

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:34 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that this meeting is being conducted on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples; which, to the current knowledge of the Society include the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Council Composition

Student Union Representatives

Archeology	Andrew Latimer
Behavioral Neuroscience	Alysha Damji
Biology	Nikki Dumrique
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology	Alam Khera
Business	
Chemistry	Myles Scollon
Cognitive Science	
Communications	Arjan Mundy
Computing Science	Steven Yang
Criminology	Erwin Kwok
Earth Science	Megan Simao
Economics	Chris Rose
Education	
Education	
Engineering Science	Shayne Kelly II
English	
Environmental Resource	Grayson Barke
Environmental Science	Ayush Joshi
French	Matin Salsabil
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies	
Health Science	Aarushi Sharma
History	Paul Choptuik
Humanities	
Interactive Arts and Technology	Zachary Chan
International Studies	Sasha Soden
Labour Studies	Dylan Webb
Linguistics	
Management System Science	Linda Lu
Mathematics	Daniel Bathei
Mechatronics System Engineering	
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	Anika Westlund
Operations Research	
Philosophy	Karen Abramson
Physics (Chair)	Jesse Velay Vitow
Political Science	Jackson Freedman
Psychology	

Science Undergraduate Society (SUS).....	Anson Zhu
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS)	
Sociology and Anthropology.....	Nicole Magas
Software Systems	
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA).....	Jerry He
Sustainable Community Development.....	
Theaters	
Visual Arts.....	
World Literature	Alex Harasymiw
Constituency Group Representatives	
First Nations Student Association (FNSA)	Jennifer MacDonald
International Student Group (ISG)	
Residence Hall's Association (RHA).....	Mohammed Ali
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)	
Students United for Disability Support (SUDS)	
Women Centre Collective (WCC).....	
Out on Campus Collective (OOC)	Irene Sneddon
Society Staff	
SFSS Directors (non-voting)	
President	Larissa Chen
VP Student Services	Vacant
VP External Relations	Christine Dyson
VP Finance	Hangue Kim
VP Student Life	Curtis Pooghkay
VP University Relations	Arr Farah
At-Large Representative.....	Paul Hans
At-Large Representative.....	Mudi Bwakura
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences).....	Blossom Malhan
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences).....	Alan Lee
Faculty Representative (Business)	Pritesh Pachchigar
Faculty Representative (Communication, Art & Technology)	Prab Bassi
Faculty Representative (Education).....	John Ragone
Faculty Representative (Environment).....	Thadoe Wai
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences).....	Raajan Garcha
Faculty Representative (Sciences).....	Jimmy Dhesa
3.2 Society Staff	
Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator.....	Pierre Cassidy
Student Union Organizer	Anna Reva
Administrative Supervisor	Karen Atara
3.3 Absent	
Communications.....	Arjan Mundy
Computing Science.....	Steven Yang
Economics	Chris Rose
Environmental Science.....	Ayush Joshi
Management System Science	Linda Lu
Sociology and Anthropology.....	Nicole Magas
Out on Campus Collective (OOC)	Irene Sneddon
World Literature	Alex Harasymiw

3.4 Regrets

Behavioral Neuroscience	Alysha Damji
Engineering Science	Shayne Kelly II
Environmental Resource	Grayson Barke
International Studies	Sasha Soden
Labour Studies	Dylan Webb
Philosophy	Karen Abramson
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA).....	Jerry He

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

Excuses or regrets will be kept track of by the chair of council. Missing two meetings in a row without sending excuses (that are approved) will result in the removal from Council.

