to make the course free? Perhaps it could be considered as a humanities course.*
- *The education faculty just had funding approved from the Canadian Engagement Fund and is working with the First Nations Community from the Lower Mainland. The funding will focus on community consultations, collaboration partnership developing websites, teaching more educational community history and building relationships between faculty members and more aboriginal people through the aboriginal guest speaker program through the faculty of education program. They are looking for ways for this to be free to students.*
- *This would fall in line with the other option to indigenize courses by bringing in the First Nations Community and can teach the students about the issues and the culture in these courses.*
- *The First Nations Student Association is an on campus organization under the SFSS umbrella. It was suggested that they be approached to ask if they would like to come and speak on the potential mandatory course.*

The Committee expressed their interest in more information for the course and feel that it would be beneficial to everyone.

8.1 SUSTAINABLE SFSS CAMPAIGN – WATER BOTTLES

MOTION ADV 2016-01-06:04

Deepak/Deven

Be it resolved to approve \$146.46 from line 820/20 for the tax on the blender bottles for the Sustainable SFSS Campaign.

CARRIED

9. ATTACHMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at: 3:24 pm