

Call to Order – 3:00 pm, October 24, 2012

**1. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by SFSS president Lorenz Yeung.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR**

The members will nominate and appoint a Chairperson for the General Meeting.

**MOTION AGM 10-24-12:01**

Anderson/Dropsy

*Be it resolved that* Lorenz Yeung be appointed as the chair of the 2012 SFSS annual general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The meeting considered the agenda prepared by the Board of Directors. No changes or additions to the agenda were proposed at this time.

An explanation of Roberts Rules was provided to the membership immediately prior to the call to order

**MOTION AGM 10-24-12:02**

Jones-Martin/Samille

*Be it resolved that* the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Copies of minutes from the previous AGM were available for consideration by members.

Yeung identified issues with incorrect last names, namely those of Leung to Yeung (Lorenz Yeung) and Chan to Chen (Cedric Chen)

Member identifies that on page 8, the year is incorrectly identified as 2010 when the minutes should reflect 2011.

**MOTION AGM 10-24-12:03**

Jay/Boulding

*Be it resolved that* the minutes of the October 5, 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Simon Fraser Student Society be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**5. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TREASURER**

A report was presented detailing the activities of the Board of Directors from October 6, 2011 to October 24, 2012.

The Student Society Treasurer provided an overview of the Student Society's finances from October 2011 through October 2012.

Khan identifies improvements to SFSS space. These include atrium renovations (9 new microwaves, new furniture, better atmosphere overall), additional study space with power ports

at the zero level of MBC, Forum chambers improvements (removal of mold, increased flexibility of space). Lobbying efforts for the last year include demands for increased comp spaces on campus. Khan notes improvements to university space, including the renovation of the dining hall and efforts to replace furniture in existing student space. Build SFU update consisted of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the SFSS and SFU on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, formalizing discussions between the two groups on the direction of the project. Membership advised to contact McCann for further details. Regarding health plans, SFSS switched from Sun Life to Desjardins over the summer of 2012 due to a guaranteed two year rate at a lower cost per student to the SFSS. Benefits remain the same, but SFSS now has an easier time administering the programme. Over summer of 2012, Khan and Yeung worked on the ombudsperson joint funding change.

*Khan explains role of and funding agreement for Ombudsperson*

Khan provides further updates on Build SFU. Build hired four new student employees to help establish the brand, engage in consultations, and provide presence in the Think Tank. Tasked with reaching out to SFSS community and documenting feedback to project. Khan speaks to Advocacy and Events Committee initiatives including pub nights and World Cultures Day. Yeung speaks to the website as a part of the SFSS efforts to bolster communications department efforts. Clubs and SFU database was launched to move paperwork online, allowing club executives to make grant requests without always having to go through the general office. Room booking system is in progress. After going to a conference with different student societies over the summer, is considering additional ways to engage with student population through the website. Also looking into starting textbook/tech trade opportunities through society website. Zhang speaks to the financials of the society. \$309,279 loss from Food and Beverage Services, which is not from a single source but from department as a whole. Board will be looking into improvements into the future. Space expansion fund balance as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 is \$3,643,664 and is restricted to renovation, operation, expenditure, repair, maintenance and creation of student space. Stipends have also increased this year.

Lui asks why FBS losses cannot be attributed to a single department

Zhang replies that source materials all go through the same system and it's difficult to identify major sources of loss. Separate accounting of costs is something the board is looking into with FBS.

Yeung also addresses the issue of whether to run FBS as a service or a business, which has changed with each board. Goal is to keep food quality and keep costs low, but increasing food and transport costs have eroded margins. Currently Board is working on management of FBS to fully manage all FBS services so financial office can go into detail of analyzing cost cutting opportunities.

Lemon asks whether or not high wages are impacting FBS losses, since he has worked in Higher Grounds and was paid \$20 per hour to pour coffee.

Zhang replies that one of the largest direct expenses are those in FBS and that the board is working on wage improvements and staff efficiency.

Yeung clarifies that the wage structure under the collective agreement is such that there isn't differing wages between departments.

Boulding indicates that \$20 per hour wages for Higher Grounds is untrue, and that CUPE 3338 unit 3, Food and Beverage Services, has been without a collective agreement for the past 3 years. Zhang continues. Forum stipends increased by \$11,000 as a result of the change of Forum meetings from monthly to biweekly in order to increase engagement with membership.

Increases to nonexecutive board member stipends to account for increased contributions and

recognizing their work. SFSS USB drives were produced to replace handbooks, which were underused and environmentally unfriendly. \$10,000 was used for 1000 USB drives.

*Yeung conducts informal poll on preference of USB drives over handbooks.*

Zhang: SFSS committed \$20,000 for bursaries this year. Typically government matched previous contributions of \$10,000 for a grand total of \$20,000, but this year board decided to contribute more money to support students and thus increased contributions. Department Student Union funding increased from \$60,000 to \$124,000 approximately. Increases came from targeted fundings which have directly benefitted DSUs. Clubs have also experienced major increases to funding, taking an increase of \$94,000 for a total of \$152,000 to support 239 clubs, 197 of which are active for the fall semester. Again, they received referendum funding two different times which have resulted in this figure. FASC was allocated \$44,000. Looking forward, 3 new vendors will come into the MBC food court, thus increasing commercial revenue for us

Issac had a question on the starring of items in the appendix

Khan explains the method that SFSS monies are received, particularly in regard to other groups, such as The Peak, which must collect their fees through the SFSS

Yeung clarifies that they are flow-through accounts. These include First Nations, UPass, Sustainable, and the Health and Dental Plan, as well as Build SFU

Member asked for clarification on reference to DSUs

Zhang answers that similar to clubs, 46 of 55 DSUs are currently active

Yeung answers on status of constituency groups, which are not well defined in bylaws and policies in relation to their true day to day operations.

Chen voices concerns about improvements to society financials at the expense of weages and benefits to society permanent and student employees.

Zhang: “Okay. So from my understanding, I will do my best to protect our employees and make sure they get what they deserve. Fair wages. Right. But also, it's an efficiencies problem. So I'm sure there's a lot of improvements that we can make in that area “

Yeung addresses concerns by pointing at collective agreement protecting wages and benefits, increased employment for Build SFU Project Workers, hiring of project manager(s) and

Womens Centre Assistant

Member question regarding cost of handbooks

Zhang answers \$35,000

Yeung further answers that true costs are higher but sponsorship and advertising reduces costs to an average of \$35,000

#### **MOTION AGM 10-24-12:04**

Mellesmoen/Lemon

*Be it resolved* that the 2011- 2012 report from the board of directors be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION AGM 10-24-11:06**

Wiley/Roberts

*Be it resolved* that the 2011- 2012 report from the Treasurer be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE AUDITOR**

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

**7. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR**

The auditor responsible for the coming year's audited financial statements was appointed. The Board of Directors recommended the re-appointment of Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co.

**MOTION AGM 10-24-12:08**

/Boulding

Be it resolved that Tomkins, Wozny, Miller & Co be appointed as SFSS Auditor for the 2012-2013 year.

**CARRIED**

**8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT AT 4:27 PM**

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