

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 10:34 am

## 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 ..... Christine Dyson  
Vice President University Relations: .....Arr Farah  
Board of Directors Representative ..... Blossom Malhan  
Board of Directors Representative..... Prab Bassi  
Board of Directors Representative..... Raajan Garcha  
Student At-Large ..... Kiran Binning  
Student At Large ..... Natalia Gretskaia  
Student At Large ..... Darien Lechner  
Student At Large ..... Mark Thompson  
Student At-Large ..... Aarushi Sharma  
Student At-Large .....  
Campaigns, Research and Policy Coordinator ..... Pierre Cassidy  
Administrative Assistant ..... Carmela Frouws

### **3.4 GUESTS**

Vice President Student Services..... Larissa Chen  
At-Large Representative..... Mudi Bwakura

## 4. INTRODUCTIONS

- Round table introductions

**\*\*Darien Lechner arrived at 10:40am**

## 5. OVERVIEW OF THE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Advocacy Committee is to report on the development of the advocacy priorities, recommendations and implementation to the board of directors.

- While developing a plan and a proposal, the Advocacy committee creates a budget, resource requirements, staffing requirements and a timeline.
- The proposal is then recommended to Board for their review.
- The Board of Directors reviews and discusses the proposal and then provides the committee with direction on how to implement the campaign.
- After the implementation, the committee will submit a summary report containing campaign highlights.
- The number of campaigns will depend on what the membership wants and how much time is available.
  
- Advocacy Campaigns fro 2015-2016 included:
  - Zero Waste Campaign
  - Fraser Library Campaign
  - Open Textbook Campaign
  - Get out to vote campaign
  - A few smaller campaigns
  - A health an Counselling campaign
  - Conducted outreach and provided stress relieving activities

Pierre to give a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order.

- Decisions are made by the committee as a whole
- Ask Pierre for guidelines on Robert's Rules of Order
- Main Motion- proposal that the board make a decision on behalf of the organization

## 6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION ADV 2016-05-25:01**

**ARR/PRAB**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### **DISCUSSION**

- Strike #9 committee member updates

## 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**MOTION ADV 2016-05-25:02**

**BLOSSOM/RAAJAN**

Be it resolved to approve the minutes from:

AdvocacyCommittee\_2016-03-30

**CARRIED**

## 8. DISCUSSION

### **SEMESTER PLANNING**

- Student consultation for the committee has not been done by the Advocacy Committee in the past.
- It was suggested that the committee go out to talk to students first to see what would work for them and what they want advocated on their behalf.
  - It was suggested to formulate a list of issues beforehand
- It was noted that consultation could include surveys, tabling or social media outreach.
  - Talk to students to see what would work with them.
  - Hand out comment cards
  - Speak before or after lectures and inform the members what the SFSS has to offer.
  - Use bus stops
  - Have small giveaways
  - Sandwich boarding
  - Provide first year students with a video during student orientation.
  - Branch out to different groups
  - Public feedback tool, boards
  - Ensure all demographics are engaged
  - Include satellite campuses
- How can we engage the membership?
- It was requested that the past Board survey results be shared with the committee
- A question was raised asking how students who are not on the committee can get involved?
  - The committee was advised to talk to members and get the word out to the membership.
  - Information could also be posted on the general SFSS Facebook page.

### **BRAINSTORMING STUDENT ISSUES**

- Translink strike info campaign
- Sexual assault
- Women in politics
- Inform students of the SFSS
- Get out to run campaign
- Participation in SFSS elections
- Fraser library campaign
- Fall reading break
- Conditions of residence
- SFSS communication campaign
- Use of student fees/SFSS fees

- Chairs and space
- Differed maintenance

**\*\*Kiran Binning left at 11:46am**

- Lower tuition
- Needs of international students
- Student union awareness

## 9. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- It was suggested to get a group me chat set up for the committee
- The Advocacy committee is scheduled to meet bi-weekly with the option to meet weekly if the need arises

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at: *12:00 pm*