

Call to Order – 10:05 am, March 4, 2014 | MBC 2290

The Granting Committee acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on Unceded Coast Salish Territories, which included the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people to the current knowledge of the Society.

1. Roll Call of Attendance

Committee Composition

Board Member (<i>chair</i>).....	Shirin Escarcha
Vice President Student Life	Kayode Fatoba
Board of Directors Member	Deepak Sharma
Board of Directors Member	Ayla Kooner
Councilor	Gleb Moiseyenko (<i>late</i>)
Councilor	
Student At-Large	
Student At-Large	Rahul Rajanala

Society Staff

General Office Coordinator	Lawrence Jones
General Office Coordinator	Adrienne Marino
Student Union Organiser.....	Antonio Daling
Minute Taker	Dion Chong

Guests

SFU Iranian Club	Behnaz Edalat
Social Media Network	Sarah Veness
Geography Student Union	Christine Dyson
Geography Student Union	Corey Cheung
Geography Student Union	Matt Aguin
Geography Student Union	Kristen Calder-Sutt

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moiseyenko entered at 10:07am

MOTION GC 2015-03-04:01

Kooner

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Beyond Borders Gala discussion item added.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION GC 2015-03-04:02

Kooner

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-02-25

CARRIED

4. Granting Presentations

a. GOVision—Case Competition

Item was removed from the Granting Committee table, as the request was reduced under \$500

b. Geography Student Union—Field Trip

Geography Student Union was seeking support for the 7th year of their experiential learning trip, which provided valuable opportunities to observe the subject of their studies first hand. In the past, students have visited the Copper Mountain Mine, as well as the confluence of the Coquihalla and Fraser Rivers.

During the trip, students interact and network with one another both within the Department of Geography and from other related disciplines within the university (including Earth Science and Archaeology).

On April 26, students will be meeting at Horseshoe Bay as walk-on passengers onto the ferry. Charter bus will pick up students on the island, taking them to a sustainable winery around Courtney for a tour and tasting. Students will continue on to the Deep Bay Marine Station for a 3 hour interactive guided tour on coastal ecosystems and sensitivities, and will also stay overnight—allowing students to observe nocturnal marine life. Horn Lake Caves – 3 hour guided tours through caving, along with a talk on sediment, formation, and underground waterfall. Mcmillan Mill— one of few commercial steam operated saw mills in Canada, forestry practices in the past and present. Pacific Rim National Park tour, and Kiwisitis Cultural Centre—indigenous land and how the area was shaped. Afternoon is open for students to explore Tofino, a tourist town with a highly fluctuating economy. Cathedral Park – oldest Douglas fir and western red cedars. Old growth forests protection.

Seeking \$2500 grant —higher than previous years. Costs were primarily driven by transportation and accommodation costs. Transportation was needed for each day of the trip, and accommodations for the bus driver had to be accounted for. The Student Union had been actively seeking opportunities to enhance the trip and reduce costs, such as the overnight stay at the marine station.

The plans for the current iteration of the trip was based upon a poll of the membership. Top contender was a trip to Banff National Park, and second was Central Vancouver Island. Other ideas included West Kootenays and Washington State. Vancouver Island was seen as the most feasible option financially.

Students attending the trip will be contributing \$100, but there was a desire to keep costs as low as possible, particularly given financial restrictions for students around this time of year. Students would also be paying for their ferry costs and all meals aside from that at Deep Bay. The GSU was contributing the entirety of their remaining core funding, along with \$700 to 800 from trust. There was a desire to continue to leave funds in the trust account to assist the next executive in their planning of future events.

Faculty of Environment and the Department of Geography has typically contributed to the initiative, alongside fundraising by the student union

Early outreach has been a major focus of the current executive to encourage more student participation, as students who are involved with the student union are more likely to know of the option. However, in the past, a 30 person waitlist has ensued from iterations of the event.

Projected revenue is based upon the student contribution of \$100 per student. The Geography Student Union will be subsidizing \$200 of the total \$300 per student cost. The student union has been working with the Student Union Organiser for an extended period of time to refine

the plans. Crystal Cove was selected as accommodations as most places to stay for such a large group required a three night minimum, while Crystal Cove allowed two.

