

Call to Order – 10:33am, July 24, 2014 | Executive Conference Room

1. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

President (*chair*)..... Chardaye Bueckert
Vice President Finance..... Adam Potvin
Vice President Student Services Zied Masmoudi (*via skype*)
Vice President External Relations Darwin Binesh
Vice President Student Services Kayode Fatoba
Vice President University Relations Moe Kopahi (*late*)

Society Staff

Build SFU General Manager..... Marc Fontaine
Executive Director..... Colleen Knox
Campaigns, Policy, and Research Coordinator Pierre Cassidy
Minute Taker Dion Chong

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION EXEC 2014-07-24:01

Potvin

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Addition of discussion on AGM date.

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION EXEC 2014-07-24:02

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Be it resolved to approve the following minutes:

Exec-agenda-2014-07-14.pdf

POSTPONED TO NEXT EXEC

Board made a notation in the Executive Committee minutes of 2014-07-07 to reflect concerns of former president Lorenz Yeung around actions attributed to their term. There was concern raised that the committee affected was the proper venue for additions of such notations.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Fixed Meeting Times

MOTION EXEC 2014-07-24:03

Fatoba

Be it resolved that the proposed fixed committee meeting times proposal be recommended to Board

Availability of committee members had not been considered in the drafting of the proposal. There was a desire to delay the setting of fixed meeting times until at least the Spring semester, given that course registration had already begun, as well as a desire to avoid impacting the momentum of committee work by requiring members who had already registered to step down.

Possibility existed of amending standing order of all committees to indicate standing meeting times, to begin in the next year, such that meeting time requirements formed part of the elections orientation process, and reducing barriers to participation in the Society, although exceptions would have to be considered for board members requiring specific mandatory classes.

The board also had the opportunity of subjecting itself to such scheduling requirements as a show of good faith to the next board, given concerns around setting permanent practices for the next board. The Executive Committee was reminded that future boards also had the option of amending policy if they disagreed with the decisions of the current Board.

Committee structure changes were incoming, such as the change of a number of committees to ad-hoc, thus it may be desirable for changes to occur within that realm prior to the finalization of a meeting schedule. The schedule could be established for the Spring 2014 semester in order to ensure sufficient notice for academic purposes, with particular concern for positions named to committees.

Prioritization of standing committees may be a possibility, with a view on frequency of meetings, and importance to function and services to the Society.

Fixed meeting times would become effective spring semester following a review of committee structure and frequency.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION EXEC 2014-07-24:04

Bueckert/Amendment Fatoba

Be it resolved to recommend that committee meeting times for the fall 2014 semester be fixed by Friday August 15 with an understanding that they will be fixed for the remainder of the semester.

Amended to become a recommendation to ensure that committee chairs from FARM would be included in the discussions of setting meeting times.

CARRIED

Kopahi entered 11:02am

5. Discussions

a. Student Union Development Summit Proposals

2 proposals were received from the Executive Committee members for the 20-minute presentation slots at the Student Union Development Summit, as per tasking at the previous quorate Executive meeting. While the understanding was that student unions were allocated a max of one presentation slot, presentations slots had been cancelled in the past in view of the lack of proposals. General consensus was to submit both presentations to SUDS, although there were concerns of the late date of presentation approval, as well as the possibility of spending significant board and staff time on presentations which may or may not be accepted.

A full summit schedule would be shared when available. Questions could be submitted to the executives attending. Executives attending may also record or live-stream presentations of interest to the remainder of the board.

The Vice President External Relations and the President presented their proposals for their presentations.

Action item: President and Vice President External Relations would collaborate on presentations and submit both proposals to the SUDS.

b. Goals Based Stipend Allocation

The Executive Committee was recommended to review the recommendations within the Boddie Report on Board Stipends.

AMS executives received base pay and bonuses at Christmas if they met a list of established. Concerns were raised that such a system would encourage the Board move from governance into operations.

Remunerations Advisory Committee may also be the proper place for discussions on any goal-oriented stipend system.

It was deemed difficult to approve timesheets when details were not included, and there was a desire to establish clear goals on the timesheet system in the future.

c. AGM Date

d. July/August Stipend Allocation

6. Executive Officer Updates

Vice President University Relations – Frats and sororities discussion occurred at Board difficult, and it was perceived that the Board was not ready to take on the subject, but the matter would have to be solved by end of summer to. Vice President Student Life was to assist in coordinating the groups affected should the decision be made.

Vice President Finance – Timesheet were public documents and would become shared between all board members. They wished to complete full stipend hour requirements on full time work, as per the spirit of the policy. However, a breach of the policy may impact society projects.

Vice President External Relations – In process of speaking to Marc Emery's agent. Received a list of other potentially interesting speakers. Selecting options for speaker series time. Upon Board approval, was to liaise with Advocacy Committee and Events and Promotions Committee.

Vice President Student Life –luncheons, Bringing SFSS TV to board to define quality and output of organizational multimedia, work on sex week.

President – administrative/staffing work, committee attendance, advocacy initiatives preparation for the fall.

Potvin left at 11:27am, and Masmoudi was disconnected as a result.

