

Call to Order – 10:36 am, July 20, 2015 | MBC 2294

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

The Granting 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.

2. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

Board Member (*chair*)..... Corbett Gildersleve
Vice President Student Life Deepak Sharma
Board of Directors Member Kathleen Yang
Board of Directors Member
Councilor Elena Jiang Su
Student At-Large Hermon Ephraim (*late*)

Society Staff

General Office Coordinator Lawrence Jones
Student Union Organiser..... Antonio Daling
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Collegiate Gaming Club..... Zhe Wang
Dota2 Club..... Edward Ning
HOME Daniel Jung

Regrets

Councilor Jenna Kraychy (*vacation*)

Absent

Student At-Large Darren Lau

The seat of Board of Directors member Sharma S. was declared vacant for the remainder of the semester.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION GC 2015-07-20:01

Yang

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

The Committee was asked to provide their exam schedules to the Chair to allow for the scheduling of meetings.

CARRIED

4. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION GC 2015-07-20:02

Jiang Su

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Councilor Jenna Kraychy (*vacation*)

CARRIED

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION GC 2015-07-20:03

Jiang Su

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-07-06

CARRIED

6. Granting Presentations

a. Dota2 Club, Collegiate Gaming Club, CSSS, SSSS — C-LAN Fall 2015

C-LAN—a tournament of popular video games—would be hosted once again on both the Burnaby and Surrey campus computing science labs. These labs are provided free of charge, along with IT services. The School of Computing Science does require funding for a security guard to maintain equipment, as well as AV costs for console games. Food is also required for volunteers and staff who would be working for 12-hour shifts. The event typically attracts 200 to 300 attendees, including off campus friends of members, thus providing for an opportunity to showcase the campus and the Computing Science program at the university. A photographer would also be requested from the SFU Engagement Fund to contribute to outreach efforts by the clubs. Printing costs for posters was the final item for request.

Funding allocations were requested at 30% for both clubs, and 20% student unions.

Ephraim entered 10:45pm

The committee appreciated the regularized nature of the event and the success at securing sponsorship for a substantial portion of event costs.

- The event on both campuses typically draws in 20 volunteers over the two days.
- Collaborations:
 - CGC would be lead organizing one of the tournaments, providing volunteers and staff, and assisting with outreach.
 - SSSS has typically been the primary organizer of the Surrey campus event, and CSSS typically provides staff and volunteers. It was raised that the CSSS and the SSSS has approved some core funding, but no minutes were available for the committee at the moment.
- External sponsorship was to be sought—the sponsorship package was currently being developed.
- Preregistration was open, but attendees pay at the door.
- Attendees were typically 60% SFU students, 40% non-SFU, as most of the games were team games requiring a group of 5+.
 - Registration requires non-SFU attendees to be considered a member of the Collegiate Gaming Club for the duration of the event for insurance purposes.

b. Humans of Mutual Engagement — Mostly Sunny

The event—named after the weather forecast—would be held on Field 2. Athletics has already approved of venue usage.

- The event would consist of a BBQ party and an outdoor movie screening. The representative of the club provided a breakdown for the expenses, largely relating to sourcing of ingredients for the BBQ.
- The only costs on attendees is the BBQ, where 50 food tickets were anticipated to be purchased.
- Foodsafe has been secured by a volunteer of the event.
 - The General Office would follow up on Health Permit application.
- Question was raised of whether there were plugs on the field for the projector. If so, Facilities could negate the cost of the rotary extension cords.
- Projector included a selection of movies provided by the rental company.
- Charcoal was raised as a concern, given the current wildfire situation within the Province. SFU Safety and Risk Services may not allow such a source of fire outdoors.

All club representatives left at 11:09am

7. Grant Considerations

a. Dota2 Club, Collegiate Gaming Club, CSSS, SSSS — C-LAN Fall 2015

The General Office has requested that any clubs submitting additional documents for grant requests consolidate information within the electronic request form. As such, the additional documentation alluded to by the club representatives were not provided to the committee.

