

Call to Order – 10:06 am, January 21, 2014 | MBC 2290

The Granting Committee acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on the Unceded Coast Salish Territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

1. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

Board Member (*chair*)..... Shirin Escarcha
Board of Directors Member Deepak Sharma
Board of Directors Member Ayla Kooner
Councilor
Councilor Gleb Moiseyenko
Student At-Large Clara Chow
Student At-Large Rahul Rajanala

Society Staff

General Office Coordinator Rena Hood-Lundrie
Student Union Organiser..... Antonio Daling
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Acoustic Engineering Club Eric Hedekar
Chemistry Student Society Caelie Stewart
Chemistry Student Society Henry Kang
Chemistry Student Society Cindy Wu
Chemistry Student Society Jasmine Kalsi
Chemistry Student Society Sara Wollschlager
Chemistry Student Society Pipreesh Haind
Communications Student Union..... Alyssa Fraser
Communications Student Union..... Cassandra Mihaly

Regrets

Vice President Student Life Kayode Fatoba

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION GC 2015-01-21:01

Kooner

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Ratification of Regrets

It was requested that the Chair of the committee follow up with the Vice President Student Life on their continued presence at the committee

MOTION GC 2015-01-21:02

Kooner

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Vice President Student Life Kayode Fatoba (*academic*)

CARRIED

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION GC 2015-01-21:03

Chow

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-01-14

CARRIED

With 1 Abstention

5. Granting Presentations

a. Chemistry Student Society – Chemistry Career Night 2015 – Diamond Alumni Centre

The Chemistry Student Union had been planning the career night event since October. This free event allows students to network with industry professionals from various chemical companies in Vancouver. Expected attendance of 90 students, registered through Simplicity. The Union requested a grant of \$1463.10 from the SFSS. \$400 would go towards venue costs and the remainder will go towards food costs.

Chemistry has reduced their grant request by significant amounts by absorbing AV, printing, and other costs. Further, they had met with the Student Union Organiser repeatedly to finetune the proposal and has been very receptive to suggestions.

Chemistry representatives left at 10:16am

b. Communications Student Union – Careers in Communication 2015 – Coast Coal Harbour

CIC was an annual event and the largest event hosted by the CMNSU. 18 industry professional from around the communications industry have been invited to speak to students in a semiformal setting and provide opportunities for student to get a greater understanding of the scope of occupations and fields available where they can apply their knowledge post-graduation. 1 industry member would be assigned per table, with a speed dating system in place to allow students to learn from professionals. In the previous year, there were 80 attendees, 20 volunteers, 15 speakers.

The Union has succeeded in scaling down costs of the event from previous years while still enhancing the event itself. They requested \$1599 – goes entirely to food as it is the largest cost. This year, arrangements had been made with the hotel such that the venue was free provided that a certain amount of higher cost food was purchased. This has provided a substantial cost saving to CMNSU. The Union would be contributing a total of \$1201 (\$100 from core, \$1101 from external account), and all ticket revenue will be put forward to funding the event. Much of core funding had been expended on other events through the year.

Budget is based on 80 attendees but hoping for more. Maximum attendance is 100 based on room capacity.

CMNSU has been highly receptive to Student Union Resource Office recommendations in enhancing their proposal.

c. SFU Acoustic Engineering Club - SFU Acoustics Festival

The festival was being held on January 30 and was the second annual iteration of the free event. A number of students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels provide academic poster presentations to 5-10 companies, along with a number of lectures from professionals. An

acoustic room would be set up to test equipment. The previous iteration of the event was highly successful and the club sought to expand programming this year by increasing capacity and food funding. Interest in the club and its events span multiple disciplines across faculties and serves the campus community at large. The club has received sponsorship from the IEEE and may use some general operation fund sponsorship from APEG BC.

Registered students was around 61, with more registered after clubs days. 8 core members, with generally around 12 per meeting.

Food: significant portion is placed in the green room (guaranteed lunch with refreshments for individuals participating), along with some refreshments and snacks in the public area. Food within the request was likely underbudgeted and the club requested additional food funding is at all possible.

