

Call to Order – 4:33 pm, October 29, 2014 | Forum Chambers

1. Roll Call of Attendance

SFSS Directors (*non-voting*)

President	Chardaye Bueckert
Vice President External Relations.....	Darwin Binesh
Vice President Finance	Adam Potvin
Vice President Student Life.....	Kayode Fatoba
Vice President Student Services.....	Zied Masmoudi
Vice President University Relations	Moe Kopahi
At-Large Representative.....	Rebecca Langmead
At-Large Representative.....	Jeremy Pearce
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences).....	Ben Rogers
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences)	Brady Wallace (<i>late academic</i>)
Faculty Representative (Business).....	Shadnam Khan
Faculty Representative (Communication, Art & Technology)	Shirin Escarcha
Faculty Representative (Environment)	Tesicca Truong on leave
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences)	Ayla Kooner
Faculty Representative (Sciences)	Deepak Sharma

Student Union Representatives

*New Councilors that need ratification will be denoted ****

Archeology.....	Madisen Hvidberg
Arts and Social Sciences.....	Blossom Malhan
Biology.....	Guinder Saroya
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology.....	Debbie Wong
Business.....	Jessica Gutierrez
Business.....	
Chemistry.....	Pipreesh Gaind
Cognitive Science	Aaron Richardson
Computing Science	Rahman Kadirdin
Criminology.....	Erwin Kwok
Dance.....	Cori Baldwin*
Earth Science.....	Gleb Moiseyenko
Economics	Thomas Budd* (<i>late</i>)
Education	Melissa Lee
Engineering.....	Michael Fujiwara
Environmental Science	
French.....	Nick Poulos*
Geography	Jared Busse*
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies	Caroline Doerksen*
Health Science.....	Sana Javaheri*
History.....	Brandon Matheson*
Humanities.....	
Interactive Arts and Technology.....	Amanda Poh
International Studies.....	Tina Bachl
Labour Studies	

Linguistics	Gloria Mellesmoen
Management System Science	
Mathematics	Charles Turo
Mechatronics System Engineering	Gursher Sidhu
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	Marija Jovanovic
Operations Research	Michelle Baillet a
Philosophy.....	Karen Abramson
Physics.....	Jesse Velay-Vitow*
Political Science (<i>chair</i>).....	Kathleen Yang
Psychology.....	Yasmin Meawad*
Sociology and Anthropology	
Statistics and Actuarial Science.....	Grace Lam
Sustainable Community Development.....	
Theaters.....	
Visual Arts	
World Literature	
Constituency Group Representatives	
First Nations Student Association (FNSA).....	Maren Thompson
International Student Group (ISG).....	
Out on Campus Collectives (OOC)	Jason Wang*
Students United for Disability Support (SUDS).....	Anthony Janolino
Residence Hall's Association (RHA).....	
Women Centre Collectives (WCC)	Anjali Biju
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).....	Ryan Dhillon*
Society Staff	
Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator.....	Pierre Cassidy
Executive Director	Colleen Knox
Student Union Organiser	Antonio Daling
Minute Taker	Dion Chong
Guests	
Chief Electoral Officer	Stephanie Munez
The Peak.....	Leah Bjornson
The Peak.....	Melissa Roach
Member	Amir Ali
Member	Brandon Bernardo
Schools Building Schools (<i>SFU Chapter VP</i>).....	Stacey Bryant
Schools Building Schools (<i>SFU Alumni</i>)	Craig Vandermere
Faculty of Education Associate Dean, Administration	David Patterson
Regrets	
Communications.....	Gino Cutri
English.....	Stephanie Hall
Faculty Representative (Education)	Katie Bell
Absent	
Business.....	David Chapman

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:01

Biju

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Discussion item on AGM added, along with announcements on behalf of a number of DSUs.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:02

Lee

Be it resolved to receive and file the minutes of 2014-07-30 and 2014-10-01

CARRIED

4. AP-1.f Board of Directors Status Report

The Council received the student statuses for the Board of Directors in Summer and Fall, along with the request received by the university to verify such registration status. SFSS requires that Directors be registered for two of three semesters. The motion recommended to Council requested the receipt and filing of the report.

