



2011-2012
Annual Report

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2012-2013 Board of Directors

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About the Society

The Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) is a non-profit organization that represents every undergraduate student at SFU. All undergraduate students are automatically members of the society and pay an activity fee (appendix 1). The SFSS is mandated to coordinate and promote all activities for undergraduate students. In pursuing its mandate, the SFSS offers a variety of services such as the Women's Centre, Out On Campus, the handbook, the Copy Centre, funding for clubs and departmental student unions, the Ombuds Office, Nightline, events, Clubs Days, a bursary program, the Legal Aid Clinic, as well as providing employment for students.



Treasurer's report

Treasurer's Responsibilities

The Treasurer's responsibilities are to ensure that all Society funds are deposited in an appropriate account and to keep careful account and be responsible for all monies received and disbursed by or on behalf of the Society as per bylaw 4(5).

Food and Beverage Services (FBS)

These are the SFSS's commercial activities that include The Ladle, Higher Grounds coffee shop, and the Highland Pub. In the 2011-2012 year, FBS lost a total of \$309,279. This cannot be attributed to any one commercial service alone. It is difficult to separate how much time is spent by management and other employees on each service.

Space Expansion Fund (SEF)

AP-39-3: The Space Expansion Fund may only be spent on the renovation, operating expenditures, repair, maintenance and creation of student space on campus under the jurisdiction of the Simon Fraser Student Society.

The SEF may not be used to pay for operational costs of running the services of the student society. As of April 30, 2012, the fund balance is \$3,643,667.

Forum Stipends

This year, Forum stipends have been increased by \$11,000. This can be attributed to bi-weekly meetings as opposed to monthly meetings. The rationale behind bi-weekly meetings is engage Forum in critical board decisions such as MBC Food Court Renovations and Build SFU.

Board of Directors Non-Executive Stipends

This years, the board increased non-executive stipends line by \$31,900. Faculty Representatives are required to complete 60 hours of work a month as opposed to 40 hours a month previously. This change is to reflect the increased workload on non-executive board of directors.

SFSS USB Drive

This year, the board decided to distribute USB jump drives to the undergrad population as opposed to the SFSS handbook from previous years. We have been informed from our student population that the handbook is not as environmentally friendly or as versatile as something more electronic. Students prefer USB jump drives than the traditional handbook. The amount allocated to this item is \$25,000 for 10,000 USB Drives.

Bursaries

This year, SFSS contributed \$20,000 to bursaries for SFU students. Out of the \$20,000, the provincial government will match \$10,000. This is an increase of \$10,000 from previous years.

Departmental Student Unions (DSU)

For the current fiscal year, department 12 which exclusively service the broadest, most democratic SFSS groups, the departmental student unions saw an increase in their funding by 48.6% from \$60,454 in 2011/2012 to \$124,300 in 2012/2013. Out of current allocation, \$108,082 is targeted funding, secured through 2 successful referenda campaigns. The first referendum held in 2008 allowed for \$0.50 of funding



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This meant that the DSUs are getting their full funding allocation as promised back in 2008 when SFSS defederated from the CFS. These funds are distributed back to 55 student unions and 2 constituency groups through their core and grant funding.

As of October 22, 2012, there are 46 out of 55 officially recognized student unions and 1 constituency group that are declared active. The budget breakdown and allocation are as follow

Total Budget Consolidated \$124,300.00
 DSU Core Annual Budget \$74,600.00
 DSU Grant Annual Budget \$48,200.00
 Special Events Subsidy \$1500.00

Clubs

This year, total funding for clubs is \$152,000, an increase of \$94,546 from previous year 2011/2012. We have a total of 239 clubs, 197 are currently active. Similar to DSUs, \$108,082 is targeted funding, secured through 2 successful referenda campaigns. The first referendum held in 2008 allowed for \$0.50 of funding per student to be targeted to clubs. This meant that clubs are guaranteed \$30,881 in funding prior to 2012. The second referendum held this year successfully secured \$1.25 per student, which translated to \$77,201 in guaranteed funding every year through reallocation of the Space Expansion Fund. See Appendix 2

