

Call to Order – 4:45 pm, June 25, 2014 | Forum Chambers

The Council acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on Unceded Coast Salish Territory

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
Faculty Representative (Business)	Shadnam Khan
Faculty Representative (Communication, Art & Technology).....	Shirin Escarcha
Faculty Representative (Education)	Katie Bell
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences).....	Ayla Kooner
At-Large Representative	Jeremy Pearce

Student Union Representatives

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

Arts and Social Sciences	Naveed Azad (f)
Biology	
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology	Angelina Marinkovic
Business	
Business	
Chemistry	Cindy Wu
Computing Science.....	Raham Kadirdin*
Criminology	Miriam Sise-Odaa*
Dance	Clara Chow (f)
Earth Science	
Education.....	David Lee*
Engineering	Michael Fujiwara
English	Elizabeth Pau
Environmental Science	
French	
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies.....	
Geography.....	
History	Melissa Lee
Humanities	
Interactive Arts and Technology	Amanda Poh (late)
Linguistics	Gloria Mellesmoen
Management System Science	
Mathematics	
Mechatronics System Engineering	Sterling Wiseman (late)
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry.....	
Operations Research	Michelle Baillet

Physics	
Political Science	Kathleen Yang
Psychology	Brittini Thompson
Sociology and Anthropology	
Statistics and Actuarial Science	Jackson Voong
Sustainable Community Development	
Theaters	
Visual Arts	
Constituency Group Representatives	
International Student Group (ISG)	Rahul Rajanala*
Out on Campus Collectives (OOC)	
Students United for Disability Support (SUDS)	Anthony Janolino
Residence Hall's Association (RHA)	Ali Najaf
Women Centre Collectives (WCC)	Anjali Biju*
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)	
Society Staff	
Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator	Pierre Cassidy
Student Union Organiser	Antonio Daling
DSU Outreach Worker	Katie Mai
Guests	
Executive Director	Colleen Knox
Sustainable SFU	Jessie
Regrets	
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences)	Ben Rogers
Faculty Representative (Environment)	Tesicca Truong
Faculty Representative (Sciences)	Deepak Sharma
Archeology	Christopher Nichols*
Cognitive Science	Katerina Stepanova
Communications	Gino Cutri
International Studies	Verena Tina Bachl (f)*
World Literature	Samaah Jaffer
Absence	
Economics	Michael Straw
Health Science	Nik Djuric*
Labour Studies	Edith Mata
Philosophy	Bianca Ng
Leave of Absence (AP-1)	
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences)	Brady Wallace
At-Large Representative	Rebecca Langmead

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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Najaf/ Amendment Chow

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Moved 2 items (AP-1 and pipeline) to guest speaker

CARRIED AS AMENDED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION COUNCIL 2014-06-25:02

Rajanala

Be it resolved that the Council minutes of 2014-03-12 and 2014-05-28 be adopted

CARRIED

4. 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 2014-06-25:03

Lee

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from:

Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences) Ben Rogers
Faculty Representative (Environment) Tesicca Truong
Faculty Representative (Sciences) Deepak Sharma
Cognitive Science Katerina Stepanova
Communications Gino Cutri
International Studies Verena Tina Bachl (f)*
World Literature Samaah Jaffer

CARRIED

b. Appointments

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Voong

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

Chemistry Cindy Wu
Computing Science Raham Kadirin
Criminology Miriam Sise-Odaa
Education David Lee
Interactive Arts and Technology Amanda Poh
International Student Group (ISG) Rahul Rajanala
Women Centre Collectives (WCC) Anjali Biju

CARRIED

c. SFSS Committee Appointments

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Lee

Be it resolved that the nominations be opened for all Councilor positions on the Simon Fraser Student Society committees.

