Federation of Students

Board of Directors

Tuesday, 2014-07-22 at 7:00pm
Feds Board Room SLC 1106

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| Expected Attendees | Qusai Al Nazer, Ben Balfour, Suzanne Burdett, Danielle Burt, Paula Colaso, Stéphane Hamade, Rebecca Little, Christos Lolas, Matt Mclean, Doug Turner (Call-in), Maaz Yasin, Amy Zhou (Call-in) |

| Excused Absences |

Regular Session

Called to order at 7:02pm

Preliminaries

Remarks from the Chair

Approval of the Agenda (Chair Lolas)

1. **Motion**: Resolved, the Board approves the agenda for this meeting. (Passes by consent)

Executive Reports & Updates

Vice-President, Education

2. Discussion

Meeting with Provost coming up
Provincial elections took place
Several discussions about Fall Reading Break with the taskforce. Next step: referendum question

Vice-President, Internal

3. Discussion
Society relations: F-EngSoc Day
Clubs library plans for SLC 2139
Working on Off-Campus strategy

Vice-President, Operations and Finance
4. Discussion
   Motion regarding Bomber floor is coming up
   The SLC Space Audit data

President
5. Discussion
   Exec action plan is complete
   LRP should be completed soon

General Orders

Executive Action Plan (Executives)
6. Presentation/Discussion (Max 20 minutes)
   Lolas: For your exec reports, you can make reference to the Action Plan
   McLean: How will the students hold you accountable to this?
   Colaso: For the university strat plan, the university does communication about how the success of each metric will be assessed. Maybe something similar is what you can do? Actually seeing something that measures success is worthwhile.

   Little: Doing something about communicating this publicly makes the exec accountable. Other universities do end of year report cards

   McLean: Stick to it, use Imprint to publicize it

Fall Reading Break Referendum (VP Hamade)
7. Discussion
   Little:
   Options for FRB
     - Sunday exams
     - Shortened O-Week

   Colaso: Math had 20 options

Feds Directors and Officers Liability Coverage Overview
8. Presentation/Discussion
   Lolas: This was brought up at Brad’s session
   Burdett: I will talk about this in Confidential session

At-large positions on GM Committee (Chair Lolas)
9. Motion: BIRT Board elect _____ as at-large representatives to the ad-hoc Advisory Committee on General Meetings. Lolas. Passes unanimously.

   Lolas: We have one application, Vivan Mac for at-large committee member
   McLean: Can we get some ideas about getting more people?
   McLean: Email people who have attended GMs in the past?
   Lolas: there is a spam/privacy concern
   McLean: The opportunities page on Feds.ca is very hard to navigate
Amendment to Procedure 20: Board Meetings (Director Zhou)

10. **Motion by Lolas:** BIRT Board Procedure 20 be amended by replacing section D) Notice and Agendas item 3. from

“The agenda and any information that it is to be considered must be sent at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The Agenda for the meeting is to be posted and the meeting is to be advertised publicly.” to

“The agenda and any information that is to be considered must be sent to the members of Board and posted online at least seven days prior to the meeting.”

**AMENDMENT (YASIN):** “The agenda that is to be considered must be sent to the members of Board and posted online at least seven days prior to the meeting and requests of any agenda attachments may be made to the Chair of the Board. This information is to be released at the Chair’s discretion” (Amendment passes unanimously).

Motion passes unanimously

Lolas: This is something that Brad Kelley brought up from the Governance Review
Colaso: Just in terms of how the organization works, should we do business days?
McLean: It would get confusing if it’s a special meeting
Burt: This does not affect special meetings
Little: We have never posted agendas or attachments before
Lolas: My goal is to send the agenda items to Board earlier than 7 days before and the post the agenda items. We could also post the agenda items 5 days before as long as Board has no objections after having seen the attachment.
Little: We should have the attachments along with the agenda posted publicly.
Burdett: Is the intention to let students know about the decisions that Board is making, or should the

**Yasin makes amendment (see above)**

Colaso: There be a specification of how long the Chair can take to send attachments

**SWOT Analysis (President Burt)**

11. Discussion

Burt: If you have any notes to submit, send them to me
Colaso: If there are action items coming from the meeting, can have them sent by email?

**Board Work Plan (Director McLean)**

12. Discussion.
- We want to be a safe space.
- I might make a motion of what the Board needs to be doing throughout the year
- I want to have plans for certain concrete events like the AGM or Fall Reading Week

**Minutes of the discussion:**
Where do you want feds to go?
Little: What is the purpose of a student union? holding the university accountable, advocacy providing services and events
Lolas: Not make any huge mistakes not get sued or waste money
Balfour: get student opinion of feds
Colaso: board reach out to societies
Zhou: let students know what feds is And change perception
Little: less concerned about perception rather than doing good things
Balfour: do concrete things behind the scenes
Little: clear definitions of council and board

What can we actually do?
Balfou: use the exec action plans
Empowering student councillors > get a two way role and students engaged
Gather student opinion
Lolas: get councillors to be more representative
McLean: how do we hold councillors accountable?
Balfour: council procedure around number of student societies meetings
Little: streamlining of communications
Burt: marketing is working on this
McLean: organizational knowledge, transitioning Increasing exec terms by a month
Lolas: and board transition
McLean: working with another organization on board nominating committee
Colaso: and transitioning for documents
Balfour: using virtual desktops for positions

Big things that could affect us
Balfour: slc space will be a big issue
Lolas: agm motions and agenda items to be approved
Burt: proxy process will be made more efficient
Balfour: issues resulting from housing development Could lead to complaints from students
Burt: lots of by-elections for the fall
Fall reading week referendum
Going to a ranked voting process formally

Special Orders
None

New Business

Balfour – Bomber flooring:
McLean: Why do we need a new floor?
Balfour: The current one looks horrible. Greg Plester (Bomber manager) looked at the flooring of a Guelph bar. The floor is a luxury laminate. It has a wood grain finish. It has a 30 year warranty. In terms of budget, it will be amortized. It will be professionally installed.
McLean: Why are we discussing it now?
Balfour: It’s time sensitive, we want to discuss it now since they want to do the upgrade in August.
McLean: The SLC Agreement says that the university is in charge of capital expenditures. Is this a capital expenditure?
Balfour: It is a capital improvement, so the university will not be interested in this.
Nazer: Look at the EIT for an indication of a good floor.
McLean: Can we consider spending a little more money to make further improvements to give bomber a new and improved look.
Balfour: That’s a good point and I can discuss that with staff.
Colaso: Will this be affordable?
Balfour: Yes, this will be affordable.

-McLean leaves the room–

Little: It is hard to make a decision about this because I feel like I am not making an informed decision. And what is the reason we are doing this now?

Burdett: The budget is a forecast of our sales costs.
Nazer: Are there other cheaper options without compromising quality? Do we have to spend so much money on improving the floor?
Balfour: It is actually a completely new floor.

Motion - Balfour: Passes unanimously

Co-op Position:
- Little: Are we approving a marketing position before the marketing strat plan is released?
- Little: Is the workload of marketing continuously increasing?
- Balfour: To put this into context, marketing came to a dead stop trying to promote the elections. As we continue to grow, there’s more and more student involvement and ideas.
BIRT that Board approves the co-op marketing assistant position for Fall 2014 and 2015 Winter terms. 1 for, 2 against (McLean, Little)