- The event was being hosted on two campuses with two days on each campus
- Two clubs and two student unions were involved in the planning process, and therefore there was opportunity to grant beyond the typical \$1,500 cap.
 - Concern was raised that there was no grant request received by the Student Union Resource Office coming from either the SSSS or CSSS.
 - It was possible to fund the club grant request, and await confirmation.
- The committee commended the clubs for submitting the grant so early.
- Cost breakdown was similar to previous iterations of the event.
- Student Engagement Fund has funded the photographer in the past, and it was likely that they would do so again.
- Non-SFU students are allowed to join clubs, and many events have some non-SFU participation. The General Office Coordinators would review the club waivers for non-SFSS members and potentially require a new waiver to be signed by participants.

MOTION GC 2015-07-20:04

Sharma

Be it resolved to grant the Dota2 Club and Collegiate Gaming Club up to \$565.20 each from the clubs grant line item for the C-LAN Fall 2015 allocated towards the cost of security, food, and AV.

The Student Union Resource Office would review the requests from the Department Student Unions once they were received. As they were below \$1000 per, the Student Union Resource Office could approve them at their discretion.

CARRIED

b. Humans of Mutual Engagement — Mostly Sunny

- Confusion ensued around how the ticketing system would work for the event.
- It was expressed that, as a newer club, HOME may not yet fully understand the event planning process required by the SFSS. It was raised that many of their executives were supposedly sourced from the event planners of various SFSS events and therefore should understand the process.
- Concern was raised that the Fraser Health permit application has not been submitted yet and therefore the event may not move forward if the event was a BBQ. However, the club still had two days time to make the request for the permit.
- Concern was raised around t-shirt costs for a BBQ event. The grant request reflected the t-shirt subsidy provided by the General Office, which was subsidy of \$5 per shirt up to \$150.
 - If the t-shirts were for general club usage rather than being for the specific event, they could be extracted to a separate grant.
- Question was raised around external vendors for the BBQ rental, as SFU has a contract on the campus.
 - SFU has never raised the issue with the SFSS, aside from the issue of offcampus catering. SFU Dining Services has been in favour of BBQ events where food is cooked and served by the committee.
- Specialty outdoor projector is necessary—the club was collaborating with The Point Church for access to the necessary printer.
- Facilities costs for tables and chairs would be sourced from the general

MOTION GC 2015-07-20:05

Sharma

Be it resolved to grant Humans of Mutual Engagement up to \$590 from the clubs grant line item for Mostly Sunny, allocated towards relevant costs as per the grant request.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

a. SFU Camping Club—Letter of Understanding

The Committee was provided with the minutes of GC 2015-09-10:06, which was the original motion approving the loan without prejudice and precedence. The General Office Coordinator expressed that the Camping Club had planned for nearly all circumstances aside from adverse weather, which impacted both ticket sales and catering. Currently, a member was owed a substantial amount of money. The club has requested that the loan be extended for an additional 5 month period.

A substantial number of concerns were raised to this issue:

- The feasibility of the SFSS loan being recouped was raised as a concern. The former head of the club had indicated to the granting chair that they would be hosting fundraisers to recoup the costs.

- It was felt that the committee was in the wrong for approving the loan in the first place without a loan system in place. Question was raised of whether the Committee had any alternative other than to extend the loan repayment period.
- It was possible for any motion to extend the loan to be contingent on the approval of the letter of understanding by the Committee, which would involve a number of guarantees to protect the Society.
 - This could also include mechanisms and actions that would take place in order to secure the funds necessary for repayment, as well as complete block of payment.
 - If the committee remained dissatisfied with the letter, the committee could reject the motion to approve the letter and therefore the loan extension at that point.
 - The club could also be instructed to conduct a fundraiser to repay the individual member.
- Concern was raised that there was no consequence for failure to repay Society loans at present. The previous LOA, which would have included such information, never reached draft point. It would likely be in good faith for the organization to follow up on the LOA as committed by the organization in the past.
- The issue could be viewed as the failure of the club to take precautions for adverse weather in Vancouver. It could also be seen as a failure of the club executives responsibilities to its members, thus causing the substantial amount owing.
 - The member in question has been contacting the club executives biweekly requesting repayment for some time.
- The committee was notified that staff had recommended strongly against the approval of a loan without the appropriate procedures and accountability measures.

