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:lō, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

3. **Roll Call of Attendance**
3.1 **Committee Composition**
Vice President External Relations .................................................. 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 ........................................................................ Mark Thompson
Student At-Large ........................................................................ Aarushi Sharma
Student At-Large ........................................................................ Carien Cassidy
Campaigns, Research and Policy Coordinator .......................... Pierre Cassidy
Administrative Assistant ............................................................... Carmela Frouws

3.4 **Guests**
Vice President Student Services .................................................. Larissa Chen
At-Large Representative ............................................................... Mudi Bwakura

4. **Introductions**
- Round table introductions

**Darien Lechner arrived at 10:40 am**

5. **Overview of the Advocacy Committee**
The purpose of the Advocacy Committee is to report on the development of the advocacy priorities, recommendations and implementation to the board of directors.
• While developing a plan and a proposal, the Advocacy committee creates a budget, resource requirements, staffing requirements and a timeline.
• The proposal is then recommended to Board for their review.
• The Board of Directors reviews and discusses the proposal and then provides the committee with direction on how to implement the campaign.
• After the implementation, the committee will submit a summary report containing campaign highlights.
• The number of campaigns will depend on what the membership wants and how much time is available.

• Advocacy Campaigns fro 2015-2016 included:
  - Zero Waste Campaign
  - Fraser Library Campaign
  - Open Textbook Campaign
  - Get out to vote campaign
  - A few smaller campaigns
  - A health an Counselling campaign
  - Conducted outreach and provided stress relieving activities

Pierre to give a brief overview of Robert’s Rules of Order.
• Decisions are made by the committee as a whole
• Ask Pierre for guidelines on Robert’s Rules of Order
• Main Motion- proposal that the board make a decision on behalf of the organization

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
MOTION ADV 2016-05-25:01
ARR/PRAB
Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED AS AMENDED
DISCUSSION
• Strike #9 committee member updates

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
MOTION ADV 2016-05-25:02
BLOSSOM/RAAJAN
Be it resolved to approve the minutes from:
  AdvocacyCommittee_2016-03-30
CARRIED
8. DISCUSSION

SEMESTER PLANNING

- Student consultation for the committee has not been done by the Advocacy Committee in the past.
- It was suggested that the committee go out to talk to students first to see what would work for them and what they want advocated on their behalf.
  - It was suggested to formulate a list of issues beforehand
- It was noted that consultation could include surveys, tabling or social media outreach.
  - Talk to students to see what would work with them.
  - Hand out comment cards
  - Speak before or after lectures and inform the members what the SFSS has to offer.
  - Use bus stops
  - Have small giveaways
  - Sandwich boarding
  - Provide first year students with a video during student orientation.
  - Branch out to different groups
  - Public feedback tool, boards
  - Ensure all demographics are engaged
  - Include satellite campuses
- How can we engage the membership?
- It was requested that the past Board survey results be shared with the committee
- A question was raised asking how students who are not on the committee can get involved?
  - The committee was advised to talk to members and get the word out to the membership.
  - Information could also be posted on the general SFSS Facebook page.

BRAINSTORMING STUDENT ISSUES

- Translink strike info campaign
- Sexual assault
- Women in politics
- Inform students of the SFSS
- Get out to run campaign
- Participation in SFSS elections
- Fraser library campaign
- Fall reading break
- Conditions of residence
- SFSS communication campaign
- Use of student fees/SFSS fees
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- Chairs and space
- Differed maintenance

**Kiran Binning left at 11:46am**

- Lower tuition
- Needs of international students
- Student union awareness

9. **QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**
   - It was suggested to get a group me chat set up for the committee
   - The Advocacy committee is scheduled to meet bi-weekly with the option to meet weekly if the need arises

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

    Adjourned at: **12:00 pm**