All guests were commended for their work on their proposals and for their presentations.

All representatives left at 10:34am

6. Grant Considerations

a. Chemistry Student Society – Chemistry Career Night 2015

Chemistry is the third largest department in the Sciences. A number of members recalled positive experiences with both the student union and their previous events.

The Student Union Resource Office provided a number of options for venues both on and off campus. Costs have increased to ensure that an on campus event could still carry the prestige to draw in industry professionals by placing the event at the Diamond Alumni Centre. SFU Student Engagement Funding has been preliminarily secured, awaiting SFSS funding. The Student Union Organiser provided an update on the health of the current student union grant line item.

MOTION GC 2015-01-21:04

Moiseyenko/Amended Sharma

Be it resolved to grant Chemistry Student Society up to \$963.10 from the student union granting line item for Chemistry Career Night 2015 venue and food costs.

The Student Union Organiser recommended a reduction by offloading room booking costs to the Student Engagement Fund. The funding motion was reduced to reflect this change.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Noted Abstention: Sharma

b. Communications Student Union – Careers in Communication 2015

The event had a similar cost per student compared to the Chemistry Student Union event. The committees felt that the event was beneficial to the membership of the student union and understood the limitations of core funding at this time of year.

The CMNSU indicated that they would request matching funding from the Student Engagement Fund, in order to reduce the impact on their reserve funding. The Student Union Organiser recommended funding \$1099 and requesting \$1000 in matching SEF contribution.

MOTION GC 2015-01-21:04

Sharma

Be it resolved to grant Communications Student Union up to \$1099.00 from the student union granting line item for Careers in Communications 2015 food and venue costs

The committee was reminded that the receipt of a free venue was contingent upon a threshold in food purchases, and thus higher costs were seen as necessary.

Student Engagement Fund has typically been extremely efficient in approving and releasing funds.

CARRIED

c. SFU Acoustic Engineering Club - SFU Acoustics Festival

The grant request submission was prepared by a junior member to increase their experience, but was missing a number of important details that the presenter of the proposal could not account for.

Acoustic Engineering Club has been highly active and requests very little money typically from the Student Society (only previous grant was for the previous Acoustics Festival). The event was on campus and interdisciplinary nature. Food is not necessary but is helpful for the event to encourage participation. The General Office Coordinator identified areas that could be cut based upon club granting practices.

General Office Coordinator was requested to follow up with the club on the granting timelines. The GC Chair has provided a memorandum for all clubs of required timelines and the club was recommended to review these guidelines.

Concern was raised that the event was open to the membership but primarily catering to non-members. The President of the club indicated that there was a range of participants, but mostly consisting of undergraduate students. This was particularly true given that the event was being hosted in the Applied Science Building atrium.

Concern was expressed around the clarity of the budget, even from the presenter. A member supported the work of the event, but wished to ensure that the club worked with the Student Society to develop the budget and ensure accountability. The General Office Coordinator will work with the club on this matter. In the past, the Committee has provided funding contingent upon certain criteria, or to clearly define where funding is going.

A member acknowledged the unique nature of the event and wished to see the event succeed. The SFSS could fund its own costs (FBS catering and Copy Centre printing), while the SEF could fund SFU based costs and honoraria requests that could not be fully funded by the SFSS.

MOTION GC 2015-01-21:04

Kooner

Be it resolved to grant the SFU Acoustic Engineering Club up to \$665.00 from the clubs grant line item for the SFU Acoustics Festival towards Food and Beverage Services catering and Copy Centre printing.

CARRIED

7. Announcements

Granting Committee will not be holding a meeting next week.

8. Attachments

- 1 - Chemistry Career Night - Proposal.docx
- 2 - Jan 14 CSS Meeting Minutes.docx
- 3 - CIC 2015 Grant Proposal - Updated.docx
- 4 - REFERENCE - CIC 2014 Funding .docx
- 5 - REFERENCE - NEW Coast Coal Harbour Catering Package 2014.pdf
- 6 - SFU Acoustic Engineering Club - SFU Acoustics Festival.pdf

9. Adjournment 11:06am