

INTERACTIVE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENT UNION

GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES

Minutes for March 13th, 2009

TIME: 5:30pm

LOCATION: Surrey Campus 3290

EXECUTIVES: Kyle Jung (Vice President of Activities)
Joseph Choi (Secretary)
Brian Quan (Treasurer)
Kevin Kao (Communications Officer)
Bryan Ottho (Forum Representative)
Nicholas Ning (TechOne Representative)

MEMBERS: Aldrich Tan
Danny Yan
Dalvir Sahota
Chris Walters
Mohamma

GUESTS: Kyle Sakai (5:45pm, singing the Mario tune)

TIMEKEEPER: Brian Quan

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:39pm.

AGENDA

Moe motions to approve the Agenda of March 13th, 2008, Ning seconds. Motion carries.

Choi motions to approve the Minutes of February 13th & 27th, 2009, Yan seconds. Motion carries.

REPORTS

Ottho reports that FAS Formal is fiscally impossible to plan now as we're \$3000 short. Some faculties got cut 6% in their budget, so they're not willing to give money to us. Ottho has \$1000 left in the FAS pool, and we need to spend it!

Choi reports nothing.

Jung reports 3875 and other space are being turned into IAT working space. Many spaces will have no class, and some will have Capstone classes only at certain times. Possibilities of work pods to keep them separate. Anything done in the rooms must be able to be reversed. Ie) Nothing major. Issues: Security of storage and project spaces

Quan reports that he attended the Undergrad Space Planning meeting. Russell, Alannah, Paul, Ryan, Kyle, Brian, etc. Is accessible to all IAT students with card access. Town hall – Two weeks ago, sent out summary of notes taken. General complaints about media stream. Follow up to town hall will be a focus group next week. Possibly Thursday as well as Monday.

Kao reports nothing.

Anas sends regrets for not being able to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Alumni Alumni night

Quan attended this event. The turn out was low. Less of an alumni social, and more of a keyway for undergrads. Most of the people who came were sitting in the hot tub answering questions from Undergrads.

Ottho went to the pub after. It was spectacular.

Town Hall Meeting Results

Town hall meeting results: good feedback and now writing report about focus groups. Stephanie was the facilitator was hired to do the report and will soon be taking care of it. IATSU will be sending a rep to take notes for the focus groups. Hopefully the report coming out will fix outstanding issues with the program.

IATSU Elections

IATSU election: Next week – Tuesday. Questions about advertisement. There have been notices posted around campus. As well as a reminder that will be sent out on Monday. The facility is booked for the election.

Facilities Letter

We've been having problems with the facilities in the fact that they don't want to give us any space. Generally we've tried to get the Mezz for the town hall, but couldn't because they said they were busy. All information is enclosed in the letter that Stevan wrote. It is important that student-led events are given the space. Kyle notices that upon reading the letter, is curious about the relationship between the IATSU and the SCC.

Mo leaves at 6:06 PM.

Sakai thinks that the letter will be addressed more to facilities as well as the lobby etc. Because we are official communications whereas the letter is showing our "emotions". CSSS had to result to hacking the computers in a computer lab due to the fact that the facilities would not allow them to use the lab.

6:13pm: The following guests arrived at the meeting. Ada Nadison, Winnie Chung, Mona Law, Joe Zelezny, and Jordan Kohn.

Action item: Kyle will make changes to the letter. Asks if there is anything else we want to have changed on the letter. To be posted by Quan on Monday.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

Anna Wu Announcements

Working group schedule: Jung's event which no one really attended.

Working Group Schedule

Yan asked to chair the activities meeting: activity will be called before Tuesday and time will be set.

Independent Electoral Commission

Sakai motions to table agenda item 6c to after agenda item 7: Yan seconds. Motion carries.

Guest speakers: asked to speak. Selezny goes first. He's running for SFSS Treasurer. Selezny opens floor to questions.

Kohn speaks: Running for External Relations Officer. Opens floor to questions.

Law speaks: Running for MSO.

Selezny wants everyone to support the referendum questions.

6:30 PM: Chair recognizes Guest: Kyle Miller

Referendum helps with external groups because what happens is that it is extremely easy for people to get into the groups but hard for them to get out, whereas now if the by-law happens, it becomes hard for people to enter the group which will enable people to think twice before they actually join the group and hard for people to get out which forces people to do well within the groups.

6:44 PM Ada Nadison, Jordan Kohn, Joe Zelezny, Winnie Chung, and Mona Law leave the meeting.

Sakai summarizes the IEC's way of cheating and how people are getting away from this.

Original [Jung/Ning]:

Whereas the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) is the governing body for the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) general election;

Whereas the IEC has done the bare minimum in advertising the election to the student body;

Whereas the IEC has rescinded multiple rulings in favour of lesser penalties;

Whereas the IEC has passed rulings in contrary to established by-laws and published election media;

Whereas the IEC is under suspicion of partisanship;

Whereas the transparency of the the IEC is called into question;

Whereas the IEC has, in the opinion of IATSU, not upheld the integrity of the election;

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Motion to Amend [Sakai/Sahota]:

Whereas the IEC has done the bare minimum in advertising the election to the student body;

Amended to read:

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election to the student body;

Motion Passes.

Amended Motion:

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The Chair (Quan) that many of the issues affecting IATSU students are internal within our department and this campus. Many of these issues presented are external and political and that IATSU should be careful in the future that similar issues don't distract us from our mandate.

Motion passes unanimously, Kao abstains.

Otho motions to adjourn meeting, Yan seconds, Motion carries.

Meeting ends at 7:12pm.