7. In Camera Session

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Kopahi

Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera with staff and management

CARRIED

8. Attachments

SUDS Proposal.docx

9. Adjournment 11:38am

DC /CUPE 3338

Student Union Development Summit 2014 Presentation Proposal

Topic:

Youth Voter Engagement

Rationale:

Youth are voting in ever declining and abysmal rates. Student unions are uniquely positioned to mobilize students to participate in the democratic process and have their voices heard. Based on my interaction with student unions across the province and country, I understand that most plan to do some form of youth voter mobilization effort. As such, this would be a highly pertinent topic. I am also confident that the SFSS could make it exciting and fun. Further, the SFSS sent both the President and VP External to a youth voter mobilization workshop and it would be helpful to share this knowledge. Finally, with the 2015 federal election approaching, there is an opportunity to facilitate collaboration and inspire other student unions to take action for this very important election.

Material to be included:

- Brief rundown of various levels of government in Canada, their respective functions, and how they interact
- Explanation of how municipal, provincial, and federal governments have an impact on students. E.g. federal student loans and grants, provincial subsidies to advanced education institutions, provincial student loans, municipalities role in transit and affordable housing, etc.
- List of dates (or anticipated dates) of pertinent elections E.g. 2015 Federal, Provincial Elections, Municipal Elections in major Canadian cities
- Overview of youth voter turnout in provincial and federal elections
- Theories of why youth don't vote
- What if youth voted?
 - i) Plethora of projections are available to show what the impact would be (e.g. "Higher youth turnout could change tone, outcome of elections" - cbc.ca/m/news/#!/content/1.2582855)

- ii) E.g.s of the political party's platforms from the 2011 federal election and the 2014 BC provincial election – student issues were hardly discussed.
- Voter engagement strategies
- i) Overview of suggestions from Elections Canada's Voter Engagement workshop
- ii) Discuss of non-partisan youth mobilization organizations like Apathy Is Boring, CIVIX
- iii) Past events and success eg. May 9 Voter Awareness Event
- Challenges to mobilization

Considerations:

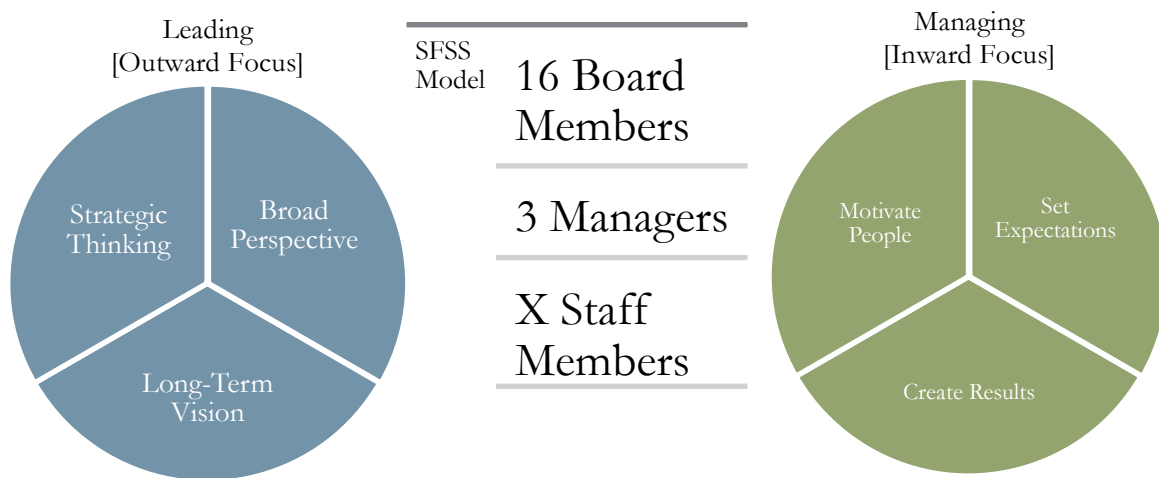
- If approved this topic would take some research. If staff resources were unable to complete this research I would happily take it on as I have the required materials and knowledge from my academics
- The SFSS had 10% voter turnout in our own elections.
- Must be highly cautious to avoid any partisan content or contentions
- "Student issues" is a broad category. However, if content is restricted to issues like tuition, student loans, grants, scholarships, institutional funding, etc. I do not see this being a problematic term

Leading VS Managing: Defining the Difference in a Student Society Context

Presentation Overview:

Looking at the difference between leading and managing in a Student Society context speaks to one point on how the SFSS is remodelling its governance structure. Since these two different ideas are often seen as the same thing, providing context on that difference makes running a student society much easier. As the SFSS makes these changes in governance, we already see the potential for increased productivity, a smoother transition between Boards, and greater flexibility for the Board as a whole.

The Difference Between the Two:



Each of the above sections would be fleshed out in greater detail, but this diagram shows the difference between the two roles. The model would also include other pieces of the governance structure, such as committees, council, and the members.

Value:

This presentation allows us to speak to the changes we are making in our organization, and how they now apply to the initiatives we are taking on. We can speak to governance and use that to branch off onto the projects we think would attract people (concerts for example). Some Student Societies already have a model in place similar to what we are aiming for and some are completely different. Hopefully this presentation can allow us to give a lessons learned throughout this process, and hopefully learn something useful from other Student Societies.