MOTION REGARDING THE DISSOLVING OF THE BUILDING AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BOMCOM) 2021-11-04

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☐ NOT APPROVED

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Issue

The Building and Operations Management Committee serves as a committee to make recommendations about building tenants and vendors. However, this committee has not upheld its mandate effectively, resulting in a delay in negotiations with vendors and slowing down the process as a whole, adding to the bureaucratic process of selection and increasing the responsibilities of the Building Director, rather than providing solutions.

Background and Rationale

The Building and Operations Management Committee (BOMCOM) no longer serves its purpose within the Society. Since the departure of the Operations Director, there has been a loss of direction and need for this committee to continue to operate. The most notable example took place over the course of Summer 2021, where BOMCOM met and convoluted conversations led to a delay in choosing tenants. Instead of assisting the Building Director, who has not even been offered a seat on the committee, they actively made his job harder by going back on certain decisions and recommendations once talks had already begun.

In addition to this, BOMCOM only serves to make recommendations, not final decisions. However, they do not have the connections or knowledge of...
the market to understand which tenants could and would install themselves in our building. The purpose with knowledge of such things is the Building Director. He should therefore be making the informed recommendations to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Alignment with Mission
This motion aligns with SSMU’s mission to provide services to the students, which have been halted because of the speed bump that is this committee. In addition, the committee does not fulfill the mandate outlined in the Effective Committees Policy and therefore should be dissolved.

Consultations Completed
Consultations included the Building Director, who is directly affected by this committee, the VP Finance who sits on this committee and has noted its issues, and the Governance Manager.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications
A risk could be the lack of student involvement with the decisions of the tenants for the University Centre.

Sustainability Considerations
Not applicable.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps
Were this motion to be adopted, the committee would be dissolved immediately and the Building Director would take over the role of the committee and submit a report to the Board of Directors to suggest tenants.

Motion or Resolution for Approval
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors move to dissolve the Building and Operations Management Committee (BOMCOM) effective immediately.
Results of the Vote

- In favour: 6
- Opposed: 0
- Abstain: 1