Looking Forward

The SFSS Board of Directors is currently looking to increase funding and revenues in future years:

- 3 New Food Court Vendors: This will increase the operating fund by approximately \$45,000 annually
- Improve FBS operations and financials
- Improve communications with membership

Appendix 1:

Breakdown of Fees Collected by the SFSS	Full Time	Part Time
*Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS)	32.99	16.50
Student Society Building Fund/ Capital Levy	15.00	7.50
Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group	3.00	1.50
Peak Publication Society	4.90	2.45
CJSF- Campus Community Radio Society	3.75	1.88
**Student Refugee - WUSC	2.50	1.25
First Nations Student Association	0.75	0.38
**Universal Transit Pass	120.00	120.00
Accessibility Fund	0.75	0.38
Sustainable SFU	2.00	1.00
Health Plan	78.05	78.05
Dental Plan	119.95	119.95
Total	\$383.64	\$350.84

Appendix 2:

2012/2013 SFSS Club Fund Budget			
Summer Club Budget		May 1 - Aug 31 Actuals	
total budget	\$44,000.00	total actuals	\$38,643.19
Fall Club Budget			
Operating Fund	\$3,000.00		
Facilities/ AV	\$12,000.00		
Room Fund	\$8,000.00		
Grant Fund	\$31,000.00		
Spring Club Budget			
Operating Fund	\$3,000.00		
Facilities/ AV	\$12,000.00		
Room Fund	\$8,000.00		
Grant Fund	\$31,000.00		
Total Fund	\$152,000.00		

SFSS Spaces

Atrium Renovations

Over the last six months, the SFSS has worked towards creating a food court in the Maggie Benston Centre Atrium! The expected time of completion is beginning of Spring 2012.

We have added:

- Three new food vendors
- Nine new microwaves
- New furniture
- Brighter lighting

MBC Zero Level

More study spaces have been created on the zero-level of the Maggie Benston Centre. New furniture has been added along with easy accessibility to power-plugs.

Forum Chambers

The SFSS Board of Directors has submitted a request to begin renovating the Forum Chambers space. The initial step is a quote for a fresh coat of paint, fix the leaky ceilings and remove molding ceiling tiles, add a projector, and unbolt the fixed seating to increase the flexible usage of the space.

Images Theatre Entrance and Seating

SFU has committed funds to renovating the “bring your own laptop” space and entrance area of the Images Theater. This project should make the study spaces more comfortable and effective, with a variety of lounge style seating spaces.

Lobbying for More Student Space

Beginning last year, the SFSS took a role in lobbying the university to upgrade common spaces on campus. As the SFSS did our part with renovations, the University has completed a renovation of the fifth floor classrooms, AQ bathrooms, student spaces in the AQ, and the dining halls. They have also made a considerable effort to reupholster or replace worn furniture in existing student space. These renovations make the spaces more student-friendly, with power plugs and information group meeting space. The SFSS will continue to lobby the university and thanks them for the efforts they have made in this area.

Build SFU MoU:

SFU and the SFSS signed the MoU (memorandum of understanding) for the Build SFU Project on September 17th, 2012. This MoU will formally set all the discussions between the two groups on how this highly collaborative project will move forward. For more information on the Build SFU project, contact SFSS University Relations Officer at uro@sfss.ca.



New website

In December 2011 the Board of Directors created a working group consisting of three Directors (Shiva Manavipour, Danielle Hornstein and Jenni Rempel) and the Communications Coordinator, Stijn Daenens. The working group decided quickly that the only way forward was to have a website developed on an open source platform and they picked Drupal. Drupal is very versatile and is used by an increasing number of companies, governments and non-profits around the globe.

An RFP (request for proposal) was sent out to Vancouver-based developers in late December 2011. The working group decided to move forward with a company run by SFU alumni, Tidal Interactive. From then on, Shiva and Stijn worked with Tidal interactive on a daily base to complete the project.

On August 1st the revamped sfss.ca finally launched. It features a community events calendar (allowing anyone to submit events), extensive club and DSU support, time-sensitive volunteer opportunities, committee structures, etc.

