

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:31 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 COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Student Union Representatives

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

| | |
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| Archeology | Madeleine La-Mer*** |
| Behavioral Neuroscience | Alysha Damji |
| Biology | Wade Vanderwaal |
| Business | Ashley Chan*** |
| Business | Chancey Wu |
| Chemistry | Jordan Chia |
| Cognitive Science | |
| Communications | Shane Sharma*** |
| Computing Science | |
| Criminology | Erwin Kwok |
| Earth Science | Elise Harrington*** |
| Economics | |
| Education | David Lee |
| Education | |
| Engineering Science | Melissa Mosavi |
| English | |
| Environmental Resource | Grayson Barke |
| Environmental Science | Thadoc Wai*** |
| French | Corinne Henderson |
| Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies | |
| Geography | Sarah Helm |
| Health Science | Elena Jiang Su |
| Humanities | |
| International Studies | Brigitte Malana for Alicia Blimkie |
| Labour Studies | Dylan Webb*** |
| Linguistics | Eric Hedekar |
| Management System Science | |
| Mathematics | |
| Mechatronics System Engineering | |
| Molecular Biology & Biochemistry | Marija Jovanovic |
| Operations Research | |

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| Philosophy (chair)..... | Karen Abramson |
| Physics | Christopher McCahon |
| Political Science..... | David Lu |
| Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) | Tomas Rapaport |
| Sociology and Anthropology | |
| Statistics and Actuarial Science..... | Adelaide Wu |
| Sustainable Community Development | |
| Theaters..... | |
| Visual Arts..... | |
| World Literature..... | Pardeep Barn |

Constituency Group Representatives

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| First Nations Student Association (FNSA)..... | |
| International Student Group (ISG)..... | |
| Out on Campus Collective (OOC)..... | Irene Sneddon |
| Residence Hall's Association (RHA) | Mohammed Ali |
| Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)..... | |
| Students United for Disability Support (SUDS)..... | Tony Janolino |
| Women Centre Collective (WCC)..... | Anjali Biju |

Society Staff

SFSS Directors (non-voting)

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| President | Enoch Weng |
| VP External Relations | Kathleen Yang |
| VP Finance | Barbara Szymczyk |
| VP Student Life | Deepak Sharma |
| VP Student Services | Darwin Binesh |
| At-Large Representative | Shipra Sharma |
| Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences)..... | Arr Farah |
| Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences)..... | Corbett Gildersleve |
| Faculty Representative (Environment)..... | Christine Dyson |

Society Staff

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| Minute Taker | Carmela Frouws |
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3.2 REGRETS

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| Psychology..... | Stephanie Ly |
| History | Emily Jukich |
| International Studies..... | Alicia Blimkie |
| Interactive Arts and Technology | Matthew Fong |
| Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology..... | Jake Kemp |

3.3 ABSENT

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| Business..... | Daniel Love |
| Dance..... | Elise Kronquist |
| Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS)..... | Arjan Mundy |

3.4 GUESTS

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| | Shea Monson |
| VP Political Science..... | Anthony Bramwell |

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.

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:01

Melissa/Sarah

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from: Stephanie Ly, Emily Jukich, Alicia Blimkie, Jake Kemp and Mathew Fong.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:02

Mohammed /Corrinne as amended by Erik/Tomas

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended

CARRIED AS AMENDED

New Business

- Add three motions for open vacancy to the Advocacy Committee
- Add one motion for an open vacancy on the Granting Committee
- Amend one of the motions to add a date.
- The Board would like a date added to the motions on the table.

Appointments & Resignations

- Add a motion to appoint a new Alternate Council Liaison to board.
- Add a motion to appoint a new Council Liaison to Board.

Discussion

- Add in a discussion about the Liaison role and responsibilities.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:03

Wade/Melissa

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-12-02

CARRIED

7. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

7.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:04

Mohammed/Anjali

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

Ashley Chan – Business
Shane Sharma - Communications
ELISE HARRINGTON – Earth Science
Dylan Webb – Labour Studies
Madeleine La-Mer – Archaeology
Environmental Science - Thadoe Wai

CARRIED

7.2 MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:05

Eric/Melissa

Be it resolved to appoint Arjan Mundy as the Alternate Council Liaison to Board.

CARRIED

ABSTENTION – Arjan

7.3 MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:06

Mohammed/Corrinne

Be it resolved to appoint Anjali Biju to the Full Time Council Liaison to Board.

