



COMMITTEE NAME MINUTES

2011 - 2012 #08

Date: September 08, 2011

Time: 6:08pm

In Attendance:

PETROS KUSMU (Chair)

FARID ISKANDAR

COLTEN YAMIGISHI

ANDREW FEHR

RAPHAEL LEPAGE FORTON

ADAM WOODS

AVINASH KARUVELIL

EMERSON CSORBA

KHINDA KHINDA

Excused Absence:

Others in Attendance:

CHAKA ZINYEMBA

NIKKI WAY

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by *KUSMU* at 6:08 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

LEPAGE FORTON moved that the *September 8, 2011* agenda be approved.
Seconded by *FEHR*.

Vote on Motion 9 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WOODS amended minutes...(1of5) section under "Approval of minutes" to say "as mended" to "as amended".

YAMAGASHI amended minutes...(2of5) section under "TO VSPL-YAMAGASHI" to say "buying regular city passes" instead of "buying passes".

YAMAGASHI amended minutes...(2of5) section under "TO VSPL-YAMAGASHI" to exclude "and athletes haven't confirmed the space yet".

YAMAGASHI amended minutes...(3of5) section under "TO VSPL-YAMAGASHI" to exclude "we only have a steering committee in regards to Aramark and" and "Also, I got confirmation that Fat Franks wouldn't be on Quad during the school year (or while student groups are fundraising), meaning that our student groups will be protected when they are fundraising."

ISKANDAR amended minutes...(4of5) section under "New Business: Discussion on the "Food Policy" in the First Reading" to say "I'm concerned with the last two BIRFT clauses" instead of "I'm considered with the last to BIRFT clauses"

FEHR amended minutes...(4of5) section under "New Business: Discussion on the "Food Policy" in the First Reading" to exclude "My personal chair, I think we should...(healthy alternatives, glutton free something).

YAMAGASHI amended minutes...(4of5) section under "New Business: Discussion on the "Food Policy" in the First Reading" to say "However, I consulted" instead of "I consulted".

KUSMU moved that the August 22 minutes be approved as amended. The motion was seconded by ISKANDAR.

Vote on Motion 9 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

To VSPL - YAMAGASHI

YAMAGASHI: Orientation has been one of the best. Week of welcome is going awesome because of the weather; we are making lots of money.

FEHR: Question of the capital projects: what is the timeline?

YAMAGASHI: They are trying to have it all approved by the stake holder. The cost of building is going to go up next year so they want to get the contract by January.

LEPAGE FORTON: You said that you wanted them to explain on the DF user. People are going to see the list of where the things are going. People don't look at amounts they look at the how long the list is.

ISKANDAR: No, I think they look at amounts.

YAMAGASHI: If we have any issues with money, the students' union can deal with it.

KUSMU: About the student spaces, what is happening with two of the microwaves in CCIS?

YAMAGASHI: They are trying to anticipate where the hot spots are going to be. Loraine is looking into it.

To VPX - ISKANDAR

WAY: you mentioned that we were notified that there would be cost increases.

ISKANDAR: No.

LEPAGE FORTON: (Asking for volunteer information).

ISKANDAR: We have at least 140 volunteers. A lot of the power will be transferred from me to the volunteer coordinator. They will take care of things such as “What is a reasonable volunteer target to hit by October 1st?” I will still oversee things but the volunteer coordinators will be responsible.

LEPAGE FORTON: Are we going to meet the council?

FEHR: (Asking about the cost fee) Is there a presentation on the cost fee?

ISKANDAR: Last one is in September. The cost fee was supposed to cover \$10 million shortfall. We made \$7 million.

KUSMU: (Asking about the list of pledges).

ISKANDAR: That is just the volunteer list. The campaign starts in October. We can get about 300 names in a class.

The minutes were lost (due to technical issues) for the following section, but a general outline of the discussion is shown:

KUSMU: (Asking about funding for the internship in Washington Centre).

ISKANDAR: I can mention it to them once in a while but there is nothing we can do if the government is cutting costs due to the recession.

To VPA – EMERSON CSORBA

KUSMU: Is the university doing any thing to educate the professors to use the technology?

CSORBA: That is a really good question. You should ask them that.

KUSMU: Regarding Co-op internship: Washington centre is cutting down on funding. Is there a WAY to raise the issue?

CSORBA: It’s worth bringing up at GFC. Internship is up for discussion. Make sure you have the numbers correct.

6. OLD BUSINESS

PREPARE ACADEMIC MATERIALS POLICY FOR FIRST READING

ISKANDAR: Emerson and I talked. For the purposes of this, it is expiring in April 2012. We are not going to know much about the situation with the copyright. I have it set up to expire on April 30. Hopefully some of the goals will be achieved, if not we wont be discussing it for a while.

LEPAGE FORTON: It is costing us more.

ISKANDAR: Access copyright is costing us \$3.48 right now. Some course

packs would be a lot cheaper and some will be more expensive. More likely to be skewed to the expensive side. People are expecting them to side by access copyright...you are going to have to pay the staff. It will be a case by case basis.

