

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 21st, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

Henry Angus Building, Room 239C (CUS Lounge Boardroom)

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Attendance

Name	Position	Present ("X")	Late ("X")	Proxy
Board of Directors				
	President	-		
Cole Leonoff	Commerce Student Senator (Chairperson)	X		
John Lee	Alma Mater Society Representative	X		
Lauren Telford	Alma Mater Society Representative	X		
Graeme Nixon	Fourth Year Representative	X		
Sean Fleming	Fourth Year Representative			Nil
Maria Fung	Third Year Representative			Harpal
Tony Han	Third Year Representative (Vice-Chairperson)	X		
Benjamin Gardiner	Second Year Representative	X		
Mark Sha	Second Year Representative	X		
Vacant	First Year Representative			
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Executive Council				

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Niloufar Keshmiri	Vice-President, Academic Affairs	X		
	Vice-President, Engagement	-		
Jasmine Yeh	Vice-President, External Affairs	-		
Jason Cheung	Vice-President, Finance	-		
Thea Simpson	Vice-President, Internal Affairs	X		
Benjamin Chen	Vice-President, Marketing and Communications	-		
Other				
Tom Tang	Ombudsperson	X		
Hannah Vandenberg	Administrative Director	X		

Recording Secretary: Hannah Vandenberg

Guests: none

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A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:12

1. *Moved: John, Seconded: Graeme*

...the motion carries

B. Amendments to and Adoption of the Agenda

At the suggestion of Nil, executive updates have been struck

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended

2. *Moved: Nil, seconded: Graeme*

...the motion carries

C. Approval of Minutes

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D. Chair's Remarks [Allotted Time: 10 Minutes]

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E. Presentations to the Board of Directors

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F. AMS Representatives' Reports [Allotted Time: 5 Minutes]

- I. Whistler Lodge decision is this council meeting – feel free to come to the meeting

G. Commerce Student Senator's Report [Allotted Time: 5 Minutes]

- I. Approved dual degree BCom with Science Po

H. Other Business

- I. Funding for UBC Counselling and Education on Sexual Abuse and Violence

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors commit a \$50,000 contribution towards the funding of student counseling and education on sexual abuse and violence at the University of British Columbia.

Moved: Graeme, Seconded: John

Discussion:

- Graeme: This year it's coming from special projects?
 - Yes this year it will
- John: What would this money specifically be used for?
 - This money will be used to hire a councillor who will work with the university on matters like this. Councillor would most likely be hired this year

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- John: so all the money over the next three years would be used towards this one councillor?
 - Yes
- Mark: Would we get a breakdown of where specifically the money would go?
 - It's not included in this motion, but the AMS said that in order to approve this at all they will need more specifics

Motion to move in camera

3. ***Moved: Mark, Seconded: Lauren***
Objections: none

...the motion carries

Motion to move out of camera

4. ***Moved: Tony, Seconded: Lauren***
Objections: none

...the motion carries

At the suggestion of Graeme, and seconded by Lauren, the motion was amended to:

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors commit a \$50,000 contribution towards the funding of student counseling and education on sexual abuse and violence at the University of British Columbia, provided that such funding be provided only upon a memorandum of understanding being signed between the Sauder School and CUS regarding the nature of the service to be provided through such funds and the relevant details pertaining to the position being agreed.

5. ***Moved: Graeme, Seconded: Lauren***
Objections: none

All in favour of the new motion: Graeme, Lauren, Tony, Harpal

Opposed: none

Abstentions: Ben, Nil, Mark, John

...the motion carries

II. Referendum: Funding for UBC Counselling and Education on Sexual Abuse and Violence

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors direct the Presidential Committee to call a referendum on the following question:

"I approve the expenditure of a combined \$200,000 in the 2014 - 2015 and 2015 - 2016 academic years for the funding of student counseling and education on sexual abuse and violence at the University of British Columbia. Note: the CUS Board of Directors has already approved an additional \$50,000 in funding for the 2013 - 2014 academic year."

Moved: Graeme, Seconded: Lauren

Discussion:

At the suggestion of Graeme, and seconded by John, the motion is amended to:

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors direct the Presidential Committee to call a referendum on the following question:

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"I authorize the CUS Board of Directors approve the expenditure of a combined \$200,000 in the 2014 - 2015 and 2015 - 2016 academic years for the funding of student counseling and education on sexual abuse and violence at the University of British Columbia. Note: the CUS Board of Directors has already approved an additional \$50,000 in funding for the 2013 - 2014 academic year."

6. Moved: Graeme, Seconded: John

Graeme: Where did they come up with a quarter of a million?

- We don't know but there a couple theories; none of which are certain

In favour: Graeme, Lauren, Harpal

Opposed: none

Abstentions: Nil, Mark, John, Tony, Ben

...the motion carries

III. Referendum Position: Funding for UBC Counselling and Education on Sexual Abuse and Violence

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt a "yes" position on the previous referendum question.