Priority would be given within the first week for Geography students, after which all students are invited to apply. FENV students typically find the most value from the trip.

c. Social Media Network—Platform Case Competition

Platform is a signature event of the SMN, in its second year. The current iteration involves a case built with Lululemon, the case sponsor. 15 teams will receive the case at Harbour Centre and have 24 hours to prepare the best social media case to preliminary round judges, who are industry professionals. The finalists present to the Social Media Coordinators of Lululemon and Blenz.

The Social Media Network has also held a series of open workshops to develop presentation skills, case competition skill building, public speaking skills, and case competition preparation.

\$680 for room booking —Labatt Hall, Teck Gallery, and AV costs. Where possible, SMN has opted to shift rooms to free classrooms.

\$300 for food—\$5 per student as per GC practice. Includes food for judges and present sponsors.

\$40—Participant handbooks with information and itinerary. Original cost included a horizontal banner, but was removed from the final grant.

\$150—USBs, which is how the case will be provided.

\$100—Speaker honoraria (added by the committee)

\$50 team per team, resulting in \$700 in revenue. \$200 in trust account which is being exhausted for the event, primarily for areas where Granting Committee would not fund.

The HiVE sponsored two days of workshops, with \$50 per day. Launch Academy has completely sponsored a third workshop. Blenz is sponsoring coffee and swag. The School of Communications could not provide monetary funding.

d. Iranian Club—Nowruz Day

SFU Iranian Club was planning to host a large celebration for New Year in March. Nowruz is the most important holiday in Iran celebrated with families. Tables are highly decorated, and guests are treated to the serving of Iranian sweets and food.

In the previous year, the event was limited to 80 people in MBC. As such, the organizers sought to hold a more open and inclusive event outdoors in the Cornerstone area. The event would run from 11-1, with a \$10 lunch catered by Club Ilia and proceeds going directly to Club Ilia costs. A large and highly visible table decoration was being planned, along with a group dance performed by club members, and free music.

3 tents— \$336

Standing heaters inside the tents to encourage individuals to stay for the duration of the event. Includes propane and delivery— \$669.76

Speakers for music, TV to show presentation, and mixer for DJ — \$150

The club will give gift cards to musicians. Persian tea and cookies costs would be sourced from trust. Raffle tickets for anyone buying food. Club will use their print funding for promotions.

5. Grant Funding Updates

General Office Coordinators and Communications, Art, and Technology Representative have been working on a proposal to FASC to increase the Club Grants line item, which includes reallocation from excess capacity in staff wages as well as the unrestricted surplus. 140 grants have been received thus far in the semester, which is an exponential increase in student-led initiatives.

6. Grant Considerations

a. Geography Student Union—Field Trip

Field experience was seen as a great value for students within hands-on fields of study. The leadership team efforts to reduce costs were commended.

The GSU was asking for \$2,500, which would be a granting subsidy of \$27.78 per day per student. The Granting Committee would be subsidizing \$83.34 per student for the duration of the event, considering the subsidy from the faculty and department.

Mandatory field schools occur in some departments led by professors and the university, but are fully student-funded and considered part of the curriculum. The trip is being planned independently of the curriculum and was being subsidized as an opportunity for personal development.

This was the second grant requested from the student union in the current fiscal year. The Student Union Organiser recommended that the committee approve the full funding.

MOTION GC 2015-03-04:03

Kooner

Be it resolved to grant the Geography Student Union up to \$2,500 from the student union line item for the Experiential Learning Trip 2015

CARRIED

b. Social Media Network—Platform Case Competition

SFU services were a significant cost in the event proposal. All plans were seen as largely sound. Student Engagement Fund has not provided an update on the funds, although they were still a potential option for joint funding.

MOTION GC 2015-03-04:04

Kooner

Be it resolved to grant the Social Media Network up to \$1,170 from the clubs grants line item for the Platform Case Competition, with 50% of the grant amount being sought from the SFU Student Engagement Fund.

CARRIED

c. Iranian Club—Nowruz Day

The intentions of the club to promote visibility and inclusion of all students into the celebration were seen as a very positive development for the university community.

