

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 27th, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

Henry Angus Building, Room 236

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Attendance:

Name	Position	Present ("X")	Late ("X")	Proxy
Board of Directors				
Sean Fleming	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			Thea
Will Pigott	Fourth Year Representative	X (Skype)		
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		
Christopher Rey	First Year Representative	X		
Vadim Chernenko	First Year Representative			

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Executive Council				
Niloufar Keshmiri	Vice-President, Academic Affairs			
Jasmine Yeh	Vice-President, External Affairs	X		
Lorenzo Babini	Vice-President, Finance	X		
Thea Simpson	Vice-President, Internal Affairs	X		
Benjamin Chen	Vice-President, Marketing and Communications			
Other				
Grace Kim	Ombudsperson	X		
Hannah Vandenberg	Administrative Director	X		

Guests: Harpal Kandola (incoming 4th year rep), Alex Lee (incoming 2nd year rep), Sam Dunner

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A. Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:18

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved: Ben, Seconded: Lauren

Objections: none

...the motion carries

1.

B. Chair's Remarks

- Thanks for coming to a meeting during midterm season
- Late start due to there being a class in here

C. AMS Representatives' Reports

- Discussed executive's pie – bonus (28,500) can get up to 5000 if they've achieved their goals
- Block party has been announced – April 8th
- Louise Cowan came and talked about a new strategy to put cameras in the bus loop, University Boulevard, and 16th to keep watch after the sexual assaults
- Chance for people to sit on a committee for the UBC brewery

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

- Very little to report
- Senate meeting over reading break
- Predicted budget for the University for the upcoming year
- Balanced budget is on track (is it really on track?)
- Domestic tuition increasing by usual 2%, foreign for 3% for incoming students

E. Ombudsperson's Report [Allotted Time: 5 Minutes]

- Opened office yesterday
- Have been talking to students but there's nothing significant today
- Sat in on exec hiring committee

F. Executive Reports [Allotted Time: 10 Minutes for the President; 5 Minutes For Each Vice-President]

- President
 - Exec retreat is April 7-9th
 - See how the change of turnover date plays out
- Vice-President, Finance
 - UBC doesn't give us all our student fees at once, which has never been a problem since we had the surplus at hand. They give 66 percent in September and the rest in April. Needed money because of paying for the conferences etc. Had to get a huge loan for our own money; which is silly. Loan is interest free, just very annoying.
- Vice-President, Internal Affairs
 - Awards night – March 20th, you're all invited. Saving money from switching venues to on

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- campus. This year it's more difficult because we have to rent everything separately.
- o Portfolio is wrapping up
- o Changed boothing policy – posting a schedule in ca hall so that there's less c

G. Amendments to and Approval of Minutes

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve its minutes of January 16th 2013.

Moved: Tony, Seconded: john

Objections: none

...the motion carries

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H. Other Business

- Proposed Amendments to the CUS Constitution – Request for AMS Council
 - o Premise: we pushed back our turnover to May but our AMS council members should turnover with the rest of the AMS, instead of turning over a month later
 - o Current regime gets in the way of our students joining AMS committees
 - o If we don't change it our students can't sit as council members or as students at large on committees
 - o Council shouldn't have any objections to it
 - o If we approve this, it will simply go to the AMS for their next meeting

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors request that AMS Council amend the CUS Constitution as presented.

Moved: John, Seconded: Chris

All in favour: Mark, Tony, John, Chris, Ben Gardiner, Lauren, Thea (proxy for Graeme), Cole, Harpal (proxy for Maria)

Opposed: none

Objections: none

...the motion carries

3.

I. Discussion

1. Thea: Passion Project: trying to get the board and exec more involved in the events we run
 - o We can never decide whether we should give funding to our services and conferences or not because no one goes to their events
 - o Want to put money aside for board members to go and then they submit a report about it
 - o Also just to judge how conferences are doing. Ex. To PVCC, Me INC, Enterprize
 - o Tony: I definitely don't go just because of money. It gets costly to go to all of these. Time wise it could get tough because of midterms, etc.
 - Maria: you can just stop by; that's what I do a lot of the time. You don't have to commit your full time or the money but I can see how these go
 - o Harpal: some events get repetitive; I wouldn't go to MeInc twice. Sometimes if it's focussed on something other than my option.

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- o John: this is a beneficial idea because it gets the CUS out there and increase our knowledge
- o Mark: we can’t go to all of them; I wouldn’t go to NIBC or PVCC because I won’t gain much out of them when I’m in second year. We do get 1 conference half subsidized. I wouldn’t go because they’re all Friday mornings and I have class. I think if you’re going to move this forward you should choose a couple people to go, just so that we have good representation.
- o Thea: All conferences should be attended by at least one board member. In the short term it sounds like there will be support. I’m talking specifically about debating SPF. PVCC is coming up and so is Sauder summit. I’ll fill out an SPF soon for money to send board and exec members to these. Looking to next year I’d like to fuse it with awards night and make the evaluators and this work together
- o Mark: I would like to have board members decide who gets best conference so we know that we’re getting accurate information
- o Thea: we did initially want it to be sort of an independent body. We could talk at a later date about this idea but it could look unfair just because of board members being involved in clubs, conferences, etc.
- o Tony: could we create an ad hoc committee to discuss all this.

Be it resolved that we move in camera

4. ***Moved Thea, Seconded: Chris***

Objections: none

...the motion carries

Be it resolved that we move out of camera

5. ***Moved: Thea, Seconded: Mark***

Objections: None

...the motion carries

2. Thea: Community service

- o John: what’s going on with community service
- o Thea: four projects; we’re working on it
- o Reflection March 24: will be the end of community service. The idea is that everyone will be done by then.
- o People are doing it, hours are getting done
- o We will be putting incoming board through AVA and relay training.

J. **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors shall be: TBA.

K. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:11

6. ***Moved: John, Seconded: Harpal***

Objections: none

...the motion carries