7. Moved: Lauren, Seconded: Graeme

In favour: Lauren, Graeme, Harpal

Opposed: none

Abstentions: Nil, Mark, John, Tony, Ben

...the motion carries

Motion to move up to item VI Club Funding, as Thea has to leave soon, then return to items IV and V respectively

8. Moved: John, Seconded: Mark

...the motion carries

IV. Henry Angus Building Users Committee Representatives

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint the following individuals to the Building Users Committee, for a term commencing immediately and ending upon turnover of the current Board of Directors:

- 1) Vacant (President)
- 2) Cole Leonoff (Chair, Board of Directors)
- 3) Thea Simpson (Vice-President, Internal Affairs)
- 4) Niloufar Keshmiri (Vice-President, Academic Affairs)
- 5) _____ (Member(s), Board of Directors)

Be it resolved that the Building Users Committee appointments be postponed to next meeting

9. Moved: Nil, Seconded: John

Objections: none

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V. Vice-President, Student Life

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors rename the position of Vice-President, Engagement as Vice-President, Student Life.

Motion to postpone

10. Moved: Tony, Seconded: Lauren

Objections: none

...the motion carries

VI. Code Suspension: Club Funding

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors suspend Code such that Commerce Clubs are funded \$500 as a fixed subsidy and \$5 per member as a variable subsidy.

Be it further resolved that the membership count be determined based off of club membership on October 15th, and that these subsidies shall be delivered only upon submission of a list of Bachelor of Commerce student members

Moved Tony, Seconded Nil

Motivation:

- Old system wasn't enforced and wasn't clear
- Giving a club a 1000 dollar lump sum doesn't seem like a smart idea. We can't guarantee that new clubs will add value. Some small, 15 member clubs don't need that much money to run their events. By lowering the lump sum and increasing the marginal funding clubs will work harder to get more members so that they get more funding
- If clubs do need more funding for a particular event or project they can come and apply for Special Projects Funding

Discussion:

- Mark: If we don't fund these clubs as much, does the money just go to the surplus?
 - For now, yes
- Mark: Students are paying large student fees for these types of things, I don't think it's fair to limit them like this
 - We've really looked critically into clubs' budgets this year, and realistically, they do not need this much funding
- John: Is this going to make any of the clubs struggle?
 - No, all the changes are pretty minimal. If they did start to have issues, they are always welcome to come apply for Special Projects Funding
- Graeme: Membership incentivised program → who are the new members going to be? No one really has extra time to join more clubs
 - This model isn't saying that you need to get more members to be able to fund your events and projects, even if you don't get any extra members you will still be able to support your club.
- Graeme: Even though the change is minimal, the amount you're taking away is about the amount to fund a small event.

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- These aren't arbitrary suggestions; I've looked at the budgets and decided that these cuts won't be drastic. Everything is still doable, especially since a lot of these clubs get a lot of external funding
- Tony: These cuts ensure that the clubs aren't wasting any money, and making sure that they are operating efficiently.
- Graeme: Another problem I have is that where is all this money going? Is it really necessary to cut these resources? I don't think it's fair

Motion to move in camera

11. **Moved: Graeme, Seconded Mark**

Objections: none

...the motion carries

Motion to move out of camera

12. **Moved: Mark, Seconded: Graeme**

Objections: none

...the motion carries

- Mark: there should be some sort of application where new clubs can get additional funding, just to give the smaller club a change
 - That is Special Projects Funding
- Tony: We should have two funding models: old large clubs → regular model; new clubs → give additional funding, like a start-up fund
- Tom: I am strongly opposed to that; that's not an equitable way to distribute resources. I don't feel it's right to give a smaller club with less members a larger base amount of money than one of the really large and successful clubs
- John: What is the next best option with this \$3000 that we'll get back from this cut? If we're not going to use it, I don't see the benefit in cutting this
 - Ben: Because clubs are over funded right now, no one is being harmed; it's just that we're cutting down on over-funding.
 - John: My point still stands; if we're not finding a better option for this money, why not leave it until we do find a better option. I'd say clubs are the most useful thing that benefits most of our students
- Graeme: This model has worked for years, why change it now when it's still working. If you cut this you're going to get bogged down with SPF requests. I don't think it's the board's job to babysit the clubs; we're all adults, I think we should leave it up to the club executives. There is some comfort in knowing that if you as a club go over budget you still have some extra money to fall back on. This is definitely cutting a clubs resources; there is no debate on this fact. There is no other use for the money, so until something better comes along or until this model becomes a problem, I think we should leave it as it is.
- Nil: I agree that clubs provide a lot of value to students in a way that the CUS has not, but the clubs generally have surpluses as it is. I agree that if we have money we should use it, but the over funding of events for the sake of funding them has been a trend in the past, and has resulted in a lot of repetition of events and conferences.
- John: what is the club turnover rate? Is the amount of students that are in the clubs generally constant?
 - No; larger clubs generally stay the same, but the smaller clubs have been known to fluctuate a lot

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That Graeme be allowed to speak a fourth time

13. Moved: Graeme, Seconded: Nil

Objections: none

...the motion carries

- Graeme: I would really hate to see us devalue and harm our clubs. Every club would be losing resources.

(call the question)

14. All in favour: Harpal, Lauren

Opposed: none

Abstentions: Ben, Graeme, John, Ben, Nil, Tony

...the motion carries

I. Adjournment

There being no further business, be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20

15. Moved: John, Seconded: Nil

...the motion carries