

Simon Fraser Student Society Annual General Meeting

**October 10, 2007
2:30pm
Convocation Mall
SFU, Burnaby**

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AGENDA

Annual General Meeting of the Simon Fraser Student Society
October 10, 2007 • Simon Fraser University, Convocation Mall, Burnaby Campus

CALL TO ORDER – 2:30pm – October 10, 2007

1. RATIFICATION OF THE CHAIR

The Board of Directors is recommending that Patrice Pratt be ratified as the Chairperson for the General Meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEETING RULES

The meeting will consider the agenda prepared by the Board of Directors. Changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

The Chairperson will provide a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order, a system of meeting rules and procedures that the Student Society employs for the general meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS' MINUTES

Minutes from the October 25, 2006 annual general meeting and from the October 25, 2006 special general meeting are available for adoption.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion to Remove Graduate Students

Be it resolved that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society be amended as written in Appendix A to reflect a solely undergraduate society.

b. Motion to amend By-Laws by referenda

Be it resolved that By-Law 13.1 be amended to read:

*The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by special resolution **passed at an Annual General Meeting, at a Special General Meeting, or by indirect voting via referendum held in accordance with Bylaw 17.***

Be it further resolved that By-Law 13.3 be amended to read:

Amendments may be initiated by:

a. The Board

b. Forum

c. Any member in good standing of the Society:

i. if twenty-one days notice of the actual wording of the proposed amendment is given in writing to the Society prior to the Annual General Meeting;

ii. ~~Any member of the Society~~ requesting a Special General Meeting for the consideration of a proposed amendment, provided that the proposed amendment shall be accompanied by a petition setting out the text of the proposed amendment and requesting a Special General Meeting for its consideration and accompanied by the signatures of not less than five percent of the members in good standing of the Society

iii. in accordance with Bylaw 17.3 when special resolutions are to be considered via indirect voting by referenda.

c. Motion to reduce quorum

Be it resolved that By-Law 10.3 be amended to add:

Electronic memoranda to all active members of the Society, unless the University is unable or declines to provide the necessary access to student electronic contact lists.

Be it further resolved that By-Law 10.6 be amended to read:

If within ~~fifteen~~ thirty minutes from the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting a quorum is not present, quorum shall be twenty members in good standing of the Society, and the meeting shall transact only such business as is specifically referred to in By-Law10(2)[a]- [f].

Be it further resolved that By-Law 10.9 be amended to read:

Quorum for the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting shall be ~~five hundred~~ two hundred and fifty (250) members in good standing of the Society.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Review of Highland Pub Operations

Whereas the Highland Pub incurs a loss every year, and is thus subsidized by the operations budget of the Simon Fraser Student Society; and

Whereas the Pub should be operated as a service to students, but should not be a drain on the resources of the Society; and

Whereas there are numerous student pubs that do generate a revenue while continuing to offer student friendly prices and fair wages for staff; therefore,

Be it resolved that an ad hoc committee of the SFSS be established to conduct a thorough review of the Highland Pub operation and management structure;

Be it further resolved that the review gather information from other student societies that operate pubs;

Be it further resolved that the review examine all policies around the Pub, including the ability of clubs and departmental students' union to book space for their own events;

Be it further resolved that the review examine past events held in the Pub and make recommendations for future events;

Be it further resolved that the review encompass a thorough examination of all current loss prevention strategies and inventory controls, conducted by an external auditor.

b. Sustainable Campuses Audit

Whereas climate change is a priority issue for members of the SFSS; and Whereas the SFSS should be a model of sustainability; and

Whereas the services of the SFSS such as Quad Books (photocopy shop), the Highland Pub, and food outlets can be made more environmentally sustainable; therefore,

Be it resolved that the SFSS undertake the Sierra Youth Coalition's Sustainable Campuses audit of both the SFSS operations and the University's operations at the Surrey, Downtown and Burnaby campuses.

6. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A report will be presented detailing the activities of the Board of Directors from October 26, 2006 through October 9, 2007.

7. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE OMBUDSPERSON

The Student Society Ombudsperson will provide an overview of the Student Society's finances from October 26, 2006 through October 9, 2007.

8. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

The Student Society Treasurer will provide an overview of the Student Society's finances from October 26, 2006 through October 9, 2007.

9. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE AUDITOR

An overview of the Student Society's audited financial statements will be provided by the Society's auditor – Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co.

10. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR FOR THE COMING YEAR

The auditor responsible for the coming year's audited financial statements will be appointed. The Board of Directors recommends the re-appointment of Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co.

11. ADJOURNMENT

AM/CUPE 5396

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Structure

Board of Directors & Forum

The Simon Fraser Student Society is governed by a democratically elected, bicameral council, comprised of the Board of Directors (which includes the Executive) and Forum. The Board of Directors meets every two weeks and undertakes much of the day-to-day operations of the board.

SFSS Forum has seats for representatives from every department (grad and undergrad), along with representation from the various constituency groups on campus. Forum serves as an advisory body to the SFSS Board of Directors, and often discusses matters of principle, alongside matters of practicality.

Elections

The results of the by-election of December 2006 are detailed below, under the section, 'Fall 2006 Transitional Period'. Elections for the 2007-2008 term were held in March 2007. This was the first election to be declared "slate-free," with all candidates campaigning individually. Several candidates faced no opposition and were therefore acclaimed; these included Adam Lein, Treasurer; Sean Magee, Internal Relations Officer; Joel Blok, Graduate Issues Officer; Chris Sandve, Business Representative; Bryan Ottho, Applied Science Representative; Marcus Leung, Education Representative; and Clea Moray, Grad At-large.

After a few hotly contested elections in the other positions, the victors were Derrick Harder, President; Joe Paling, Member Services Officer; Sasha (now Amy) Fox, External Relations Officer; Amanda van Baarsen, University Relations Officer; Tyler Massé, Arts Representative; Anna Belkine, Science Representative; Natalie Bocking, Member At-large; and Alex Hemingway, Member At-large.

In June, Sean Magee resigned as Internal Relations Officer; his position was filled by Haida Arsenault-Antolick in July. Madiha Mahmood filled the vacant Health Sciences Representative position in July. In September, Joel Blok resigned as Graduate Issues Officer, and the position was filled by Clea Moray. Former IEC member Michael Letourneau took on the position of Graduate At-Large Representative.

Mid-term vacancies on the Board of Directors are filled either through a by-election or by appointment by SFSS Forum (or the Graduate Issues Committee for the two graduate specific spots).

Fall 2006 Transitional Period

For many, last year's 'excitement' surrounding select student society directors' conduct and subsequent impeachment was the first time they became interested or involved in their student society. For many this experience represented a reinvigorated, democratic SFSS; others are still trying to figure out what exactly took place. The following is a brief run down of last fall's events.

Traditionally, the board of directors is held accountable by Forum, SFSS's larger advisory body, which has representatives from all faculties and departments. After the Board unilaterally cancelled a Forum meeting, and refused to hear Forum members' concerns regarding mistreatment of staff, and abuses of power, Forum called a special general meeting on October 25, 2006, in response to a petition circulated by concerned students. On the agenda were motions to impeach seven members of the Board of Directors. The general meeting had an unprecedented student turnout, with 1028 students attending in total. Seven directors, including the president, were impeached: Shawn Hunsdale, Glyn Lewis, Wei Li, Margo Dunnet, Vanessa Kelly, Marion Pollock, and Erica Halpern. This action is not taken lightly—impeachments are special resolutions and thus require a majority of 3/4 to pass. In addition to the impeachment resolutions, two amendments to the society's by-laws were passed, giving graduate students greater autonomy and control over their resources.

Following the Special General Meeting, the impeached directors argued that the SGM, thus the impeachments, were invalid. They petitioned the Supreme Court of British Columbia to declare the impeachments 'invalid'. In December 2006, Justice Eherke of the BC Supreme Court ruled that the special general meeting and the impeachments were valid and by-elections were called to fill the vacant positions on the Board of Directors.

The newly elected directors were Derrick Harder, President; Adam Lein, Treasurer; Chris Sandve, Member

Services Officer; Sean Magee, Internal Relations Officer; Sasha (now Amy) Fox, External Relations Officer; Jackie Hiew, Member at-large; and Joseph Paling, Member at-large.

Early in the spring semester, Forum appointed Bhuvinder Vaid as Education Representative, and Bryan Ottho as Applied Science Representative.

The society's remarkable staff deserve immense commendation for diligently continuing the work of the society, while directors were in court arguing over the reigns.

Campaigns and Advocacy

CFS

The Simon Fraser Student Society is a member of a national non-governmental organisation (NGO) known as the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). The efficacy of the organisation is debatable and the majority of current SFSS Board members believe that the services we receive from the CFS are not worth the \$400,000+ we give the organisation each year.

In March 2007, the student society, as decided by Forum, held a non-binding referendum where 78% of the 1300 voting students voted overwhelmingly to leave the CFS.

Ignoring the referendum and the CFS's own by-laws, the CFS declined to hear the Simon Fraser Student Society's withdrawal request at the national meeting in May 2007.

The new Board of Directors have taken the referendum results, as well as the CFS's refusal to hear our request to leave, as a mandate to launch a full "de-federation" campaign. Over 3000 students at SFU signed a petition for the society to hold a binding referendum to determine the future of our membership.

U-Pass and Transit

The Simon Fraser Student Society continues to lobby for better transit service and our commitment to the U-Pass ensures that TransLink listens. While it is unfortunate that SFU students must vote in favour of an inflationary increase to continue the U-Pass service, we are still facing a lower increase than other transit users (an increase of about \$2 per month. This fee, if successful at referendum will see the continuation of low-cost public transportation until 2011).

Because of increased enrollment the demand on the transit system has been substantial. The Board Of Directors has launched a transit campaign, allowing students to communicate their concerns to TransLink, directly through transit comment cards available at the Board of Directors Offices and through the SFSS website. These comments, positive and negative, are brought to our meetings with TransLink.

Although new buses are being built in Winnipeg, a significant challenge to the SFSS is getting more space for buses on campus. The University Relations Officer is lobbying the university to reallocate some small occupancy vehicle parking spaces to parking for buses.

Canadian Students for Darfur

Started in 2005, by then President Clement Apaak, Canadian Students for Darfur helped raise awareness of the international human rights crisis in Darfur, a region of the Sudan. Apaak met with Liberal Cabinet ministers and started raising funds to help prevent further genocide. Today, donations are being collected in boxes around campus, including in our very own Quad Books.

Events

Club Days

Each semester the Board of Directors hoists Clubs Days. This event is an opportunity for students of similar interests to band together in clubs. Clubs at the SFSS are unique in that they cannot deny membership to any student, for instance, right-handed people cannot be excluded from the "Left-Handed Club" nor can women be excluded from the "Gentleman's League." Clubs are given small core budgets and are an excellent opportunity for students to benefit directly from their student fees.

There has been three Clubs Days since the last General Meeting. All three were wonderful successes, including the summer Clubs Days which saw an increase in participation from previous summers.

Free Food

During the summer heat, the SFSS offered free ice cream to students. More recently, the Student Society held two very popular pancake breakfasts, as well as a corn boil. Students don't seem to mind the line-ups too much, when they're rewarded with some fantastic food served up by board members and staffers.

University Relations

Common Rooms

With a growing faculty, and more Teaching Assistants, the University is currently taking away departmental common rooms and replacing them with offices. This is extremely unfortunate, and the Student Society continues to lobby the university to provide more student space.

Student Union Building

Considering the issue of Common Rooms, the most important thing for students in the future would be a 'hearthstone' for students to congregate between their classes. The SFSS Executive continues to lobby the university for this much needed space and is in consultation with architects to determine exactly what it will look like.

