

Minutes of the SFUFA Executive Meeting
Held January 18, 2018
SH3171 10:30 – 11:30
(followed by the consult to 1 pm)

In attendance:

Ronda Arab (English)
Sherryl Bisgrove (Biological Sciences)
Russell Day (Psychology)
Steeve Mongrain (Economics)
Krishna Pendakur (Economics)
Mike Sjoerdsma, Chair (Engineering Science)
Rochelle Tucker (Health Sciences)
Alexandra Wieland (Archives)
Brian Green, Executive Director
Melanie Lam, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Regrets:

Dan Laitsch (Education)
Genevieve Fuji Johnson (Political Science)
Kumari Beck (Education)

1. Approval of Agenda.

Approved.

Moved: Russ Day/Sherryl Bisgrove

Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of January 11th Executive Meeting.

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Moved: Russ Day/Steeve Mongrain

Carried.

3. Business Arising.

- Calculation of credits towards study leave – SFUFA and the Administration are in negotiations to fix the issue and the goal is to resolve it by the end of the week. A MOA is being drafted retroactive to 2016 and a memo will be circulated to Deans. It was noted that the Bargaining Committee has reviewed the details of the MOA.

Motion:

That the SFUFA executive committee approves moving forward with drafting a memorandum of agreement on study leaves with the Administration as per the discussion at today's executive meeting.

Moved: Russ Day/Ronda Arab

Carried.

- It was reported that 20 new faculty positions and 15 staff positions are being created for the new Sustainable Energy Engineering (SEE) Program. Statistics re: staff vs faculty positions – there was discussion about raising this issue at the next consult meeting.
- Champions for a healthy campus community – Mike attended a reception last week.

- SFU has announced plans for a student led stadium project on the Terry Fox field. It was reported that students are contributing 10 million towards the project and 5 million towards the new Student Union Building project.
- Mike reported that a student has reached out to SFUFA and is interested in working with the Association to seek input on SFU's new student course access initiative. The executive recommended inviting the student to a future executive meeting.

4. Items for consultation

- I. New scheduling and course access policy – Rochelle Tucker will speak to this item.
- II. TRACS, duplication/replication/synchronization of systems – Mike Sjoerdsma will speak to this item.
- III. Updates on hiring processes for EDI - Sherryl Bisgrove will speak to this item.
- IV. Exam withdrawals under extenuating circumstances policy – Russ Day will speak to this item.
- V. SFU graduation rate – Steve Mongrain will speak to this item.

5) Other Business – none to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.19 am.