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:03

Turo

Whereas AP 1 a) requires the production of a report on each Board of Director's registration status in each of the three semesters of their tenure

Whereas AP 1. f requires that the report outlined in AP 1 a) be distributed to the members of the Student Council

Whereas All Board of Director's members are either "eligible to register" or are "registered: in the fall 2014 semester

Be it Resolved that the SFSS Council receive and file the Board of Director's Student Status Report for the Fall 2014 semester as submitted.

The motion ensures that all Directors are members of the SFSS, therefore ensuring that the SFSS is governed by undergraduate students of SFU

CARRIED

5. Guest Speakers/Presentations

a. Schools Building Schools Report

SBS collects a \$1 levy from each student per semester.

SBS was founded in 2010 as a Canadian registered charity, which sought to enhance existing skill development and educational institutions in the developing world. SBS SFU was the original club through which the greater organization was founded.

Since fall of 2011, over 100 students have volunteered directly at SBS at SFU. An average of 3 events per semester are held.

The work of the organization has primarily been in Uganda. First project began in 2012 after evaluations of existing institutions that could benefit from the support on vocational and skill building training.

80 to 90% of the organizational funding was sourced from SFU students. Without SFU community support, none of the projects operate. To date, all funding from the SFU levy has been allocated to international projects. The organization recognizes that they were reliant on the students of SFU to make projects occur. The organization was considering SFSS recognition via signage on projects, online, and in print materials.

An overview of projects was provided:

- Expansion of existing educational institutions – providing classrooms, electrical infrastructure.
- All labour utilized are hired locally
- School provides programme relevant to the community, with carpentry masonry, tailoring and hospitality
- Programming has a gender equity focus – required allowance of programming

Concern was raised around the lack of information provided by the organization around the opt-out mechanism. Members have complained in the past around the guilt trip tactics employed by the organization to deter opt-outs, which has been deemed extremely stigmatizing for students with financial needs.

In fall of 2012, the organization asked the SFSS how to make the information accessible. At the time, the only available option was tabling. The organization would circulate the feedback directly to the leadership team. The Organization wished to ensure that such information was clearly available and to avoid any future occurrences of such issues in the opt out process.

Concern was raised around the lack of physical presence of SBS. The Club held a table a number of weeks back. All members of the original club have expressed interest in making the opt-out programme more clear.

A member expressed appreciation that the organization had participated in the African Students Association dialogues around relations with a focus on ensuring dignity in international development work.

Students expressed that such support should be made clear. Their was an interest in supporting the awareness of SFU's contributions to the global.

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:03

Kwok/ Amended Kwok

Be it resolved to recommend to the Board of Directors to allow Schools Building Schools to utilize the SFSS logo on promotional materials

CARRIED AS AMENDED

The financial documents are reviewed by the Canada Revenue Agency, but not by an external auditor.

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:04

Thompson/Amended Moiseyenko

Be it resolved to recommend to Board of Directors to enhance awareness of levy collecting organizations and their respective of opt-out procedures.

The organization requested guidelines from the SFSS on an opt-out clause. As an autonomous organization, opt-out procedures may be necessarily made at the independent body's level. Capacity of the volunteer group was limited in promoting such issues. Working with DSUs to delegate opt-outs to the departmental level may be an option.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Noted Opposition: Mellesmoen, Kadirdin

SBS representatives left at 5:24pm

b. Centre for English Language Learning, Teaching, and Research: English as an Additional Language (EAL) Service

Faculty of Education has become a resource centre for the SFU community, to provide lifelong learning through the provision of EAL. The establishment of the new centre allowed for teaching and research on the matter to be conducted concurrently and allowed services to be enhanced as a direct result of such research. The centre would integrate all EAL services within a physical space. Student feedback was being sought early in the process to discuss the types of services offered and engage stakeholders to curate and create services fitting the needs of the community.