Services

Book Buyback & Quad Books

Quad Books is a service to students that offers inexpensive snacks, drinks, school supplies and photocopying. It also offers many printing services, which are used at length by the campus community and by the Board of Directors. All printing at Quad Books is done on 100% post-consumer recycled paper.

Quad Books also buys back textbooks from students and sells them at a small mark-up. Used textbooks are a way for students to stretch budgets further and lighten their environmental impact.

Food and Beverage Services

The Ladle, Higher Grounds Coffee, Highland Pub and SFSS Catering are part of an umbrella organisation known as Food and Beverage Services, which is wholly owned by the SFSS. Unlike most food service workers, employees of FBS are unionized; they are members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, local 3338.

Graduate Benefit Plan

Since September 1, 2005 graduate students have been covered by a benefit plan through the Simon Fraser Student Society. The last provider was Gallivan and Associates. Graduate students on the Graduate Issues Committee opted to put the plan out to tender once that contract expired, which resulted in a change to a new provider, on September 1st, 2007, Studentcare.net.

Legal Clinic

The legal clinic is a free service offered to SFSS members. Students can see a lawyer to discuss a myriad legal troubles, such as tenants' rights issues, labour issues, or criminal issues. Students may also see the lawyer if they need something notarized. This service helps many students in need save hundreds of

dollars in legal fees.

Ombudsperson

This past summer, the Student Society's longest-serving employee and good friend Laurine Harrison passed away suddenly. Laurine served as the Ombudsperson of the Society and before that served in many roles that saw her interact with and assist students. She is deeply missed by the entire SFU community.

The Ombuds Office is an important service provided by the Student Society. We are pleased to see David Evans take on the position for a one-year term.

The Ombudsperson's report is contained in this package and specifies the work done by the Ombudsperson on behalf of students.

Other Services

The Student Society co-funds Nightline and the Foodbank. The Society also offers \$10,000 in student bursaries. The SFSS provides a free telephone in the rotunda, a microwave in the atrium, the student dayplanner, funding for clubs, departmental student unions and graduate caucuses. Cinema SFSS has recently been revitalized after a period of dormancy.

The Society also offers the free International Student Identity Card (ISIC) to all members. With the ISIC card students receive discounts on travel around the world. The ISIC program is currently done in conjunction with the CFS, however, the student society plans to continue offering free ISIC cards even if the Society's members decide to end our membership in the CFS.

Leased Space

The SFSS leases out space to five businesses: Koja, Mr. Sub, Bubble Tea House, Mini-Mart, and Travel CUTS. Students who choose to conduct their business at the above retail outlets also take advantage of the atrium cafeteria in the Maggie Benston Building.

Constituency Groups

Students United for Disability Support (SUDS)

SUDS is an on-campus lobby and constituency group that advocates for greater accessibility and disability support on campus. It works in close contact with the Accessibility Advisory Committee. SUDS has a representative on the SFSS Forum.

Out on Campus

A student-run space for people of all sexual orientations and genders, the Out on Campus space/office is located in the Rotunda. Out On Campus operates with a student collective with the support of Coordinator Samonte Cruz and Assistant Lindsay Dignall. Out on Campus provides advocacy and support for queer, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and two-spirited individuals. The center houses a lounge and an extensive library, and hosts weekly activities and events, as well as peer support.

This past year, Out on Campus has hosted an Ice-Cream Social, and the ever-popular 'After Hours'. Volunteers also organised a week-long series of events, for Queer Awareness Week, culminating in the ever-popular Drag Contest.

Out on Campus has a representative on SFSS Forum.

Women's Center

The Women's Center is a safe and supportive space open twenty-four hours, everyday, to all self-identified women. The center is run by a collective made up of students, who are supported by a coordinator and resource assistant. All students who identify as women can become involved as users of the space,

volunteers, or collective members. The space includes a lounge with couches and a full kitchen, as well as an extensive resource library.

This year was one of flux that saw the center's beloved coordinator, Nadine Chambers on leave, with two wonderful temporary coordinators, Benita Bunjun, followed by María Escolán, each taking the reins. The center's activities and events vary each year depending on volunteer and user interest. This year was a busy one with a diverse cross-section of events and projects on the go. In celebration of International Women's Day, the center hosted a pancake breakfast and open mic, open to individuals of all genders. Also offered was a workshop series with discussions around trans issues, the legalities of women-only spaces, and the history of the choice movement, as well as a workshop on creating healthy meals. This spring, resource assistant, Leah Sharzer, led volunteers in a massive book buy that flooded the library with fabulous new resources, available for anyone to borrow. Ongoing projects of the center include tending two garden plots in the SFU community garden, and offering yoga and self-defense classes.

The center is anti-racist, pro-choice, trans and intersex women inclusive, and sex-positive; and is always open to new volunteers and ideas. All self-identified women are encouraged to come by and use the kitchen, peruse the library, or just take a nap on one of the cozy couches.

The Women's Centre has a representative on SFSS Forum.

Graduate Issues Committee (GIC)

The Graduate Issues Committee (GIC) was formed in 1987 to make recommendations to the Student Society concerning graduate student needs and to provide a forum for graduate students to organise. The committee is composed of graduate students from all departments and faculties that offer graduate degrees and is chaired by the Graduate Issues Officer, who is a member of the Student Society Executive. The committee has been particularly active in laying the groundwork for a March, 2007 referendum on graduate autonomy. Since then, SFU graduate students have independently incorporated a separate, fully independent student society, The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University. GIC in the past year has also been directly involved in issues concerning the graduate health plan.

Residence Housing Association

The RHA represents all students in residence, except those that live in Louis Riel House. The relationship between the SFSS and the RHA has, in the past, been ambiguous at best. This year's Board of Directors has been working to improve relations with students in residences through outreach activities and monthly meetings with the RHA executive. The SFSS is also working hard to cooperate on upcoming events and to foster campus community. Like most constituency groups, members of the RHA have a representative on SFSS Forum.

First Nations Student Association (FNSA)

In 2005, students voted to give 75 cents of their student fees to the FNSA constituency group, and to allocate space in the rotunda for their center. The SFSS collects this fee on behalf of the FNSA and remits it to the association. The FNSA works to build community and offers support services for First Nations students at SFU, as well as increasing cultural awareness on campus and hosting events open to all SFU students.

Treasurer's Report

October 26, 2006 - October 10, 2007

Adam Lein

About the Student Society

The Simon Fraser Student Society is a non-profit organization that acts as a centralized service hub and organizing/advocacy body for students at Simon Fraser University. In pursuing its mandate, the Society offers a variety of services, which are operated at a cost which is subsidized by fees paid by its members, the students at SFU.

About the Treasury

The treasurer of the Simon Fraser Student Society is the director responsible for overseeing many of the financial aspects of the Society. The bylaws of the SFSS outline the position of treasurer as one that will “keep careful account and be responsible for all monies received and disbursed by on behalf of the Society” (Bylaw 4, Section 6). The treasurer is also responsible for preparing a detailed written report on the Society's financial affairs for consideration at the Annual General Meeting. From these responsibilities outlined by the members of the Simon Fraser Student Society, the following is a report on the financial affairs in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Accompanying this report are the Society's financial statements for the same fiscal year, along with the report of the Society's auditor. These reports indicate that the Society's financial controls are appropriate and fiscally sound and meet the standards set out in the *Society Act* and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

An Exceptional Year

Fiscal year 2007 was an exceptional year for the Society. The Board incurred expenses above and beyond both the day-to-day operations of the Society and the costs of the Society's campaigns. These extra expenses were related to an investigation carried out by some of the directors during the summer of 2006, and to the subsequent dispute and reconciliation process.

At the time, the Board of Directors withheld information from the membership concerning the nature, purpose, and cost of this investigation. Following the investigation, some Directors took further actions which led to a dispute, their impeachment at a Special General Meeting in October, and their abuse of Society resources in a failed attempt to overturn that Meeting in the BC Supreme Court. A key mandate of their replacements, elected in December, was to determine the full extent of their activities.

By far the largest of these extra expenses was in the form of legal fees -- legal fees accounted for \$136,000: more than eight and a half times the Society's normal legal expenses. Another significant related cost was lost labour, in the amount of \$55,000: the investigation resulted in the illegal and improper termination of a staff person, and several months of work were therefore lost. The total cost of these extraordinary expenses was over \$200,000, and as a result, the Society was in a deficit position for the first time in seven years. Were it not for these expenses, the Society's revenue would have exceeded its costs.

Member's Equity

The Society maintains a *member's equity* which is a fund to be used to secure the Society's debts in case of a sudden loss of revenue, or cessation of operations. Policy requires that this equity increase by a certain fraction of revenue every year; in 2007, however, the equity was *decreased* by almost \$75,000, due to the unusual dispute expenses as discussed above. For comparison, this decrease is slightly smaller than the increase of \$79,000 in the previous year.

Space Expansion Fund

The construction of the Maggie Benston Centre was funded in part by a \$3 million loan from the University to the Student Society. A separate fee was levied on the membership and kept in the Space Expansion Fund to pay this loan; the loan was fully repaid in 2006 and the excess in the Space Expansion Fund -- which can be used for future projects such as a new Student Union Building -- was over \$2.5 million at the end of fiscal year 2007. The Fund grew by \$886,000, or 4%, from the previous year.

Operating Budget

In fiscal year 2007, the Society collected almost \$1.5 million in fees from students, up 7% from the previous year. At 32% of total revenues, these fees account for the second largest single stream of revenue to the Society: revenues from retail services (Quad Books, printing services, Food and Beverage Services) account for 44% of total revenues. Total revenues were over \$4.7 million in 2007.

The membership-fee revenue of the Student Society is used in four ways: return to members (in the form of services), overhead, increase to members' equity, and retail service subsidy.

Return to members includes the Ombuds Office, the Free Legal Clinic, Women's Centre, Out on Campus, Club & Student Union grants, advocacy, a bursary, and events; in 2007, the Society spent \$480,000 on these items.

Overhead includes administrative and resource staffing, insurance, office supplies, building and capital costs, stipends, legal and professional services, travel funding, and advertising; in 2007, the Society spent \$821,000 on these items.

In 2007, due to the unusual dispute discussed earlier, there was no increase to members' equity.

The revenue used to subsidize the Society's retail services was \$208,000.

Conclusion

When discounting the \$200,000 cost of the unusual dispute, 2007 is the seventh year in an upward trend for the Student Society, financially speaking. Over the past few years, the Board of Directors, with the help of its experienced staff and management and with the support of the membership, has put new policies and practices in place to ensure that the Society will be fiscally sound for many years to come, enabling the Society to continually expand its capacity to serve and advocate for students.

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Report of the Ombudsperson to the Simon Fraser Student Society Annual General Meeting for 2006/2007

Introduction

This report covers the period from May 1, 2006 to September 28, 2007, and is submitted in accordance with Simon Fraser Student Society Administrative Policy 25 (2) (d) of June 2006 which states: “[t]he Ombudsperson shall produce an annual public report, indicating amongst other things the number and types of cases, for inclusion in the Society’s Annual Report to the Membership.”

Sadly, in June, 2007, Laurine Harrison, the then-serving Ombudsperson unexpectedly passed away. As a result, a summary of her work for the period May 1, 2006 through June, 2007 is not available for this report.

Gary Insley, the Ombudsperson at Camosun College, was asked by the President of Association of Canadian College and Universities Ombudspersons, and by the executive of the Simon Fraser Student Society if he would assist by providing temporary Ombuds services for a few weeks; he started on June 19, 2007. A summary of his work is included in this report.

In August, 2007, the Student Society moved ahead to fill the position of Ombudsperson.

Therefore, this report also includes a summary the work of the new Ombudsperson for the period September 20, 2007 through September 30, 2007.

2. Background

The Ombuds Office is staffed by the Ombudsperson.