4.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2017-03-01:01

Daniel/Alam

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Alysha Damji, Sasha Soden, Shayne Kelly II, Jerry He, Karen Abramson, Dylan Webb, and Grayson Barke.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2017-03-01:02

Anika/Andrew

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

To add under Discussion Items: 9.2 SFSS General Membership Survey and 9.3 Grants Issues

CARRIED AS AMENDED

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Spanish Language Certification Program

~~*Be it resolved to appoint a person or persons to draft a letter urging SFU not to cancel the Spanish Certificate Program and return it to council for approval at the next meeting.*~~

~~*Be it resolved to recommend to board to examine the Spanish Certificate issue.*~~

- It has been decided there is nothing that we can do
- It is an educational component of the school so the SFSS cannot do anything about it
- The person who brought forward the motion is not present, so this motion cannot go forward at the moment

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Freedom of Speech on Campus

- The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF) has created a Campus Freedom Index evaluation and SFU received C's for student union policies and practices and B's for university policies and practices (<https://www.jccf.ca/>)
 - The only thing Council can affect is student union policies
 - Suggestion to discuss whether there has been an adequate ability to express diverse opinions on campus and also go to constituents to ask them their thoughts

on this

- There are a few main criticisms raised, explaining the C's SFSS received: monetary limits on campaigns and no position expressly upholding freedom of expression on campus
 - Limit of 2 sides in referendum campaigns: one yes side and one no side and each has their own separate (but equal) budget, so if there are many groups or communities who disagree or agree for different reasons, they are still under the same budget
 - There are financial limits (\$300 for each referendum campaign side and \$50 for each SFSS Board candidate), which limits the number of pamphlets that can be distributed and the number of students candidates can communicate with
 - SFSS does not take political stances on issues outside of its mandate, nor does it include a policy upholding freedom of expression on campus
- Discussion of Board candidate spending limit:
 - SFSS wants to have a fair campaign so equal funds are distributed between candidates, and there are ways to reach students without spending money too so candidates have other avenues available to them
 - The spending limit is there so that candidates of different socio-economic positions all have a fair chance
 - A question was raised: Even if the spending limit is raised, how is their availability to spend more going to help them get elected?
- Discussion of limiting referendum campaign to two sides with a fixed budget:
 - JCCF may think this is an issue because there may be 10 different oppositional/contrary arguments or groups for no and only one argument for yes, and this way of setting a spending limit for each side collapses all the no arguments into one, forcing them into a unidirectional argument
- Discussion of the SFSS not explicitly endorsing freedom of speech:
 - The idea is that the SFSS should have a specific clause that explicitly endorses the right to freedom of speech and expression (upholding Charter of Rights and Freedoms) because when there is no explicit clause it is easier for limits on these freedoms to occur
 - There is an argument that because this is a public/private institution it upholds the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as a whole
 - Suggestion: making a motion to the SFSS to amend policies to explicitly endorse free speech, but some think this may create more problems and it is not necessary
 - Suggestion: ask constituents how their experiences have been with freedom of speech on campus
- [Action Item]: Chair to send the report to all council representatives

7.2 SFSS General Membership Survey

- There is a general annual membership survey about the SFSS [planning process for the next year]
 - The goal is to receive 2,500 responses
- SFSS Board would like DSUs and FSUs to inform them of meeting and event times so that the SFSS can attend to promote the survey
 - Chair will forward email to council representatives (Jimmy and Alan)
- Prizes are available

7.3 Grants Issues

- Archeology Student Society grant proposal was sent one month in advance, but there were issues; communication issues between the SFSS and the Archeology Student Society
 - Once the SFSS had the grant it was reduced by 80% and the Archaeology Student Society was not notified so that they could have the opportunity to defend it
- Molecular Biology & Biochemistry Student Society sent a grant proposal in regards to catering and the grant was taking longer than usual
- Suggestion: SFSS should have a needs assessment
- SFSS seems that they are prioritizing other events, distributing the weight based on attribution
- Grant process has been going under some review and there is an evaluation criteria
 - The student union organizers or the General Coordinators for clubs are the first members to receive the grant proposal because this makes sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to access it
 - If there are times that DSUs and FSUs feel that there are experiencing issues they can go the Board (or faculty representatives if they are more comfortable with them)
- There has been a change in the granting procedures over the past year so the ability to process grants quickly has decreased
- Members who have concerns are invited to fill out a feedback form on the SFSS website

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements from some faculties

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION COUNCIL 2017-03-01:03

Anson/Alam

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM.

CARRIED