WAY: sounds like we are going to have to side with access copyright.

ISKANDAR: A lot of universities are opting out, and they are planning to start to do those themselves.

WOODS: What is wrong with doing that with the other universities?

ISKANDAR: \$3.48-45, somewhere, there will be a magical number that we will settle on. As of August 31, we have nothing to do with access copyright. U of C opted out.

WAY: what are the other big universities that opted out?

ISKANDAR: U of C, UBC, U of T

FEHR: how is the student union going to educate the professors about copyright issues?

ISKANDAR: the university is tightening the copyright laws. The university is trying to educate the professors.

FEHR: what do we mean by peripheral academic materials

ISKANDAR: The only one I know is the iclickers. I have spent at least \$200 on a survey class. Not textbooks.

AMMENDMENTS:

Point 5 of the Academic Materials Policy was amended to say “*15% price premiums*” instead of “*15% prices premiums*”.

Point 6 of the Academic Materials Policy was amended to say “*which does not derogate*” instead of “*which does no derogate*”

IKSANDAR moved that Academic Materials Policy as amended. The motion was seconded by CSORBA.

9. NEW BUSINESS

PREPARE FOOD POLICY FOR FIRST READING

KUSMU: I know Colten drafted the food policy but you guys have been working together.

WAY: I read the meeting minutes of the last meeting. There are significant changes to the document:

In the third BIRFT (educating people about ecological impact of food):

Last half of the sentence changed to “*and consumer awareness is key in reducing our impact*”

In the second last BIRFT:

Reworded to “*the student union advocates maximizing the organic*”

products by minimizing the food waste”

The last BIRFT is completely new. It talks about ONEcard access and expanding one card access as much as possible:

Advocate more providers to use the ONEcard access.

I feel like it would work better with the meal cards. If a store can swipe a one card, they can accept the meal plan. Hub has more option in terms of diversity. Beez doesn't accept the ONEcard. HUB has somewhat healthier options, but you can not use the ONEcard.

KUSMU: Is this the right place to talk about the ONEcard?

LEPAGE FORTON: What are you trying to change? Do you want it to be more accessible to students on campus? Maybe change from “specific” to “limited”.

YAMAGASHI: When you are talking about the ONEcard, Are you talking about the meal plan or the ONEcard in general?

WAY: ONEcard in general

WAY amended the first WHERE AS to exclude “good”

WAY: In the second WHERE AS, I wanted to emphasize that there is low access.

YAMAGASHI: So why is there limited access?

WAY: There are healthy options in BEEZ. For lister residents there are no healthy options.

YAMAGASHI: I think it is a stronger statement to leave as is for one card.

WOODS: Take out currently and keep it as limited for now.

ISKANDAR: Can I make a suggestion to focus on the BIRFT clause and work on the WHERE AS later?

Second BIRFT Clause

WAY: We want to maximize the healthy options. I made that clear. We want to encourage the best possible campus food culture.

YAMAGASHI: What was the original affordability?

WAY: I reworded it.

YAMAGASHI: I guess I don't agree with that. Because then it might not be possible.

ISKANDAR: So Edo has to lower their prices? To me it sounds like if you are not selling cheap food, then you are not welcome on campus.

YAMGASHI: I like the original statement.

WAY: the point at the end of the clause was to show that we want to find a balance because it is not balanced right now, when the university is

considering costs.

YAMAGASHI: We should say we should push through it more often and not all the time. I would propose: “an increase of affordable food options for students”

FEHR: Do we need to have students in there? Because it is not specific for students.

KUSMU: should we still reference students?

YAMAGASHI: I think we should strike out students because it should be for other people on campus.

WAY: We want to make it really particular that they are considering student budgets.

KUSMU: Can you keep it for students in the policy but when discussing you could say ok it’s for adults also.

YAMAGASHI: Yes, that is why I said it doesn’t really matter to me.

The second BIRFT clause was amended to exclude “*for students*”.

Third BIRFT Clause

WAY: In BIRFT 3, I changed the word “increased” to “maximized”. I want to emphasize we have the best food culture.

ISKANDAR: In politics, you want to chose your battles wisely, you have to be poilitcal, I am in favour of words like increase. It gives them the leeWAY to play politics properly.

ZINYEMBA: Optimize?

WAY: I guess there is the balance.

ISKANDAR: I think increase is better, no offence to optimize.

KHINDA: I get what you are saying by maximize. We are pushing for better.

WAY: Increase could mean adding one banana to one store. That is what I don’t want to risk.

The third BIRFT clause was amended to exclude “*microwave*”

FEHR: if we want to keep the water fountains, we should put that in a separate BIRFT.

WOODS: I don’t think we should mention water. By law the university has to provide drinkable water.

YAMAGASHI amended the third BIRFT clause to say “*food*” instead of “*lunch*” and the fourth BIRFT clause to exclude “*drinkable*”.

CSORBA amended the third BIRFT clause to exclude everything after “*encourage students to bring lunch/food*”

KUSMU: add “and other food preparation resources”.