Concern was raised around the usage of Club Ilia despite SFSS internal catering, however the committee saw the value of Club Ilia usage considering the business owner's connection with the Iranian community.

MOTION GC 2015-03-04:05

Moiseyenko

Be it resolved to grant the SFU Iranian Club up to \$1,155 from the clubs grants line item for Nowruz Day event, with 50% of the grant amount being sought from the SFU Student Engagement Fund.

7. Discussions

d. SFU Red Cross Club—Beyond Borders Gala

As a sponsor, the Red Cross Club was providing the SFSS with two free tickets. The Committee had consensus that the Health Sciences Representative and Communications, Art, and Technology Representative would represent the SFSS at the event.

8. Attachments

GOVision.pdf

GSU Field Trip.pdf

Iranian Club - Nowruz Day.pdf

Social Media Network - Platform Case Competition.pdf

9. Adjournment 11:02am

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Contact Information

Club name: The Social Media Network Today's date: February 22, 2015
Contact person: Ellana Moreno Position: Director of Internal Operations
must be Club Fund Authority
Email: ellanam@sfu.ca Phone: 604-897-1497
please use your SFU email!

Event/Project Information

Name of event/project: Platform Case Competition Expected attendance: ~60 people
Date: March 14-15, 2015 Time: 9am-12pm; 9am-3:30pm Location: SFU Harbour Center

Purpose and description of event/project:

Our annual Platform Case Competition is the first and only social media case competition in Vancouver. In small teams, students will have 24 hours to create a 10-minute presentation showcasing their best idea for a winning social media campaign for our case sponsor, lululemon. Students will then participate in a preliminary presentation round in front of social media industry professionals who will provide feedback and select the teams that will move on to the final round. The final round will have three qualifying teams from the preliminary round present in front of our final panel of judges who will crown the winner of Platform 2015! The purpose of this event is to provide students with hands-on experience in case analysis and to connect these students with industry professionals that can provide them critical and useful feedback which they can use in their future classes/career opportunities.

Are you working with other groups on this event/project? If so, who and how?

We are not working with other groups for this event.

Who will benefit from this event/project and how? Who can participate in it?

This event will benefit competing students as it will provide them the analytical, organizational, team-working, and critical thinking skills that they can apply to future positions or courses. In addition, these students will have the chance to network with other students and judges that will be attending the event, broadening their own personal networks. SFU students are open to participate in this event, and those that were not able to register for the competition are also welcome to watch the final round of presentations in order to gain a better idea of the case competition if they wish to apply for the following year.

If you run out of space, please attach additional information on a separate sheet of paper to this form. Thanks!

Have you or your group organised an event/project like this before? How did it go?

Our club has organized the same case competition last year and has been successful. We had an incredible number of competitors and all gained valuable experience from this event.

Do you have any other information that is relevant or might help in the evaluation of this request?

The Platform Case Competition is one of the pillar events of The Social Media Network which caters to both students and industry professionals. Hosting the event at SFU Harbour Center provides a convenient location for the students and judges. As a case competition, it is important to have a holding area for competitors that is easily accessible and comfortable for them. Teck Gallery at SFU Harbour Center is the area that is most suitable for this and will allow competitors a comfortable area while waiting to present. In

Budget Information Please provide a **detailed** budget – if preferred, attach a budget on a separate sheet of paper. Please account for ALL revenue and expenses.
Please note: clubs receiving grant funding **MUST** use SFSS printing and catering services, with few exceptions. Speak to GO staff for more info.

Photocopying/printing from SFSS CopyCentre - description and total:
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MBC 2260 / copycentre@sfss.csu

Catering from SFSS Food and Beverage Services - description and total:
Ask GO staff for a catering form & attach it to this grant request.

Participant Handbook - \$37.50; Rub

\$214.10

\$0

Additional revenues and expenses Please include quantities & costs of individual items

TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDING:

\$1,045.35

Room booking (Tek Gallery on March 14&15; Terasen Cinema on March 15)

Have you requested or received sponsorship or other funding?

The Hive sponsored for our workshops leading to the event, providing their space for us and for our competitors. No other sponsorship or funding was received for this event.