Most university and college Ombuds offices in North America strive to adhere to a standard of practice that (1) promotes and ensures a high degree of independence and impartiality and (2) is coupled with credible oversight and accountability mechanisms.

As per the Constitution of the Association of the Canadian College and University Ombudspersons: [s]omeone who fulfils an *ombuds function* in a college or university normally does all or most of the following: 1) receives and investigates complaints in an impartial and objective manner, and in confidence; 2) acts independently of the administrative structures of the institution and/or students' associations; 3) maintains a standard of neutrality [and]; 4) reports on findings and recommendations and/or issues an annual report.

Although the structure and mandate of the Ombuds Office has changed significantly over the last forty years, the aim of advocating for fairness at SFU remains central to its existence.

The Ombudsperson is not an advocate for any individual or group on campus, however where the Ombudsperson determines that a complaint is justified, the Ombudsperson makes recommendations to remedy the complaint. The Ombudsperson, therefore is sometimes viewed as an advocate for fair administrative process and timely and courteous decision-making.

Complaints or concerns received range in type from delays, negligence, and arbitrariness to contraventions of policy. The Ombudsperson does not have the authority to require the University to change its actions or decisions; rather the Ombudsperson only has the power to recommend actions for administrative fairness.

The Ombudsperson will ensure that a full discussion of the facts of the complaint or concern occurs, and that any solution or remedy is fair. Finding and creating a solution is undertaken with all parties concerned. This process involves bringing the parties together or moving between them depending on the problem, and the personalities and positions of the parties.

Many students think that the role of the Ombudsperson is to advocate for students. The Ombudsperson encourages self-advocacy and will assist students in that effort. The great advantage of this approach is, simply, that taking responsibility for a situation is an empowering step away from the problem and toward a solution. Self-advocacy not only allows for a solution to the problem, but also allows the complainant to feel the accomplishment of solving his/her own problem. At the same time, it is clear that a University environment contains situations that raise questions related to power, the abuse of power, or power imbalances. Often actual or perceived abuses of power lie at the heart of a complaint.

Self-advocacy can allow for the creation of a new balance in these situations. Within the approach of self-advocacy, the Ombudsperson will encourage the development of mutual respect and understanding of the differing perspectives. Furthermore, it is important to keep in mind that the Ombudsperson creates, in consultation with the student, a particular approach to each situation. Often the Ombudsperson will assist by making phone calls to other parties, arranging for and participating in meetings.

3. Contacting the Ombudsperson

Individuals can approach the Ombuds Office in a number of ways.

The primary method of contact is by telephone. Individuals regularly stop by the Ombuds Office; in fact they are encouraged to do so. When possible, the Ombudsperson will deal with the queries immediately, or schedule a meeting with the student for the near future.

Generally, the Ombudsperson prefers in-person appointments. This practice allows for adequate time to review materials, examine and explain policies and procedures, and to suggest options for the individual to consider pursuing. For users of the Office who are Distance Education students or are in courses or programs located outside of the lower mainland, telephone appointments can be made with the long distance costs charged to the Ombuds Office.

4. Report of the Contracted Ombudsperson, Gary Insley

A majority of the time was spent organizing the many files, and then contacting students and meeting with SFU officials to determine best next steps. This was done for 60 active files.

As well, the many office visitors who had not yet heard of Ombudsperson Laurine Harrison's passing were informed of the sad news. When people heard the sad news there was a significant emotional reaction and a need for immediate support, which was provided.

A number of visitors had heard the news and simply wanted to pay a last visit to the office, which for many, was the last place they had spent time with her. It is clear that Laurine Harrison made a considerable contribution to many people's lives and she was a truly remarkable woman and Ombudsperson.

5. Report of the New Ombudsperson, David Evans

During the period when there was no available Ombudsperson, 17 students contacted the Student Society for assistance. The Student Society handled the enquiries, if possible, and/or the person was advised a new Ombudsperson would be hired shortly.

The new Ombudsperson's first task was to follow up on these enquires to ensure that any active cases were handled. Each person was contacted and offered assistance from the Ombuds Office. Where possible, messages were left.

Two students indicated their problem had been addressed. Three requested additional assistance. The contact information for three people was out of date, so contact could not be made (re-contact, based on a different e-mail address was made with one student on September 28, 2007). Nine had not responded to the offer for further assistance by September 28, 2007.

Two students with active files have been contacted and offered additional assistance. Additionally, six new people have contacted the Ombuds Office and files have been opened for each.

The following is a list of the types of cases handled by the Ombudsperson in the short time that he has been in the Ombuds office:

1. the unsuccessful withdrawal from courses under extenuating circumstances;
2. a claim by SFU that a transcript was falsified by the student;
3. request for refund of tuition after the two-week course withdrawal deadline;
4. a complaint about quality of service provided by SFU staff; and
5. lost documentation related to an appeal of a grade.

Laurine Harrison, in previous annual reports, has detailed to wide range of issues and problems that the Ombuds Office is asked to respond to. It is expected that over the coming year, the new Ombudsperson will be asked to assist students on a wider range of issues and problems.

All "active" files that had been reviewed by Gary Insley were reviewed again to determine those that needed immediate action (contact with the student was required), and those where it was apparent there had been a resolution and the file was "closed".

The following are the four types of policy analysis that the Ombudsperson can conduct.

- i) Policy analysis which takes place as a result of a case.
- ii) Policy analysis of proposed University policies and procedures.
- iii) Researching potential policies and procedures.

In September, 2007, the Ombudsperson provided comments on the new, draft consolidated Student Code of Conduct.

All relevant University policies and appeal procedures were researched.

6. Consultations, Outreach, and Job Development

The Ombudsperson meets regularly with individuals, groups, and committees outside of the Office. These include officials from various departments, presentations to University classes, seminars, and conferences, and attendance at regional and national meetings. These meetings take place to explain the activities of the Ombuds Office, to discuss specific issues of concern, and to make contacts.

The new Ombudsperson has taken the time to go around to various administrative offices and student groups to introduce himself and explain the role and services of the Ombuds Office.

The new Ombudsperson has been on the downtown Vancouver campus and introduced himself to the administration there. He will visit the Surrey Campus on Friday, October 5, 2007.

7. In Conclusion

Historically, the position of Ombudsperson has provided many opportunities for rewarding work and ongoing learning.

The individuals who approach the Ombuds Office for help, as well as those who are approached by the Ombudsperson, lend diverse perspectives to the Ombudsperson's understanding of the University, its practices, procedures, and policies.

The work of the Ombudsperson would be made far more difficult without the assistance and good will of numerous people throughout the University and the Student Society. The Ombuds Office would like to take this opportunity to thank all of these people.

Gary Insley would like to take this opportunity to thank the many employees of Simon Fraser University the Simon Fraser Student Society who went out to their way to make him feel welcomed during my short stay with Simon Fraser University. A special thank-you goes to the Registrar's office and to the Women's Centre staff for being so welcoming and helpful during what was clearly a very difficult time for them.

David Evans would like to thank the members of the Student Society Executive who have been welcoming, supportive and helpful.

If you have any questions or comments about this Report, please contact David Evans, Ombudsperson by phone at (778) 782-4563 or by e-mail at ombudsoffice@sfu.ca.

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting of the Simon Fraser Student Society – East Gym
October 25, 2006 • Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Campus

The meeting was called to order at 2:46pm, October 25, 2006

An approximate count of members present (excluding Directors): 50.

1. RATIFICATION OF THE CHAIR

AGM-10-25-06:001 MOTION

Moved/Seconded

Be It Resolved That Neil Monckton be ratified as Chair for this meeting.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEETING RULES

AGM-10-25-06:002 MOTION

Moved/Seconded

Be It Resolved That the agenda be adopted with the addition of receipt of the report of the Ombudsperson.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS' MINUTES

AGM-10-25-06:003 MOTION

Moved/Seconded

Be It Resolved That the minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

The required quorum of 500 was not met and – as per the Society's By-Laws – no new business could be considered.

b. Receipt of Report of the Ombudsperson

Laurine Harrison, Ombudsperson for the Simon Fraser Student Society delivered her report. She stated that the Ombuds Office at SFU was the first one of its kind at a University in North America. The Ombudsperson's report is appended to these minutes.

5. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Member Services Officer Glyn Lewis delivered the report of the Board of Directors as best he could. He briefly outlined the salient points in the report. He spoke at length on topics such as the Canadian Federation of Students, transit service for students, the privatization of education, the issues surrounding privacy and intellectual property and turnitin.com, Chartwell's, the Society's campaign to secure common room space, the drive to a green Society and University, discussions surrounding a Student Union Building, Canadian Students for Darfur, and the general topic of membership development.

The Member Services Officer then discussed other aspects of the report such as services provided by the Society. He then discussed a number of events that were organized and or funded by the Society and were successful.

6. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Treasurer Vanessa Kelly delivered the report of the Treasurer. She highlighted some aspects of her report.

She stated that the Society has run a slight surplus, and that the Society is in a good financial position.

Directors Dunnet and W. Li entered the meeting at 3:16.

Directors Dunnet, W. Li, Hunsdale, and Pollock exited the meeting at 3:17.

The Treasurer provided an update on the Highland Pub and other aspects of food and beverage services.

Member Justin Wong asked a question regarding the decrease in activity expenditures.

The Treasurer stated that there were fewer events held last year.

7. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE AUDITOR

Auditor Gary Wozny delivered his report. He briefly described some of the aspects of the report.

Director W. Li entered at 3:21.

Director W. Li exited at 3:21.

Mr. Wozny informed the membership of assets and liabilities.

Count of members present (not including Directors): 31

Director Vanessa Kelly left the meeting at 3:23pm.

8. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR FOR THE COMING YEAR

AGM-10-25-06:004 MOTION

Moved/Seconded

Be It Resolved That Tompkins, Wozny, Miller and Co. as the Society's auditor for the 2006-2007 Financial Year.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

AGM-10-25-06:005 MOTION

Moved/Seconded

Be It Resolved That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:09pm.

AM/CUPE 5396

DRAFT MINUTES

Special General Meeting • October 25, 2006 • Convocation Mall, Simon Fraser University
Simon Fraser Student Society • Local 23 Canadian Federation of Students

2:32 pm – the meeting was called to order by the Forum Chair, Titus Gregory
(Applause)

Titus Gregory announced that 504 students were present at the meeting and explained that this number meets the quorum requirements of 500 students. He explained that on September 27th, Forum met and voted to call the SGM for this date. He introduced Patrice Pratt as the chairperson recommended for this meeting by Forum, and requested a motion from the assembly to ratify her as chairperson.

1. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR

SGM:06-10-25:01

MOTION

2:38 pm

Clea Moray / Nick Schmid

Be it resolved that Patrice Pratt be appointed chairperson *pro tem* of the Special General Meeting

Titus repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly.

(Applause)

Clea Moray explained that Forum had voted to recommend Patrice Pratt as chairperson for this meeting, that she has excellent qualifications and that she would be an excellent chair.

Matthew De Marchi asked for more information regarding Patrice Pratt's credentials.

Patrice Pratt explained that she had been in the union movement, that she had recently retired from the BCGEU, had chaired large labour conventions of about 3,000 people, had chaired provincial council of a political party with many contentious issues on the floor, had chaired the Four Pillars Committee for the Downtown Eastside for the Vancouver Foundation, and had chaired the Success by Six Committee for the United Way. She then asked if anyone wanted to hear any more.

(Applause)

Matthew De Marchi spoke against the motion because of Patrice Pratt's close union ties. He indicated that due to the nature of this SGM, that it is related to the union and to CUPE, Patrice Pratt is not an acceptable chair.

James Richardson spoke in favour of the motions, stating that students at SFU are part of a student *union*.

(Applause)

James Richardson then called the question.