CARRIED

ADV – Advocacy Committee – 1 Positions

Chairperson: VP External Relations

Plans advocacy events and campaigns around issues concerning students. Past initiatives have including those concerning rising tuitions, transit issues, financial literacy, and deferred maintenance. Meets biweekly on Tuesday from 10:30am to 11:30am → will change to later in the date, will confirm later

SSOC/Space - Student Space Oversight Committee – 1 Position

Chairperson: VP Student Services

Oversees all matters pertaining to the evaluation, design, development, alteration, renovation or assignment of Society space. Meet ad hoc (as per needed)

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Melissa/Michelle

Be it resolved that the nominations be closed and the following Councilor and Council Appointed At-Large positions on the following committees be ratified:

ADV – Advocacy Committee – 1 Position – Rahul Rajanala

SSOC/Space - Student Space Oversight Committee – 1 position – Ali Najaf

CARRIED

5. Guest Speakers

a. AP -1 Board of Directors status report

Prior to the beginning of each semester, elected executive officers, faculty representatives, and at-large representatives are required to submit proof of their enrolment in order to have voting rights on the SFSS Board of Directors. If they are not registered but are eligible to register, then they must pay the part-time academic fee. Should a report come to the table that is not acceptable (where a Board member is not registered, but is eligible to register), then FP-4 comes into play. Thus, the process of Council reviewing the status of the Board of Directors seems procedural but is a very important step, as it ensures that the members of the Board of Directors are students, and therefore are eligible to vote.

Status report for Summer 2014:

- Rules 6 and 7 satisfied
- Every Board member registered, except Darwin, who paid his part-time student fee

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Mellesmoen

Be it resolved that Council receives and files the Board status report as per AP-1 for Summer 2014.

CARRIED

b. Northern Gateway Pipeline

Background on Northern Gateway Enbridge Pipeline:

- Northern Gateway Enbridge pipeline runs from Alberta to BC
- Why the SFSS should have an opinion on this:
 - BC is carrying many of the costs, but very few benefits
 - In respecting that there are no treaties in BC, this is one place where we could take a stand
 - SFU Faculty has been leading the way in terms of opposition to Stephen Harper

Background on Kinder Morgan Pipeline:

- This pipeline is more relevant to SFU because the proposed expansion runs past Burnaby Mountain
- Tankers would be leaving from Westbay Terminal, thus very close to SFU campus
- Why the SFSS should have an opinion on this:
 - SFU has not yet come out with any opinion on the Kinder Morgan Pipeline despite having it run right past us, which could limit access, cause difficulties with safety and health, and block transit
 - SFU Faculty is leading the way in questioning the restricted consultation process
 - Therefore, with Kinder Morgan still in the consultation process, the SFSS can encourage SFU to take a stance

There are 3 options open to Council:

- Option 1: Council can move a motion to oppose this particular project and write a letter to the university
- Option 2: Council can move a motion for the SFSS to take an official position against this project
- Option 3: Council can choose to not have a stance and let the motion die

VP University Relations suggested that Council strike a task force to look into the pros and cons before voting to take a stance. VP External Relations informs that the SFSS Advocacy Committee tasked Faculty of Environment Representative Tesicca Truong to look into this issue and bring forth a proposal to the committee. Councilor reminds colleagues that this motion is just to recommend that the Board of Directors conduct research, and considering the infrequent meeting times, Council should consider that there is a sense of urgency. Councilor responds that representatives should also return to their DSUs with this update and gauge their memberships' feedback.

VP University Relations tasked to ask the SFU Board of Governors for an update on SFU's stance with the Kinder Morgan Pipeline.

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Be it resolved that Council recommends that the SFSS takes an official position against the Northern Gateway (Enbridge) Pipeline.

Be it further resolved that Council recommends that the SFSS takes an official position against the KM Pipeline Expansion.

POSTPONED TO NEXT COUNCIL

Thompson

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Rajanala

Be it resolved to task Moe Kopahi - Vice President University Relations to ask the Board of Governors whether they are investing into the NG and KM pipeline

CARRIED

c. AP-7.5 Unrestricted Surplus

AP-7.5 was revised; hopefully will be ratified at the July 8th Board of Directors meeting. This is the first revision of many to clean up.

This policy surrounds budget:

“The annual budget of the Society shall maintain, at a minimum, a net surplus or return to members’ equity in an amount equal to or greater than 5% of the Society’s net student activity fee revenue for that fiscal year. This requirement shall remain in force and effect until such time as the net assets or members’ equity of the Society, as indicated by the audited financial statements of the Society, is equal to or greater than the equivalent of 30% of the Society’s annual net student activity fee revenue.”

