

Call to Order – 1:31 pm, June 16, 2015 | Executive Conference Room

1. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

President (*chair*)..... Enoch Weng
Vice President External Relations Kathleen Yang
Vice President Finance..... Barbara Szymczyk
Vice President Student Services Darwin Binesh
Vice President Student Life Deepak Sharma
Vice President University Relations Brady Yano

Society Staff

Build SFU General Manager..... Marc Fontaine
Campaigns, Policy, and Research Coordinator Pierre Cassidy
Communications Coordinator..... Irma Arkus
Executive Director.....
Student Union Organiser..... Antonio Daling
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Regrets

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION EXEC 2015-06-16:01

Yang

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION EXEC 2015-06-16:02

Sharma

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-06-02

CARRIED

4. New Business

a. SFU Vice President Finance and Administration Search Committee

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Sharma/Amended Yano/Sharma

Be it resolved that Barbara Szymczyk—VP Finance be named as our preferred student for the VP Finance and Administration Search Committee.

MOTION AMENDED

The Vice President Finance indicated that they were available for all meetings of the Search Committee, furthering that they would be honored to represent the student perspective on the search committee.

A callout was made to all Board members to attend the present meeting if they wished to motivate for their candidacy. Neither the Faculty and At Large Members nor the Graduate Student Society has expressed interest in sending a representative.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. Executive Officer and Staff Updates

Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

- The Coordinator contacted SFU Institutional Research and Planning in order to potentially negotiate access to information for organizational analytics. It was expected that some resistance would be met, and that the Joint Operations Group may potentially be involved in any continuing discussions.
- Working on the Society Act issues—it was felt to be an improvement to the organization and that the SFSS has ample time to adjust. Will likely be enacted in 2016 with a 2 year window to adopt all changes.

Vice President University Relations

- Open Textbook Working Group met for first time.
- Completed Open Textbook Conference report which is to be submitted to ADV
- Spent considerable time preparing materials for the Board retreat,
- Continuing conversation with board on Build SFU
- Regular administrative work
- SFU VP Academic Search Committee had their first meeting, and held their first open forum as of yesterday

Action Items: Vice President University Relations would prepare a presentation on the Open Textbook campaign to Council.

Vice President Student Life

- EPCOM has been productive—approved motions of funding for summer outreach program and club executive meet and greet.
 - Fall Kickoff event has been approved, following the consensus of Board on limitations and expectations as set at the retreat. Will be conducting a callout for production companies following conversation with previous project manager of the Spring Jam concert

Communications Coordinator

- First work report has been submitted to Board. More information is forthcoming.
- Very busy, given limited departmental staffing.
- Hoped that the Board would begin to recognize the extent of assistance and the skills available within the department when planning initiatives moving forward.

Student Union Organiser

- Organizing a number of trainings, workshops, and meetings.
 - SFU meeting on Thursday to discuss the Student Engagement Fund and the Co-Curricular Record
 - Organized a meeting between student leaders in the Faculty of Science and the Dean of Science at 3pm
- Council training tomorrow—originally double booked space. Will be in MBC Conference Rooms.

Vice President External Relations

- Involved in the Build SFU dialogue group
- Working with the Advocacy Committee
- Attended a Sociology Anthropology Student Union meeting on behalf of the Arts and Social Sciences Representative
- Attended a Students United for Disabilities Support social
- Met with the Graduate Student Society to consider potential joint advocacy initiatives, as well as reporting on the National Energy Board research assistant
- Had registered for a Positive Consent conference at UVIC. May not be able to attend given Board priorities, but the WCTR has been informed of the opportunity and may send delegates.

Vice President Finance

- Finance Coordinator hiring committee review has been complete
- Build SFU work
- Signing cheque requisitions
- Taking care of a number of outstanding matters from the previous year
- Policy review sporadically
- Review of the budget and possible reallocations—Board has engaged in more conferences than originally allotted for.
- FASC would begin meeting in the next two weeks—a number of initiatives would be carried forward.
- New hiring committee—Communications Assistant

Vice President Student Services

- UPass—fee change has been proposed by Translink. Committee has been meeting. The VP has been phoning into twice weekly check ins. A presentation and questionnaire is currently being developed for student groups to inform negotiations.
- Extended Health and Dental Plan—video kiosks are currently being proposed for satellite campuses for access to services.
- Ombudsoffice—discussed potential presentations to the Board and Council.
- Food and Beverage Services – menu is being redeveloped. Slow progress due to workload issues which would be addressed
- Board has completed its strategic plan which would be finalized soon.
- Beginning preparations for the Annual General Meeting
- Attending committee meetings.
- Staffing work

President

- Retreat work—booking, logistics, and planning
- SFU 50th Anniversary—working with both core group (activities being hosted, SFSS activity support, judge for legacy song contest) as well as the steering committee
- Hiring committee support—9 currently, 3 on the way.
- Liaising with the union on a few staffing matters.

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- Communicating with a significant number of departments, such as Residences, the Graduate Student Society, the First Nations Student Association and others on SFSS involvement in initiatives.
 - It has been raised that the President of FNSA is a graduate student and therefore not a member of the SFSS. While the FNSA has been functionally independent in many ways and have considered seceding, clarity on the relationship between the SFSS and the FNSA would have to be established in the near future.
- Alongside the Vice President University Relations, engaging with Health and Counseling Services.
- Continuing work with management in order to enable a smooth transition for the incoming Executive Director
- Working on SFSS Meet and Greet Event with the Vice President Student Life and the At-Large Representative Sharma.
 - 28 people have signed up for today's session, and 43 for Wednesday's session
- Dealing with complaints and feedback from the membership as they arrive.

Minute Taker

- Still assisting board members in acclimatizing to the timeline requirements for committees.
- Starting to be involved in significantly more communications work.
- New replacement projector has been ordered and would be arriving shortly
 - May discuss with the Vice President Finance on the potential of also purchasing a projection screen if the budget allows.
- Currently researching potential alternative projection sources for Forum Chambers, including a Chromecast.

6. Announcements

President would be away for two weeks to attend the mental health conference in Kelowna as well as attending to a family commitment in Ottawa. They would be away from 2015-06-22 to 26, and then 2015-06-29 to 2015-07-03.

A number of board members would be away for various conference over the course of the next two weeks.

Student Union Organiser will be on scheduled vacation next week.

Communications Coordinator is running a social media workshop for staff to harmonize content and to provide training on content relations. The Board would be invited to attend.

7. In Camera Session

a. Other Items

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Sharma

Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera with management

8. Adjournment 2:43pm

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