CARRIED

Discussion

- The Board meetings are held bi-weekly on Fridays 12:30pm-2:30pm.
- The role is a stipended position and the role would require the liaison to attend all the board meetings.
- The liaison is expected to provide verbal updates to the Council on Board decisions.
- It is possible that the role will require a written report as well but this is to be decided by the Council at the next meeting.

7.4 MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:07

Anjali /Mohammed

Be it resolved to appoint Eric Hedekar to the Advocacy Committee.

Be it further resolved to appoint Paula Choudhury to the Advocacy Committee.

Be it further resolved to appoint Sarah Heim to the Advocacy Committee.

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: Erik Hedekar and Elise Harrington

Discussion:

- Advocacy meetings are held on Wednesdays 2:30-3:30 pm
- The committee is seeking volunteers for outreach and campaigning.
- Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings

7.5 MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:08

Wade/Anjali

Be it resolved to appoint MELISSA MOSAVI to the Granting committee.

CARRIED

Discussion:

- Meetings are held on Wednesdays 12:30-1:30pm
- The committee offers a positive environment and teaches the internal process of the SFSS and what grants look like.

8. COMMITTEE UPDATES FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

BOARD UPDATE (Deepak Sharma)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 VOLUNTEER DATABASE

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:09

TONY/ERWIN

Be it resolved to recommend to Board to prioritize the development of a volunteer database.

Be it further resolved that the Board provide a response to this recommendation along with a proposed timeline and cost estimates.

Be it further resolved that the Board provide regular updates on the status of this initiative.

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: David, Elise, and Sarah

Discussion

- The motion is a recommendation to board to look into somehow having its own SFSS volunteer database.
- Rather than having the volunteer information stored in Washington, it would be helpful to have it easily accessible to the SFSS on location.
- The database would need regular maintenance and an IT design behind it.
- There are a lot of legal issues surrounding the database and would need to be secure.
- A suggestion was made to hire an IT person however because of limited funds within the SFSS, this is not feasible at this time.
 - Another option is to develop a training program for an existing staff or board member to learn the software.
 - There is a possibility to use the professional development fund to pay for the certification needed.

- It was strongly advised that someone with a proper IT background should be dedicated in house to maintain the database.
- SFU currently has their own volunteer database however they are reluctant to send over the personal information if the SFSS does not have a secure way to store it.
- Deepak is currently working with the SFU administration to have them recognize students who volunteer with the SFSS and add it to their current database.
 - Currently, only students who volunteer with SFU are recognized.

ARJAN/ERWIN

ARJAN CALLED THE QUESTION

CARRIED

**9.2 FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES' NEW SPACE UTILIZATION POLICY
MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:07**

ERWIN/SARAH AS AMENDED BY THOMAS/WADE

Whereas The Faculty of Arts and Social Science has adopted a new space utilization policy that no longer allows for undergraduate student unions to have space for a common room.

Whereas the Linguistics Student Union has already been given an eviction date for their common room space.

Whereas common room spaces are integral to the building an active DSU community and DSU involvement.

Whereas the SFSS Policy Manual IP-11 section 1a states "The Simon Fraser Student Society believes that every Department should provide a departmental student union common room space for the use of its students."

Be it resolved that Council request the VP University Relations meet with a representative from the University to discuss this matter's importance to students, with the intention of pushing for a University-wide policy that ensures departments provide common-room space for their undergraduate student unions.

CARRIED

Discussion

- The Linguistics Student Union was sent an email giving them two weeks to move out of their common area.
- No other explanation was provided in the email.
- It was expressed that the common spaces are valuable in the fact that they bring students together.
- The VP of Political Science expressed his concern in losing the area for which he and his colleagues use as a central meeting room.
- The Linguistics Student Union would like to reclaim their space and would like for the VP of University Relations to meet with the University rep to discuss the importance of a student union space.
- A concern was raised over the setting of a precedent if the members accept this.
- The Faculty Representative for Arts & Social Sciences will be meeting with the Dean on Friday, January 22, 2016.
 - Will report back to Council at the next meeting.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD – Next Steps