Paul Browning called a Point of Order, indicating that a member can't call the question after debate has been made.

Titus Gregory upheld the Point of Order.

Clement Apaak stated that Patrice Pratt has the necessary credentials to chair this meeting. He suggested that the opposition to this motion had an agenda of their own that seemed to be similar to the agendas of those members of the Board of Directors that the SGM seeks to hold accountable. He then encouraged the vote to take place.

(Applause)

Titus Gregory repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly.

SGM:06-10-25:01 CARRIED

(Applause)

The Chair thanked the assembly for their confidence in her ability. She indicated that since coming to campus she has been made aware of the nature of this meeting and realized that it would be a challenging one. She announced that campus security had expressed their concern that some students from this meeting might want to disrupt the AGM taking place in the East Gym and indicated that members should be fair and respect the other meeting. She also pointed out that the harassment of any Board member whether or not the impeachment is successful is just as inappropriate. She reminded members of their obligation to follow the Student Code of Conduct. She also noted the two heat stations that were located in the back of the meeting space that members could stand near if they became too cold.

2. AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEETING RULES

The Chair asked that members state their name clearly before speaking for the purposes of the minutes. She explained that every member of the Society was eligible to vote at this meeting and that all students have the right to have their voices heard and participate. She reminded members present to be respectful, whether speakers were in favour of a motion or opposed to it. She outlined the procedures that would be used throughout the meeting, indicating that there were two microphones at which members could speak to motions, one microphone for speakers in favour, and one microphone for speakers opposed, asking that all members reflect the nature of their point by standing behind the appropriate microphone. She asked that statements be kept to three minutes in length and explained that when there are one minute or 30 seconds left during a time period, a sign would be raised. She explained that she had asked Titus Gregory to keep time and that when that time is up she would ask the speaker to leave. As well, speakers would alternate between those in favour and those opposed unless there is no speaker to the contrary. She stated that 16 minutes of debate should happen for each motion. She requested a motion to this effect.

Krystle Kalanj called quorum.

The Chair thanked Krystle Kalanj for reminding her about quorum. She stated that she had already walked around the perimeter of the meeting to observe the security and registration procedures. She stated she was confident in the measures that were taken and informed the body that the attendance at that time had reached 710 members.

(Applause)

Krystle Kalanj asked what that number was based on.

The Chair indicated that registration required picture ID and a student number and that the attendance was being monitored at the registration tables with the computers.

SGM:06-10-25:02 MOTION**2:43 pm**

Clea Moray / Deena Rubuliak

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved

Paul Browning called a Point of Order, stating that the SGM was out of order as it was called by an invalid meeting of Forum that was not properly constituted.

The Chair indicated she had been informed of the nature of his point and provided the minutes of the Forum meeting of September 27th, with the attendance of 15 of 28 members present for quorum, indicating that the meeting was valid and the motion had passed legitimately to call the SGM.

Matthew De Marchi called a Point of Information, asking who called the meeting of Forum.

The Chair indicated that Shawn Hunsdale had called it.

Paul Browning called a Point of Order, stating that an e-mail had been sent out before the meeting indicating that quorum would not be reached and canceling the meeting of Forum.

The Chair explained that nothing in the By-Laws suggests a meeting of Forum can be cancelled and that the meeting was duly constituted, and that nothing in the By-Laws suggests a Member Services Officer has the power to cancel a meeting.

(Applause)

The Chair stated that the meeting of Forum on September 27th was duly constituted.

Matthew De Marchi called a Point of Order, asking for the numbers of votes in favour and votes opposed at that meeting of Forum for the motion to call the SGM. He indicated that he would prefer a number out of thirty two.

The Chair requested a moment to find the section of minutes of that meeting that addressed the question.

Matthew De Marchi began whistling impatiently into the microphone.

The Chair indicated that she had been fair to him and requested that he respect her.

Matthew De Marchi apologized for whistling.

The Chair read from the minutes, informing the meeting that there had been 35 votes in favour, 0 votes opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Paul Browning indicated that it was his opinion based on the legal counsel received by the Board, that the meeting of Forum was cancelled.

The Chair indicated that she had reviewed letters from all lawyers involved and was convinced that the SGM was duly constituted.

(Applause)

SGM:06-10-25:02

CARRIED

SGM:06-10-25:03

MOTION

2:48 pm

Clea Moray / Titus Gregory

Be it resolved, as special rules of order, that speeches be confined to three minutes each, that debate on each resolution be confined to sixteen minutes each, and that speakers shall alternate between supporters and opponents of each resolution.

CARRIED

The Chair requested that members refrain from any heckling during the meeting and interrupting of speakers.

3. NEW BUSINESS AS SET OUT IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

SGM:06-10-25:04

MOTION

2:50 pm

Bryan Jones / Amie Vander May

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Shawn Hunsdale be impeached and removed as President and as a director of the Society

Matthew De Marchi called a Point of Order, asking to move to amend the agenda to put the By-Law amendments before the impeachment motions.

The Chair explained that there was already a motion on the floor to be considered and ruled Matthew De Marchi's point was out of order.

Bryan Jones motivated in favour of the motion, stating Shawn Hunsdale, as President of the Society, had, by acting outside the bounds of ethical standards, allowed the Student Society to achieve quorum at a general meeting of the Society.

(Applause)

Bryan Jones stated that Shawn Hunsdale had mentioned that he wanted the employee that was fired gone over a year ago. He stated that Shawn Hunsdale saw the By-Laws, Policies and the Constitution of the Society broken and ensured that the firing would not be agreed upon by the Board, as is past practice, but rather done in secret. He stated that Shawn Hunsdale had spent tens of thousands of Society dollars on improperly retained legal counsel and ensured that the collective agreements had been violated over twenty times in the last three months. He stated that in the past eight years, not a single violation was noted. He stated that Shawn Hunsdale had helped break the *Society Act* and indicated that by storing the Society's financial computers in a vacant residential unit, Shawn Hunsdale saw that the financial and personal information of thousands of students and employees was jeopardized. He stated that Shawn Hunsdale had opened the Society up to lawsuits by encouraging slander and libel of the former employee yet let other Board members take the blame for it. He stated that Shawn Hunsdale had sent a threatening letter to the national office of the Canadian Union of Public Employees threatening the future job prospects of the staff. He stated that Shawn Hunsdale had consistently lied to both students and other Board members and had helped provide the Canadian Federation of Students with contracts that were not approved by the Board. He stated that as a graduate student, he took offense to the disgusting disrespect that Shawn Hunsdale had shown to graduate students in attempting to prevent the health plan that they wanted and in attempting to provoke the health care broker into suing the Society. He concluded, stating that Shawn Hunsdale was not a recognized student of the university administration and is not eligible to serve as a Director of the Society, yet he was still spending Society money.

(Applause)

Paul Browning spoke in opposition to the motion, stating that he considers Shawn Hunsdale to be a fine, upstanding individual and to be doing an excellent job as a Director of the Society. He admitted that there were issues in the summer, but that due to the fact that they were labour issues, information was not allowed to be disclosed. He asserted that actions were taken to address the labour issue and the Board members responsible were unjustly criticized. He indicated that confidentiality was required. Secondly, he stated that since this action was taken, there had been accusations made of improper acts, like the fact that Shawn Hunsdale is not a student. He asserted that at the first meeting of the Board, all Society members were required to present proof that they were students in at least one course that semester or in the immediate previous semester and at that

meeting, every member present presented that proof. He stated that the accusations against Shawn are slanderous. Further, he asserted that the motions for impeachment are politically motivated by a small group of narrow minded individuals...

(Laughter)

Paul Browning continued, stating that those narrow minded individuals were looking to impeach the democratically elected representatives of the Society, with their own narrow minded political agenda to regain power in the Simon Fraser Student Society despite having lost in previous elections. He then encouraged members to see through the innuendo and false information put forward by the so-called Students for a Democratic University.

(Laughter)

Clement Apaak spoke in favour of the motion. He stated that until May 1st of this year, he was the President of the Student Society and that he had encouraged most students to vote for the Common Sense slate in the last election, one of the biggest mistakes he ever made. He requested that students join him to correct the mistake that he was partly responsible for. He stated that Shawn Hunsdale needed to be impeached, not because he has disgraced the office of the President which Clement Apaak held, but because Shawn Hunsdale lied to students and done everything possible to ensure that he and his team were not held accountable. Clement Apaak expressed disbelief at the accusation of theft put on a 26 year veteran when she had left a note, in the presence of a witness, in the cash registered and the money she took was money owed for her per diem to attend a conference. He expressed disbelief that Hattie Aitken of leaking information to health plan brokers that would have caused the signing a million dollar contract extension of 5 years. He indicated that none of the Group of 7 were present at those meetings when graduate students spoke to the lawyer but that he himself was present. He stated that there was no information that Hattie Aitken could have possibly given to the broker. He then explained that for a contract to be signed, a draft contract must first be negotiated by a team put together by the Board and then brought to the Board to discuss whether or not this contract should be signed. He stated that Hattie Aitken, who has no power, could never sign a contract that would cause the Society to lose money and encouraged members to vote to impeach Shawn and do the right thing for the future of the Student Society.

Paul McCulloch indicated that he was speaking neither for nor against the motion. He indicated that he had recently moved to Burnaby from Winnipeg and that the first thing he saw when he arrived at SFU was signs about this controversy. He explained that the more he heard, the more he realized that there wasn't enough information being disseminated to the students to make any clear decision about what was going on. He indicated that the only information available was from either Students for a Democratic University or the SFSS Board and that both sides squabble incessantly in *The Peak*. He complained that debate had taken up almost all of the content of the paper. He stated that he thought the controversy was a mark of shame on the University and the student movement in general and that no quorum, of 500 or 700 could make up for the silent majority of people who have no idea what is going on. He stated that he didn't feel that the assembly could make any decision unless full information was given and everyone knew exactly what they were voting for.

(Applause)

Krystle Kalanj called a Point of Information asking the chair to define the word slander.

The Chair indicated that she could not define the term as it was a legal one and did not fall under her position as Chairperson of the meeting. She explained that often, in cases of slander and libel

people go to court and debate it there. She affirmed that she was not aware of the nature of the politics taking place at this meeting and reminded the members present that she was acting as a neutral chair. She suggested that if members feel they are not able to participate in the meeting because of potentially slanderous comments made, they can call a Point of Personal Privilege.

Krystle Kalanj stated that the chair's goal of the meeting was to uphold order.

The Chair stated that thus far she had not heard anything that she would consider reason to shut a member's discussion down. She stated that if Krystle Kalanj would like to debate whether statements were unfair or wrong, that the member could debate the issue in opposition to the motion.

Eric Simlen spoke in favour of the motion, stating that this body was not a small group of people and reiterated that it was not just SDU, that there were over 700 members present, this being the first time quorum had been reached in over a decade for either an AGM or an SGM, indicative that this was what students wanted.

Andrea Sandau spoke in favour, introducing herself as the University Relations Officer of the Society. She explained that at the Sept 15th meeting of the Board of Directors the U-Pass was shown as proof of registration. She further pointed out that the U-Pass wasn't an appropriate indication of proof. She explained that when she tried to get the Board to present further proof of registration, the debate that ensued lasted over an hour. She further explained that the *University Act* defines the student as a person who is presently registered in a credit class. She continued to point out that Shawn Hunsdale admitted that he was taking a Continuing Education class that was not for credit. Andrea Sandau further clarified that students in Continuing Education classes are not members of the Simon Fraser Student Society and fees are not collected from those students. She questioned the validity of Shawn Hunsdale's Presidency based on this information. Following up, she indicated that she would be speaking to meetings in which she had been present whereat Shawn Hunsdale acted in his capacity as President of the Society to coerce other Directors of the Society to keep the Graduate Issues Officer off of the University Relations and Graduate Issues Coordinator Hiring Committee. She indicated that in that meeting, Shawn Hunsdale had stated that he wanted someone who was pro-CFS on that hiring committee and that Margo Dunnet was on that committee to keep both of the graduate representatives off. She further explained that on September 8th, when it became apparent that the petition to impeach was going to be received, a similar meeting was held at which she was present, wherein Shawn Hunsdale and others spoke to strategically hold the Annual General Meeting at the same time as the Special General Meeting, to prevent the SGM from obtaining quorum.