Education has the opportunity to provide faculty members whose research is within this area and can guide the development of the Centre.

The Council was invited to consider options for opening dialogue on the matter.

Question was raised on whether the Department of Linguistics has been engaged on the matter given the research outside the Faculty of Education which were relevant to the Centre's mandate. The Faculty of Education and the Department of Linguistics had a longstanding relationship and would continue in the development of the programming.

The Space available to the Centre was no longer needed for CODE. The area was already familiar to students who access CODE services. The space would need to be tailored to the needs of the centre. Funding for the Centre was secured for the first year of operation.

Council could potentially be the host of the consultation programming with the student body through a Council-struck working group.

Information on the Centre could be found at <http://www.sfu.ca/celltr>

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:05

Mellesmoen

Be it resolved to strike a working group for Centre of English Language Learning, Teaching, and Research consultation.

Priority setting would have to occur, based around the type of services that the centre begins to provide considering available options. However, the working groups may need to develop a term of reference.

Action Item: Education Councilor would contact the Council regarding participation in the working group

CARRIED

6. Elections, Appointments, Resignation and Excuses

a. 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.

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:06

Biju

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from:

Communications..... Gino Cutri (*employment*)
English..... Stephanie Hall (*academic commitment*)
Faculty Representative (Education) Katie Bell (*conference*)

CARRIED

b. Appointments to Council

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:07

Sidhu

Be it resolved to ratify the appointment of the following Councilors:

Dance..... Cori Baldwin
Economics Thomas Budd
French..... Nick Poullos
Geography Jared Busse
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Caroline Doerksen
Health Science..... Sana Javaheri
History..... Brandon Matheson
Physics..... Jesse Velay-Vitow
Psychology..... Yasmin Meawad
Out on Campus Collectives (OOC) Jason Wang
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)..... Ryan Dhillon

CARRIED

c. Appointments to Committees

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:08

Jovanovic

Be it resolved to open nominations for vacant Councilor positions on SFSS committees.

CARRIED

The Council was provided with an update on the meeting times of the committees.

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:09

Baldwin

Be it resolved to close Councilor nominations and appoint the following Councilors to the respective SFSS Committees:

Advocacy Committee – Nick Poullos

Granting Committee – 1

Remunerations Advisory Committee – Madisen Hvidberg

CARRIED

7. New Business

a. Business Administration Student Society Fall 2014 Referendum Question

Motion withdrawn by Business Administration Student Society as the item was already approved at the Board of Director level.

b. Science Undergraduate Society - Fall 2014 Constitution Approval and Referendum Question

Constitution and Policy Review Committee did not meet on Monday and therefore the governance documents for SUS had not yet been processed by the committee nor the board of directors.

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:10

Richarson/Amended Mellesmoen

Whereas the Board of Directors has established the improvement of the Society's governance and operational model as one of its four goals for this term;

Whereas the representatives of the department student unions under the faculty of science have expressed their interest in forming a faculty student union;

Be it resolved that Council present the following as a question on the upcoming fall referendum, with the purpose of establishing said society as the official Science faculty student union, contingent upon Constitution and Policy Review Committee and Board of Directors approval of an SUS Constitution and Bylaws approved by the Faculty of Science membership:

Are you in favour of the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) being established as the Faculty Student Union (FSU) for the Faculty of Science as of 2015-01-01?

The Faculty of Science did not previously have an overarching governance body, although the Science Community Initiative (SCICrew) club had been instrumental in handling a number of initiatives and events that such a faculty student union would otherwise be responsible for. The establishment of the FSU has been expressed as an area of interest by the Faculty of Science membership, and the motion would allow the membership to make a decision to that effect.

