

## **Fall 2015 Report**

### **Corbett Gildersleve, Applied Science Representative**

#### **SFSS Board of Directors**

#### **Board Activities**

##### **AGM**

All board members were required to promote the BuildSFU project in the leadup to the AGM. This was an intense three-week period where we held meetings with various clubs, DSUs, Council, and other relevant stakeholders. For my part, I talked with my different DSUs, either in person or through emails. I also presented in front of Council and at an FCAT's president meeting concerning the project. All three debenture questions were passed and now the project can continue.

##### **SFSS Funding Committee**

I joined this committee at the end of the term. Its goal is to simplify the process in which the SFSS gives out funds. Our current focus is on what we want to fund, what groups deserve funding, and in what way we should fund these groups. Our first few meetings have been productive and we will have a basic framework ready to present to Board to get feedback. As we go forward, we will modify the framework and continue to reach out to relevant groups.

##### **Granting Committee**

I am the chair of the granting committee this year. We were quite busy this fall term with viewing an average of two grants per week. I intentionally limited this amount as the committee operated better when it had time to ask questions of the presenters and didn't feel rushed. We also experimented with a number of small procedural changes to allow for a more efficient means to review grants. By the end of the term, we were finishing meetings early. We are currently on budget and in good financial shape.

##### **CPR Committee**

This committee has yet to meet, primarily due to the fact we were looking at implementing an entirely new set of policies and governance structure, which is being handled by the governance committee.

##### **SSOC**

This committee has yet to meet.

## **Faculty Representative Activities**

### **Overall**

The fall term was quite disastrous for me academically. I took three courses and they were all very time consuming. The resulting anxiety led to bouts of depression and insomnia which made it difficult to meet my representative duties. I was able to maintain Burnaby office hours and attend at least half of the ESSS and CSSS meetings. However, due to scheduling conflicts, I was not able to attend any MSESS, SSSS, and SFSS board meetings (with the exception of the last one). To try and compensate for that, I sent each DSU president updates on any important board activities. Because of all this, I was not able to get as much accomplished as I had hoped when the term began.

### **CSSS 2015 Frosh**

I spent the majority of the summer leading a team to plan and run this year's CSSS Frosh during the first week of classes in September. I also liaised between the three other DSUs and their frosh planning and activities. In hindsight, it was not the best idea to be the main organizer as I should have used that time to organize the FAS Formal and FASSU working groups. However, I am still proud of the frosh results. We were slightly over budget (due to a mistake on my part concerning T-shirts), and there were some communication issues, but overall we had a great turnout to all of our events and students had a good time.

### **FAS Student Showcase**

With the help of SFU CS lecturer Diana Cukierman, I was able to organize our first student showcase. It was held on September 24 and we had ten groups of students show off their personal and/or class project. Due to my busy summer, I wasn't able to devote as much time to this project as I wanted to. Therefore, there were a few issues that occurred on the day of the event. None of these things were serious, but they were things that I normally do not overlook. Ultimately, it was a success, and attendees found value in the event.

My next goal was to have it be part of the ESSS's spring OpFair, as it would be a natural fit to give students an opportunity to demo their projects to company representatives. However, we were not able to incorporate it this year but the chief organizer would like to build it into 2017's OpFair as he can see the value of it.

### **FASSU**

My plan in the fall term was to get the FASSU constitution ready for the fall referendum. However after reviewing the current constitution, SDF documents, each of my DSU presidents,

it was decided to hold off on putting it to the fall referendum and instead get it ready for the spring. I plan to meet with all four DSU presidents in the first week of classes to get their feedback on the current condition of the constitution as well as get suggestions on ways to fix them.

### **FAS Formal**

Beyond securing funds from the FAS Dean's office, I was not able to work on FAS Formal beyond organizing some documents and setting up committee members. We will begin working on this project in the early spring.

### **Faculty Applied Science Dean Search Committee**

We met a number of times over the course of the fall term. Currently, we are reviewing resumes for potential candidates to meet in the spring term.

### **Spring Projects**

Continue with FASSU and FAS Formal planning as well as finish my work on the FAS Dean Search Committee