

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 2:30pm

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:Kathleen Yang
President (ex officio) Enoch Weng
Vice President Student Life Deepak Sharma
Board of Directors Representative Christine Dyson
Board of Directors Representative (chair)Arr Farah
Board of Governors Representative Deven Azevedo
Councilor.....Paula Choudhury
Councilor..... Sarah Heim
Out of Campus Representative Kiera Porisky
Senate Representative Paul Hans
Student At-Large
Student At LargeMuhsin Suleiman
Women’s Centre Representative Anjali Biju
Minute Taker Carmela Frouws

3.2 REGRETS

Vice President University Relations Brady Yano
CouncilorErwin Kwok

3.3 GUESTS

3.4 ABSENT

Councilor..... Erik Hedekar

4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

MOTION ADV 2016-02-24:01

KATHLEEN/DEEPAK

Be it resolved to appoint Arr Farah as the temporary chair for February 24, 2016

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION ADV 2016-02-24:02

DEVIN/MUHSIN

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

DISCUSSION

- New Business – add two motions from Kathleen: Post your Change and Alliance Against Change.

*****Pierre Cassidy arrived at 2:37pm***

6. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

MOTION ADV 2016-02-24:03

CHRISTINE/ANJALI

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Brady Yano and Erwin Kwok

CARRIED AS AMENDED

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION ADV 2016-02-24:04

CHRISTINE/DEVEN

Be it resolved to approve the minutes from:

AdvocacyCommittee_2016-01-27

AdvocacyCommittee_2016-02-03

CARRIED AS AMENDED

DISCUSSION

- It was suggested to amend the February 3, 2016 minutes to take out the comment about the BBQ, as this was a miscommunication and did not occur.

8. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

MOTION ADV 2016-02-24:05

KATHLEEN /DEEPAK

Be it resolved to appoint Kiera Porisky as the Out On Campus representative for the Advocacy Committee.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Fraser Library Hours

- Fraser Library update has been submitted by Brady
- We have received word from the VP External Relations and it not likely that the Fraser Library Hours will be implemented until next semester.
- Lots of work has gone into campaigning for more hours and it was suggested to discuss the next steps going forward.
- It was recommended to discuss this at the budget info session on March 3.
- The lack of Sunday hours causes a safety concern for students in Surrey.

Mental Health Workshop

- The Workshop will be held on February 27/28
- 17 people have signed up for it to date.
- A request was put to the Committee to please help to promote the workshop on social media and word of mouth.

Post Your Change

- Details will come later in the meeting

Zero Waste Campaign

- Tabling was held on February 15/16 last week
- The Coffee Cup Campaign will be starting up soon
- Request for assistance was put forth to the Committee.
- It was suggested that Higher Grounds could assist with the collection of coffee cups.
- The Committee is still researching ways to display the used cups.
 - It was recommended to look online to what the University of Calgary did, as they had a similar display.
- A question arose asking if SFU has been approached for assistance in the Zero Waste Campaign.
 - It was suggested to increase the number of water fountains around the campuses.
 - Another suggestion was to set up vending machines to sell water bottles.

- The SFU sustainability Office is currently taking in recommendations.
 - They will be hosting a community dialogue session and it was suggested to have the SFSS present to the Sustainability Office at a later date.

Men's Programming Event

- Held on February 16, 2016 and was very successful.
- This was the first event hosted by the SFSS since the initiative started in 2012.
- It was recommended that the event be continued for the future.
- Kathleen Yang will write a report on the event and submit it to the Committee.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 FOOD BANK OUTREACH MATERIALS

MOTION ADV 2016-02-24:06

KATHLEEN/ANJALI

Be it resolved to allocate up to \$100 from ADV 820/20 for the purchase of outreach snacks and print materials for the SFSS Food Bank working group committee.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION

- The survey has been created and we are hoping to send it out to the students.
- The suggested \$100 will be used for outreach and to provide snacks when tabling.
- The print cost is for cards that will be handed out to members.
- 3000-4000 vouchers have been distributed over the last three years.
 - \$25 Emergency Food Vouchers can be used up to three times throughout a year
- Embark has been working on the changes to the community food garden.
- SFU provides veggies from the gardens.
- It was suggested to have a question for the referendum to revise the food bank program and raise the food bank levy.
- The food bank improvement discussion will come later in the meeting.
- Please send suggestions to Hangué Kim

10.2 SPARC MORE

MOTION ADV 2016-02-24:07

Deepak/Anjali

Be it resolved to allocate up to \$200 with a cap of \$140 for per-diem and up to \$60 for transportation from line 820/20 ADV for Brady Yano to attend SPARC MORE conference from March 6 to 9, 2016.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION

- SPARC - Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition
 - SPARC , a lobbying group, will be hosting a conference on March 7/8 at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, Texas.
 - The flight and accommodation will be covered by the conference organizers.
- Brady got invited by volunteering for a workshop at OpenCon
 - A report will be submitted by Deepak and Brady at the subsequent Advocacy meeting.
- Brady will be presenting on the SFSS behalf at the conference.
- There will be various representatives from other campuses in attendance and the conference is a way to see other strategies and what worked for them.
- It was recommended that Brady report back to show how it benefits the membership.

