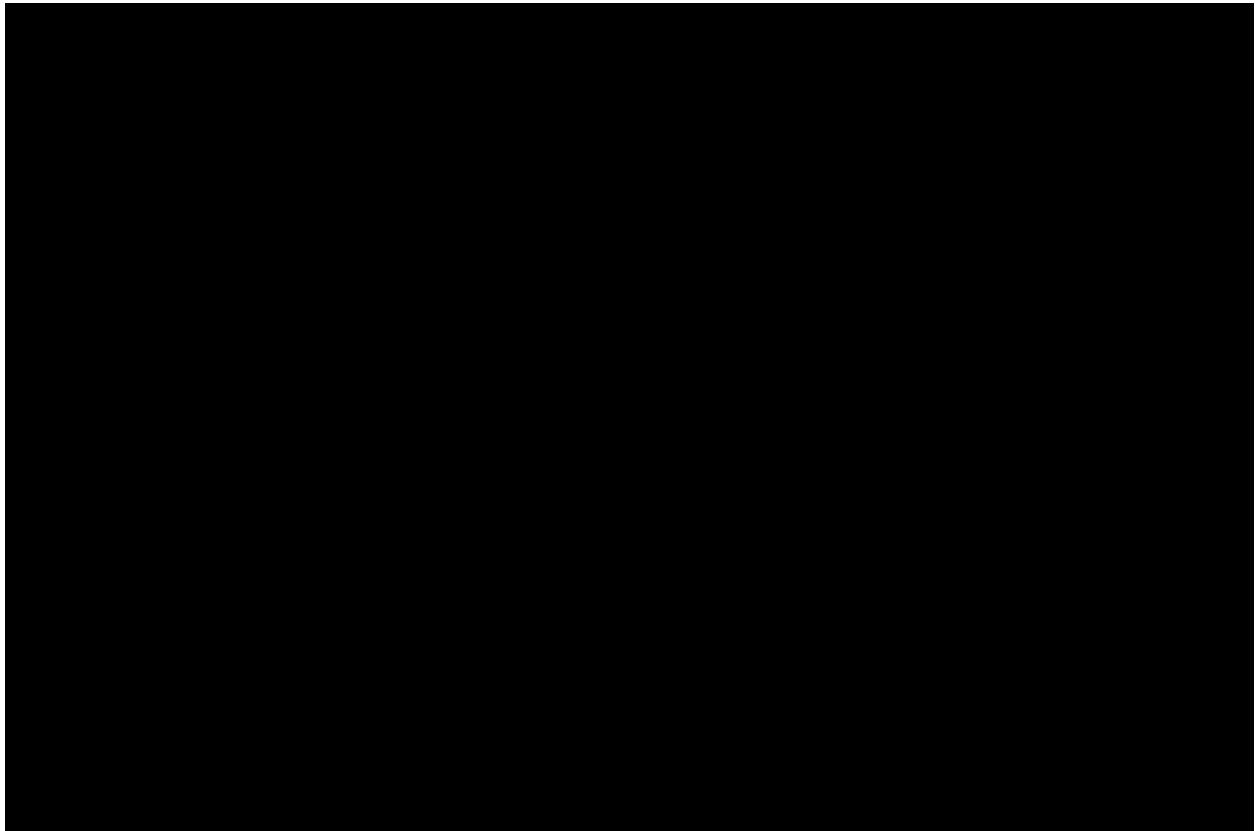


# 2015 Fall Semester Report

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## **Introduction:**

The Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) is a non-profit organization that aims to support students through services that enhance their academic, health and social well-being. The Society provides services through the Health and Dental Insurance Plan, the Compass Card, the Emergency Food Bank Program, Legal Counsel, Clubs/Student Organizations funding, Faculty and Departmental Student Union funding, the Highland Pub, the Ladle, BuildSFU, committees and much more. The Society is led by a group of 16 elected students that serve on the Board of Directors. The Board leads the organization that consists of multiple businesses, full time and part time staff, committees, events, campaigns and more. It is the duty of the Board to serve, represent and advocate on behalf of the membership, the students.

Serving as the Business Faculty Representative and as a member of the Board of Directors has been an invaluable learning experience that has taught me skills and lessons that I will remember for a life time.

Below I will outline the work that I have done in the Summer Semester.

## **Business Faculty/Student Involvement:**

As a representative of the Business Faculty, I have dedicated my time and efforts to ensure that the students within my faculty are supported by the SFSS through access to information, funding and general support. I worked on various initiatives to improve the relationship between the SFSS and Business Clubs/Student Organizations.

- Nuts and Bolts Workshop for Business Clubs/Student Organizations
  - Informing the executives of Business Clubs/Student Organizations of the services that the Society provides for its members through a workshop facilitated by the General Office Coordinators.
  