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Email:	Amount: _____

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Contact Information

Club name: SFU Iranian Club Today's date: 2015-02-25
MUST be submitted at least 10 days in advance of event date. 28 days if over \$500

Contact person: Kiarash Soltani Position: Treasurer
must be Club Fund Authority

Email: ksoltani@sfu.ca Phone: 778-991-1404
please use your SFU email!

Event/Project Information

Name of event/project: Nowruz Day Expected attendance: 300

Date: 2015-03-20 Time: 11am-5pm Location: Corner Stone

Purpose and detailed description of event/project:

We want to celebrate the ancient Iranian new year along with other students from different nationalities.

Are you working with other groups on this event/project? If so, who and how?

No

Who will benefit from this event/project and how? Who can participate in it?

Iranian students and all other students attending. The event is open to everyone. We will serve foods and we will have Persian rituals there for visit.

If you run out of space, please attach additional information on a separate sheet of paper to this form. Thanks!

Have you or your group organised an event/project like this before? How did it go?

We did organize the similar event last year in MBC, and it went great.

Do you have any other information that is relevant or might help in the evaluation of this request?

No

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Expenses

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Catering from SFSS Food & Beverage Services	catering item	quantity	unit price	amount	
Click here for a catering form & attach it to this grant request					subtotal 15% gratuity total
Other provided expenses	expense description/details	quantity	unit price	amount	
	Heaters	3	\$150	450	

Revenue

Include monetary sponsorship, ticket sales, donations, etc					
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Expenses - Revenue =
TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST \$450

Have you requested or received monetary or in-kind sponsorship?

Would you like this request to be considered for the SFU Student Engagement Fund? if so, please answer the following:
 what is your student #? are you in good financial standing with SFU? yes / no are you in good academic standing with SFU? yes / no

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Email:	Amount: _____

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MUST be submitted at least 10 days in advance of event date. 28 days if over \$500

Contact person: Kiarash Soltani Position: Treasurer
must be Club Fund Authority

Email: ksoltani@sfu.ca Phone: 778-991-1404
please use your SFU email!

Event/Project Information

Name of event/project: Nowruz Celebration Event Expected attendance: 100

Date: March 20th 2015 Time: 15:00 Location: Corner Stone

Purpose and detailed description of event/project:

We want to celebrate the ancient Iranian new year along with other students from different nationalities.

Are you working with other groups on this event/project? If so, who and how?

No

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Catering from SFSS Food & Beverage Services	catering item	quantity	unit price	amount	
Click here for a catering form & attach it to this grant request					subtotal 13% gratuity total
All other projected expenses	expense description/details	quantity	unit price	amount	
	Persian Refreshments	100	1.5	150	
	AV Equipment	1	1	200	
	Tents, chairs and other equipment	TBD	TBD	145	

Revenue

Include monetary sponsorship, ticket sales, donations, etc				

Expenses - Revenue =
TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST \$495

Have you requested or received monetary or in-kind sponsorship?

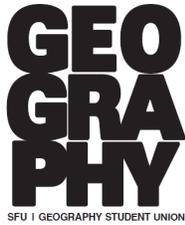
We did get sponsor for our main dish Persian food.

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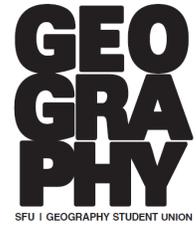
what is your student #? are you in good financial standing with SFU? **yes** / no are you in good academic standing with SFU? **yes** / no

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Faculty of Environment - Grant Proposal



SFU Geography Student Union:

Experiential Learning in Deep Bay and Tofino- A Comprehensive Look at the Natural and Urban Environment of Vancouver Island's Coast

Funding Sought

\$2500

Name and Contact Information

Geography Student Union Representative:

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Cory Cheung (Departmental Rep)
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Gwen Rickerby (Treasurer)
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Event Description