- The SFSS has hired Danny Oleksiuk to present an oral summary on their behalf for the National Energy Meeting on January 22nd at the Burnaby Delta Hotel.
- The SFSS has taken a formal stance opposing the Kinder Morgan Pipeline and have organized a rally to take place prior to the meeting in front of the hotel.
- The Council was advised that anyone is welcome to come to the meeting regardless of the stance they have chosen to take.
 - A concern by several Council representatives was expressed showing displeasure in the SFSS taking a stance on behalf of the whole student body.
 - Interest was expressed in having both sides present at the rally to show that the SFSS should not be representing on behalf of the whole student body.
- The main reasons behind why the SFSS has taken a stance of opposition to the Kinder Morgan Pipeline are:
 - Risks to Student and Campus safety:
 - The Burnaby Fire Department has expressed concern about the lack of safe fire-fighting positions should a fire break out at the Tank Farm facility
 - Should a boil over event occur heated crude oil could spill over into the Forest Grove community, and across Burnaby Mountain Parkway, and Gaglardi Way effectively trapping residents and students and preventing them from evacuating.
 - Burnaby Mountain Parkway, and Gaglardi Way is the primary intersection to and from campus.
 - Reputational damage to SFU as a result of the pipeline's construction
 - Procedural issues related to the National Energy Board (NEB) review as shown by the shifting deadlines, and the lack testing of evidence presented by TransMountain.
 - The exclusion of climate change as permissible evidence makes it impossible to make an informed decision.

STATEMENT ON ILLEGAL ACTION AGAINST PIPELINES

We affirm our belief in the rights of our members and all individuals to protest in a legal and non-violent manner. The SFSS is committed to fostering the democratic engagement of all SFU undergraduates. We are proud of all those engaging in the political process who are peacefully standing up for their beliefs.

We do not condone or encourage illegal activities and believe all activities of protest should take place within the confines of the law.

DSU REIMBURSEMENT

- Council has expressed concern over the lengthy delay in being reimbursed for out of pocket receipts and would like to know if there is a way to get reimbursement expedited.
- The VP of Student Services advised the Council that there is a process for reimbursing members through the cheque requisition form and reimbursements are usually taken in a timely matter, with the exception of a few instances.
 - It was encouraged to the Council to email the General Office, any Board member and the VP of Finance if there is an urgent need for an expedited reimbursement and a “rush” can be put through.

MACKENZIE CAFÉ

- There is concern over the Mackenzie Café’s lack of nutritional information when asked about Gluten Free options on the menu.
- It was suggest that nutritional value should be provided upon request to all customers.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

SFSS PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (Erwin)

- Council was encouraged to seek assistance from the SFSS when planning their events.
- The SFSS can offer assistance in many ways such as promoting events through social media and assisting with outreach

RESOLUTIONS AND REVOLUTIONS WINTER FORMAL

- January 22nd event at the Diamond Alumni Club
- The event is a semi formal event complete with free food, cheap beverages and a jazz band.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

- The areas of focus were on the Survey, Build SFU, Ombudsperson Update, Advocacy, Events and Satellite Campuses.
- **SURVEY**
 - The survey has been completed and had garnered over 1800 responses from all three campuses.
 - The SFSS is currently working alongside the Communications office to compile a synopsis of the survey.
 - **Contact: Enoch Weng**

- **BUILD SFU**
 - Darwin, Brady, Enoch and Barbara have been working closely on the project with a lot of administrative work underway.
 - Agreements were signed prior to the holiday break and are now waiting on tender.
 - **Contact: Barbara Szymczyk or Darwin Binesh**
- **OMBUDSPERSON UPDATE**
 - The office of the Ombudsperson is located in the Maggie Benston building.
 - When disputes arise between the student body and SFU, they are made aware of it and act as the liaison/mediator between both sides.
 - GENERAL HISTORY
 - The SFSS provides 50k to the office of the ombudsperson to keep it running.
 - The role came to exist in 2008 and SFU was the first university to have an Ombudsperson with other universities and post secondary schools following suit.
 - The SFSS will be reviewing the role to figure out what the Ombudsperson does and if there is a need to keep the role going forward.
 - The SFSS has received complaints about the office and the way it was managed.
 - Darwin will be meeting with SFU to discuss and the Board will be making a final decision at the January 29th meeting about what to do going forward.
- **ADVOCACY**
 - Open Text Book Campaign
 - National Energy Board Submission and Rally will be taking place on January 22nd.
 - Potential Campaigns:
 - Consent Matters in partnership with the Women's Centre
 - Green Bin
 - Transportation Awareness
 - **Contact: Kathleen Yang**
- **EVENTS**
 - International Festival is taking place on January 22nd in Convo Mall.
 - Exec Appreciation
 - Swab Drive is on January 27th in the James Douglas Study Area.
 - Project Reconnect – Adult Colouring Project. This project will a compilation of all three campuses put together to form one large mural.

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-01-13:10

Pardeep/Wade

Be it resolved to table the Council Liaison discussion to the next meeting.

CARRIED

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE CHIEF ELECTORAL POSITION IS JANUARY 22' 2016.

12. ATTACHMENTS

January 13th- Update from SFSS Board to Council.pdf

Ombudsperson Presentation.pdf

13. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment – 6:30 pm

SFSS Board update to Council

January 13th 2016
Presented By: Deepak Sharma
VP Student Life

Agenda (15 minutes)

- Area's of Focus
 - Survey
 - Build SFU
 - Ombudsperson
 - Advocacy
 - Events
 - Satellite Campuses
- Opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback

Survey

- What are the results of the survey?
- How is the SFSS implying the survey results?
- Where can you find the results?
- Contact: Enoch Weng- president@sfss.ca

Build SFU

- What has been done since September?
- Agreements are all complete
 - The SFSS worked hard towards completing all the agreements before holiday break
 - Working towards submitting a Tender
 - Contact: Barbara Szymczyk- vpfinance@sfss.ca
- How should we inform the membership?
- Contact: Brady Yano- vpuniversity@sfss.ca

Ombudsperson

- Presented by VP Student Services Darwin Binesh
- Contact: Darwin Binesh- vpsservices@sfss.ca

Advocacy

- Open Textbook campaign
 - #TextbookbrokeBC
 - Speaking to professors
 - Any feedback?
- National Energy Board Submission
 - Action plan includes rally
 - Submission being made jointly with the GSS
- Potential campaigns
 - #ConsentMatters
 - Green Bin
 - Transportation awareness
- Contact- Kathleen Yang- vpexternal@sfss.ca

Events & Promotions

- Fall Kickoff final report
 - Biggest concert in SFU history
- Social Events
 - Most successful and constant year in events at the Highland Pub
 - Recent/Upcoming events: New Years night, Refresh night, International Festival
- Canadian Blood Services
 - Swab Drive January 27th, James Douglas Safe study area (Volunteers needed)
- Project ReConnect
 - Adult colouring project in partnership with SFU Health and Counseling services
- Contact: Deepak Sharma- vpstudentlife@sfss.ca

Satellite Campuses

- Vancouver campuses
 - Harbour Centre Welcome Day- January 6th
 - Woodward's Welcome Day- January 11th
 - Harbour Centre office hours- Every Monday room 3201
 - Contact: Salathiel Wells- fcatrep@sfss.ca
- Surrey Campus
 - Hosted Pancake breakfast
 - Hosting Club Exec appreciation
 - Surrey Campus Committee meetings- Every Tuesday 5:30 PM room 3260
 - Contact: Jas Hans- sciencerep@sfss.ca

Questions

- Any questions about today's presentation?
- What would you like to see next time?
- Contact: Deepak Sharma- vpstudentlife@sfss.ca

Thank you

- Next Board meeting
 - Friday January 15th 12:30 PM in Forum Chambers

Ombudsperson Update

January 15th, 2016

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student society

Agenda (20-30 Minutes)

- Background and Information
 - General History
 - Office Breakdown (Cases and Campus Breakdown)
 - Survey Results
 - Summary of Board Input.
 - Feedback from SFU.
- Discussion on Next Steps
- Finding a Way Forward

General History

- How did the agreement come to exist?
- When was the last time the agreement changed?
- What has been the SFSS relationship with the office?
- Why has keeping records on this relationship been so difficult?

Case Breakdown

| | Undergrad | Grad | Total |
|------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2014 | 327 | 66 | 393 |
| 2013 | 291 | 62 | 353 |
| 2012 | 219 | 64 | 283 |

| | Burnaby | Surrey | Vancouver | Total |
|------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2014 | 337 | 34 | 22 | 393 |
| 2013 | Not Recorded | | | |
| 2012 | Not Recorded | | | |

Case Breakdown (Top 4)

| Issue | Number of Cases |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| WE | 127 |
| Cheating and Plagiarism | 61 |
| Grade Appeal | 41 |
| Course Requirements | 21 |

Survey Results

- 86.53% (1,266) - have not used this service.
 - 11.14% (163) - say continue and have used it.
 - 2.32% (34) - say discontinue and have used it.

Summary of Board Feedback

- To Be included when there is feedback.

Feedback From SFU (Jan 14th)

- To be included after meeting with SFU.

Next Steps

- Contribution remains the same, but we properly manage the office.
- We terminate the agreement, with a schedule to re-evaluate our involvement in a set number of years.
- Remain committed to the office but contribute less.

Thank You!

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student society