

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 3:03 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 (*Chair*) 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
Research Assistant Maria Kawahara

3.3 Regrets

Faculty Representative (Health Sciences) Christina Loutsik

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

4.1 MOTION BOD 2018-11-21:01

Matthew/Samer

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets of Christina Loutsik.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION BOD 2018-11-21:02

Samer/Matthew

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 MOTION BOD 2018-11-21:03

Samer/Matthew

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- Governance Committee 2018-10-29.pdf

CARRIED

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Electoral Reform Update

- Questions from last meeting:
 - Does contravening bylaws mean candidate disqualification from running in Board elections - yes
 - Can we provide an incentive to increase voter turnout?
 - Increasing turnout with cash prizes: instead of cash prizes, provide something to benefit the whole campus, e.g. if we get voter turnout x we get x for students (e.g. concert)
 - Can current Board members endorse candidates? By-laws would allow; Societies Act Conflict of Interest does not apply unless money is exchanged; favourable to have incumbents return; common practice in Canadian politics
- IEC Voter Turnout data: anonymized material, never published, only aggregate data (e.g. voter statistics for each faculty); CRPC responsibility as privacy officer to ensure it is not shared with Board and staff; shared through SFU vault
- IEC Report is submitted to Board and staff (using only aggregate data)
- Debate:
 - All the questions to be reviewed by staff/IEC beforehand?
 - How can students participate?
 - Use General Membership Survey for themes to develop questions
 - Candidates can weigh in on key themes from the survey and given ample opportunity to answer questions in a fair manner
 - Pre-set themes established
 - IEC not debate moderator; potentially a professor from SFU → bring to Board
 - Debate ‘toolkit’ needed: how long the program will be, how long for each topic, what topics, how to broadcast, who plays what roles; approximately 2 pages developed by CRPC
 - Reviewing what works and what doesn’t work; internal trial with Board “mock debate”
- Candidate orientation: Build an orientation section in policies and include handbook
 - Set minimum 3 dates that candidates must attend; outlined in orientation
 - Testing SFSS knowledge for Board members
 - Competency course “must pass to be a Board member” could be an issue
 - In-person orientation + supplemental Canvas course

Christina Loutsik arrived 3:39 pm

7.2 Approach to Stipend Deductions Policy/Director Job Descriptions

- Building framework for this to be passed in the future: giving a task to new Board for next year so they are aware of what their jobs are (guide and support)
- What do we do + what we should do
 - work on this in real time together; send out questions beforehand and consolidate in-person
 - Questions and answers developed and sent to Governance before Board
 - Use this session to find gaps
- Governance Committee to work on this first and determine descriptions; shared expectations; positions developed in context of each other
 - Or, use Board Development sessions
- Build a list/document with job descriptions and generate a report
- Shared faculty rep work (things that all reps do) and also a piece on how specific Faculty Reps liaison with their faculties
- Template will be developed offline with VP Internal and one other Governance member

7.3 Director Compensation

- Will be discussed at the next meeting

7.4 Tuition Fee Increases - Governance Approach

- Will be discussed at the next meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BOD 2018-11-21:04

Christina/Matthew

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 PM.

CARRIED