The Regular Meeting of the Federation of Students’ Board of Directors at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014 in SLC 1001. The Chair was Chris Lolas and Andrew Clubine served as Secretary.

The following members were in attendance: Directors Colaso, Lolas, Little, Mclean, Nazer, Turner and Zhou, President Burt and Vice-Presidents Balfour, Hamade and Yasin were all present. General Manager, Suzanne Burdett was also in attendance.

Chair Lolas called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

A representative from TD Bank presented an update to the Board about current Feds investments. He explained the current state of Feds’ portfolio and suggested new options for investment which will be discussed at a future time.

Director Mclean noted that there has been movement on campus to encourage the University to divest from all fossil fuel companies. Should a Board member desire information about potential investment opportunities that would fall in line with any given cause, Board can contact TD and request that information.

Regular Session

PRELIMINARIES

Appointment of Board Secretary

1. **Motion**: Resolved, Andrew Clubine be appointed as secretary of Board for non-confidential session, effective until April 30, 2015.

   -Carried unanimously-

Approval of the Agenda

2. **Motion**: Resolved, the Board approves the agenda for this meeting.

   - Amended to include discussion about PAC Election and Schembri Property Management

   -Carried unanimously, as amended-
EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Vice-President, Education (Hamade)

- Fall Break Task Force completed its report to the Provost.
- Elections Engagement Coordinator has been hired for Municipal Elections.

Vice-President, Internal (Yasin)

- Society Relations Coordinator will support society execs.
- Prayer Room policy passed by Council
- Welcome Week was a success

Director R. Little raised concern about corporate sponsorship in light of the Schembri Housing situation. VP Yasin explained that a contract had been signed with Schembri PM well before news of 1 Columbia broke. He also noted that Council responded by passing a stance that ended relations with Schembri PM until the 1 Columbia situation is resolved.

Director M. McLean raised concern that Kumar Patel (Welcome Week) was quoted as saying that more events should be run “that’s why [Feds] exists”. Director R. Little echoed this sentiment, saying that giving the idea that Feds is an event-planning organization is the wrong message to be sending. VP Yasin suggested that this quote is not consistent with Mr. Patel's beliefs about Feds, and that he may have been misquoted in the article.

Vice-President, Operations and Finance (Balfour)

- A candidate has been chosen for the IT Administrator position. Background check is currently being done by HR dept.
- Director of Commercial Ops, Kumar Patel was hired yesterday (Sept. 22, 2014)
- Marketing Coordinator, Kristina Zelko will be taking a secondment beginning in October. Interviews have begun to hire a replacement.
- As a result of student feedback, the frequency of washroom cleaning in the SLC has been increased.
- VP Balfour will continue to work on the SLC Mission Statement.

President (Burt)

- University committees will be created to review each major student fee
GENERAL ORDERS

Long Range Plan Update
President Burt gave a brief update about the Long Range Plan. She explained a number of concerns about the quality and thoroughness of the report presented by Overlap Associates. Due to a contract signed by former executives, Overlap was paid for their services, but any further association with the consultancy firm has been ended for the foreseeable future.

PAC Election

3. **Motion**: Resolved, that Director Lolas be appointed to President’s Advisory Committee

-Carried unanimously-

Co-op Discussion
In the weeks preceding this meeting, Board partook in an email vote to approve Co-Op positions that VP Balfour hoped to continue for the Winter 2015 term. Directors had expressed concern with the last-minute nature of this request. A discussion about this situation occurred at this meeting.

Director M. Mclean voiced concern about the Co-op positions motion passed by Board in the weeks preceding this meeting. This sentiment was echoed by a number of counsellors in the lengthy ensuing discussion.

After addressing concerns with the lack of information provided and hastiness of the email vote, the discussion became more general, with Board engaging in a discussion about surveys and data. VP Hamade spoke to the value of survey-driven data collection campus. Director R. Little voiced concern about Feds’ reliance on data and bias in surveys created by Feds. She suggested that Feds should develop a framework that outlines when it is appropriate to create a survey, when student feedback should be solicited, and that surveys should be reviewed to ensure fairness of questions being asked.

A number of Directors alluded to students having ‘survey fatigue’; something for the organization to consider. VP Balfour suggested that if a significant amount of students are responding to surveys, and useful data is being collected, there is no reason to reduce the number of surveys being launched.

RECESS
Chair Lolas called a 5 minute recess at 9:04PM. The meeting was called back to order at 9:06PM.
Co-op Discussion (Cont’d)
Director P. Colaso said that she voted against the Data Analyst position approval because she did not feel that the proposal gave enough reason to continue the Co-Op position. The Board was concerned about the level of support that would be provided to the Co-Op student since Feds no longer employs a full-time Research and Policy Officer.

Director R. Little argued that Feds should continue to have a full-time Research and Policy Officer—a necessary position in her opinion, given Feds’ focus on surveys and collection of data.

Moving on to the subject of votes via email, Directors and Executive engaged in a discussion about the validity of email votes. Chair Lolas suggested that Board should develop a policy on when email votes are permitted, how they should be conducted, and how they should be reported.

3. **Motion**: Resolved, that a draft procedure for how the Board of Directors should conduct email votes be referred to President Burt.

   -Carried unanimously-

Schembri/1 Columbia Situation
VP Hamade suggested that Board public condemn Schembri PM in light of the recent fiasco. VP Balfour was hesitant to agree. Upon further discussion, the Board decided to impose a memorandum on dealing with Schembri PM.

4. **Motion**: Resolved, that due to the irresponsible conduct of Schembri Property Management, the Federation of Students will no longer work with Schembri Property Management and not permit them to use space under the management of the Federation of Students, until determined otherwise by the Board.

   -Carried unanimously-

End of Regular Session

5. **Motion**: Resolved, the board moves into confidential session

   -Carried unanimously-
Confidential Session