



UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS' UNION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Thursday 25th April 2013

Directors Present:

Dodds, N.
Tikhomiroff, S.
Angel, G.
Fuji, K.
Bullock, S.
Smith, S.
Smith, T.
Alnaar, A.

Regrets:

Krupa, T (non-voting)
Kim, A. (Chair)

Additional Directors Absent:

Chang, S.
Tse, C.
Bullock, S.
Howard, B.

9.0 Nick Dodds called the meeting to order at 8:12am.

9.2 Speaker's Business

Abdul nominated to chair (Smith, T., Bullock, S)

Carries: 6 in favour, 0 against

Note: Angel, G. enters council meeting.

9.3 (Bullock, S., Tikhomiroff, S.)

Fuji, K: March 28 minutes are lacking. Need to appear at the next meeting. Noted in the April 25th minutes.

Carries: 7 in favour, 0 against

9.4 Approval of the Agenda (Fuji, K., Angel, G)

Chair adds tabled motion from last meeting about Executive Honoraria

Fuji asked about a Finance report. It appears that there is none here.

Added Sustainable club to the agenda

Dodds: Do we need to add Destroy Election Ballots to the agenda? The Board agreed that by accepting the CRO's report, the election ballots should automatically be destroyed



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Dodds/Tikhomiroff: Add Heat Radio to Presentation. Considered friendly be the chair.

Carries: 7 in favour, 0 against.

9.5 Club and Course Union Ratification

Sustainable Club:

Moved: Dodds, N., Fuji, K

Motion: Dodds, N., Fuji, K: motion to table until the next meeting

Carries: 7 in favour, 0 against

International Food Club:

Moved: Bullock, S., Fuji, K.

Dodds, N. "Defectors" from the Southeast Asian Students Association.

Dodds, N., Tikhomiroff, S: Motion to table until the next meeting.

Vote to table: Carries 4 in favour, 3 against.

9.6 Presentation

Heat Wave Radio

Previously a UBCO radio club

They need a room so that they can house their equipment and broadcast their shows. The space they want belongs to the Students' Union – they want to former Grad Student Lounge. It is already soundproof, which means the set-up cost would be minimal. Has previously been offered to share a space with the Phoenix but that wouldn't work – the Phoenix doesn't have enough space, and the Radio station would need its own room.

Dodds: Question about Media Fund. Answer: The radio club is not thinking that pulling from the Media Fund is necessary at this time. Funding: 2 adds minimum/hour, for \$7 per ad.

Community Radio means that there would have to be a member of the Community on the Executive

Smith, T: Future Board members might appreciate more research on other campus radio stations. Move to online radio? Answer: you have to be online radio for the first year before you can get an FM license.



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Angel, G.: One of the main issues has been space. Is the sound-proofness based on regular noise levels? Would there be issues (i.e. DJ club). Answer: modifications might be necessary.

Dodds, N: Are there licensing agreements that are required for online radio, and is it cheaper? Answer: Operating expenses are minimal. It is a club, so no one gets paid. All of the money stays in the club.

Alnaar, A: Have you renewed with the Services Coordinator as a club this year? Answer: not sure.

Alnaar, A: You are graduating. Have you had elections for a new Executive? Answer: That will happen after we see what happens next.

9.7 **General Manager Report**

Dodds, N: The GM will be here around 9am.

9.8 **Finance Committee**

Angel, G: At the last few meetings, there has mostly been talk about going forward next year, putting together a financial guideline. Trying to adapt the AMS Financial Guideline for this SU. Trying to keep the finances more accountable. Tim Krupa has been updated by Curtis Tse. The draft of the financial guidelines will likely carry forward to next year.

Governance of Well and Green Bean: a lot of prices are very inflated, some are on par with good practices. Talk about governance of general, over-the-board 50% inflation as the maximum markup. At the end of the day, a decision has not yet been made. Alternative: instead of having a general markup rule, keep prices the same and increase quality of the food.

Dodds, N., Fujii, K: Table 9.8.2 – 9.8.7

Smith, S: Spoke against.

Fails: 0 in favour, 7 against

9.9 **Services Committee:** Nothing to Report

9.10 **Student Affairs Committee:** Nothing to Report

9.11 **Student Life Committee:** Nothing to Report

9.12 **Community Outreach Committee:** Chang and Gula have discussed the continuation of this committee

9.13 **Policy Committee:** Nothing to Report

9.14 **Events Committee:** Nothing to Report



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9.15 Board and Committee Reports

Angel, G: Assisted with tasks around office, restructuring storage room, talked with students., framing of awards, implemented the \$1 Coffee deal at the Green Bean.

Fuiji, K. Semester-ended-bender, etc.

Bullock, S. Semester-ender-bender, etc.

Smith, T. Nothing to report

Smith, S. Nothing to report

Alnaar, A. Semester-ender-bender, communicated with the Federation etc.

9.16 Question Period

Fuiji, K. Description of Committees. What's going on?

Smith, S. I have consolidated the descriptions and will pass them on.

Smith, T. Advise incoming Board to put the committee description in policies.