The Chair ruled that the speaker's time was up and reminded the members to be respectful, in response to Krystle Kalanj's earlier point.

(Applause)

Alex Hemingway spoke neither in favour nor in opposition to the motion. He expressed his concern with the dichotomy of the speaking procedure. He indicated that he was troubled by some actions of the Board, specifically those of the cancellation of Forum and the lack of response to the number of signatures on the petition. He indicated that the impeachment campaign was launched when he didn't have enough information to determine whether the actions of the Board constituted impeachable acts and he wasn't sure how he would be voting at this meeting either. He stated though, that if he was going to vote to impeach, that he would do so for what has happened since the petition was circulated. He expressed his concern that it was difficult to follow what is going on due to the rhetoric from both sides and mused that perhaps the Board and SDU do have a political

agenda to push. He indicated that, listening to the rhetoric coming from both sides, it seemed neither side wanted to get to the core of the issue. He stated that the discussion would have benefited with more of a debate, but encouraged members to vote with their conscience at the meeting.

The Chair repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly and pointed out the vote counters located around the edges of the meeting floor. She stated that a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote was required to pass the motion.

Mathew De Marchi called a Point of Information, asking who the vote counters were.

The Chair stated that she would answer the question after the count had been conducted.

SGM:06-10-25:04 CARRIED (724 votes in favour, 6 votes opposed, 13 abstentions)

Noted abstentions: Amanda McQuaig, Earl Tapia, ana kresina, and Sean Wilkinson

(Loud applause)

SGM:06-10-25:05 MOTION

3:16 pm

Brianna Turner / Nick Schmid

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Margo Dunnet be impeached and removed as External Relations Officer and as a director of the Society

Brianna Turner motivated in favour of the motion, stating that Margo Dunnet had been the most vocal and instrumental executive in carrying out the plan that Shawn Hunsdale laid out. She stated that rather than using her voice to answer students' questions and responding appropriately to the growing concerns of students, Margo Dunnet repeatedly engaged in slandering the names of former staff and had lied to the student body. She stated that on the first day that staff had been sent home in August, Margo Dunnet lied to the Graduate At-Large Representative, claiming that she was unaware of the whereabouts of the staff and that the computers were being taken out of the office for repairs. She stated that since then, Margo Dunnet's behaviour had been shameful. She stated that Margo Dunnet knowingly engaged in slandering the name of the employee that was terminated through the Member's Update. She stated that Margo Dunnet lied to Board members and students. She stated that in a letter to *The Peak*, Margo Dunnet attacked several students, questioning their academic records and their personal relationships. She stated that not only was this behaviour shameful and inappropriate, it demonstrated a complete failure to address the issue at hand. She stated that Margo Dunnet had repeatedly demonstrated that she is unwilling or unable to respond to students concerns in a professional manner and has also engaged in violations of the Collective Agreement. She stated that Margo Dunnet had threatened SFSS staff members, telling the employees of the SFSS with whom they are permitted to speak. She stated that Margo Dunnet had tried to coerce other board members into voting a particular way and had prevented them from putting motions on the floor. She stated that Margo Dunnet had actively worked to exclude other Board members, particularly the Graduate Issues Officer, from gaining access to information and from having a voice in hiring the staff member directly responsible for resourcing graduate students. She stated that Margo Dunnet had actively engaged in attempting to dissuade students from attending the SGM by lying and confusing students and that she could only conclude that Margo Dunnet was utterly uninterested in adhering to the democratic process which put her in office. She concluded, stating that Margo Dunnet had been party to virtually every flawed process that the Board had undertaken and had violated agreements, provincial statutes, and the ethical standards of a public representative. She stated that she has lost sight entirely of what is required from an elected representative.

Margo Dunnet expressed her concern that there was no way in three minutes she would be able to tell members the entire story. She stated that everything she had done was because she believed it was in the best interests of students. She stated that she didn't believe that the terminated employee was working in the best interests of students. She stated that she didn't believe that the graduate students on the working group were working in the best interest of students. She stated that she didn't believe that signing the contract with Gallivan and Associates was in the best interest of students. She said that the people who tried to signed the three year contract extension were not looking out for the best interests of graduate students. She stated that there was no way to limit price increases on that contract. She suggested that if they had been able to sign, graduate students would have been locked into a 5 year contract. She indicated that the contract had already gone up by sixty dollars in its first year. She stated that had the contract been accurately quoted, there was no way it should have gone up by that much. She indicated that the investigation uncovered stacks of evidence regarding what the terminated employee was doing in her relationship with Gallivan and Associates. She stated that the employee in question had talked to Gallivan and Associates about how to set up a negotiating committee and discussed the details of that negotiating committee with Mark Healy, telling him not to let the Board know of their discussion. She questioned how the terminated employee's actions were in the best interests of students. She said that the employee was giving away confidential information. Margo Dunnet stated that she was elected to represent students, undergraduate and graduate students, and that that is what she had done. She stated that she thought that graduate students, people like Clement Apaak and people on the Graduate Student Health Plan Working Group took the investigation personally. She indicated that she had not stopped the graduate health plan and that it would continue to be in place long after her term. She stated that the next Board will have the ability to renegotiate the health plan and that she will never have that ability. She stated that she was not trying to take away anyone's graduate health plan and that she was not trying to stop graduate autonomy, that graduate students can do whatever they want to do if they want to separate. She stated as well that she did not think that Joel Blok was the right person to be on the hiring committee and she did tell people to vote for her because she thought she would uphold the best interest of students. She stated that Joel Blok had walked out of Board meetings, that he hadn't been there, and that he doesn't work in the best interest of students. She stated that she had been giving up everything she had for students. Matthew De Marchi called a Point of Information asking that the two people in front of the Chair move out of the way as it was hard to see the chair.

The Chair indicated that she believed those students were trying to keep order, but that she would stand, as it was warmer for her anyways if she stood up.

Randy Galiwan stated that he thought enough debate had been had and he called the question.

SGM:06-10-25:06

MOTION

Randy Galiwan

Be it resolved that the question be called

Paul Browning called a Point of Order, stating that Randy Galiwan had made a point of debate in saying that he thought enough debate had been had to the motion, and that he was not able to call the question.

The Chair ruled the point out of order, and explained that she believed that debate had been heard for the motion and against the motion.

Mathew De Marchi called a Point of Order, stating that he thought there was a complete lack of debate.

The Chair ruled that point out of order as well and requested that Mathew De Marchi sit down.

(Applause)

The Chair stated that she was here to chair the meeting and to relay to the assembly *Robert's Rules of Order*. She continued to explain what calling the question meant.

SGM:06-10-25:06 CARRIED

The Chair requested that the earlier Point of Information regarding who the vote counters were be answered.

Titus Gregory clarified that the vote counters were appointed by the SGM Oversight Committee and that that committee was struck by Forum at its meeting on September 27th, the same meeting that called the Special General Meeting in which all members of the assembly were currently in attendance.

The Chair repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly.

SGM:06-10-25:05 CARRIED (613 votes in favour, 14 votes opposed, 61 abstentions)

Noted abstentions: Amanda McQuaig, Earl Tapia, Ana Kresina, Sean Wilkinson, and Ali Hassannia

Noted opposition: Vanessa Kelly and Marion Pollock

(Applause)

SGM:06-10-06:07 MOTION

3:34 pm

Jan Gunn / Yang Zhao

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Wei Li be impeached and removed as Internal Relations Officer and as a director of the Society

Jan Gunn introduced herself as one half of SFU's 'power couple', thanking Margo Dunnet for the title, a former employee of the Student Society, and a former IRO (Internal Relations Officer). She motivated in favour of the motion, stating first that a Collective Agreement is a legal document negotiated jointly by the employees and the employer of the Simon Fraser Student Society whose purpose was to lay out the governance of the workplace as well as to establish a process for resolving disputes. She stated that Collective Agreements are under the authority of a piece of legislation called the *Labour Relations Code* of BC. She stated that the IRO's primary responsibility was to uphold and enforce the terms of the Collective Agreement and in this respect, Wei Li had failed spectacularly. She explained that there were currently over 25 grievances brought against the SFSS and that this was galactically stupid when compared to the 1 or 2 grievances filed during her term, admitting that one of them was due to a mistake she had made. She indicated that over 25 grievances were not due to the mistakes of a young, inexperienced IRO, but rather that they were deliberate and wilful violations of the Collective Agreement. She stated that the employer was warned that their actions would result in grievances and that they indicated they did not care. She stated that every grievance may not go to the Labour Relations Board and be heard by an expensive arbitrator, but that every grievance cost the Society money, whether it be for a \$345 per hour lawyer to provide advice, the wages and stipends paid to cover the time spent in grievance meetings, or the loss of productivity in staff and directors. She indicated this could cost thousands and thousands of student dollars and stated that that was incredibly irresponsible. She continued, stating that all members of the Society were workers and that they know how they would like to be

treated by an employer. She indicated that as IRO, it was Wei Li's responsibility to foster a smooth and efficient work environment but that instead he had created the most toxic workplace she had ever seen. She stated that her former coworkers have been disrespected and that Wei Li had created an environment where people daily fear for their jobs and where the long-standing tradition of cooperation had been destroyed. She stated that people who were once valued for the skills and guidance they brought to new inexperienced directors had been made to feel useless and had been told that their opinions don't matter and occasionally that their advice was not welcome. She stated that the employer had run roughshod over workers and that this was the kind of workplace that takes a toll on the health and well being of workers. She indicated that she had been told of sleepless nights, anxiety, and increased sickness brought on by high stress and stated that nobody deserved to be treated like that.

(Applause)

The Chair announced that Wei Li wanted to speak to the assembly but that he was not eligible to enter the space of the meeting because he was not a student this semester and requested a motion to allow him to speak.

SGM:06-10-25:08

MOTION

3:38 pm

Jessica Stanley/ Michael Caulkins

Be it resolved that Wei Li be permitted to speak

CARRIED

Wei Li thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak and announced that he did take a class last semester, indicating that he was still a student. He continued to explain that in January and in August, members of the Board found something that an employee did that was wrong and that he had to terminate this employee for it. He indicated that he understood that it had a very stressful impact in the workplace. He stated that he and Sam Bradd, the union representative from CUPE 5396 were working to improve the workplace. He stated that the allegations that he didn't care about the workplace were not true. He stated that he did care about the workplace very much but that it was inevitable that his actions would change the workplace. He stressed that it is difficult to terminate someone and repeated that the decision was stressful. He stated that he understood that many grievances were being handled but declared that grievances are not always a breach of the Collective Agreement; rather, they are used as a communication tool from the employee to the employer. He said that the nature of grievances could be constructed dependant on how he and the union representative work on it. He said that he believed that the political climate within the office became even worse due to the proposed impeachments and increased the stress on the Directors of the Society. He stated that if the pressure of impeachments wasn't there, that it would be easier for the employer and the employee to mend this situation. He concluded, stating that his goal was first, to not be impeached, and second, to work towards a healthy working relationship with employees. He stated that was always his intent and that he didn't understand the allegations to the contrary.

The Chair reminded the assembly to be respectful and requested that the murmuring at the back of the assembly cease.

Jessica Stanley introduced herself as an independent student and Called the Question.