10.3 POST YOUR CHANGE

MOTION ADV 2016-02-24:08

KATHLEEN/ANJALI

Whereas the Advocacy committee voted to endorse the Post Your Change campaign on February 3, 2016

Be it resolved to allocate up to \$50 from line 820/20 to cover the cost of display materials, art and postcard supplies for the Post Your Change campaign.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION

- Kathleen has followed up with Clare in regards to what type of support is needed from the SFSS.
- The Committee was informed that the campaign would require a low budget.
- An info session will be set up on Tuesday, during the Treat Yourself event to help spread awareness about eating disorders.
- A communications plan will be submitted to share the Facebook page.

- The Committee will also cover the costs of more art supplies needed for the campaign.

10.4 ALLIANCE AGAINST DISPLACEMENT

MOTION ADV 2016-02-24:09

KATHLEEN/PAUL

Whereas the Alliance Against Displacement is a Metro Vancouver based organization dedicated to advocating for action against the housing crisis in BC

Whereas a march is taking place in Victoria on Thursday, February 25, 2016 to protest the eviction of Super In Tent City and the Alliance Against Displacement providing transportation for interested residents from Burnaby, Maple Ridge, Abbotsford and the Downtown Eastside who also face evictions, homelessness, tent city injunctions and other housing security issues

Be it resolved to allocate \$500 from Line 820/20 to support the Alliance Against Displacement and cover the cost of transportation to Victoria for the February 25th rally.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION

- The organization is formally known as the Social Housing Alliance.
- The full cost for transportation totals \$1200.
- It was suggested to provide more funding for the event, as most people who are going are facing the housing issues directly.
- Kathleen was tasked to write a letter, which could be read on the SFSS behalf.
 - The letter will address the current housing crisis
 - The letter and then rally could be promoted on the SFSS Facebook page.
- It was suggested to inform them that they have the SFSS support of \$500 with the possibility to request more if need be.

11. DISCUSSION

• OUTREACH MATERIALS

- It was suggested that the Committee order more t-shirts for the next term, as the current supply is running low.
 - A question was asked if EPCOM will be splitting the cost of the shirts, as they have used them for volunteers during events.
- It was suggested to order other items as well, such as; water bottle, baseball hats, socks, reusable bags, etc.

- A question arose regarding branding for the outreach materials, would it be branded as SFSS or Advocacy?
- Kathleen has been tasked to follow up.
- It was recommended to hand out swag to all refugees for the Welcome on Board campaign.
 - It was suggested to offer refugees free transportation, similar to UVIC's campaign.

MOTION ADV 2016-02-24:10

KATHLEEN/PAUL

Be it resolved to endorse the welcome on board campaign for the newly arrived refugees.

Be it further resolved to recommend to board that the SFSS support and endorse the welcome on board campaign

CARRIED

• **ALLIANCE OF BC STUDENTS LOBBY DAYS**

- The Committee was asked if they want to participate in the lobbying trip in April taking place in Victoria BC this year.
- The main lobby points this year are
 1. A tuition freeze and core-funding increase
 2. Provincial Needs-Based Grants Program
 3. Student loan interest: reduce the rates and eliminate interest accrual during grace period
 4. Sexual Assault on Campus
 5. Housing: Allow institutions to take on debt for the purpose of building student housing and introducing legislation to protect students in residence.
- A concern was raised in regards to participating with lobby days is that it aligns us with their views.
 - It would be controversial to advocate for free tuition.
- It was suggested to advocate our own issues and not align with them.
- The cost to send four members to attend the lobby day would be \$2000.
- It was suggested to attend the lobby days, as our efforts would be better spent if we were to lobby with the ABCS.

- It was expressed that doing so could potentially put us in a conflict of interest for future issues.
 - Kathleen will wait until we receive the official proposal from ABCS and will come back to the Advocacy Committee to discuss further.
- **FRASER LIBRARY UPDATE**
 - The Board approved the open letter at the last meeting which was sent to Joanne Curry, VP External, Tim Rahilly, AVP Students and Gwen Bird, Dean of Library Services. While we do not expect the upcoming budget to have room for this pilot project, we are hopeful that the university will be more proactive in prioritizing this issue from here on out. For more information, check out the following link <http://sfss.ca/news/sfss/students-want-extended-library-hours>.
- **WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES**
 - The committee was asked if there is interest in more workshops or seminars.
 - It was suggested to not have more, as it is too close to the end of the semester.
 - It was recommended to have it go through Out on Campus.
 - There is a Sexual Health Event at the Vancouver campus to address HIV, etc.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at: 3:56pm