

Minutes
SFUFA Executive Meeting
Held March 14, 2013
PCR- Strand Hall
10:00 – 11:30 am

In attendance:

Glenn Chapman, President (Engineering Science)
Russell Day (Psychology)
Yolanda Koscielski, Treasurer (Library)
M. Taboada (Linguistics)
Natalia Gajdamaschko (Education)
Neil Abramson (Business)
Julian Christians (Biology)
Karen Kavanagh (Physics)
Maureen Fizzell (Business)
Carl Schwarz (Stats & Actuarial Science)
Melanie Lam, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Brian Green, Acting Executive Director

Regrets:

C. Graebner

1. Approval of Agenda.

Moved/Seconded: C. Schwarz/M. Fizzell

Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2013 Executive Meeting.

Moved/Seconded: M. Taboada/N. Abramson

Carried.

3. Business Arising.

(a) B. Green gave an update on the recent advocacy case and noted that the former member has accepted in writing, the recommendation by the appeal committee to pay 1/3 of the costs incurred for the Accountant.

(b) Carl gave an update on the final offer selection arbitration meeting held on Tuesday and noted that the costs for the meeting would be shared by the University. The Arbitrators ruling may take up to one month or longer.

4. Presidents Report – G. Chapman

- In his recent meeting with A. Petter, Glenn noted that the Administration was not happy that SFUFA circulated a Letter of opposition re: the LOA, which was developed by a group of faculty members and signed by 160 members. The Executive noted that SFUFA is the voice of faculty and some faculty members are distressed now that LOA is being brought to Senate for approval. At the last SCUT meeting it was noted that a time line is set for Accreditation and the deadline for LOA is January 2015, which is why the Administration may be hastily pushing the initiative through. The Executive had much discussion about this item and reiterated that SFUFA is concerned about workload and

the process for academic freedom and for members to “buy in” to LOA, the Administration needs to show that work will be taken away from faculty, additional resources added or new faculty or administrative staff hired to accumulate data and produce the necessary reports. Those in Business have noted that Assessment part of the initiative is a huge issue because it is very time consuming and has a huge impact on workload. Also, to ensure “buy in” it would be beneficial for the Administration to give a report from a demonstration project from one department for example and show what the costs and other impacts are, or use Engineering and Business as a test case rather than using the current top down approach to implement the initiative.

- Some faculty senators regularly miss Senate meetings and Glenn has encouraged them to caucus before meetings and R. Day has talked to faculty members in his department, urging them to contact their senators about the LOA.
- Glenn will forward a MOOCS report published on the BBC website to the Executive.

5. Items for Consultation with Senior Admin

- i. Fraser International College – G. Chapman will speak to this item. SFUFA is concerned about information provided at the March senate meeting about the numbers of students coming from FIC.
- ii. Equity Study – K. Kavanagh will speak to this item. SFUFA would like to discuss next steps and timelines with the Administration.
- iii. Childcare at SFU – M. Taboada will speak to this item. SFUFA would like to ask about the current dispute at the daycare in Burnaby and childcare options for members at Surrey and Vancouver.
- iv. Update on non-vehicle access to Burnaby campus – Y. Koscielski will speak to this item. SFUFA raised this at a prior Consultation and would like an update.
- v. Thank you to Andrew Petter for his comments re: the anti vaccine conference – N. Abramson will speak on this.
- vi. Presidents breakfasts – SFUFA would like to know if there plans to resume this event? M. Taboada will speak to this item.

6. BOG elections – tabled to next meeting.

7. Financial update

Motion:

That the surplus amount of \$59,926.42 from the 2011/2012 fiscal year and an additional \$46,494.05 from the general fund be transferred to the legal expense fund to replenish it and bring it to \$150,000.00, as recommended by Richard Marsh, SFUFA Auditor.

Moved/Seconded: M. Taboada/R. Day

Carried.

8. Other Business – None.

9. Adjournment: There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.

Moved/Seconded: K. Kavanagh/Y. Koscielski.