

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 10:34 am

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that this meeting is being conducted on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples; which, to the current knowledge of the Society include the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Committee composition

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| Vice President External Relations (Chair) | Christine Dyson |
| Vice President University Relations | Arr Farah |
| Board of Directors Representative | Blossom Malhan |
| Board of Directors Representative | Prab Bassi |
| Board of Directors Representative | Raajan Garcha |
| Student At-Large | Kiran Binning |
| Student At Large | Natalia Gretskaia |
| Student At Large | Darien Lechner |
| Student At Large | Vacant |
| Student At-Large | Aarushi Sharma |

3.2 Society Staff

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| Campaigns, Research and Policy Coordinator | Pierre Cassidy |
| Administrative Assistant | Mandeep Aujla |

3.3 Regrets

3.4 Absent

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

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Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

CARRIED AS AMENDED/CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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Arr/Aarushi

Be it resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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Darien/Raajan

Be it resolved to approve the minutes from:

- Advocacy Committee- August.17, 2016

CARRIED

~~7. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES~~

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 SFU Sexual Assault Policy Campaign

- Email to Christine was sent from SFU's previous VP Academic (Jon Driver) with the tentative times of when SFU's Sexual Assault Policy consultations would be occurring.
- SFU has asked for feedback on the times available.
- Optional dates for the focus group are from September 26 through October 19.
- The committee brainstormed that late September would be a poor time for students to be able to attend as this is during exams.
- The committee agreed that the afternoon sessions might be more heavily attended.
- Holding some sessions later in the day (ie. After 4:30 pm) would be beneficial for students who are at class during the morning and afternoon.
- The committee was told that SFU has provided the dates of these consultations; more information on the target of the consultations etc. will be provided later on.
- Christine stated she may clarify with SFU if they are doing all the dates listed.
- A committee member questioned if the draft of the policies will be available online before the consultations; Christine stated that the draft was not done when she spoke with the SFU representative, however she can ask if it will be available online once it is finished.
- Christine suggested that the advocacy committee run a campaign to spread awareness for these consultations.
- One committee member suggested communicating with the administrator of the SFU confessions Facebook page to advocate for these consultations.
- UBC and UVic are still doing the consultations process and Christine will ask the AMS (Student Society of UBC Vancouver) if a draft version of their policies have been shared yet.
- A committee member suggested that in-class presentations telling students about these consultations would also help the committee reach a wider audience.
- It was suggested that these consultations be brought up at the Surrey campus clubs days.
- Christine stated she would further consult with SFU regarding the location of these consultations as some students only attend the Surrey or Vancouver campus.
- A committee member proposed stapling yellow whistles (provided by SFU Security) to invitation cards.

- Members also agreed to speak with the Health and Counselling centre to get their feedback on these consultations or the marketing campaign on behalf of the Advocacy committee.
- The committee brainstormed that they could collectively make a commitment to attend a consultation session together.
- Pierre suggested speaking with the Out on Campus (OOC), Womens centre, and Communications department, as well as the student union representatives present on the Council to receive their comments.
- Christine stated she would work with Sindhu next week on the messaging for the invitations. The Committee provided the following suggestions:
 - Catchy slogan.
 - Clickable formal invitation and a post-card invitation.
 - Briefer on what the consultations will be about and what is expected of students who attend.
- Action items summarized:
 - **[Action Item] Christine:** Consult with SFU Security regarding the whistles.
 - **[Action Item] Christine:** Follow up with SFU regarding the location of the policies consultation and if a draft version of the policies will be available online before the consultations.
 - **[Action Item] Christine:** Inform SFU about the feedback received from the Advocacy committee regarding the dates and time of the consultations; Consultations to occur after midterms and to have times available in the evening.
 - **[Action Item] Christine:** Follow up with the AMS in regards to if the draft version of their policies has been shared yet.
- A committee member questioned the objective for these consultations; in particular how the feedback received from students will be incorporated into the final version of the policies.
- In response, Arr stated that there would be a legal counsel involved in the whole process as well as an advisory group (with student representation) and a working group (with solely University representation). In addition, there will be the Board of governors involved, which is comprised of students, and the Senate, which is comprised of sixteen students.

***Blossom Malhan arrived at 10:41 am.*

Consent Campaign:

- The Advocacy committee will be organizing a “Consent Matters” campaign.
- Health and Counselling centre has agreed to provide pamphlets to the committee for outreach purposes.
- Faculty reps will also be handing these pamphlets out at FROSH.
- There are plans for Health and Counselling to do a photo campaign depicting sexual assault myths; they have noted the committee can be involved.

- Health and Counselling stated they could organize a presentation on myths surrounding sexual assault at an Advocacy committee meeting.
- The committee had the following suggestions for this campaign:
 - Provide the consent tool kits (provided by the Womens Centre) during the end of the night at Pub nights.
 - Consult with Highergrounds coffee or Renaissance coffee with regards to having messaging on disposable cup sleeves.
 - For the Policy Consultations: students may be eligible to receive a prize for bring the most amount of attendees with them.
 - Providing buttons or “Consent matters” kits available for students while selling Fall kick-off tickets.
 - Use the slogan “Let’s get Consensual #ConsentMatters”
 - Consult with the Womens centre if their volunteer network would be interested in handing out material to students.
 - Graphic with the slogan on the Advocacy Committee sign.
- **[Action Item] Christine:** Ask the Womens centre if consent tool kits can e ready for the fall-kick off tables.

9.2 #TextbookBrokeBC Campaign

- Discussion on this topic was postponed.

9.3 Mental Health and Well-being:

- Discussion on this topic was postponed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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Arr/Aarushi

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at – 11:29 am.

CARRIED