

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 11:30am

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

VP External Relations..... Christine Dyson
VP Finance Hangué Kim
VP Student Life Curtis Pooghkay
VP Student Services..... Larissa Chen
VP University Relations.....Arr Farah
At-Large Representative..... Paul Hans
At-Large Representative..... Mudi Bwakura
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences) Alan Lee
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences) Blossom Malhan
Faculty Representative (Business) Pritesh Pachchigar
Faculty Representative (Communication, Art & Technology) Prab Bassi
Faculty Representative (Education) John Ragone
Faculty Representative (Environment)
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences)..... Raajan Garcha
Faculty Representative (Science) Jimmy Dhese

3.1 Society Staff

Build SFU General Manager Marc Fontaine
Chief Executive Officer Martin Wyant
Minute Taker Carmela Frouws
Administrative Supervisor Karen Atara

3.2 Absent

President..... Deepak Sharma – Due to extenuating circumstances

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BOD 2016-05-19:01

ARR/MUDI

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

DISCUSSION

- Discussion: add “Outreach Supplies Discussion” after “Sexual Assault Discussion”
- In Camera Session: Move to “7” after “6 - Reports From Society”
- Announcement – add “National Energy Board Report”

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION BOD 2016-05-19:02

MUDI/HANGUE

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

BoardOfDirectors_2016-04-15

BoardOfDirectors_2016-04-27

BoardOfDirectors_2016-05-04

CARRIED

DISCUSSION

- Friendly Amendment - New Business 8.2 should read \$2900, not \$3000 for the Board Retreat

6. REPORTS FROM SOCIETY

6.1 Report from Committees

- Board was informed that any committee expenses valued greater than \$500 would need to be brought forth for Board consideration and approval.
- It was recommended that any committee meetings requesting staff to be in attendance, formal invites should be sent via email in advance.

EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

- Meeting time: Bi-weekly Mondays at 10:30am – 11:30am

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Meeting time: Bi-Weekly Mondays at 1:30pm – 2:30am

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Meeting time: Thursdays at 10:30am - 11:30am
- The first meeting will discuss the budget and recent reallocations

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

- Meeting time: Weekly Wednesdays at 10:30 – 12:00pm

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- The committee finished interviewing candidates
- Formal in depth discussion will take place in-camera for today's meeting.

6.2 Report from the CEO

- Will speak In-Camera

7. IN – CAMERA

7.1 IN-CAMERA

MOTION BOD 2016-05-19:03

ARR/CURTIS

Be it resolved to move the meeting to In-Camera.

CARRIED

In-Camera Discussion

- Student At-Large Appointments
- Build SFU

7.2 EX-CAMERA

MOTION BOD 2016-05-19:04

CURTIS/MUDI

Be it resolved to move the meeting to Ex-Camera.

CARRIED

7.3 STUDENT AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS

MOTION BOD 2016-05-19:05

PRAB/JOHN as amended by CHRISTINE/PRITESH

Be it resolved to appoint the following members to the respective committee Student At-Large positions for the 2016-2017 year.

- Advocacy Committee – Kiran Binning, Natalia Gretskaia, Darien Lechner, Mark Thompson, Aarushi Sharma and Tomas Rapaport
- Events Committee – Simryn Atwal, Nina Savkovic, Gurpair Sidhu, Drake Henry, Kevin Kumar and Panteya Niazi
- Engagement At-Hoc Committee – Tomas Rapaport and Erwin Kwok
- Surrey Campus Committee – Simran Sanghera, Jagvir Kullar, Prashant Verna, Moein Moghaddam, Jaskarn Randhawa and Inderpreet Sran

CARRIED AS AMENDED

DISCUSSION

- There were not enough applicants for the Vancouver Campus Committee for the Summer semester.

- The applications would be opened again in the Fall to fill vacancies for the Vancouver Campus Committee.

8. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

8.1 SFU COMMITTEES

MOTION BOD 2016-05-19:06

JOHN/PRAB

Be it resolved to nominate one Board member to the SFU Parking Appeals committee.

Be it resolved to nominate one Board member to the SFU Sustainable Mobility Advisory Committee.

TABLED TO THE NEXT MEETING

DISCUSSION

- The SFU Parking Appeals Committee meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm.
- Receives and decides on appeals by the members.
- The meeting time for the Sustainable Mobility Advisory Committee is unknown. It was requested to find out the meeting time and date.

8.2 MOTION BOD 2016-05-19:07

ARR/CURTIS

Be it resolved to table Motion 8.1 to the next meeting.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION

- It was recommended to look into further to see if this is Board work.
- It was suggested to find out more information regarding the committees and what responsibilities would be required.

8.3 EVENTS COMMITTEE

MOTION BOD 2016-05-19:08

CURTIS/CHRISTINE as amended by CURTIS/ARR

Be it resolved to appoint Blossom Malhan, Pritesh Pachchigar and Raajan Garcha to the 2016-2017 Events Committee.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

DISCUSSION

- There are currently three vacancies on the committee.
- The meeting times are Mondays at 10:30am for the Summer semester.
 - The time and day is subject to change for the Fall semester
- Blossom Malhan, Pritesh Pachchigar and Raajan Garcha have expressed interest.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

ALCOHOL RESTRICTION POLICY

- Seeking guidance
- The proposed alcohol restriction policy would put a restriction on the core funding for student unions and prohibit them from using student money to purchase alcohol for their events.
- The policy would also strike the mandatory 15% gratuity when using the pub.
- It was noted that many student union representatives were not in favour of the policy, as it would add unnecessary hurdles when planning events.
- Student Unions would need to do their own fundraising in order to pay for alcohol.
- Board was informed that there is a standard liability issue when with respect to serving alcohol in general with a higher liability issue when providing students with money to buy it.
- It was expressed that many events provide alcohol in order to gain more attendance for their events and was suggested that this is necessary when hosting events.
- Board was informed that the policy does not restrict students from having alcohol at their events rather it would restrict them from using student dollars (received through student fees) to purchase alcohol.
 - It was noted that many students are not in favour of paying for alcohol purchases.
- It was suggested to implement a cap for how much alcohol can be purchase instead of restricting it completely.
- It was recommended that Board strike up a small Ad-Hoc committee to come up with a revised policy and present it to Board.
 - Raajan Garcha, Jimmy Dhesa, Prab Bassi, Christine Dyson and Arr Farah have expressed interest.
 - One staff member will be assigned to the group.
- It was recommended that this would need to be circulated to the membership for further consultation before a formal motion is made.

PROVISION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SUPPORT SERVICES

- A group has been formed and Leah Horlick and Larissa Chen will be the representatives for the SFSS
- SAPSE is set on a particular idea
- It was recommended that the SFSS start with option 4 to include the inclusion of services for students
- If this does not meet their approval then SFSS would move towards option 2 and work with Health and Counselling officers.
- It was suggested to SAPSE to broaden their focus to include a discussion about what is needed at all three campuses.

- Once we know what the terms of references are we will know if we should move towards option two.
- **Straw poll: Board shows in favour of Option 4**

OUTREACH ITEMS

- Board was instructed that the Communications is in need of some direction to find out some quotes.
- It was suggested to get quotes for t-shirts and pens
- It was suggested to conduct a student survey to see what the membership wants their money spent on
- Larissa will send out a doodle to the Board with options for Board members to choose their top picks.
- Deadline for board members to select their top items - Friday, May 20, 2016 at 2 pm

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Work Reports

- For the month of May: the May 1 – May 15 and the May 16 - May 31 reports will be due on May 31, 2016 at 11:59pm
- The reports will be due on the 15th and the last day of every month for the rest of the year.
- The document is shared on the Google Drive
- Late submissions will result in your stipend being withheld until the next pay period.
- If your report has not been submitted within 30 days then your stipend will be withheld indefinitely for that period.