SGM:06-10-25:09

MOTION

Jessica Stanley

Be it resolved that the question be called

SGM:06-10-25:09 CARRIED

The Chair repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly.

Daniel Green requested a roll call vote for every motion and then retracted his request.

Chris Lindberg called a Point of Personal Privilege, stating that the large crowd of people standing at the microphones were distracting and requested that those people sit down until they were called to speak on a motion.

(Applause)

The Chair ruled the point in order and indicated that there were nearby chairs that members could use.

Ken McCarthy called a Point of Personal Privilege, asking whether or not Wei Li's vote was counted even though he was not supposed to be admitted.

The Chair stated that Wei Li's personal vote was not counted.

Paul Browning stated that under the SFSS By-Laws, students in either the current or past semester are members in good standing and while the administration's list may only include students who are registered in classes this semester, he believes that Wei Li's vote should be counted.

Titus Gregory clarified, reading from By-Law 1, noting that an "Active Member" meant a student who was registered in a course, program, or graduate program for the current semester. He stated that By-Law 2 section 4 states, notwithstanding the provisions of these By-Laws, in order to be eligible to run for office and to be eligible to vote at Annual General Meetings and at Special General Meetings, a student must be an active member of the society. He noted that Mr. Li was not an active member in good standing, but that he was a member in good standing according to By-Law 5, section 1. Because he was not an active member in good standing, he did not have the right to vote at this meeting.

The Chair ruled the point out of order and then called a Point of Personal Privilege of her own, declaring that there should be a warming station on the stage with her.

SGM:06-10-25:08 CARRIED (573 votes in favour, 20 votes opposed, 45 abstentions)

Noted abstentions: Earl Tapia, ana kresina, Sean Wilkinson, and Gregory Campbell

Noted opposition: Marion Pollock

(Applause)

SGM:06-10-25:10 MOTION**3:52 pm**

Peter Lypkie / Sarah Caufield

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Glyn Lewis be impeached and removed as Member Services Officer and as a director of the Society

Peter Lypkie introduced himself as a past Vice President and Treasurer of the Computing Science Student Society and a member of the Society off and on for ten years. He said that throughout his membership with the SFSS, Hattie Aitken had been an excellent influence on his time at the University and in helping out with the Computing Science Student Society. He stated that when he heard she was fired, he decided he wanted to find out what was going on and that was when he began attending meetings where he could see the Board members in action. He indicated that when he started attending those meetings, he was neither in favour nor against the decision. He stated

that he didn't know what was going on, and that prior to this, he had been on friendly terms with Shawn Hunsdale. He stated that during the time between the firing and the SGM, Glyn Lewis and others were acting contrary to the democratic ideals that he holds. He stated that in the meetings he attended, they acted in any way they could to prevent students, graduate students, and staff members from having their voices heard, and from doing the right thing and that he was disappointed with meetings he had attended and with the actions of Glyn Lewis. He requested that students stick around until the end of the meeting because it was important to get all of these people off of the Board because of their actions and he didn't want to lose quorum.

(Applause)

Peter Lypkie stated that it was particularly important to get Glyn Lewis off because Glyn Lewis tried to cancel a Forum meeting that he was a member of previously as a representative for Computing Science. He asserted that Glyn Lewis tried to cancel a meeting when there were clearly enough people who wanted to attend and for that reason alone, he should be kicked out.

Glyn Lewis introduced himself as the Member Services Officer. He stated that he thought a lot of what had happened at the SGM was not right. He stated that he thought that students were coming out in numbers because they care about something. He stated that what he wanted to think was that students who came for democracy and who want to hear his side of the story would let him tell his side of the story and not call the question and not cut him off. He stated that something as serious as impeachment deserved somebody else's point of view.

The Chair reminded Glyn Lewis that the assembly had voted on a 3 minute limit to discussion.

Glyn Lewis asked whether that was a 3 minute limit on what he could say and the questions he could answer.

The Chair confirmed that was the case but that her time used speaking would be deducted from his time so that he would have a full 3 minutes to speak. She repeated that those were the rules agreed to at the beginning of the meeting.

Glyn Lewis stated that he thought he should be given more than three minutes to speak.

(Laughter)

The Chair called the assembly back to order.

SGM:06-10-25:11

MOTION

3:59 pm

Glyn Lewis / Krystle Kalanj

Be it resolved that the speaking period be amended to 10 minutes for speaking and answering questions

The Chair reminded the assembly that the meeting was not a debate and advised that a 2/3 majority vote would be required to change the rules of order for the meeting. She then repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly.

LOST

The Chair indicated that because of his confusion, she would allow him three minutes further to speak and requested that he watch the stage for cues to wind up.

Glyn Lewis pointed out that not allowing a student to have their voice heard who is up for impeachment is not right. He questioned how the assembly claimed to stand for democracy and transparency, how they want to ask questions and how they want two sides of the story when they wouldn't give him ten minutes to say what he has to say and to answer questions. He stated that he

was not trying to be disrespectful or make accusations but he was just trying to make his voice heard. He questioned how there were so many people at the meeting who had never met him, who had never talked to him, who had never come to a meeting, who didn't know who Glyn Lewis was or what he stood for.

(Heckling)

The Chair reminded the assembly that Glyn Lewis had the floor and to be quiet and respectful.

Glyn Lewis thanked the Chair out of respect. He asserted that the people at the meeting were putting his name and the other students' names on the chopping block. He indicated that he could see that the people were impassioned and that they care about everything that is going on, and that he could see that inside of himself, but that it wasn't fair not to hear him out and to not see who he is and to see what kind of Member Services Officer he wants to be. He stated that he wants to be a representative that represented students. He stated that he had dedicated sums of his life organizing events on campus that he was not getting paid for because they were two years ago. He thanked the assembly very much, and stated that he dedicated an entire summer of his life to putting on an event on this campus because he believes in students on this campus and if the assembly didn't want to see it and didn't want to hear it, that was fine. He stated that if the assembly actually cared about the other side, democracy, and to hear somebody out before putting their head on a chopping block then that is the only thing that is right.

SGM:06-10-25:12

MOTION

4:03 pm

Daniel Green/ Margo Dunnet

Be it resolved that a roll call vote be taken for every motion

The Chair explained that a roll call vote required a simply majority vote in favour to pass and explained what a roll call vote meant.

Margo Dunnet called a Point of Order, stating that a request for a roll call vote doesn't go to a vote. She declared that a roll call vote must take place on the request of a single member.

Titus Gregory read from page 405 of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 10th Edition, noting that Robert's Rules of Order provides that a roll call vote is not to be used in a mass meeting.

(Applause)

Titus Gregory asked if Margo Dunnet would like him to read the paragraph explaining that a majority vote is required to have a roll call vote on a resolution, or if she accepted that it was the case.

Margo Dunnet stated that that was fine.

Titus Gregory asked Daniel Green if he agreed.

Daniel Green agreed.

LOST

SGM:06-10-25:13

MOTION

Brody Murfin

Be it resolved that the question be called

CARRIED

The Chair repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly.

SGM:06-10-25:12 CARRIED (607 votes in favour, 22 votes opposed, 23 abstentions)

Noted abstentions: Earl Tapia, ana kresina, and Sean Wilkinson

Noted opposition: Vanessa Kelly and Marion Pollock

(Applause)

The Chair reminded the assembly that there were only a few more impeachment motions to go through and then two By-Law amendments at the end of the agenda and encouraged members to stay until the meeting was finished.

Paul McCulloch stated that the climate of the room seemed to be overwhelmingly in favour of the resolutions. He stated that every time someone calls the question, the meeting becomes a witch hunt. He moved that every motion get full debate.

The Chair stated that everyone who came to the meeting had an issue and saw the meeting as a way to resolve this issue. She stated that she had to follow *Roberts Rules of Order* and that *Robert's Rules of Order* state that the assembly governs how the meeting proceeds. She stated that if the assembly declares that they have heard enough debate and call the question, the Chair, as the servant of the assembly, must go directly to the vote. She declared that Paul McCulloch's motion was out of order.

Paul McCulloch stated that he was just trying to speak to the majority that won't show up, the people that won't know what was going on.

The Chair stated that if those members were not here and had not registered into the meeting then they were not members of the assembly.

SGM:06-10-25:14**MOTION****4:15 pm**

Andrea Sandau / Steven Anas

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Vanessa Kelly be impeached and removed as Treasurer and as a director of the Society

Andrea Sandau spoke in favour of the motion, stating that, throughout the period of the labour investigation this summer, many students went to the Board of Directors asking questions about what happened. She stated that while there were many issues that had to be raised with them about the nature of the investigation, many students decided to focus their attention on the costs of the investigation. She stated that Ms. Kelly was asked at a Board meeting on August 9th about the costs of the investigation and if she could provide any estimate on how much it had cost and how much it could cost going forward. She stated that Vanessa Kelly promised to get those answers to students as soon as she could. She stated that students have been waiting for over two and a half months now, with several more students asking. She stated that ana kresina, the former Treasurer of the Simon Fraser Student Society, had been asking for quite a while for financial documents and membership lists of the Student Society but to date ana kresina has not received those either. She stated that this motion was not simply about Ms. Kelly's failure to perform one small part of her job, but because Vanessa Kelly has allowed her own politics to come before her responsibility to the Society members. She stated that if Vanessa Kelly had any concern for the Society and its finances, she would not have endorsed and participated actively in the firing process of an SFSS employee. She stated that Vanessa Kelly should have known that that action would lead to many repercussions with the staff union and with the students and should have had more respect for the private information of students. She stated that Vanessa Kelly should not have been involved in a dangerous classroom speaking process where she routinely broke the confidentiality provisions of

the Collective Agreement with the staff and therefore exposed the SFSS to the possibility of legal actions seeking damages. She stated that Vanessa Kelly should not have worked to create a toxic work environment for the employees of the Society whose job it is to serve us as members. She stated that what Vanessa Kelly should have done, was shown that she was there to serve students and the Society and not her own political agenda and the agenda of her cohorts. She stated that Ms. Kelly had, over the past three months, demonstrated clearly that she does not care about students or the SFSS and does not deserve to serve as a Director of the Society or to be its Treasurer.

(Applause)

Margo Dunnet began to object to the consideration of the motion.

Andrea Sandau called a Point of Order, requesting that Margo Dunnet stop heckling people quietly under her breath as they walk by or while they were up at the microphones.

Margo Dunnet requested that Andrea Sandau stop telling lies about her, stating that Andrea Sandau had been consistently telling lies about her for months, and that requested that students cease to believe her.

Andrea Sandau called a Point of Order, stating that Margo Dunnet was not speaking to the motion on the floor.

The Chair reminded both parties to respect each other.

Margo Dunnet objected to the consideration of the motion, stating that it was not a valid meeting as it had not been called in the proper fashion.

The Chair ruled Margo Dunnet out of order, stating that debate over whether the meeting was valid had already been had before she arrived at the meeting and that she had already pointed out why the SGM was duly constituted.

(Applause)

Vanessa Kelly called a Point of Order, pointing out that Margo Dunnet had moved a motion and that she would like it to be considered.

The Chair asked what motion Margo Dunnet had moved.

Vanessa Kelly stated that Margo Dunnet had objected to the consideration of the question.

The Chair stated that Margo Dunnet should vote against the motion.

(Laughter)

Paul Browning called a Point of Order, indicating that *Robert's Rules of Order* provides that the motion to Object to the Consideration of a Question is in order.

The Chair requested clarification from Titus Gregory.

Titus Gregory read from *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 10th Edition. He noted that, according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, the motion to Object to the Consideration of a Question has eight standard characteristic descriptions, whose third standard characteristic describes when an to Object to the Consideration of a Question is in order. He stated that the third standard characteristic states that an to Object to the Consideration of a Question can not be moved once debate on the main motion has begun.

