11 February 2022
4:00 pm
Zoom

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MINUTES (SUSC 2021-09-M)

2021-09/1 Introduction

2021-09/1a Call to Order
Batycki: Called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M.

2021-09/1b Approval of Minutes

2021-09/1c Approval of Agenda

2021-09/1d Chair’s Business
2021-09/2 QUESTION/DISCUSSION PERIOD

2021-09/3 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

SUVT Recommendations

BATYCKI: Will be going through all recommendations today as a group, will give feedback, edit them, and compile into one document

First document to go through is SUVT/Perks document

DIXON: Issue on the first point is that Perks points do not make any money. Prizes that are given away are very cheap. The in-house chef is the one that makes the donuts so just paying for ingredients. Swag as well is given away that is ordered in bulk. Big giveaways are usually sponsored items. Does not think the first point is feasible because SU is not making money. The only money that is made is to keep perks running

BATYCKI: Agrees, but does not fit within the scope of what they are doing.

The second SUVT recommendation does not fit under economic sustainability. Inquires Talia if there is another way SU can run surveys

DIXON: Does run SurveyMonkey, but does not know who the individual is due to the SU not being able to track their records through their CCID. The recommendation for the last 2 points is to talk to a staff member. They can also give recommendations to give from their prospective

BATYCKI: The third point on the SUVT recommendation is that it is something that can be combined into one recommendation in improvements to perks. Will talk to SU staff members to figure it out. Inquires committee members on their thoughts

SIVAKUMARAN: When thinking about doing recommendations, thinks it wasn’t feasible to do on the economic side since finances would be getting involved with perks. Thinks it is worth discussing other ideas that would help since most that were written that they did was a reflection of experience with perks. They may not look great since students do not know a lot of the finance side on how perks work

BATYCKI: Could’ve given more support on how perks work. As students, they don’t see the financial side of it. Does appreciate work and recommendations.

DIXON: Also appreciates recommendations. The SU is the first group to run perks in Canada and will be hard to run. Even if none of the recommendations pan out, it does not mean the work put into it isn’t valuable. Can still talk to staff if the survey is feasible
Batycki: Agrees. At some point, the recommendations will be consulted with SU staff.

**Unused space in Dinwoodie**

Batycki: Thinks the first recommendation is good. Thinks it is a reasonable point that can be kept there. Consultation will include what Dinwoodie is mainly used for.

Dixon: Will give context. Used Dinwoodie a few times during the week of welcome and often remains unused throughout the semester.

Batycki: Expresses how Dinwoodie is only used mainly at the beginning of the year.

Second point in recommendations is a good idea. Can throw under social sustainability. Can make the argument that it can be used for stress release.

Third point can be put in broader terms as an applicable space to increase the usage of space. Thinks area can be granted out more emphasized.

Shukla: Was inquiring if there are currently any funding sources to host own fundraisers.

Batycki: SU is funded mainly through student fees, businesses, and tenants in the building. Wants to reduce reliance on student fees.

Wants to figure out a way to use the space to diversify student income sources.

Dixon: SU fees can continue to function without SU fees for a year. If they want to make recommendations about diversifying fees, it can be challenging for staff to be used more. Renovating theatre because it is used a lot. Courtney would know more about the budget. The budget every year is millions of dollars. Having a few rent-outs wouldn’t change much. 2 recommendations Talia wants to give is wanting to utilize space more, and do a consultation with Brennan because Brennan can give a better understanding on having a better stress release zone in Dinwoodie.

Batycki: Agrees.

**Economic sustainability in Dinwoodie**

Batycki: Major point in economic sustainability is how to get students to stay on campus after classes. The reality is people finish classes at 2-3 in the afternoon. Point can not be put under Dinwoodie but under economic sustainability.

**Sustainability economic recommendations**

Batycki: Thinks it is a good broad first point. Inquires for thoughts from the
committee. Thinks the second point is good as well, thinks when the committee gets into food businesses, then they can talk about events. Wants companies that take alignment with SU values. The third point is good as well. This point overlaps as the recommendation can tie the climate policy and economic sustainability

DIXON: Thinks it does not need to go in economic sustainability

BATYCKI: Agrees. Claims it has been a while since working on environmental policies. Once the entire document can be put together, it will be done by next week

Fourth point is good as well. Overlaps again with environmental sustainability

MILAN: Likes the point. Inquires if the UASU has thought about working with the university to try and advocate for the same in other buildings

BATYCKI: Expresses SU and university are different structures and administrations. The primary goal is advocacy in this case. A goal like this will mean somewhere down the line will be included in a political policy or with executive decisions. This gives a point by saying it is a need for sustainability.

MILAN: Inquired if there have been talks about this before

BATYCKI: Can’t speak for execs but sustainability is on the mind of advocacy

DIXON: Have talked with the sustainability council. Thinks the consultation with the university is a good idea. If a specific group of people want to be consulted with, it can be done

Non-Food Businesses Recommendations

BATYCKI: Inquires for thoughts on the first point.

*All members of committee like the point and have no further input*

The Second point in the recommendation mentions how the Horowitz theatre makes off-campus revenue and hopes to make revenue through the source soon.

The last point is one that the point can be talked over with Marc since catering can bring in more revenue for SU

SU Food Businesses

BATYCKI: The first point is good. Expresses how it might need more research or include a source that local options have the ability to increase sales

DIXON: Claims it might be good for food sustainability. Does not know if it speaks of RATTs and Deweys

BATYCKI: Will check food recommendations
Second point is that they think Deweys and RATT already compost. Thinks the point falls under food recommendations

DIXON: Agrees it is a good idea.

BATYCKI: Thinks the recommendation is good

Third point is to increase happy hours at SU-operated restaurants. Expresses the idea of cutting Taco Tuesday. Inquires how the committee feels about having more themed events closer to the end of classes

SHUKLA: Likes idea

Fundraising and sponsorships

BATYCKI: Wasn't quite sure how to word the recommendation. The first point claims The VP external is the one to consult with the government. In terms of election promoting, this is one of their duties

DIXON: VP Externals are aware of what to do in their position but also does not know how to properly word recommendation

BATYCKI: Has been hard to include in a report but hasn’t been focused on in the past years

DIXON: It is usually something that is overseen by VP Externals portfolio. Thinks work is currently being done on it and can be included but does not know if it would change the ways VP’s perform their respective duties

BATYCKI: Thinks it might be fine to cut out

The Second point is to have the SU-operated restaurants have a themed night to get a sponsor.

DIXON: Does not understand

BATYCKI: When getting food and beverage companies to get a sponsor when serving a specific brand. Thinks the point isn't super well thought or phrased

DIXON: Can be kept but needs further consultation

BATYCKI: Inquires for further questions on any other points

There is a meeting next week right before reading week. Will get economic sustainability recommendations and compiled into a single document. Will figure out consultation and come up with a list of different places that need to be consulted with. Will also make a spreadsheet to ensure at least 2 people are making consultations for their respective organizations. Inquires any other questions. Another thing that will be done is to send out recommendations in one single document. Most haven’t seen environmental recommendations and social
ones too yet.

2021-09/4  INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-09/5  ADJOURNMENT

BATYCKI: Adjourned the meeting at 4:51 P.M.