2016 Board Retreat Report

- The report will be presented at the next board meeting.
- It was requested to add an In-camera session at the next Board meeting.

Build SFU Orientation

- May 26, 2016
- Next week a Build SFU orientation (Marc will send out and a calendar invitation)

National Energy Board

- SFSS submitted a written report and an oral submission during the consultation report regarding the Kinder Morgan Pipeline
- A report was released to the public today stating that the National Energy Board has approved the Pipeline.

11. ATTACHMENTS

- B- Note Sexual Assault Services
- Brief - Student Union Alcohol Policy

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at *1:25pm*

May 13, 2016

BRIEFING NOTE

PROVISION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

ISSUE

On February 26, 2106, the SFSS Board of Directors directed the Chief Executive Officer to explore the provision of sexual assault prevention and support services to the SFU community and to report his findings to the Board by the end of May, 2016

BACKGROUND

In February, a student group (Sexual Assault Planning Committee, SAPC) expressed formal interest in developing a sexual assault centre on SFU's Burnaby campus, using funds derived from new student fees. The group asked Council to place a funding question on an upcoming student referendum, but subsequently withdrew their request. The student group indicated that they would be bringing a referendum question back, once they had completed more work on their proposal for the sexual assault centre.

The Board of Directors and the CEO expressed support for the provision of additional services for students who had been exposed to sexual violence. The CEO recommended that SFSS meet with key stakeholders from the SFU community (students, service-providers, SFU administration staff, etc.) to explore the topic more fully and follow up with a report to the Board.

On March 22nd, a meeting was held to explore current supports, data that is currently available, service gaps and duplications, the SAPC vision and the SFSS vision. We had broad representation from numerous groups, including:

- SFSS Out on Campus
- SFSS Women's Centre
- SFSS VP of Student Services
- SFSS VP of Student Life
- SFU Campus Security
- TSSU
- SAPC
- SFU Residence and Housing
- SFU Student Conduct
- SFPIRG
- SFU Health and Counselling

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The minutes from the meeting are attached to this report. There was broad consensus in a number of areas, including the following:

- We need formal Sexual Assault Support services for SFU students.
- There is a need for a stronger network of peer support for students who have disclosed that they have been affected by sexual violence. Informal support is currently provided by a number of groups on Burnaby campus, including the SFSS Women's Centre and SFU Housing/Residence services. More formal training, peer recruitment and ongoing support for peers is needed.
- There are a number of existing service-providers who are already involved in providing sexual assault information and support, including the SFSS Women's Centre, SFU Health and Counselling Services, SFU Residence and Housing and SFU Campus Security. It was acknowledged that it would be useful to find more ways to work together and to provide consistent information and support at all points in all service-delivery locations.
- There is a need for more mental health services for students. Counselling services, in particular, were identified as being under-resourced.
- It would be helpful to have a coordinated approach to health promotion campaigns related to sexual violence.

While we had consensus on a number of key items, we disagreed on a few key items, including:

- SFSS indicated that we would prefer an approach that built upon existing programs and services. Representatives from the SAPC group indicated an interest in building a new, standalone service.
- SFSS supported the inclusion of SFU as both a potential funder and service-provider. This position was not supported by SAPC.

At the end of the meeting, SFSS asked all attendees to send us additional information regarding perceived gaps and duplications. We received responses from SFSS Out on Campus, SFSS Women's Centre, SFU Residence Life, SFU Academic Integrity and Good Conduct and TSSU. The responses are attached to the meeting minutes.

SFSS also suggested that we have a follow-up, half-day meeting to more fully explore the issues and determine if we could find enough common ground to work together on a future proposal. We subsequently heard from SAPC, who indicated that they would not be able to attend a half-day meeting.