The Chair stated that Titus Gregory was a parliamentarian extraordinaire and reminded the assembly that the meeting was attempting to run democratically and logically. She stated that, customarily, and she has chaired many large political conventions, when a resolution comes to the floor and a lot of people are mad about it, they vote it down.

Titus Gregory stated that if members want to Object to the Consideration of a Question, the appropriate time would be right after the motion has been read from the Chair, before any motivation has been spoken.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Vanessa Kelly spoke in opposition to the motion. She stated that she would speak to the point that Andrea Sandau had made. She indicated that the documents that ana kresina requested will be given to her on Friday. She indicated that ana kresina had made the request two days before she had gone on sick leave, leaving her without the opportunity to fulfill this request. She stated that she had been busy with the Annual General Meeting and that her request would be fulfilled on Friday. She stated that she has done her duties to the Society as best as she could and would like to share some of her knowledge as Treasurer with the Society. She stated that Directors are provided a stipend, with Executives receiving a stipend for the 60 hours that they work, bi-weekly. She stated that, on average, she works 80-90 hours for the Society, explaining that 30 hours are worked, bi-weekly, that she is not paid for. She stated that she had done many, many things that she believed were beneficial to the Society that far outweigh any opposition that people may have. She stated that she had been working very closely with Students United for Disability Support, in making sure that they had equipment within the Society for their needs. She stated that she had been working with many different constituent groups, and hours upon hours on campaigns, much more than just the bureaucracy that is the job of the Treasurer. She stated that she hoped that members of the assembly would take this into consideration and allow debate to happen, to allow themselves to make an informed decision. She indicated that there were people present with information and those people would like to give it to the assembly. She requested that the assembly allow them to do so. Lastly, she stated that she would like to ask those people that are consistently abstaining, especially to things like calling the question, to allow debate to happen. She stated that there were at least 60 people for every motion abstaining who may be able to make up their mind if debate occurs.

Andrea Sandau called a Point of Information, indicating that there were many opportunities to speak to the membership before this meeting.

(Applause)

Vanessa Kelly called a Point of Order, stating that that was not a Point of Information.

The Chair upheld the Point, allowing Vanessa Kelly one further minute to finish speaking.

Vanessa Kelly expressed her surprise that another Director of the Society for 6 months did not know her *Robert's Rules of Order*. She stated that she had had the opportunity to answer many students' questions and that she saw many faces in the assembly that she had never seen before that she would love to hear questions from. She stated that she really, really wanted to hear student concerns but she can't because of students calling the question. She repeated that members obviously had questions as they were at the meeting but they were not given the opportunity to answer them so because the question had always been called.

The Chair reminded the assembly to quiet down and that the meeting was nearly finished.

SGM:06-10-25:15

MOTION

4:27 pm

Daniel Green / Vanessa Kelly

Be it resolved we take a 10 minute recess

SGM:06-10-25:16

MOTION TO AMEND

4:29 pm

Yang Zhao / Choon Shiang Ng

Be it resolved that the motion be amended by adding the words “after the impeachment motion on the floor has been voted on”

The Chair explained what it meant to vote on an amendment to a motion and then repeated the amendment for the benefit of the assembly.

SGM:06-10-25:16 LOST

The Chair repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly.

SGM:06-10-25:15 LOST

(Applause)

Kate Millbury called a Point of Order, requesting that filibusterers of process stand at the microphone designated for opposition to the motions.

SGM:06-10-25:17 MOTION

Randy Galawan

Be it resolved that the question be called

CARRIED

The Chair repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly.

Vanessa Kelly stated that all those students with abstentions should feel free to talk to her at any time.

SGM:06-10-25:14 CARRIED (597 votes in favour, 10 votes opposed, 30 abstentions)

Noted abstentions: ana kresina, Earl Tapia, and Sean Wilkinson

(Applause)

SGM:06-10-25:18 MOTION

4:39 pm

Jason Tockman / Chris Demwell

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Marion Pollock be impeached and removed as a director of the Society

Jason Tockman presented his motivation for the motions, stating that while Marion was away when the investigation launched and all of this began, she had completely supported the labour committee and the investigation and the process of firing Hattie Aitken since she returned from vacation. He stated that she had never spoken out against the process used by the Labour Committee. He asserted that at a Board meeting she had been dishonest and denied knowing about the SGM when earlier that day she had been briefed about the SGM being called by Forum. She conspired to make the SGM not happen and for that reason she should be impeached.

Patrick Belleville called a Point of Personal Privilege, stating that, thus far those people who have voted against the motions or who have abstained have been ridiculed and called this an affront to both the meeting and to the democratic process and requested that it be stopped.

The Chair upheld the Point of Privilege and stated that she did not wish the meeting to be conducted this way.

Marion Pollock spoke against the motion, indicating that she was not present for the initiation of the investigation but that she stands behind the decisions of the Labour Committee because she does have access to the evidence. She outlined a process called arbitration that happens when an

employee is fired wherein an independent third party called an arbitrator, the equivalent of a judge, governs according to the labour law. She stated that arbitration entails looking at the evidence of both sides and making a decision that is binding for both sides. She asserted that the assembly did not care about an independent third party, that the assembly did not care about finding out the truth and that the assembly did not care about somebody making a decision other than a group of students on a witch hunt. She stated that by refusing to allow debate, the assembly was showing they didn't care about any of the actual truth and that the assembly was only interested in impeaching people for the sake of impeaching people and that she thinks that is reprehensible. She repeated that the assembly had made up their minds without any of the facts, that that was unfortunate and that she was not staying at the meeting anymore.

SGM:06-10-25:19 MOTION

Randy Galawan

Be it resolved that the question be called

Paul McCulloch announced that he was leaving because every time someone called the question no debate could happen and that the assembly was voting to impeach because they were told that those people had done something wrong. He stated that the person who was up for impeachment was being impeached because she supported the Board. He began to ask the assembly what the hell was wrong with them and then was cut off at the mic.

A member called a Point of Order, indicating that the question was called and had to be addressed.

The Chair stated that she was taking Paul McCulloch's statement as a Point of Personal Privilege and allowing him to speak because he seemed frustrated that not enough debate was happening.

CARRIED

The Chair repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly.

SGM:06-10-25:18 CARRIED (492 votes in favour, 20 votes opposed, 57 abstentions)

Noted abstentions: ana kresina, Earl Tapia, Sean Wilkinson, Yang Zhao, Brody Murphin, and Sana Siddiqui

Noted opposition: Vanessa Kelly

(Applause)

SGM:06-10-25:20 MOTION**4:49 pm**

Daniel Green / Paul Browning

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to include New Business discussing an amendment to the SFU Residence policy allowing for a student who is going to be evicted to be able to have a hearing before a Board of students and not just the Assistant Director of Residence and his coworker, the Director of Residence.

Chris Demwell called a Point of Personal Privilege requesting that members who are filibustering not use the microphone designated for speakers 'in favour' of motions.

The Chair explained that Points or motions to amend the agenda were neither pro or con and any microphone could be used.

SGM:06-10-25:21 MOTION TO AMEND**4:53 pm**

James Richardson / Nick Schmid

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to make the motion the next order of New Business following the very next item of business

The Chair explained what it meant to move an amendment to a motion to amend the agenda.

Daniel Green stated that he would like to consider that a friendly amendment

The Chair explained what it meant to make a friendly amendment.

Titus Gregory stated that there was no such thing as a 'friendly amendment.'

The Chair indicated that she was the Chair and she was running the meeting.

(Laughter and applause)

The Chair asked if the seconder of the motion was in agreement.

Paul Browning indicated that he was not.

The Chair declared that the vote on the amendment would have to take place and then repeated the amendment for the benefit of the assembly.

SGM:06-10-25:21 LOST

The Chair repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly and advised the assembly that a 2/3 vote was required to carry this motion.

SGM:06-10-25:20 LOST

SGM:06-10-25:22 MOTION 5:03 pm

Andrea Sandau / Amie Vander May

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Erica Halpern be impeached and removed as a director of the Society

SGM:06-10-25:23 MOTION 5:04 pm

Paul Browning / Vanessa Kelly

Objection to the consideration of the question.

The Chair indicated that objections to consideration could not be debated and explained what an objection to consideration meant.

SGM:06-10-25:23 LOST

Andrea Sandau explained that Erica Halpern was the only Board member, aside from Mr. Hunsdale, who had previously served a term on the Board of Directors. She stated that Erica Halpern should know better than what she has done. She stated that by serving a term on the Board, Erica Halpern knew what the By-Laws and past practice of the Society has been. She stated that despite this, Erica Halpern allowed the Board of Directors to engage in unlawful and mean-spirited behaviours. She stated that Erica Halpern had voted to support Mr. Hunsdale and the other Directors and that Erica Halpern had never once, since July when this began, spoke out in any way against what has been done. She stated that Erica Halpern's lack of action clearly demonstrated a tacit approval of many violations that have been carried out and for this reason, Erica Halpern should be impeached.

Vanessa Kelly stated that she did believe a gentleman had a Point of Information.

The Chair stated that Vanessa Kelly did not need to announce that, and that if he did have a Point of Information, the assembly would hear it.

Gilles Grafstrom called a Point of Information, stating that he was not opposed or in favour of the motion because he did not have enough information about what is going on from both sides. He stated that the Student Union seemed to want to provide information about what was going on and what this fiasco was all about and that they say they want to do that right now. He stated that he would like to hear what they have to say before he made a decision about whether or not he wanted to impeach them or whether he didn't want to impeach them. He stated that the meeting seemed like a little bit of a witch hunt to him, and he had a question for the Student Union.

The Chair stated that Gilles Grafstrom was out of order and that she was only letting him speak because the final impeachment resolution was being discussed.

Gilles Grafstrom repeated that the meeting seemed like a witch hunt and that the assembly wasn't being given a chance to let the SFSS speak.

The Chair asked what Gilles Grafstrom's question was.

Gilles Grafstrom stated that he wanted the SFSS to be able to tell their side of the story as it seemed like the debate was very imbalanced.

The Chair stated that Gilles Grafstrom had spoke under a Point of Information and that was out of order.

Vanessa Kelly spoke in opposition to the motion on behalf of Erica Halpern who could not be present for medical reasons. She stated that Erica Halpern had given so much to the Society and while Vanessa Kelly didn't even cry for her own impeachment, she was going to cry for Erica Halpern's because Erica Halpern had nothing to do with this. She stated that the motion clearly demonstrates how much of a political witch hunt the meeting was. She stated that Erica Halpern was the most sceptical person of the entire process and that Erica Halpern had abstained from decisions when she didn't know all of the information. Vanessa Kelly stated that this motion was ridiculous and thanked Paul Browning for objecting to its consideration. She stated that Erica Halpern was put up for impeachment at the SGM for the purpose of having her resign before the meeting would take place. She indicated that previous Directors knew how volatile emotionally she could be and that Erica Halpern did not deserve to be impeached at all. She stated that her proposed impeachment was a political tactic and that it was gross and reprehensible. She declared that every single person who will be voting in favour should feel ashamed. She continued to state that Erica Halpern has done nothing, and has given her heart and soul and time and help into the Society and has brought so many initiatives to the Society and that she wasn't involved in a labour investigation.

(Applause)

The Chair stated that Vanessa Kelly had 30 seconds left to speak.

Vanessa Kelly requested that members do not vote in favour of impeaching Erica Halpern and declared that in doing so, the membership will be proving how misinformed they were.

Jennifer Scott stated that she was responding to the allegation that students do not have enough information. She stated that there was ample opportunity, especially in the past two months, for the SFSS to speak out, whether in debate, meetings, or *The Peak*. She stated that she was proud of SFU students. She indicated that it was freezing cold, that the assembly had heard both sides.

