

Call to Order – 10:32 am, June 10, 2014 | MBC 2296

1. Appointment of Chair

MOTION ADV 2014-06-10:01

Najaf

Be it resolved to appoint Tesicca Truong as chair of the Advocacy Committee meeting of 2014-06-10

CARRIED

2. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

Board of Directors Representative (*chair*) Tesicca Truong
Board of Directors Representative Brady Wallace
Councilor Ali Najaf
Councilor Michael Fujiwara
Councilor *vacant*
Board of Governors Representative *vacant*
Out On Campus Representative *vacant*
Women’s Centre Representative *vacant*
Senate Representative *vacant*
Student At-Large Japreet Lehal (*late*)

Society Staff

Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator Pierre Cassidy
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Women’s Centre Anjali Bajju
Member Nicole Dagenais

Regrets

VP External Relations Darwin Binesh
VP Student Life (MSO *pro tem*) Kayode Fatoba
VP University Relations Moe Kopahi
Councilor Kathleen Yang

Absent

Student At-Large Muhsin Suleiman

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION ADV 2014-06-10:02

Najaf

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

4. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION ADV 2014-06-10:03

Fujiwara

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from

VP External Relations Darwin Binesh
VP Student Life (MSO *pro tem*) Kayode Fatoba
VP University Relations Moe Kopahi

Councilor Kathleen Yang

CARRIED

QUORUM RESTORED QUORUM AT 10:43am

5. Reappointment of Chair

MOTION ADV 2014-06-10:04

Najaf

Be it resolved to appoint Tesicca Truong as chair of the Advocacy Committee meeting of 2014-06-10

CARRIED

6. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

Board of Directors Representative (*chair*) Tesicca Truong
Councilor Ali Najaf
Councilor Michael Fujiwara
Councilor *vacant*
Board of Governors Representative *vacant*
Out On Campus Representative *vacant*
Women’s Centre Representative *vacant*
Senate Representative *vacant*
Student At-Large Japreet Lehal (*late*)
Student At-Large Muhsin Suleiman

Society Staff

Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator Pierre Cassidy
Minute Taker Dion Chong

Guests

Women’s Centre Anjali Bajju
Member Nicole Dagenais

Regrets

VP External Relations Darwin Binesh
VP Student Life (MSO *pro tem*) Kayode Fatoba
VP University Relations Moe Kopahi
Councilor Kathleen Yang

Absent

Board of Directors Representative Brady Wallace

7. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION ADV 2014-06-10:05

Fujiwara

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

8. Ratification of Regrets

MOTION ADV 2014-06-10:06

Fujiwara/Amendment Lehal
Be it resolved to ratify regrets from

VP External Relations	Darwin Binesh
VP Student Life (MSO <i>pro tem</i>).....	Kayode Fatoba
VP University Relations.....	Moe Kopahi
Councilor	Kathleen Yang

MOTION AMENDED

CARRIED

9. Updates

a. Purpose of Advocacy Committee, Past Campaigns and Initiatives, Members Priorities in the Current Year

The committee reviewed the mandates of the Advocacy Committee as per Standing Order 3 – Advocacy Committee.

The committee recalled the work of the committee in the past year:

- international tuition fee increase townhall (providing information on proposed 10% increase in international student fees)
- Sexual assault support services
- Deferred maintenance
- Outreach days (where members provided hot chocolate and cookies and collect feedback)
- Lobby Days (speaking to MLAs in Victoria)
- Advocacy grant programme (supporting student advocacy initiatives).

Priority Areas for 2014/2015

- Financial Support
 - International student tuition fees
 - SFU did not provide information on the fee increases – concern around financial transparency of the university.
 - Bursary/scholarship programmes
- Student Involvement in governance and political landscape
 - Municipal elections 2014/ federal elections 2015
 - SFSS elections
 - Making the SFSS more accessible on all campuses
- Participation in Board of Directors Consultation
 - Having students approaching SFSS with their ideas, complaints etc.
 - Venting in the right director to foster change.
- Transit Referendum

Board of Directors was interested in creating a feedback mechanism as well, which the committee may wish to be involved in shaping.

Committee was reminded that the SFSS policy manual included a number of issue policies, which may be a good reference for committee members.

A member was interested in creating a central campaign on voter engagement. Potential of having information booths during concerts, events, at other campuses etc, and engaging with

other stakeholder groups on campus to be involved. “Storm the polls” or voting mobs have been conducted at other universities, which ADV may wish to consider, along with the potential to coordinate with campus businesses to provide discounts for individuals who show proof of voting.

There was a desire to ensure that students understand their stake in the elections. Potential of creating a candidate panel or host an all candidates debate on campus. Campaign could connect students to all levels of governance, or create opportunities for groups to approach the polls together and thus reduce the access barriers.

The committee was reminded of the staff resources available to them to coordinate such actions.

There was also interest from the committee to continue the Minority in Politics series of panel discussions, and in particular encouraging youth participation within the panel.

There was a desire to involve the student unions and faculty in providing information on the political process and encouraging involvement, to allow for information coming at a peer level. Opportunity also existed to provide a report card on politician positions on issues of interest to students.

Concern about the SFSS debates happening during classes times, particularly during midterm season. Further, there were concerns that candidates were not visible on campus. To students, it was determined by a member that the SFSS had a perception of concerts, and had a level of intimidation at clubs days. There was a desire to enhance the accessibility of the student society. The committee was reminded that the Independent Electoral Commission had jurisdiction over the issue of electoral debates for SFSS elections.

b. Deferred Maintenance Photo Contest
MOTION ADV 2014-06-10:07

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Be it resolved to allocate up to \$200 from 820/23 Advocacy to the Graduate Student Society Deferred Maintenance Photo Campaign

POSTPONED TO NEXT ADV

10. Discussion

a. Member Priorities for the Year

11. Adjournment 11:24pm

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