Dodds, N. The purpose of committees should be to inform the Board of Directors. On that note, if the committee doesn't serve that purpose... Student Outreach Committee doesn't serve that purpose, and should probably be a club.

Fuiji, K. I have contact information to pass on to incoming Board members. What do I do with it?

Dodds, N. Wanted to have a database with information to pass on from year to year.

Alnaar, A: What is going on with the postings for the Events Committee?

Dodds. The Events Committee had been posted for, but there were no people. Make incentives for committees.

Alnaar, A. Question for the Finance Committee: The purpose for the Finance Committee is to address budget line items and the health of the organization financially. The Financial Coordinator has failed to do so. Is our organization healthy?

Angel, G. Has not seen the year-end to April information so exact surplus is unclear. Discrepancies to Student Life line item.

All businesses are ending in the positives.

Tikhomiroff: we have a \$200,000 surplus at this point, but the year goes to June 1.

Dodds, A. Where were the two different reports coming from?

Angel, G: Clarified that it was actually University Affairs that had the discrepancies in the bylaws.

Fuiji, K. Was there a print-out report?

Fuiji, K, When was the executive committee meeting and why was no one told?

Dodds, N. It was Friday, and he was not told about it either.



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Tikhomiroff: They have meetings every Friday all year.

General discussion about the inconsistency of regular meetings being very frustrating.

Alnaar: Do you (Executives) plan on reporting to the Board on the Finances?

Tikhomiroff: Thought that Curtis would be doing that today.

Dodds: Will send it out.

Angel: Board members can request a detailed month-end budget. The Union is financially ending strongly

Angel, G. Please move the group pictures to be more centered on the wall in the Board Room.

Note: General Manager Arrived.

Note: Bullock, S. left at 9am.

Fuiji K. Question to the GM: Would like to know what our budget looks like.

GM: Passed around a summary and a breakdown of the budget. Does not include the month of April.

Dodds, N., Fuiji, K: Motion for a 5-minute recess.

Carries unanimously (7 in favour, 0 against)

9.18 Tse, C appeared at the Board meeting but did not stay. No reason as to why he was not at the meeting.

9.19 **General Manager Report**

Changing over to Student Care

Meeting with Insurance at 11am to change over the insurance from Capri Insurance

9.20 **General Orders**

Tabled motion from April 8, 8.5.2 (Honoraria Policy) (Smith, S., Tikhomiroff, S)

Alnaar, A: International students do not need an off-campus permit to work on campus. The question is whether or not the Union is considered a part of the institution. Rob Nagay had talked to Immigration a few years ago, and apparently it is not technically on campus. International students have been working at the Well for more than 20 hours per week without an off-campus permit.

Rob: Talked to Revenue Canada. In order for International Students to work off campus, they have to be here for at least 6 months. If they are working on campus, they can work immediately they can work immediately. We cannot cap international students at 20 hours per week.



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Alnaar, A. We perhaps shouldn't trust the recollection of staff members to determine whether or not it is legal for international students to work more than 20 hours per week at the SU.

Dodds, N. We need to find out whether or not the Union is on campus. We fall under the University Act. We need to speak with a lawyer.

Fuiji, K. We need to have this clarified.

Smith, T. Motion to table until the next meeting. Seconded by Tikhomiroff, S.

Dodds, N. Amendment to add that the GM and Services Coordinator will consult an authority on this issue.

Vote on the Amendment: **Unanimous carries**

Motion to table: Vote: Carries unanimously.

9.21 Discussion

Tax Services: Next year there needs to be more coordination/direction for the Tax services, although the service was utilized and went well.

Disciplinary Report:

The SGM asked that this report be formed. A Disciplinary Committee was struck.

Fuiji: What did the Financial Coordinator do to compile this report (i.e. who was interviewed, etc.).

Smith, T: There is a lack of hard evidence. It is very brief. There is no letterhead, date, and it is not clear as to whether a committee was struck. **Will vote against the motion.**

Smith, T: Motion to ratify. Fuiji, K seconded. **Clarification in the minutes: Smith, T is not in support.**

Angel, G: Speaking against ratification: there are so many things wrong with this report. Goes against Roberts Rules and the SGM. Not once was the mover of the motion at the SGM consulted on this disciplinary report. It angers the Board member to have brought something serious to the SGM and have it belittled. It is an embarrassment to call this a report. It is not clear if there were any staff members that were consulted. There was hard evidence that student had that could have been included in the report that was not included.

Alnaar: We had a Chair but no committee. There was no interview with the accused. The process was not completed.

Dodds, N. Motion to postpone indefinitely.

No seconder. Fails.



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Vote:

5 against

1 abstention (Dodds, N.)

0 in favour

Fuiji, K. What do we do?

Smith, T. Suggests that we drop the issue. This is going to be months prior, etc.

Angel: We have met the requirements of the SGM. Agrees with Smith, T that we should drop it.

Fuiji, K. Agrees that because we have seen great improvement of Dodds, N.

- 9.22 Adjournment: Fuiji, K., Smith, S
Carries unanimously.