

**27 May 2021
6:00pm
Google Hangout**

ATTENDANCE

NAME	PROXY	PRESENT
Samantha Gardner		Y
Nolan Orvold		Y
Julia Catherine Villosio		Y
Devshri Lala		N
Simran Dhillon		Y
Andrew Batycki		Y
Akanksha Yeola		Y
Emily Kimani, chair		Y
Talia Dixon		Y
Courtney Graham		N/A
Thomas Banks		N/A

MINUTES (FC 2021-01)

2021-01/1

INTRODUCTION

2021-01/1a

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

2021-01/1b

Approval of Agenda

BATYCKI/GARDNER MOVED to approve the agenda.
CARRIED

2021-01/1c

Approval of Minutes

VILLOSO/DIXON MOVED to approve the minutes of FC-2021-00-M.

CARRIED

2021-01/1d

Chair's Business

2021-01/2

QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2021-01/3

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2021-01/3a

Member Appointments

Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee
VILLOSO nominated GARDNER: accepted.
DIXON nominated YEOLA: declined.
GARDNER are declared appointed to the Committee.

Golden Bear & Panda Legacy Fund Committee
DIXON nominated BATYCKI: declined.
DIXON nominated YEOLA: accepted
VILLOSO nominated ORVOLD: accepted.
BATYCKI, ORVOLD are declared appointed as Finance representatives.

Student Group Granting Committee
VILLOSO nominated VILLOSO: accepted.
ORVOLD nominated BATYCKI: accepted.
VILLOSO, BATYCKI are declared appointed to the Committee.

2021-01/3b

Finance Committee Mandate

KIMANI: Outlined that the Committee works on DFU oversight, SU budget oversight, and granting and awards. Identified the attached list of the [DFU](#) which the Committee oversees. Clarified that operational DFU must provide reports which include a budget, audit compliance, and evidence of mandate fulfillment. Clarified that granting DFU units provide reports on request.

2021-01/3c

Dedicated Fee Units

DUMOUCHEL: Emphasised that the SU's power to charge student fees comes with responsibility. Expressed concern that fee structures in bylaw are difficult to understand and have inconsistencies. Proposed that the Committee address the complexity and inconsistency in bylaw in order to ensure effective oversight and mandate compliance for DFU's. Expressed concern, otherwise, that this is an area for political vulnerability.

BATYCKI: Expressed concern that, in his experience in Audit, groups do not always respond to oversight requests.

DHILLON: Noted that Audit is developing new disciplinary and support systems in collaboration with Student Group Committee.

DUMOUCHEL: Proposed putting all fee regulation in one place in order to ensure consistency. Suggested that the bylaws should not account for all situations and there must be room for flexibility. Proposed creating extra-bylaw agreements with pre-established remedies for DFU holders.

KIMANI: Suggested that the agreements could take the form of memoranda of understanding.

DHILLON: Expressed concern that DFU are sometimes unaware of their reporting responsibilities. Proposed creating an Audit-Finance-Bylaw working group to address these issues.

BATYCKI: Proposed improving communication with DFU and SRA.

ORVOLD: Expressed concern that student groups do not like the SU to serve as a governing institution.

DIXON: Noted that students serve in these roles as volunteers and the SU needs to recognise that failures will happen.

KIMANI: Agreed with Dixon. Emphasized that the SU needs to approach oversight from a place of support and not only punishment.

YEOLA: Noted that training for DFU and SRA are essential.

ORVOLD: Proposed improving financial oversight mistake recording and mitigation.

GARDNER: Inquired as to when any changes will come into effect and how the reporting is managed currently.

DUMOUCHEL: Responded that changes to financial oversight will be phased into effect and that it is unclear how consistent reporting is maintained.

VILLOSO: Suggested that the SU should make all SRA and DFU aware of their reporting obligations from the start of the year.

GARDNER: Emphasized the importance of simple and clear communication.

DUMOUCHEL: Considered that SRA will oppose expanding SU oversight on the basis that the SU is attempting to subjectively control the implementation of a referendum and deny student voter choice.

Suggested, however, that there is good reason that an DFU/SRA would rather have an agreement that takes precedence over bylaw. Identified that the reason is that an agreement could not be changed by Council arbitrarily and

would put reciprocal responsibility on the SU. Proposed (1) creating a Finance-Audit-Bylaw working group on fee governance, (2) Finance preparing a proposal for fee rationalisation (3) consulting affected parties in August and September, (4) implementing changes in late June.

2021-01/4

INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-01/4a

[Finance Mandate](#)

2021-01/4b

[Dedicated Fee Units](#)

2021-01/5

ADJOURNMENT

KIMANI: Adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm.