

Call to Order – 1:30 pm, June 30, 2015 | Executive Conference Room

1. Appointment of the Chair

MOTION EXEC 2015-06-30:01

Yang

Be it resolved to appoint Darwin Binesh as chair of EXEC 2015-06-30

CARRIED

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

The Executive Committee acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, which included the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people to the current knowledge of the Society.

3. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

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 RelationsBrady 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 TakerDion Chong

Guests

Regrets

President.....Enoch Weng (*out of town*)

4. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION EXEC 2015-06-30:02

Sharma

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Announcement added: Fall Kickoff

Discussion Added: SASS Frosh Contract—Legal Opinion

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION EXEC 2015-06-30:03

Yano

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-06-23

CARRIED

6. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION EXEC 2015-06-30:04

Sharma

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets of:

President.....Enoch Weng (*out of town*)

The Executive was still determining whether Weng would be skyping into the meeting

CARRIED

7. Discussions

a. SFU 50th Student Visioning Event & National Conference

SFU Public Square—an SFU department based out of Harbour Centre that conducts community outreach events, with a new staff member who was a former Society Director—contacted the Vice President University Relations on potential opportunities for the SFSS to be involved in Public Square event. At present, Public Square didn't have much content tailored to undergraduate students, and it was raised that this may be an opportunity to determine where the university should go in the next 50 years, aligning with the SFU 50th Anniversary. As currently envisioned, Public Square would be conducting a Student Visioning Event during the day of 2015-11-06, and a national student conference during the evening of 2015-11-06 and the full day of 2015-11-07. All events would be hosted in the MBC Conference Rooms. The itinerary has yet to be set and could include workshopping sessions, keynote speakers etc. The conference would have an expected attendance of 100 attendees from student unions nationwide to discuss the role of universities in community building over the next 50 years. Public Square has expressed interest in either SFSS sponsorship of the event in some capacity, or ideally cohosting the event.

At present, much of the event was still to be determined. It was expressed by a number of executives that they would not be able to determine the degree of commitment possible from the SFSS until a proposal for the potential of cohosting the event was made available. The Vice President University Relations would continue to provide the committee with updates. **Action Item:** Vice President University Relations would continue dialogue with Public Square relating to the visioning event and conference.

b. IEC Outstanding Fines

The General Office Staff contacted the Vice President University Relations yesterday expressing confusion as to proceeding with collecting the outstanding IEC fines. A number of fines were outstanding, with the majority being under \$15 and one amounting to \$227.50.

The committee was reminded that enforcement mechanisms were necessary in order for any policy to be effective. At present, enforcement policies were ambiguous for members being in good standing. Fines are only levied through elections, and students who likely have no experience in managing elections managing elections. Question was raised of whether a fine schedule was available.

The only way to force payment for fines owed to the Society would be to withhold Society services to the members in question. As per the governing documents, it would not be possible

to eject any member from the Student Society as membership is required in registration with the university. The Society has not meaningfully engaged with the issue of fines in the past. The Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator recommended that the elections be treated as an event, managed by a planner with some professional experience.

It was raised that matters relating to the elections were within the jurisdiction of the Independent Electoral Commission and the Executive Committee should not be involved in the matter.

A number of solutions were preliminarily proposed:

- Block room booking privileges for clubs they are an executive of.
 - This would simply devolve the responsibility for pursuing the individual member on the club, and would negatively impact the rest of the members of the clubs affected.
- Remove the amount from advertising budget if the individuals run in the next election.
- Informing the individuals affected that, should they continued to be in arrears to the Society, they would no longer have access to a number of services including the UPass and the extended health and dental plan.
 - This may be excessive for smaller fines, but was feasible for any larger fines
 - Issues was raised that such enforcement mechanisms were not communicated to candidates before they ran for election.

A director expressed that failure to enforce fines would result in the membership not taking seriously any financial obligations to the Society.

It was raised that a lack of legal authority has never precluded organizations from requesting payment, as in the case of parking services.

Action Items

- Vice President Student Life would contact the Chief Electoral Officer to discuss the matter.
- Vice President Student Life would contact the individuals who still owed fines reminding that they have an outstanding debt to the SFSS.

The process of fines would have to be clearly communicated to all candidates in the future. Changes to election policies may become necessary moving forward.

c. SASS Frosh Contract—Legal Opinion

Legal counsel had been contacted regarding the SASS Frosh contract. Aside from the developments on the process, legal counsel has provided a number of recommendations:

- Necessity to devise a waiver that would place some liability from the contract on the individual participants
 - The Student Union Organiser has provided SASS with waivers used by various clubs and student unions—all of which had been approved by legal counsel—which could be tailored to their needs.
- The presence of a Director was suggested, particularly to ensure enforcement.
- Supervision was a substantial concern to legal counsel.

Insurance—SASS has been informed of the documents necessary in order to apply for insurance coverage. Once that document has been completed (which requires the waiver and the contract), this would be submitted to the SFSS insurance provider.

The Vice President Finance and the Student Union Organiser would collaborate on the matter moving forward.

The Vice President Student Life had been tasked as the liaison with the SASS President, however no updates have been necessary given the work of the Vice President Finance and Student Union Resource Office.

While it was deemed positive that the organizational units were recognizing the authority of the Society in signing contracts, it was expressed that the organization should consider developing a standardized system for contract requests.

Daling left at 2:08pm

8. Announcements

a. Fall Kickoff

By the end of Thursday, the preferred production company would be selected. Legal information could be provided to any interested executive directors by contacting the Vice President Student Life.

Action Item: the Vice President Student Life would create a timeline for the Fall Kickoff. This would be done through Basecamp.

9. In Camera Session

a. MBC Tenancy

MOTION EXEC 2015-06-30:05

Yang

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

CARRIED

The Build SFU General Manager provided an update on tenant agreements in Student Society controlled MBC space.

10. Adjournment 2:15pm

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IEC Fines outstanding as of April 22nd. Please indicate when they have been paid in case we need to cross reference.

Kayode Fatoba - \$ 227.5

Lia Fallah - \$22

Hassan Liaquat - \$5

Sherry Alam - \$15

Nourha Seifelnasr - \$15

Divine - \$15

Arpit Toteja - \$15

Ali Najaf - \$15

Karan Thakur - \$20

Karan Thukral - \$15

~~Jas Hans - \$24.6~~



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