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CURRENT STATUS

We had a follow-up meeting with representatives from SAPC and SFU Health and Counselling on May 9th. The intent of the meeting was to suggest that we focus our collective energy on participating in the upcoming SFU consultation regarding the development of a new sexual assault reporting policy and, in particular, to encourage participants to advocate for the consultation to include a focus on identifying the types of services students need. We also communicated our observation that SAPC seemed to be interested in pursuing their own project and indicated that SFSS would continue to explore opportunities to develop and deliver sexual assault services with interested partners.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- The SAPC group is a student-led group that have put much energy into the development of a student-led model. SFSS is a student society. We should balance the needs and interests of SAPC with the needs of the 25,000 students we represent.
- While we have not received a fully-developed proposal from SAPC, they have indicated that they will be seeking student fees to support their work.
- SFU will soon be leading a student consultation to help inform its new policy regarding the reporting of sexual violence.
- SFU and SFSS are both playing roles in the delivery of support services for students who have disclosed issues related to sexual violence.
- We will soon be reviewing the relationships we have (or wish to develop) with key stakeholders.

OPTIONS

- 1) Continue to have larger group meetings with representatives from SAPC and SFU, to explore the needs and develop a model for the delivery of sexual assault support services for students.
- 2) Develop a partnership with a key stakeholder, such as SFU's Health and Counselling Services, to explore the needs and develop a model for the delivery of sexual assault support services for students.
- 3) Develop our own model for the delivery of sexual assault support services for students.
- 4) Participate in the upcoming sexual assault policy consultation process and advocate for the inclusion of recommendations regarding sexual assault support services for students.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that we begin by pursuing option 4. If we are unable to influence SFU to include the consultation of the services required by students, then it is recommended that we move to the pursuit of option 2.

Briefing Note

Re: Student Union Policy - Funding restriction on alcohol

Recommendation:

- Standardize SFSS student union alcohol policy restricting the purchase from student union core funding in line with the student union grant and club grant usage.
- Removing mandatory 15% gratuity currently covered by the student union and offsetting the cost to the organizers and participants.

Background:

- Currently the student union policy on funding only restricts the purchase of alcohol through grant fund and core funding does not have the same restriction.
- Student unions have been allowed to use their core fund to purchase alcohol since the mid 90s early 2000 when the policy was loosened.
- Before core funding could be used, the alcohol expenditure would be voted at a quorate general meeting of the student union and must be accompanied with the approved minutes.
- The purchase of alcohol through core fund is only allowed at the following events:
 - SFSS Highland pub for membership social,
 - Faculty and undergraduate meet and greet,
 - Large-scale events such as banquet or formal and
 - Beer garden on the premise that the events are organized on SFU campuses.
- For the fiscal year **2013-2014**, approximately **\$1,521.60** was spent on alcohol purchases through Highland pub from the core fund, **\$6,202.96** spent during the **2014-2015** fiscal year and **\$3,174.88** for the current fiscal year **2015-2016**.

Rationale:

- In line with other SFSS policy i.e. club funding and student union grant funding where the use of SFSS fund on alcohol expense is strictly prohibited, it would be best practice to standardize and streamline the process/policy for the organization to restrict altogether the purchase of alcohol through core fund.
- The use of core fund on alcohol is only exclusive to certain age group whereas paying members of the SFSS are of all ages.
- Reduce risks and any liabilities for events involve serving alcohol funded through SFSS.

Communications:

- Changing policy should be communicated to the members through the SFSS website and the student union executives and councilors mailing list
- The Board may also wish to communicate its' position to the Society members through direct engagement by the faculty representatives (meetings or townhall).

Recommendation Implications

A change in policy content will imply the Society is opening up debate about its operations, mandate and also removing the ability of its' constituent to be self-governing on its' funding decision.

Financial

- The efficacy of this change would redirect much of the fund for other activities in line with the strategic vision of the SFSS
- In the absence of tangible data and merely a speculation, pub revenue and possibly activity level might be impacted

Strategic

- Adopting the new policy/process would send a message that the Board is open and transparent but must be done with the cooperation of the faculty representative that would be engaging their constituents.