The Undergraduate Geography Student Union [GSU] is planning an experiential learning excursion to **Marine Bay and Tofino, BC between the dates of April 26th and April 29th, 2015**. This event serves multiple direct functions, as well as manifesting many indirect benefits for the entire GSU membership, Geography Department, Faculty of Environment and the SFSS. This trip caters to the highly varied discipline of Geography, and will be of high value to students interested in aspects of geography such as: physical and human geography; conservation; and tourism. This trip will allow students to examine how these different branches influence and intersect one another, as well as demonstrate the ever-changing discipline of Geography. Marine Bay and Tofino act as a perfect blend between the B.C. wilderness and the urban landscapes that have become major places for people to visit, live, and work. This section will outline the following: (i) details of the trip plan and its purpose; (ii) direct and indirect benefits to trip participants, the entire GSU, the Geography Department, the Faculty of Environment and the SFSS; and (iii) a financial statement outlining available and sought resources.

I. Trip Details and Intentions

This trip is set to take place from the morning of April 26th through to the evening of April 29th, 2015. A delegation comprised of GSU members and nonmembers (undergraduate students in other departments) will depart from Vancouver to Marine Bay, and Tofino for a few days of multi-faceted *place-based learning* of one of the most highly sought tourist destinations in British Columbia. Those participating will return with a deeper knowledge of the geographic landscape of British Columbia, the *conservation practices* of Deep Bay Marine Field Station, and Tofino. We

seek to return to SFU with *best-practice lessons, practical knowledge and field-experience*. We do this by visiting sites such as the Deep Bay Marine Field Station, Horne Lake Caves, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, and Cathedral Grove- MacMillan Provincial Park. The GSU has been in contact with Deep Bay Marine Field Station, and both the National and Provincial Parks. At the marine station we will be taking a tour of the facilities, as well as staying overnight at the aquarium. We have been in contact with both the national and provincial parks, and hope to meet with their representatives to exchange dialogue around current geographic themes within our cities and our natural environment, and to introduce ourselves, and our varied interests in geography.

En route to Deep Bay Marine Field Station we plan to stop in Courtney. The plan is to have lunch at an organic winery in the area to learn more about different methods in which companies are altering their practices to achieve a more sustainable and less environmentally invasive means of producing wine. After the tour we will be heading to the Deep Bay marine field station. At the marine station we will be going on a tour of the facilities. The station is dedicated to supporting both pure and applied coastal marine research activities related to: sustainable shellfish aquaculture, preservation of coastal ecosystems, and interdisciplinary projects that involve the local community. A tour of the facilities will offer students a chance to learn more about topics related to sustainability of coastal communities. At the marine station we will also be participating in an overnight excursion. We will be dining and sleeping at the station during the night which will offer students a chance to see the daily activities of underwater life. The sleepover component of this tour offers students a very rare glimpse as to how active ocean life is during the evening. The following morning we will be travelling to Horne Lake caves for a 3-hour wet and wild tour. The tour will lead students through an underground maze of tunnels and crystal filled caverns, an up close look at an underground waterfall as well as learning about the break down and deposition of sediments and minerals.

Tofino will provide a multi-faceted learning experience for students in several streams of geography. On our way to Tofino we plan to stop in Port Alberni at the McLean Mill for a tour of the site. The McLean Mill National Historic Site is the only commercial steam-operated sawmill in Canada. By visiting the site students will gain an understanding in historical forestry protocols, and learn how those practices in the past have shaped the forests we see today. After our tour we will be heading to Tofino to stay at the Crystal Cove Cabins for two nights. In Tofino we plan to have a tour of one of Canada's National Parks, the Pacific Rim National Park. This park is located on the west side of Vancouver Island, and faces the open Pacific Ocean. It has a cool and wet maritime climate that supports an abundance of life in water and on land. A tour of the park will give students a better sense of the ecology found in this region, and the many ways in which it is environmentally sensitive. Along with the tour, a visit to the Kwistis visitor center will help bring fourth some of the cultural heritage about this park. The Kwistis visitor center has many exhibits that offer a glimpse into both the natural and cultural history of the park. Tofino also offers students a chance to see how tourist driven towns and economies thrive during both the winter and summer months. Lastly, on the way back from the trip we will be stopping at the Cathedral Grove-MacMillan Provincial Park. This park hosts some of the oldest Douglas-fir trees on Vancouver Island (some more than 800 years old). The south side of the park has some of the largest Douglas-firs; one is more than 9 meters in circumference, whereas the north side of the park contains groves of ancient Western red cedars. This park is home to an internationally significant proportion of Douglas-fir old growth forest within the Coastal Western hemlock Biogeoclimatic zone. Visiting this site will provide students with an

opportunity to not only learn about old-growth forests but also to walk around and experience them first hand.

