

Call to Order – 3:31 pm, March 2, 2015 | 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
Vice President External Relations Darwin Binesh (*late*)
Vice President Student Services Kayode Fatoba
Vice President University Relations Moe Kopahi

Society Staff

Build SFU General Manager..... Marc Fontaine
Executive Director..... Colleen Knox
Student Union Organiser..... Antonio Daling
Minute Taker..... Dion Chong

Guests

Regrets

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION EXEC 2015-03-02:01

Kopahi

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION EXEC 2015-03-02:02

Kopahi

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-02-23

CARRIED

4. Discussions

a. 2015/2016 Staff and Budget Priorities

In the past week, the Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator provided a budget proposal for their new department at FASC.

A number of items within the BOD department will be reduced, including management consultant

The Executive Director provided an update on the budget priorities as provided by the staff:

- There were no conclusions reached at the meeting, however many ideas were provided
 - There was a perception that the organization had to drive understanding of membership needs and service relevance, ensuring that positional duties were clear and meeting perceived service gaps.
- Support was requested within the following areas:
 - IT Support within Communications Office

- Outsourcing of IT to SFU was an option, but this had been done in the past and it was found to be significantly cheaper and faster to outsource to a company offsite.
 - Potential merger of an IT and audiovisual support position, which would enable opportunities to reduce costs of AV equipment for clubs and student unions as per discussions at the Granting Committee.
 - Potential issues around violation of University collective agreements with SFU AV staff.
 - Potential amalgamation of General Office Administrative Coordinator and Building Manager proposals
 - Activities list compiled through the General Office procedures manual would frame the individuals who would be brought into the discussion.
 - Such a position would separate administration from club support.
 - Events Coordinator
 - Discussed within the scope of club support
 - Desire to divest a number of CRP tasks relating to event planning.
 - OOC anticipated budgeting for Trans* & Gender Diversity and Positive Space Network, as well as Queer and History project under a different scope.
 - WCTR will likely rehire the administrative assistant and budget as such.
 - Surrey office student hours to cover absences and vacations
 - Student Union Resource Office student hours
 - Finance Office expressed concerns around building operations and tenant relations
- No current evaluation on the services provided to the membership and their relevance.
 - Failure to track member requests and service gaps.

Binesh entered at 3:42pm

FBS deficit for the coming year was projected to be similar, with cost reductions from labour.

A staff member reiterated the need for the Accessibility Assistant position as proposed through the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee. The Students United for Disabilities Support have again expressed interest in conducting an accessibility audit, as well as an individual to be in place to follow up on accessibility issues at the university. This was particularly relevant to a recent incident with a member, where SFU's continual failure to address infrastructural deficiencies caused injury to a member with accessibility needs. Given the member's reputation on campus, they did not wish to raise the issue and risk their good relations. Since the report submitted to the SFU President, no changes were observed to have occurred on the campus. The Executive considered the potential for media attention on the issue, as well as direct correspondence with SFU administrators, as the administrators would be well aware of campus accessibility issues. The Vice President University Relations indicated that they were in contact with the member in question and would follow up on the issue.

Action Item: Vice President University Relations will contact the SFU President on the issue.

A director indicated that IT is an issue of continuous concern for the organization.

The EXEC chose not to provide recommendations for the budgeting process, indicating that the next board should have to the opportunity to hire based upon their priorities.

5. Executive Officer and Staff Updates

Executive Director

- Will be on vacation for one week
- Staffing calendar has been updated
- A number of meetings planned, including staff check in and legal counsel meeting
- First draft of the collective agreement has been received from the Communications Coordinator.
- Wednesday – afternoon meeting for Food and Beverage Services at Harbour Centre.
- Met with Student Union Organiser in the morning to review co-curricular information
- Meeting with Women’s Centre Coordinator.
- Students Nova Scotia governance recommendation have been forwarded to the Board for review—no new information.

Build SFU General Manager

- Build SFU Working Group support to deal with the referenda.
- Working with architects—100% completed plans due next Thursday.
- Information received on the bursary system which will assist with the framing of a referendum response.
- Meeting with FASC on Thursday

Vice President Student Services

- Compass cards released last week, with nearly daily updates with Translink. Second wave of cards will be released soon.
- Concert planning and logistics
- Ombudsperson matter—met with Vice President Finance of SFU and the Graduate Student Society.

Vice President External Relations

- Discussed advertising changes with staff—documentation has been prepared and circulated to support the integration of all advertising funding within the Resource Office.
- Tracking Advocacy Committee expenses and preparing a proposal along with President recommendations for budgeting.
- A number of Constitution and Policy Review Committee items, including Council changes, HSUSU Constitution and Bylaws, and childcare.
- Review of the collective agreements.
- Townhall—half for general discussion and half for Build SFU. Will take place on all three campuses.
- Build SFU Working Group meetings

Vice President University Relations

- Alternate on many hiring committees

- Discussions with Recreation to have recreation clubs to use facilities for free.
- Considering logistics of taking over recreation clubs.
 - Matters under discussion includes issues of insurance, club structure, training, first aid etc.
 - Recreation has been resistant to the proposal but further discussion is possible.
- Surrey Expansion project updated by March 9, which will require a major consultation process with the SCC and Surrey students
- Considering applying for a government award on multiculturalism.

Student Union Organiser

- Working with Communications, Art, and Technology Representative on a survey to the membership catered towards workshops provided and ideas for improvements
- Cocurricular record—email was sent out last Thursday. Over 30 members already submitted. Currently trying to verify all items.

Vice President Student Life

- Events and Promotions Committee initiatives.
- Working to set up a number of clubs
- Reporting and post-event logistics for SFU Got Talent
- Concert
- Working with Louis Riel Housing Association to engage with the university.
- Supporting initiatives—event engagement on campus issues
- International Students Group development and transition into the new constitution.
- ADV international tuition campaign
- Staying involved in Recreation club discussion involvement
- Working with groups such as Relay For Life.
- Pancake breakfast issues with FASC
- Looking into dates for Clubs Forum for the semester

Vice President Finance

- Followup on Guadalupe signage
- Review of FBS Finances
- Reinvest in Our Future initiative
 - Approaching Communications Office for materials and branding
- Referendum package distributed to Board.

President

- Motion added to the Board agenda for a referendum question to reallocate \$0.25 per member for food bank funding.
- In Victoria for the Alliance of British Columbia Students lobby days. Met with 3 cabinet ministers including Minister of Advanced Education, Attorney General, and Jobs Tourism and Skill Training. Met with a large number of MLAs as well.
 - Gained significant traction in proposal to eliminate interest during 6 month grace period for student loans, as well as protection for students on university residences similar to residential tenancy act

- Liberal MLA already drafted motion
 - Talked to The Peak to follow up on success
 - Concern raised around the proposal to tie debt to driver licensing.
- Working on exit report in order to document all initiatives from the year.
- Continued work on the transit referendum and international student tuition increase issues.
 - Looking into organizing a student action at the next BOG meeting where the university budget will be reviewed.
- Staffing/legal work
- Build SFU Working Group involvement and provision of proposals.

6. In Camera Session

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Kopahi

Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera with management

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7. Attachments

8. Adjournment