

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 2:34 PM

## 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 Board Composition

VP University Relations ( <i>Chair</i> ) .....	Jackson Freedman
VP Finance .....	Matthew Chow
VP Student Services .....	Samer Rihani
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences) .....	Kia Mirsalehi
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences) .....	Christina Loutsik

### 3.2 Society Staff

Chief Executive Officer .....	Martin Wyant
Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator .....	Sarah Edmunds
Administrative Assistant .....	Zoya Nari

## 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 4.1 MOTION BOD 2018-10-29:01

**Samer/Christina**

*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.*

**CARRIED**

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 5.1 MOTION BOD 2018-10-29:02

**Matthew/Christina**

*Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:*

- Governance Committee 2018-10-22

**CARRIED**

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 6.1 Electoral Reform Update

- The document was reviewed with 3 out of the 4 of the recommendations being agreed upon by the committee

IEC report

- The committee wishes to improve the report requirements to allow the committee to make comments on details that need to be elaborated. The second issue is that the IEC is currently paid by an hourly standard; hence the option is to issue stipends instead. If staff

were to regulate an incentivized stipend, it may lead to a conflict of interest. Therefore, the final decision is to make a flat stipend based on the average work that is to be committed during the term. According to the by-laws, the IEC is supposed to be paid by stipends, however, there was a change in the years to make it an hourly pay. It is noted that the work the IEC performs needs to be regulated according to the policies.

#### Slates

- It is noted that slates create uninformed decisions, hence it is suggested to remove them from everywhere to push students to be informed before submitting their choice. The recommendation is to suggest that slates become optional.

#### Budget

- There is a \$50 deposit that candidates have to put down, which will only be returned if no policies are broken during elections. According to the by-laws, the \$50 cap is for expenses during the elections. However, the cap is considered quite small and is not possible to monitor over-spending during elections. If candidates wish to be reimbursed for a percentage of their cap, they are to fill out a cheque requisition for approval.

#### Expenses

- The committee suggests that the IEC uses JotForms for submissions regarding the elections. It is noted that many of the comments sent in in the previous elections were about posters, however it is not possible to monitor posters around campus all the time. It is suggested to dedicate a specific section of the Student Union Building, when it opens, to put up posters regarding the elections. However, the committee will be pushing towards digital pages in an effort to discontinue posters. On the other hand, candidates are encouraged to print hand bills to increase personal contact with students. With this being said, nomination packages to include a statement encouraging candidates to reduce paper usage during the elections.

#### Press-Conferences

- There have been recommendations that came in that was approved, with 2 pending questions. It was suggested that themed questions be released to candidates ahead of time and to allow members to ask question during the debates; this includes candidates asking each other questions. The executive and non-executive debates will be separate with separate questions since executive debates are longer. With this being said, the committee will be developing a recommendation to submit questions through the website/application early, which can also be used as data for the Advocacy committee to review student issues. During the debates, it is suggested to have a mediator available at the time of the debate to make sure the live questions are appropriate; however, some questions may be difficult to assess. As for the proposed length of the debates, the committee recommends Board to suggest a number of themes for each position in relation to the core student issues. However, there should be a time limit for the debates.

### **6.2 Secretary/Board Shorts Proposal**

- Two (2) recommendations were brought to the last Board meeting: a dedicated Board member for the position or to rotate between Board members. At the Board meeting, the Faculty Representative (Communications, Arts, & Technology), Amrita Mohar, volunteered to be the dedicated secretary to maintain consistency.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION BOD 2018-10-29:03**

**Samer/Christina**

*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 PM.*

**CARRIED**