

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Internal Relations Officer Andrew Fergusson at 3:44 pm.

2. Ratification of the Chair

MOTION AGM-10-06-09:01

Nadison/Hiscocks

Move to appoint Fergusson as Chair for the AGM.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Review of Meeting Rules

MOTION AGM-10-06-09:02

Nadison/MacGrotty

Move to adopt the agenda as presented

Jai-Qi Chen: will there be a vote on the CFS referendum for November.

Fergusson: No, we don't have quorum to consider that question.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION AGM-10-06-09:03

Hiscocks/MacGrotty

Minutes from the October 7, 2008 General Meeting are available for adoption.

CARRIED

Opposed: Jai-Qi Chen

5. Report from the Board of Directors

A report was presented detailing the activities of the Board of Directors from October 7, 2008 through October 6, 2009.

Law and Cheema arrived 3:51 pm

Q: What is the breakdown of SFSS/GSS/University funding for Ombuds?

Fergusson: (couldn't hear answer)

Q: Have you talked to Translink about increasing service on the 145 route?

Nadison: yes, and about all routes.

Q: Will there be an increase to the UPass fee, and have you considered the environmental impacts?

Proctor: Has there been any further discussion about the SUB?

Lee: we are definitely looking into it; we have been meeting with Lee Gavel and Elizabeth Starr from SFU, as well as with Bing Thom architects.

Nadison: the biggest issue is funding once its built. The operating costs could be very high, so we need to have a funding plan in place.

Eric: Is there any way to make the pub profitable? Maybe refurbish it?

Fergusson: We have been renovating and improving the pub since 2008. There are new TVs. The tables were upgraded. We added a foosball table. We're looking into renovating the entire bottom floor. We moved the stage to make more dance floor. We're looking at expanding the kitchen to serve food better and faster. The Pub was only originally intended to serve snack foods. We have programming like Wicked Wednesdays to attract more students.

Dhillon: can we have the pub open past 1 am?

Fergusson: No, that's a Burnaby bylaw.

Belkine: There was a plan to de-license the lower area, any progress?

Fergusson: Switching the license is very expensive - over \$600 per event, and the university holds the control over the decision. We are renovating the arcade as a more comfortable coffee bar kind of space.

Q: what is the endowment fund?

Hiscocks: many departments have these funds - they fund student activities, enable departments to do more.

6. Report from the Treasurer

The Student Society Treasurer provided an overview of the Student Society's finances from October 7, 2008 through October 6, 2009.

Zelezny: I have been working hard on keeping the society's budget balanced. I have also been focusing on renovations. I moved 3.3 million dollars into an account where it's earning 10 times more interest. We have been increasing efficiency and getting better machines at the copy centre. We're working on an online database for club and grant requests; we're saving money by having Andrew and I do the design work for this system. I'm working with W2 to ensure students have space at the Woodward's campus.

Belkine: regarding the W2 space - will we be charged facilities fees or rent?

Zelezny: It's not university space - we'll pay more up front to furnish the space in return for a decreased lease rate in the long run.

7. Report from the Auditor

Cal Tompkins, the representative for the Society's auditor – Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co, provided an overview of the Student Society's audited financial statements.

Q: Which building, specifically, are the funds for, in the expansion and renewal fund?

Cal: these funds are for future expansions, or renovations to existing facilities.

Nadison: we renovated the Rotunda and Forum Chambers from this fund.

Belkine: I have a question about Note 10 - restricted net assets. We have spent \$130,000 on legal fees.

Cal: basically, you can't restrict an asset you don't have; the SFSS has about \$300,000 set aside, but less than the amount noted in the fund.

Cal: Please note the auditor's letter that has no qualifications.

8. 8. Appointment of the Auditor for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year

MOTION AGM-10-06-09:04

Zelezny/Nadison

Move to re-appoint of Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co. as the auditor responsible for the coming year's audited financial statements.

CARRIED

Diego: Why is this AGM so poorly organized? There are barely 50 people here. I can barely hear you talk.

Nadison: We apologize. We've been really busy with a lot of different things. We're stretched on resources, and we're really occupied with the court case and meeting with the lawyer. Usually with general meetings people come if there is important business on the agenda. Also no-one submitted any motions - it's the responsibility of our members to give input. We have put our priority on other events.

Diego: ISG would like to restructure and get stronger - International students are now 11% of the student body. We have little representation in the university. We pay 211% more tuition. I am here to ask you to sign a declaration of support for restoring a student space to ISG to support our organizing efforts. The Elections Office took our previous space. We are not getting enough support from the Board.

9. Adjournment

Zelezny/Belkine

Meeting adjourned 4:27 pm