- Business Administration Student Society (BASS)
  - The Business Administration Student Society is an amazing Faculty Student Union that offers a series of events and support for its students. I have supported BASS mainly through their Board of Advisers. We have worked on elections policies, financial policies and other initiatives.
  - BASS FROSH and the BASS Mentorship Programs are great programs that help new students transition into university. I was fortunate enough to be a FROSH Leader and Mentor to help these new students.
  
- Engagement
  - The Student Engagement Office has been a tremendous support to our membership. I have been able to be a part of the engagement events that help

new students transition into university. These events include Orientation, Making Connections Night and more.

- Clubs/Student Organization Support
  - The Business Clubs and Student Organizations are run by an amazing group of individuals that do a fantastic job in hosting events, providing learning opportunities and overall making students more engaged within the faculty. I have worked to support these groups through assisting them with room bookings, funding, their President's Council and overall, communications with the SFSS.

## **Fall Kickoff Concert**

The 2015 Fall Kickoff Concert was a large scale concert that was planned for new and returning students to help kickoff the year. Our team knew right from the beginning that this event was under a lot of pressure because of the large deficit incurred from the previous concert.

Serving as the Director of Finance for the Concert, I knew that this event had to either break even or make a profit. Our management team worked extremely hard to identify the problems of the previous concert and looked for changes to ensure that this concert would be a success. We identified problems and made drastic changes including; scaling back our budget, changing production companies, improving internal controls, and fixing previous issues. Through the drastic changes made, the event was an overall success.

The event sold around 2000 tickets (largest in history), we were able to secure bigger artists at a reduced cost (new production company), and in the end make a profit.

## **Simon Fraser University Recreation Pass**

SFU Recreation provides services to members of the SFSS and collects fees through the Recreation and Athletics fees from student's tuition. A student with the Burnaby Recreation Membership has access to the Fitness Centre, Aquatic Centre Drop-in Sports, Squash, Racquetball, and Tennis Court Bookings. A Surrey student has access to a Surrey Parks and Recreation Membership that allows access to fitness centres and pools, weightrooms, swim sessions, and non-registered aquatic programs. A Vancouver student has access to Vancouver Park Board operated fitness centres, public skating, and public swimming sessions. SFUR has taken the initiative to help students have access to facilities to maintain their health and wealthness during their post-secondary studies.

After hearing the concerns of many students I looked further ways to improve the recreational passes. A primary concern that was continually brought up to myself was the fact that students who lived in Surrey and were taking classes in Burnaby (based on course availability) did not have access to the Surrey recreational pass. The restriction that requires students to be

enrolled in at least 3 credits at a certain campus, limits students to have access to the facilities despite living in the area. This is a major problem, as many students can not afford to purchase the regular issued passes in their cities and it is difficult for students to exercise at another campus because of the distance and the fact that most students only go for classes to another campus.

I have continued to stay in contact with staff at SFU Recreation and am still working on finding solutions to this problem.

## **End of the Summer Semester Pub Night**

The purpose of this event was to allow students from different faculties and members from different groups to network with one another over finger foods and jam out to music.

The event took place at the Highland Pub at the Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Campus. We decided to choose this location due to the low cost of the venue and because the location is ideal for students and faculty staff. The event included music, food and fun activities that allowed members to get to know each other.

This event was used to end off the summer semester through celebration and community engagement. This event was as an opportunity for the SFSS to engage with more students and garner support for future events.

## **Build SFU**

I assisted the Build SFU project through outreach, consultation and communications. My main involvement included class room presentations, consultations with various student groups, outreach to membership through events, social media and in person interactions. The project's approval at the Annual General Meeting was a major success to the SFSS and to the Board of Directors who had made it the number one priority of the organization.

## **Surrey Space Expansion**


The Surrey Space Expansion plan is an initiative aimed to expand the spaces at the SFU Surrey Campus through partnership with the University Administration. I joined in the conversations with the Vice President of Student Life and the Science Representative to work with the Surrey Campus to provide better spaces for its students. This project is still in its development phases and will be implemented in the near future.

## **Administrative Duties**

I chose to sit on the Financial Aids and Services Committee, the Events and Promotions Committee, the Commercial Services Committee and the University of Excellence Committee. These committees have different roles and responsibilities to serve the membership and more info can be found about them here: <http://www.sfss.ca/about-us/committees>

I decided to host my office hours on both the Surrey and Burnaby Campuses. It allowed students from different campuses to have access to resources provides by the SFSS without having to travel too long of distances. I hosted my Surrey Office hours on Monday from 1:00pm-3:00pm and my Burnaby Office Hours on Wednesdays from 11:00am-12:00pm.

## **Conclusion**

This report provides only a brief overview of the projects, initiatives and work that I have done in the summer semester. If you have any questions or concerns please feel contact me at [busrep@sfss.ca](mailto:busrep@sfss.ca) 

Thank you!