Concern was raised around the usage of him/her/zir across the document, given that the grammatical class was closed and that the singular they already encompassed all pronouns, including those not explicitly mentioned in the document. Councilors raised issue with potentially creating documents that mandated the usage of only specific pronouns.

The Zir term was added as a result of Constitution and Policy Review Committee according to consultation with Out On Campus. The Out on Campus Councilor indicated that zir was not a universally utilized pronoun, although the effort for inclusion was appreciated. The Council was reminded that it would be preferable to use accepted legal terminology as opposed to nonstandard ones.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

c. SFU Residence Issues

Students have contacted Council expressing frustration around the current SFU Residence situation, especially that of Louis Riel, one of the original residence buildings of the university. Issues included but were not limited to:

- A number of rooms have been closed off and condemned
- Rotting wood and floorboards
- Nonfunctional heaters resulting in students using the oven to warm their space
- Bursting pipes and resulting flooding
- Complete lack of information on mold and air quality test results, despite systematic documentation of all possessions belonging to students in the building
- Survey circulated to residents with minimal questions regarding the state of the residence, instead focusing on potential health issues experienced by residents.
- Rumours around the closing of low income student housing at SFU and potential eviction.

Advocacy Committee has discussed the matter in the past week based on a complaint received from a member. SFU has been notified of the issue, and questions have been raised around the release of results, but no information has been received on the next course of actions. The Residence Hall Association recently elected its new Board of Directors, however the elected Councilor was not eligible to sit on Council.

While there were concerns that, as RHA does not represent graduate students, that RHA and Council had few options to assist Louis Riel students, it was noted that Hamilton Hall and Louis also provide housing for undergraduate students above the age of 27, as they are ineligible for townhouses. Additional information was requested on actions that have been taken. Council was aware that the matter may be outside the jurisdiction of the Council.

It was requested that all constituency groups and student unions be polled around the impact of residence issues on the respective memberships. SU representatives likely represent undergraduate students who have been impacted by such issues.

Action Item: Students would return to their constituency groups to bring the matter up for discussion.

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-10-29:11

Moiseyenko

Be it resolved to invite university administration to the next Council meeting (2014-11-12 or 2014-11-19) to speak to the Residence issues.

CARRIED

Abstention noted from Turo

8. Discussions

a. SFSS Annual General Meeting

The Council provided feedback on the Annual General Meeting

- A number of students were unable to access the meeting due to capacity issues at the SFU Theatre.
 - Changing the venue to Convocation Mall may be more desirable in the future to allow for greater participation
 - An RSVP system could be implemented
 - Particular concern was raised that Councilors, as elected officials representing a body of students, were unable to fulfill their function as a result of the capacity issue.
 - Information on the potential to enter the meeting as individuals left was not circulated to members who were waiting to enter the Theatre, and none of the individual were provided with information as to the state of the proceedings.
 - An overflow space could be utilized in the future with videoconferencing features to allow individuals within such spaces to participate fully in the proceedings.
 - While this was considered by the AGM team, along with the option of installing screens to stream proceedings into Convocation Mall, the SFU Theatre did not have the technical capability.
 - Regardless of the level of support for the project, the inability for the membership to even vote was identified as a potential continued issue around the Student Union Building project, given the financial implications on the student body.
- Students have expressed concern around whether the amount of student funding that went into the AGM could've been better spent elsewhere
 - A number of prizes were donated in kind by sponsors
- Concern was raised around people leaving after the first number of motions, with the majority of them identified as those from varsity.
- Club members have expressed frustration around the space allocation made to them.

The Board of Directors thanked members for filling quorum, as this was the first quorate AGM since 2008.

In the past, fulfilling quorum was a struggle. The only other space was Convocation Mall, which was chilly on the day of the AGM and thus would've caused discomfort to participants. SFU Theatre was the largest indoor space that was not being used for academic purposes (as was the case for Images Theatre). No students were turned away – everyone who waited entered the meeting. In moving forward, a larger space will be needed and the BOD would take the matter into consideration.