The GSU's main goal when planning the Portland trip in 2010 was that we would be able to foster a better sense of community and friendship between geography students and the department, while providing them with a beneficial educational experience. We did so much more than that. Since then, the GSU has been more active than ever before on and off campus planning monthly socials, summer camping excursions, recreational activities and multiple fundraisers. The 2011 trip to the Victoria not only kept this sense of community among geographers, it also reached out to members who knew little about the student union and interested them in joining the executive team after the trip. The 2012 trip to Kelowna, 2013 trip to the South Okanagan and 2014 Trip to Whistler yielded similar results. The number of participants interested in these annual trips has increased significantly. The current GSU executive team consists of members from many varied disciplines, enriching the GSU experience, and providing for meaningful relationships between the different departments.

To summarize, the intention of the trip is three-fold: (i) to provide SFU Faculty of Environment students with a multi-dimensional, experientially obtained understanding of the Vancouver Island Coast; (ii) to build an understanding of the complexities and nature of Geography as an interdisciplinary discipline; and (iii) to continue the beneficial activity of an annual GSU trip to keep educational exploration alive for the SFU geography students, and to build relationships to foster a strong community within the faculty and the university as a whole.

2. Direct & Indirect Benefits

Geography is a broad field that encompasses many disparate specializations, which span a broad spectrum of inquiry. By focusing on more than just sustainable tourism and expanding the range of topics explored within this trip we are accommodating a wider range of students from different branches of Geography (human, social, urban, physical, ecological, conservation, sustainability etc.) and therefore will contribute to building unity within the faculty. As geography students, place-based experiential learning allow us to transcend the theoretical and conceptual material learned in the classroom to be applied through meaningful engagement to the Vancouver Island Coast. This is a paramount opportunity to our development as geographers and to future professionals in the field and beyond. The following synthesizes the direct and indirect benefits of this trip:

- a) **Understanding our region on multiple levels:** The GSU has reached out to several organizations that will be engaging with our fellow BC geographers throughout this trip. Not only will this give us a chance to build lasting relationships, but this is an important experience which could potentially bridge our institutions, providing important space for future collaborations. Moreover, this will also be an exploratory experience for trip participants, advancing and applying SFU's philosophy: *Thinking of the World* (as well as experiencing it). We are going beyond our city limits and breaking through the boundaries of the classroom and the institution. The GSU will be exploring areas of Vancouver Island's Coast that all residents should experience. We will be taking advantage of what our province has to offer, while gaining first hand knowledge in sustainable tourism, business sustainability, mining and resource extraction, ecology and conservation etc. We will be venturing outside of the City of

Vancouver and truly enjoying our beautiful province, while gaining invaluable experience, memories and friendships.

- b) **Unifying the Department: a Lasting Legacy:** Unfortunately, it seems widely agreed upon by the Geography student body that those who are pursuing specific concentrations or fields within the department are often segregated and isolated from one another despite the best efforts of course programming to incorporate requirements from all parts of the discipline. In the past, this annual Experiential Learning Trip has been a recognized way to not only facilitate interaction and discourse amongst the diverse memberships, but also to offer a learning opportunity that incorporates the development of a multi-faceted geography lens through which real-world problems and situations can be approached. This trip, the 5th annual, has become an event that Geography students look forward to each year and we feel it important to continue offering this experience, as the need and desire from students remains to exist.
- c) **Experiential Learning:** More than ever, practical applications of theoretical concepts acquired through course work are increasingly important for life after undergraduate studies. As such, since the demand for experiential learning opportunities from students is higher and higher, the GSU feels it important to meet our mandate and purpose of existence to help facilitate these learning experiences for geography students. This trip will allow students to engage in geography topics of discussion in an intersectional way, which we hope will facilitate cross-functional learning.
- d) **Meeting our mandate:** This trip meets the GSU mandate because we are respecting the needs of our members and geography students as well as providing activities that are related to curricula through the notion of experiential learning. Such activities benefit all members who are able to participate and those who do not participate in the trip this year are encouraged to do so next year and become motivated to be more involved in the GSU and experiential learning initiatives that will hopefully evolve through the interest of students and student-led initiatives.