Currently, this policy is too wordy, contains loopholes, and requires further revision. Currently proposing to change 30% to 25%. This means that in the case of an emergency, the SFSS has a reserve of funds to tap into to prevent dissolution. There is no clear definition for its use. However, it is understood that it is not to be dipped into unless there is an emergency, for example, a natural disaster or a lawsuit. There is a policy in place that ensures a safety reserve will always exist.

25% of the Society’s annual net student activity fee revenue equates 3 months of spending. Of the 2.4 million dollars of student activity fees received, 25% is \$600,000. Currently, the SFSS has already reached this threshold and have this amount of money available in the safety reserve. If the amount remained at 30%, the Society would need to store away \$720,000 in the safety reserve. As we currently only have \$600,000 in there, we would need to find a way to put away another \$120,000. Thus, this frees up money for other SFSS initiatives. This is also the amount recommended by the auditor.

The Council went into recess at 4:47pm, returning at 5:52pm

6. Committee Updates from Council Representatives

ADV – Advocacy Committee:

- #SFUVotes: Campaign to increase votership. Plan to set up stands at SFU rather than have voters travel to elementary schools around the city. Working group will be set to organize #SFUVotes.
- Working on developing a scholarship and bursary program for international students
- If Councilors are interested in being involved in these campaigns, please email Kathleen at council.chair@sfss.ca. This is also open to DSU executives and members.

AFAC - Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee:

- Planning to organize a Mental Health First Aid Workshop

BUILDSFUSAC – Build SFU Student Advisory Committee:

- First meeting consisted of an orientation to members
- Informed members of the work on the SUB over the past year and a half

CSC/COMSERCOM - Commercial Services Committee:

- Discussed possible location of the SFSS Copy Centre in the new Student Union Building
- Committee provided financial updates of the MBC food court and the Highland Pub

CPR - Constitution and Policy Review Committee:

- Discussed AP 7.5
- Discussed media relations
- Discussed policy pertaining to FSUs

ECOM - Events and Promotions Committee:

- Set goals for the year
- Discussed events such as the Residence Carnival

EHDPC/Health - Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee:

- Had Orientation, discussed the new enhanced plan that was approved in the last election
- Discussed how to deal with former complaints

FASC - Finance and Administrative Services Committee:

- Update on Council representation: Jackson Voong has had to step down, Melissa Lee has been away
- VP Finance Adam Potvin gave an update: Committee currently getting acquainted with the budget

GC - Granting Committee

- Discussed granting policy AP-12
- Informed club representatives of the types of grants they can apply for

7. Updates

a. Council Schedule working group

A working group was struck at the last meeting to determine the feasibility of changing the Council Meeting Time. Options are as follows:

- Option 1: Conduct meetings at the other campuses (perhaps twice on Burnaby campus, once on Surrey campus, and once in Vancouver every semester). This is currently what the Board is planning to do.
- Option 2: Schedule meetings semesterly instead of keeping the same time and date
- Option 3: Offer several days for people to choose instead of setting the time to Wednesday at 4:30 (for example, conduct Council on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM, and another on Fridays at 4:30 PM). This option takes into consideration smaller DSUs, as large DSUs can swap in available members, but small DSUs do not have enough active members to do so.

Response from Councilors:

- It may be logistically difficult to gather each Councilor's schedule every semester and book rooms on different campuses. Another issue may be getting quorum at the other campuses, and transporting SFSS staff to be there.
- Working group members will facilitate feedback from Councilors on what is best for them.
- It was recommended to stick to changing one detail at a time rather than changing a number of things at once.
- Decided that the priority would be to change the time and day. Change of location is secondary.

8. Discussions

a. DSU updates

b. Financial Literacy Seminar July 17, 2014

9. Other Business / Announcements / Notice of Motions

Action Items

- Gather feedback on pipelines
- Review AP 7.5
- Review Forum Policy 4, Rules 6 and 7
- Review AP-1

Announcements

- Send regrets 48 hours before

10. Attachments

AP-7

2014-2015 SFSS budget

11. Adjournment 6:27 PM