The committee was reminded that members are involved in multiple clubs. The committee can discuss how the blacklisting would work if the club were to default on the loan at a later time.

MOTION GC 2015-07-20:06

Yang

Whereas the Granting Committee of 2014/15 approved a loan to Camping Club;
Whereas due to many obstacles in securing stable executive function within the Camping Club, including but not limited to: Change in Executive, previous executive being out of the country and difficult to reach, difficulty in achieving membership threshold, higher priority tasks for GO Coordinators, etc.;

Whereas the SFSS member to whom the money is owed still has not been paid;

Whereas the Camping Club would like to become active in the Fall;

Whereas The General Office Coordinators will be able to monitor and block subsequent registration by Camping Club if any non-repayment issues arise;

Be it resolved that the General Office Coordinators draft a Letter of Understanding (subject to Granting Committee approval or veto) – outlining the terms of repayment and consequences for non-repayment – between at least two Camping Club Executives, to be signed by them and the VP Student Life.

CARRIED

b. End of Semester Schedule

Committee members were asked for provide exam schedules to the chair as soon as possible.

9. Attachments

- 1 - Dota2 Club.pdf
- 2 - Humans of Mutual Engagement.pdf
- GC.07.20.2015.CampingLoan.pdf

10. Adjournment

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September 10, 2015
Granting Committee
Camping Club Loan

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(d.) Appeal – Camping Club Ultimate Camping Trip

Third appeal of the camping club on the event in question. There were not structures in place for loans going to clubs. For Student Unions, core funding is withheld until such time that a loan is paid off. Granting committee had approved student unions loans in the past, with gradual repayment occurring over semesters. These have typically been for merchandise purchases where a revenue stream could be guaranteed.

There was desire expressed to avoid both retroactive funding and to avoid setting precedence for clubs until such time that a standard could be set. Auditors would seek a policy on club loans to mitigate risk.

2 board members have spoken in favour of a grant which are of concern, particularly as it may have impacted whether or not the number of appeals would have been accepted. There was a desire to ensure that board members do not speak in favour of any grant proposals, such that conflicts on interests are avoided.

Further, the intent for the appeals and grants have changed a number of times which have impacted the ability for the committee to make a decision on the matter. A solution was sought such that the camping club had some direction for yearly planning and to reduce further time spent by the committee on the matter.

MOTION GC 2014-09-10:06
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Whereas a clubs loan procedure is being developed
Be it resolved to loan the SFU Camping Club up to \$600 without prejudice or precedence.
Be it further resolved to establish a letter of agreement to accompany the loan.
Be it further resolved that should the loan not be repaid by the end of spring 2015, registration and further funding would be withheld.
LOA should identify what occurs should the loan not be repaid.

The General Office Coordinator and the Vice President Student Life would draft the letter.

September 10, 2015

Granting Committee

Camping Club Loan

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Whereas: Due to many obstacles in securing stable executive function within the Camping Club, including but not limited to: Change in Executive, previous executive being out of the country and difficult to reach, difficulty in achieving membership threshold, higher priority tasks for GO Coordinators, etc., and

Whereas: The SFSS member to whom the money is owed still has not been paid, and,

Whereas: The Camping Club would like to become active in the Fall, and

Whereas: The General Office Coordinators will be able to monitor and block subsequent registration by Camping Club if any non-repayment issues arise, and

Whereas: General Office Coordinators will draft a Letter of Understanding – outlining the terms of repayment and consequences for non-repayment – between at least two Camping Club Executives, to be signed by them and the VP Student Life,

BIRT that Granting Committee approve a loan to Camping Club for \$602.88, repayable in two installments by Dec 18, 2015.