FEHR amended the third BIRFT clause to say “to” instead of “appliances”

KARUVELIL: I understand microwaves, I don’t understand the other appliances. We are a school; we are not substituting a house.

YAMAGASHI: In the kitchens, we want to increase the appliances.

WAY: I am not looking for specifically fridges or something. I am saying we should make kettles/ microwaves accessible to allow them to eat healthy food they have brought in.

YAMAGAHSI: When it says encourage students to bring their own food; “bring their own food” sounds funny.

ISKANDAR: It should say that “people who bring their own foods are capable to access the services”

KHINDA: Can we just say access for food preparation, and cross everything else off?

LEPAGE FORTON: I like that.

Vote: Unanimous

The third BIRFT clause was amended to exclude “*that encourage the students to bring their own food*”.

Fourth BIRFT Clause

KHINDA: Do we have to say water bottle?

WAY: I disagree because some water fountains are too short to fill up water bottles and we have to make sure the water fountains work.

YAMAGASHI: Well then, do you want to change the earlier BIRFT clause, because some of the microwaves don’t work.

The fourth BIRFT clause was amended to say “*the university provides and improves access to water fountains and water bottle refilling stations*”

ISKANDAR: I have doubts about the water bottle clauses but I am not going to say anything about it. I will think about it.

Fifth BIRFT Clause

WAY: Students should have access to the nutritional information.

YAMAGASHI: I don’t know if clear access is the best way to word it. Visible, easily accessible?

WAY: Yes.

FEHR: I thought anything that would do with the ecological impact of food would go into the sustainability clause.

KUSMU: Farid?

ISKANDAR: I will say what I said before. I don't agree with the ideology.

YAMAGASHI: I think this should be in the sustainability policy.

KHINDA: You are not going to find the specific ecological impact on the websites.

WAY: Well, I don't see it being so specific. I personally don't have a specific plan for it but that would be left to the OS to develop.

ZINYEMBA: I see where Nikki is coming from, but I think that it should come under the sustainability clause.

WAY: The reason is that this policy has been written in a holistic approach. In taking this clause out, we will have a gaping hole because we will not be able to talk about the social impacts.

Some minutes were lost due to technical issues with the laptop.

Sixth BIRFT Clause

WAY: I am all for making this as clear as possible. What is the definition of local.

KUSMU: do you want to bring up the cold definitions as a foot note?

WOODS: add "and/ or" they don't have to be fair trade and ecologically friendly, either or.

KHINDA: is low impact good or bad. Is fair trade necessarily low impact? It could mean eating less.

CSORBA: fair-trade is already a part of diverse food options.

WAY: looking to minimize the impact in several different areas.

KUSMU: Nikki go ahead

WAY: With Emerson's comment, I don't think that it is going to achieve the goal. Diverse food would be interpreted as cultural, gluten free, etc, not fair trade. I am very strong opposed to striking that. We should have something we are striving for.

ISKANDAR: You are using too many strong words. This is something you would do in reality. I am fine with "as much as possible". Even that I think, I have never seen a BIRFT like that before.

FEHR: I am not opposed to fair trade. We decided in last meeting that we should clarify what organic and fair trade mean.

KUSMU: so a little asterisk at the bottom and a note?

KHINDA: Could you get rid of this BIRFT but put the fair trade and everything in somewhere else?

LEPAGE FORTON: I think it should be separate. I actually prefer what is on

the back of the agenda. The old one.

KHINDA: fair trade does not necessarily mean that you are going to reduce the ecological impact.

WAY: I put that in there because I didn't put ecological and social impact.

The Sixth BIRFT Clause was amended to include "*reduces our ecological and social impact of the food*"

Seventh BIRFT Clause

WAY: It is about expanding ONEcard choices. We already talked about it. The seventh BIRFT clause was amended to include "to as many 'food' vendors".

YAMAGASHI: Nikki, thank you for doing this.

10. DISCUSSION

SMOKING BAN POLICY

LEPAGE FORTON: What I would like to do first is to bring in Rochelle Howard to do a presentation on it.

CSORBA: I think that we are all tired. We should do this first thing in the next meeting because we keep pushing it back.

LEPAGE FORTON: Are we tabling this then? I would like a presentation first.

ZINYEMBA: first and foremost, I put a document that I sent to everyone. If we are going to table it, I will make a final draft and then send it. I tried to answer the questions to the best of my ability. We could do that, if people are too tired, or, we could take a five minute break.

CSORBA: Tabling this first and decide who we are advocating to.

ZINYEMBA: what if I give the presentation

KUSMU: who will you like to bring in?

LEPAGE FORTON: Rochelle.

ISKANDAR: If you go to the provincial government, you will get a no.

ISKANDAR: this is not lobby able. For the provincial government, I am strongly against it.

A unanimous decision was made to continue this topic in the next meeting.

11. REPORTS

None

12. CLOSED SESSION

NIL

13. NEXT MEETING Date: *Tuesday, September 20, 2011*. Time: *6:00-8:00pm*.

14. ADJOURNMENT *KHINDA* moved that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion was seconded by *LEPAGE FORTON*.

Vote on Motion 9 / 0 / 0
CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.