Financial Statement

The GSU executive members have come together to research the costs associated with this trip to Deep Bay and Tofino. This section details our budget and the various forms of funding available to us for this trip. We are seeking a grant from the SFSS for the amount of \$2500, which represents a portion of the transportation and accommodation costs for a total of approximately 30 participants. Making this trip financially realistic and affordable for our membership is a central ambition of the GSU. We understand clearly the financial strains associated with education, however this trip is planned to take place at an especially sensitive time for most students: We made the decision to take advantage of the spring/summer semester break, as to accommodate a greater number of participants. However, this also falls at a time when students are between funding themselves, likely nearly out of funds borrowed and raised for spring semester costs, and awaiting income flows for the summer semester. Thus, this grant represents a critical opportunity to make this trip accessible to students. We will ask participants to pay a \$50 deposit to ensure they are committed to the trip. As previously mentioned, should

our grant request be approved, the SFSS will receive appropriate representation on all of our promotional materials and your involvement will be enthusiastically communicated to our membership at every opportunity. After all fundraising efforts have been completed for this trip, any remaining costs will be the responsibility of individual student participants. It is our goal to have the majority of the trip funded for students as it has been in the past, however, as this may not materialize, we will be asking trip participants to be responsible for their own costs after subsidization. Again we would like to stress the importance of this grant and the support of the SFSS in allowing this trip to go forward and reach as many students in our membership as possible. This section details our budget, funding streams and projected Cost vs. Funding scenario.

Please Note: All advertising material for this trip will be printed through the SFSS Copy Centre.

Funding Contribution from the GSU:

The GSU plans to use all core funding and almost all assets in our trust, to fund this trip. Please note that we did not include some of the smaller associated expenses in the budget overview below – this includes things like posters, receipts, etc. If necessary funding is acquired, we would like to leave our trust account untouched in order to ensure financial sustainability for future generations of the GSU and their initiatives.

Overall Budget

EXPENSE / DESCRIPTION	COST TOTAL (Estimated based on attendance of 30 students; tax included)	COST PER STUDENT
Transportation*	\$3000.00	\$60.00
Accommodation* (3 nights)	\$3889.10	\$84.70
Horne Lake Caves*	\$660.00	\$22.00
Deep Bay Marine Field Station Tour*	Free	Free
Sustainable Winery Tour	Free	Free
McLean Mill Tour	\$450	\$15.00
Pacific Rim National Park Tour	\$450	\$15.00
Cathedral Gove – MacMillan Provincial Park	Free	Free
Meals	\$780	\$26.00
TOTALS	\$ 9, 229.1	\$ 307.64

***Transportation:** based on 3-day bus rental and Greyhound bus fare for return trip.

***Accommodation:** Based on 1 night at Deep Bay Marine Centre (\$40 per person), and 2 nights at the Crystal Cove Resort (\$1640 per night for the group)

* Horne Lake caves – 3 hours for Wet and Wild Tour

*Deep Bay Marine Station – 3 hour programming fee included in overnight accommodation costs (\$40 per student)

* Meals – We will be dining at the Deep Bay Marine Field Station during our overnight visit. All other food costs will be an individual expense

Costs VS. Funding - PROJECTED*

Total Expected Costs	\$ 9,229.1
Expected Student Contribution (based on \$100/person)	\$ 3,000
GSU Contribution	\$ 2,000
TOTAL UNMET NEED	\$ 4,229.1

*Funding will also be sought from the Department of Geography and the Faculty of Environment to cover the total unmet need.

The Geography Student Union is committed to offering valuable learning opportunities for the membership and student body and we would like to invite the Simon Fraser Student Society to support our initiative. We greatly appreciate your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

The Geography Student Union Executive Board 2014-2015