Over the course of the last 3 months we compiled a list of edits and a wish list of extra features. We are very excited to continue working on our online presence and provide our members with a digital platform to organise, schedule and get involved in the SFU community!

**Brainstorm &
request for proposal:
December 2011**

**Prototyping, designing,
developing & debugging:
February - June 2012**

**Content loading &
debugging:
July 2012**

**Launch:
August 1st 2012**

The screenshot shows the Simon Fraser Student Society website. The header includes the logo, a search bar, and social media icons. The navigation menu has links for Home, About Us, Clubs & DSU's, Campus Groups, Campaigns, News & Events, and Services. The main content area features a large banner for 'HALLOWEEN OFF THE HILL' on Friday, October 26th at W2, with tickets at \$5. Below the banner is a description of the event and a 'Read More' link. To the right, there is a sidebar with 'EVENTS' and 'VOLUNTEER' sections. The 'EVENTS' section lists several events with dates, times, and titles, each with a star icon. At the bottom of the sidebar are links for 'view all events' and 'submit an event'.

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Search on SFSS _

Home About Us Clubs & DSU's Campus Groups Campaigns News & Events Services

**HALLOWEEN
OFF THE HILL**

ALL AGES
EVENT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26TH AT W2
7PM TO 11PM - TICKETS \$5

Halloween Off The Hill

The SFSS, W2, Surrey Campus Committee, and SFU Student Life Vancouver are teaming up to present you this all ages Halloween party at W2! Tickets are \$5 and available at SFSS Burnaby... [Read More](#)

view all

EVENTS **VOLUNTEER**

24 OCT 11:30am
SFPIRG Community Connecti...

24 OCT 06:00pm
After Hours Discussion: S...

24 OCT 06:00pm
Activate: Community Organ...

25 OCT 11:30am
Sexual Health Series: HIV...

25 OCT 04:30pm
Bicker and Banter Lecture...

view all events submit an event

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Health Plan Switch

The SFSS has decided to switch its Health and Dental Insurance service provider from Sun Life to Desjardins. This change is due to a rate guarantee of two years at a lower cost of the plan (per student) to the SFSS while keeping all the features of the plan the same as before. For more information on this switch, contact SFSS Member Services Officer at mso@sfss.ca.

Ombudsperson Joint Funding Change

The funding model of the Ombudsperson's office was revised during the Summer semester of 2012. The SFSS is proud to provide its membership with a confidential, impartial and independent service of conflict resolution through the office of the Ombudsperson. For more information on this service, contact SFSS Member Services Officer at mso@sfss.ca.

Bursaries

The SFSS has doubled its funding for Student bursaries from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This increase in funding is in accordance with our continued efforts towards aiding students in financial distress.

Build SFU Project Workers:

Build SFU, a project of the SFSS, has hired four new student employees. These students will help establish the brand, engage in consultations, and be a presence in the Think Tank. They will help reach out to the SFU community and document the feedback required for the success of the Build SFU project. We are excited about their new role within the SFSS.

Advocacy Committee

Advocacy Committee is an official member of both the "Where's the Funding?!" and "Get On Board" campaigns. Although it struggled to reach quorum over its Summer term, the committee has a promising Fall semester outlook.

Current projects and initiatives include:

- Joining and becoming contributing members of the Campaign for Culture
- Mental Health and Wellness series before Fall semester Exams
- Opening dialogue for students on Men's Center (Karanvir Thiara initiative)
- Opening dialogue for students on the Gondola Project

Events Committee

The SFSS Events Committee is proud to have hosted the sold-out SFSS Week of Welcome Pub Night on the 6th of September 2012. The Events Committee also helped other student clubs and departmental student unions in hosting their pub nights and provided financial assistance in the form of covering their night security fees. The Events Committee is dedicated to hosting bigger and better events at all of SFU's campuses. Our upcoming projects include Haunted Halloween Pub Night and World Cultures Day. Keep an eye on our Events Calendar (<http://www.sfss.ca/events>) to stay up to date with all that is happening in and around SFU.