

**Minutes of the SFUFA Executive Meeting
(Following new/old exec orientation)
Held Thursday September 3, 2015
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10:30 – 12:00 noon**

In attendance:

N. Abramson (Business), Chair
G. Chapman (Engineering Science)
J. Christians (Biology)
R. Day (Psychology)
H. Hendrigan (Library (Education))
D. Laitsch (Education)
C. Lesjak (English)
J. Rowe (Library)
M. Sjoerdsma, Engineering Science

Regrets:

R. Arab (English)
K. Pendakur (Economics)
R. Tucker (Health Sciences)

B. Green, Executive Director
M. Lam (Executive Assistant), Recorder
J. Scott (Membership Services)

1) Approval of Agenda

Approved with additions.

Moved: D. Laitsch/R. Day

Carried.

2a) Approval of a replacement Librarians/Archivist rep

It was noted that Paul Hebbard who was elected as Librarians/Archivist rep has been seconded to the position of University Archivist and is no longer available to fulfill this role.

Motion:

That Joy Rowe be appointed to the 2015/2016 SFUFA Executive Committee as Librarians/Archivists representative for one term starting September 1, 2015.

Moved: R. Day/G. Chapman

Carried.

2b) Appointment of a Treasurer for the 2015-2016 term

Motion:

That Dan Laitsch be appointed as SFUFA Treasurer for one year beginning September 1, 2015.

Moved: R. Day/G. Chapman

Carried.

3) Survey on behalf of pension trustees

- The Academic Pension Plan trustees are looking into the feasibility of increasing investment options to include a fossil free investment option for members within the pension plan. They have approached SFUFA about circulating a joint survey to plan members, to gauge whether plan members want it or not and whether they would invest their dollars in fossil fuel free funds. After much discussion, the Executive agreed to review the survey before it is circulated to the a-z mail list and recommended that SFUFA draft a pre-amble to members.

Motion:

That SFUFA agree to distribute a short survey on the fossil-fuel-free option on behalf of pension trustees, but that SFUFA not jointly sponsor the survey and include a preamble making clear that this is a matter separate from the defined benefit question and entirely related to the existing defined contribution plan.

Moved: R. Day/D. Laitsch

Carried.

4) SFUFA 50th anniversary BBQ

- SFUFA is hosting a 50th anniversary BBQ lunch for members at the Highland Pub in Burnaby on Wednesday September 16th from 11:30 – 2 pm. An invitation was circulated to members and over 50 have signed up to date.
- As a part of his outreach action plan, Neil is proposing to conduct a paper poll at the event to get a feel about the issues facing SFUFA members.

5) Other Business

a) Kinder Morgan motion: Since the motion was voted on and passed at the 2015 summer GM, the Executive noted they would release a statement to the Burnaby Now newspaper expressing SFUFA's opposition to the proposed TransMountain Pipeline. It was recommended that Bob Hackett be invited to write a piece on this issue for the next newsletter.

b) Bargaining/TSSU job action: Brian noted that the SFUFA bargaining team will be meeting next week following the summer break. CUPE has signed off on a tentative deal but TSSU is in mediation and are threatening job action on the day of the SFU 50th anniversary celebrations.

Motion:

That Neil Abramson, President of SFUFA write to Jon Driver, VP Academic on behalf of the Executive Committee urging him to take steps to resolve the bargaining impasse with TSSU, and indicating that should the university's 50th anniversary event be picketed many SFUFA members and Executive members will not attend.

Moved: R. Day/G. Chapman

Carried.

Adjournment. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12.02 p.m.