Federation of Students
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 9, 2016, SLC 1106

Present: Alexander Wray (Chair), Deanna Priori (Secretary), Sacha Forstner (Assistant Secretary), Christos Lolas, Brian Schwan, Sarah Wiley, Jana El Khatib, Suzanne Burdett (non-voting), Tomson Tran

Phone-In: Tristan Potter

Absent: Caleb Voskamp, Fatema Boxwala

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors assembled at 11:30 in SLC 1106. Alexander Wray, Chair of the Board, took the Chair, and Vice President Internal Deanna Priori acted as Secretary, with Sacha Forstner taking minutes on her behalf as Assistant Secretary. The Chair verified the meeting was properly constituted in accordance with the Corporation’s bylaws, policies, and procedures, that due notice had been given to all members, and that a quorum was present.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:40.

I. EXECUTIVE UPDATES

Vice President Education Wiley
The Feds delegation recently attended and participated in the OUSA General Assembly, where a series of policy papers were passed. Following that, Feds participated in the annual conference of the Centre for Innovation Campus Mental Health. In conjunction with the Stakeholder Relations Officer, work has started on the advocacy strategic plan, with the aim being to complete it in the new year.
Feds will be in Ottawa next week lobbying the federal government.

Vice President Internal Priori
Feds sat on a panel at the CICMH conference. Progress is being made updating the clubs procedures, and reviewing the services procedures. The volunteer extravaganza is approaching soon.

Vice President Operations and Finance Schwan
The new point of sale launched at International News recently. Minor operational details are being sorted, but overall the launch is progressing well. Renovations have started in SLC 1116. The Marketing Director is scheduled to go on maternity leave. An internal candidate has been hired to serve as a replacement during this period.

President Lolas
The General Meeting did not occur due to lack of quorum.
FOC hiring is underway, and hiring of the Orientation coop student has been completed.
II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board heard a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session of the October 24, 2016 meeting.

*Forstner and Tran. Carried.*

III. RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Board heard a motion to destroy all remaining ballots from previous elections, general meetings, and referenda currently held by the Corporation.

*Wray and Lolas. Carried.*

IV. REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Board heard a motion to task the President with preparing a debriefing report on the Annual General Meeting by the December meeting, as presented.

*Forstner and Lolas.*

Forstner explained the intent of the motion. The importance of the general meeting and the severity of not achieving quorum means it is crucial to understand the reasons and factors that drive General Meeting attendance, and develop a plan to guarantee quorum at future meetings.

Directors expressed general support for the motion. Lolas requested the motion be amended to avoid specific references to the marketing department, and to set the deadline to January rather than December. The Chair deemed the request to be friendly, and the motion was accordingly amended.

The final text of the motion was as follows:

**Resolved,** the President shall work with the Executive Board and the appropriate staff to prepare a written report on the 2016 Fall General Meeting, identifying:

- The core factors causing the quorum failure that were within the Corporation’s power to control, including engagement strategies and marketing techniques;
- The core factors causing the quorum failure that were outside of the Corporation’s power to control; and
- A strategy to prevent quorum failure at future General Meetings.

**Further Resolved,** the report on the 2016 Fall General Meeting shall be delivered to all Directors in time for the January meeting of the Board.

*The question was called, and the motion carried as amended.*
V. GOVERNANCE CHARETTE PROPOSAL

Wray raised the suggestion of holding a Board charette – a 1-2-day process of design, discussion, and debate – on the theme of Feds governance. Potential topics would include the ownership connection between members and the organization, the long-term vision for strategic governance, and general meeting structures and alternatives.

Directors expressed general support for the idea, noting that traditionally structured Board meetings are not always conducive to complex governance discussions. Wray was asked minor questions regarding the potential scope of discussions. Talk could encompass policies, staff structure, fees, or similar items at a high level.

Wray committed to returning to the Board with a detailed plan in the new year.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS – LONG RANGE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Lolas circulated a mid-year report on the implementation of the Long Range Plan.

Directors agreed to discuss the report in detail at the Board’s December meeting.

VII. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Having concluded all items on the regular agenda with no further business arising, it was moved that Board enter confidential session.

*Lolas and Priori. Carried.

*Board enters confidential session at 11:55.*