In light of issues on clubs, a Clubs Forum was held prior to the AGM to open dialogue and provide a platform to examine clubs issues.

Clarity was provided around the definition of voting by proxy (voting on another members behalf) and the source of the prohibition (SFSS Bylaws).

9. Other Business / Announcements / Notice of Motions

a. The Canadian Undergraduate Journal of Cognitive Science – Accepting Submissions

An invitation was extended to any individuals with an interest disciplined related to Cognitive Science to submit their work into the upcoming journal.

b. Confluence Dialogues – Open Invitation

The ISSA was hoping to foster dialogue as part of its Confluence academic journal series, and was thus hosting interdepartmental dialogues. The next dialogue in the series would be occurring at SFU Harbour Centre, Room 3050 on November 6th at 5pm.

c. Bridging the Gap Fundraiser

The Archaeology Student Society and the 2014 South Pacific Archeology field school were conducting a fundraiser to build better education opportunities for Fiji highland youth. DSU involvement was welcome, as were any promotional opportunities that could be offered.

10. Attachments

BOD Status Report.pdf
SUS Constituion & Bylaws.pdf

11. Adjournment 6:35pm

Whereas the Board of Directors has established the improvement of the Society's governance and operational model as one of its four goals for this term;

Whereas the representatives of the department student unions under the faculty of science have expressed their interest in forming a faculty student union;

Be it resolved that, contingent upon the recommendation of the Constitution and Policy Review Committee that the Board of Directors approve the proposed Constitution and bylaws of the proposed Science Undergraduate Society, Council present the following as a question on the upcoming fall referendum, with the purpose of establishing said society as the official Science faculty student union:

“Are you in favour of the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) being established as the Faculty Student Union (FSU) for the Faculty of Science as of 2015-01-01”

AP-1 Report to Council on Board of Directors Student Status

AP-1: Section 1. (c) “For the purposes of this policy, a report under subsection (a) shall list whether the subject of the report is currently registered in a course or program at the University, and for each of the previous semesters in their term of office, if the subject was so registered in that semester.”

Semester Name	Summer 2014		Fall 2014		Spring 2015	
	Registered	Eligible to Register	Registered	Eligible to Register	Registered	Eligible to Register
Katie Bell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Darwin Binesh	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Chardaye Bueckert	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Shirin Escarcha	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
BabaKayode Fatoba	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Shadnam Khan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Ayla Kooner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Moe Kopahi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Rebecca Langmead	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Zied Masmoudi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Jeremy Pearce	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Adam Potvin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Ben Rogers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Deepak Sharma	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Tesicca Truong	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Brady Wallace	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kris Norgren, Senate Assistant and Electoral Officer
FROM: Colleen Knox, Executive Director
DATE: September 16, 2014
RE: **SFSS Board of Directors (Fall 2014) Student Status**
CC: BOD Student Status File

As per prior requests the Student Society requires the confirmation of both “*registered status*” (student x is registered in courses this semester) and “*student status*” (student x is eligible to enroll and has not been discontinued as a student). We request that the student status be confirmed after the add-drop date of October 6th, 2014.

The SFSS Board of Directors for our 2014/15 year are:

Name	Registered	Eligible to Register
Katie Bell	YES	YES
Darwin Binesh	YES	YES
Chardaye Bueckert	YES	YES
Shirin Escarcha	YES	YES
BabaKayode Fatoba	YES	YES
Shadnam Khan	YES	YES
Ayla Kooner	YES	YES
Moe Kopahi	YES	YES
Rebecca Langmead	YES	YES
Zied Masmoudi	YES	YES
Jeremy Pearce	YES	YES
Adam Potvin	YES	YES
Ben Rogers	YES	YES
Deepak Sharma	YES	YES
Tesicca Truong	YES	YES
Brady Wallace	YES	YES

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I can be reached at local 23183 or on my work cell at 778-836-5741.