The Regular Meeting of the Federation of Students’ Board of Directors at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 29th, 2015 in SLC 1106. The Chair was Alexander Wray and Alicia Cheung served as Secretary.

The following members were in attendance: Directors Nasir, Wray, and Yang, President Lolas and Vice-Presidents Hamade, McCready, and Yasin were all present. General Manager, Suzanne Burdett was also in attendance.

Chair Wray called the meeting to order at 7:09PM.

Regular Session

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Vice-President, Education (Hamade)
• Been working with Kristina since the last Board of Directors Meeting
• Will be away from August 16th to 22nd doing a few things for OUSA

Vice-President, Internal (Yasin)
• Just returned from vacation
• Department has been undergoing a staff turnover period
• Hired new Clubs Manager, Jake
• Looking to hire a Special Events Coordinator, the position has been posted and internal and external members may apply
• Clubs Community furniture has been installed in SLC 2139 and getting ready to launch for September
• Finalizing concert for Fall Welcome Week and seeking further sponsorship to alleviate costs on students, with a target of $30,000-$40,000.

Vice-President, Operations and Finance (McCready)
• Working on budget with General Manager, Suzanne
• Human Resources updates including potential Feds training for part-time staff, redoing evaluations at the end-of-term, and looking to include part-time staff performance on the evaluation
• CEO of Imprint met with the Associate Provost, Students, and will continue to meet to resolve the issue starting September

President (Lolas)
• Currently hiring a Research and Policy Officer
• Writing a Crisis Procedure for Orientation Strategy and currently have a draft procedure rotating around staff and Orientation Steering Committee
• Looking to hire coordinators for new Mental Health and Peer Support Program in early Fall, with program responsibility split between the Federation of Students and the University State of Affairs
GENERAL ORDERS

Approval of Budgets

1. Moved by Vice-President McCready, seconded President Lolas:

“BIRT the Board approves the IT, Marketing and SLC Budgets as presented.”

-Carried 6-0-1 (Abstention: F. Nasir)-

General Meetings By-Law Amendment
Have been thinking about this amendment since Lolas has been on the Board and research has been done on quorum of other student associations, showing those with fewer students had higher quorum than us.

2. Moved by President Lolas, seconded by Vice-President Hamade:

BIRT the Board amends Section V. General Meetings, Subsection D. Quorum of Members by replacing:

“A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of members shall consist of at least fifty (50) voting members present in person or represented by proxy.”

With:

“A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of members shall consist of at least two hundred (200) voting members present in person or represented by proxy.”

Director Wray expressed whether there will be concern reaching a quorum of 200.

President Lolas stated that the Federation of Students have hired a new position to promote General Meetings and is confident that quorum for meetings can reach 200, especially for issues students care about.

Vice-President McCready expressed concern that increasing quorum is a risk and explained that if quorum is not met at General Meetings, duties are still passed on to the Board of Directors. She suggested that the Board can evaluate this further moving forward.

-Carried Unanimously-
3. Moved by President Lolas, seconded by Vice-President Hamade:

BIRT, the Board adds Subsection F. Agenda to Section V. General Meetings, as follows:

“The order of priority for the agenda for General Meetings shall be as follows:

- Call to Order
- Comments from the Chair
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes
- Receiving the Auditor’s Report
- Motion to Appoint the Auditors
- Other Board Approved Agenda Items

The order of the agenda is set by this bylaw, however the order of items within other board approved agenda items can be reordered by a General Meeting. The Board of Directors may approve an agenda with additional items coming for “Other Board Approved Agenda Items” on the agenda.”

Director Wray expressed concern that if there is a contentious motion buried in the agenda, if it can be brought to the top of the minutes. President Lolas states that contentious items may only go below “Receiving the Auditor’s Report” and not before.

President Lolas expressed concern that electing the Board of Directors is another item that needs to happen at General Meetings. He suggested to add it as a priority on the agenda.

Director Nasir expressed concern that students will attend the General Meeting for the Board Elections and then leave. It was suggested to write a Board procedure to put elections first and can be reordered at the General Meetings.

-Carried Unanimously-

Discussion of Student Council Motion from July 12, 2015

The motion from July 12, 2015 is as follows:

“Moved by T. Potter, seconded by F. Boxwala:

“BIRT Council recommends that the Board of Directors will release statements about lease negotiations in the SLC whenever it will not conflict with these or other negotiations or future relations with a potential tenant”

-Carried 18-0-1 (Abstention: N. Gilda)-”

Director Nasir suggested that instead of lease negotiations, the Board should release statements to avoid releasing confidential information.
General Manager Burdett expressed concern that it is hard to judge whether or not something will impact future relations even though there is a desire for information.

Director Wray suggested to draft a procedure that there is a notice of commencement but we will not mention what the negotiation will be, it will only notify people that something is happening with the certain space.

4. Moved by Director Wray, seconded by Vice-President McCready:

“BIRT the Board tasks SLC Management Advisory Committee with evaluating the July 2015 motion from Student Council and will report back to Board with potential options.”

-Carried Unanimously-

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Moved by President Lolas, seconded by Vice-President McCready:

“BIRT the Board moves into confidential session.”

-Carried Unanimously-