SGM:06-10-25:24

MOTION

Jennifer Scott

Be it resolved that the question be called

CARRIED

The Chair repeated the motion on the floor for the benefit of the assembly.

Veronique Vachon interrupted, stating that all debate heard were from members of the Board, who the assembly does not want to hear from because students have lost trust in them but she was a student...

The Chair interrupted, stating that the question had been called.

Veronique Vachon stated that she just wanted to speak on behalf of Erica Halpern, stating that the only person speaking in favour was a member of the Board.

The Chair indicated that she understood why Veronique Vachon wanted to speak and that it was an important point, but that the assembly decided that debate would be cut and then repeated the motion for the benefit of the assembly.

A member called a Point of Order, stating that there was a person heckling the crowd during the process of the vote count at the microphone.

The Chair indicated that she couldn't hear that from her position at the front and reminded the assembly to act with dignity and stop that.

Alex Hemingway called a Point of Order, stating that he was told that the SGM and the petition that led to it suggested a debate. He also objected to the allegation that this was a witch hunt, stating that that accusation was disrespectful.

Yang Zhao called a Point of Information, stating that the SGM was not about the petition. He stated that the SFSS received the knowledge that the petition was valid but that Forum was the body that called it. He began introducing himself as a member of the SFSS who is not a member of the SDU.

Paul Browning called a Point of Order, indicating that the membership was waiting for results.

The Chair ruled the Point in order and ceased debate.

SGM:06-10-25:22 CARRIED (382 votes in favour, 60 votes opposed, 155 abstentions)

Noted abstentions: ana kresina, Earl Tapia, Sean Wilkinson, Marshel Alam, Travis Brown, Brophy Burphin, Sana Saddiqui, Kali Charumbura, Chad Warford, Vincent Lemieux, Derek Andrew, Melanie Streich, Robin Folvik, and Andrew Tardiff

Noted opposition: Titus Gregory

SGM:06-10-25:25 MOTION TO AMEND BY-LAWS

5:13 pm

Ben Milne / Nick Schmid

Be it resolved, as special resolutions, that:

By-Law 6, section 5 [a] be amended to read: 'The Board shall maintain as a standing committee a Graduate Issues Committee. This committee shall receive and have exclusive authority over an annual budget of not less than 25% of the balance of the value of the unrestricted student fees collected from graduate students.';

By-Law 6, section 5 [b] be amended to read: 'The Graduate Issues Committee shall be made up of graduate student members and be charged with discussing and addressing issues of specific importance to graduate students and advising the Board and other agents of the Society of its decisions.';

By-Law 8, section 6 [f] be rescinded; and

By-Law 8, section 6 [c] be amended to read: 'Notwithstanding any other provision in these By-Laws, the Graduate Issues Committee shall have exclusive authority to appoint an acting Graduate Issues Officer or acting At-Large Graduate Student Representative to the Board, and such appointments shall not need ratification by Forum.'

Ben Milne motivated in favour of the motion, stating that he thought it was important that graduate students be respected.

SGM:06-10-25:26 MOTION

Jason Tockman

Be it resolved that the question be called

CARRIED

SGM:06-10-25:25 CARRIED

Noted abstention: Paul Browning

SGM:06-10-27:27 MOTION TO AMEND BY-LAWS

5:15 pm

Joel Blok / Bryan Jones

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that By-Law 17, section 1 [a] be amended to add: 'Referenda regarding fees to be levied only upon undergraduate students or regarding the expenditure of funds raised through such fees shall be voted on by undergraduate students only; referenda regarding fees to be levied only upon graduate students or regarding the expenditure of funds raised through such fees shall be voted on by graduate students only.'

SGM:06-10-25:28 MOTION

Jason Tockman

Be it resolved that the question be called

CARRIED

Geordie Dent called a Point of Order, questioning whether Erica Halpern's vote was a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority and whether her impeachment was in order.

The Chair indicated that it was in order.

SGM:06-10-25:27 CARRIED

Noted abstention: Paul Browning

4. ADJOURNMENT

SGM:06-10-25:28 MOTION

5:17 pm

Clement Apaak / Nick Schmid

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm

(Applause and cheering)

AvB/avb

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY

April 30, 2007

TOMPKINS, WOZNY, MILLER & Co.
Chartered Accountants

A partnership of incorporated professionals.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
Simon Fraser Student Society

We have audited the statement of financial position of **Simon Fraser Student Society** as at April 30, 2007 and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at April 30, 2007 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. As required by the British Columbia Society Act, we report that, in our opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co.

Vancouver, Canada
July 11, 2007

Chartered Accountants

As at April 30

	2007 \$	2006 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	691,099	526,710
Restricted cash [note 5]	196,014	199,526
Accounts receivable – Health Plan	209,840	—
– Other	90,509	98,697
Inventory	106,609	96,168
Prepaid expenses	14,296	20,696
Total current assets	1,308,367	941,797
Cash held for Space Expansion Fund [statement 5]	2,580,179	1,461,900
Capital assets [note 6]	4,639,221	4,838,962
Sinking fund and cash held by Simon Fraser University [note 7]	—	3,476,480
	8,527,767	10,719,139
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accruals	774,654	499,417
Accrued interest on loan payable	—	73,861
Accessibility Fund [statement 6]	65,061	31,386
First Nations Students Association [statement 7]	75,502	57,809
Graduate Student Health Plan [statement 7]	248,090	107,572
Total current liabilities	1,163,307	770,045
Loan payable – Simon Fraser University [note 7]	—	3,155,000
Space Expansion Fund [statement 5]	2,580,179	1,461,900
Space expansion levies unexpended [note 9]	—	247,619
Deferred levies relating to capital assets [note 8]	4,556,825	4,782,465
Total liabilities and deferred levies	8,300,311	10,417,029
Net assets		
Invested in capital assets	82,396	56,497
Repair and Replacement Reserves [statement 6]	54,084	80,820
Unrestricted	90,976	164,793
Total net assets	227,456	302,110
	8,527,767	10,719,139

Commitments [note 12]
Contingent liabilities [note 13]
See accompanying notes

On behalf of the Board:

"Derrick Harder"

Director

“Adam Lein”

Director

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year ended April 30

	Invested in Capital Assets \$	Repair and Replacement Reserve \$	Un- Restricted \$	Total \$
	<i>[Statement 6]</i>			
2007				
Excess of expenses for the year	—	(11,150)	(63,504)	(74,654)
Purchase of capital assets with unrestricted funds	57,827	(24,886)	(32,941)	—
Amortization of capital assets purchased with unrestricted funds	(31,928)	—	31,928	—
Interfund transfer	—	9,300	(9,300)	—
Increase (decrease) in net assets during the year	25,899	(26,736)	(73,817)	(74,654)
Balance, beginning of year	56,497	80,820	164,793	302,110
Balance, end of year	82,396	54,084	90,976	227,456
2006				
Excess of revenues (expenses) for the year	—	(6,249)	85,411	79,162
Purchase of capital assets with unrestricted funds	37,331	—	(37,331)	—
Amortization of capital assets purchased with unrestricted funds	(29,662)	—	29,662	—
Interfund transfer	—	10,455	(10,455)	—
Increase in net assets during the year	7,669	4,206	67,287	79,162
Balance, beginning of year	48,828	76,614	97,506	222,948
Balance, end of year	56,497	80,820	164,793	302,110

See accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year ended April 30

	2007 \$	2006 \$
REVENUES		
Activity fees	1,483,437	1,388,530
Retail services <i>[schedule 1]</i>	2,052,396	1,904,451
General office <i>[schedule 2]</i>	49,968	51,358
Rental revenue	110,165	100,105
Interest	26,217	12,164
Space Expansion Funds brought into income	197,982	362,763
Accessibility Fund <i>[statement 6]</i>	12,200	1,502
First Nations Students Association <i>[statement 7]</i>	29,259	32,864
Graduate Student Health Plan <i>[statement 7]</i>	505,697	279,380
Amortization of deferred levies <i>[note 8]</i>	241,300	250,510
Total revenues	4,708,621	4,383,627
EXPENSES		
Retail services <i>[schedule 1]</i>	2,259,900	2,068,329
Administration and financial office <i>[schedule 2]</i>	146,378	141,769
General office <i>[schedule 2]</i>	178,898	170,129
Unusual dispute expenses <i>[note 11]</i>	205,105	—
Building operating costs (net of recoveries)	32,094	28,524
Total office, operating and administration	562,475	340,422
Space Expansion Fund expenditures:		
– loan interest <i>[statement 5]</i>	94,650	189,300
– building maintenance and renovation costs <i>[statement 5]</i>	103,332	173,463
Total Space Expansion Fund	197,982	362,763
Activity and program expenditures <i>[schedule 3]</i>	1,336,597	1,100,141
Discretionary grants – departmental student unions	141,451	112,598
Discretionary grants – clubs	15,362	38,583
Student bursaries	10,000	10,000
Total activity, programs and grants	1,503,410	1,261,322
Amortization – assets purchased through Space Expansion Fund	241,300	250,510
Amortization – other	18,208	21,119
Total expenses	4,783,275	4,304,465
Excess of revenue (expenses) for the year	(74,654)	79,162

See accompanying notes

Year ended April 30

Note: During the year, the Society paid \$94,650 [2006 - \$189,300] of interest on its long-term debt.

See accompanying notes

SPACE EXPANSION FUND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCE

Year ended April 30

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Funds under custody of the University pursuant to Loan Agreement		
REVENUE		
Membership levy	886,360	855,263
Interest earned	55,303	186,158
	941,663	1,041,421
DISBURSEMENTS		
Loan interest paid to Simon Fraser University	(94,650)	(189,300)
Loan payable repaid	(3,155,000)	—
Released to custody of Society	(1,168,493)	(979,194)
	(4,418,143)	(1,168,494)
Decrease for the year	(3,476,480)	(127,073)
Funds held, beginning of year	3,476,480	3,603,553
Funds held, end of year	—	3,476,480
Funds held by the Society		
Funds released from custody of Simon Fraser University	1,168,493	979,194
Interest earned	68,775	33,185
	1,237,268	1,012,379
DISBURSEMENTS		
Building maintenance	(93,361)	(105,848)
Repairs and renovations	(9,971)	(67,615)
	(103,332)	(173,463)
Purchase of capital assets [note 8]	(15,657)	(170,883)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	(118,989)	(344,346)
Increase in the year	1,118,279	668,033
Balance, beginning of year	1,461,900	793,867
Balance, end of year	2,580,179	1,461,900

See accompanying notes

REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT RESERVES AND ACCESSIBILITY FUND

Year ended April 30

REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT RESERVES

	2007			2006
	Premises Repair Reserve \$	Equipment Replacement and Repair Reserve \$	Total \$	Total \$
Transfer from unrestricted net assets	4,650	4,650	9,300	10,455
Expenditures [schedule 5]	—	(11,150)	(11,150)	(6,249)
Capital asset purchases	—	(24,886)	(24,886)	—
Increase (decrease) during the year	4,650	(31,386)	(26,736)	4,206
Balances, beginning of year	47,269	33,551	80,820	76,614
Balances, end of year	51,919	2,165	54,084	80,820

ACCESSIBILITY FUND

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Membership levy	44,332	32,708
Interest earned	1,543	180
Disbursements transferred to income	(12,200)	(1,502)
Increase in fund for the year	33,675	31,386
Balance, beginning of year	31,386	—
Balance, end of year	65,061	31,386

See accompanying notes

FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION AND GRADUATE STUDENT HEALTH PLAN

Year ended April 30

FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Membership levy	44,332	42,788
Interest earned	2,620	1,322
Other income	—	2,200
Disbursements transferred to income	(29,259)	(32,864)
Increase in fund for the year	17,693	13,446
Balance, beginning of year	57,809	44,363
Balance, end of year	75,502	57,809

GRADUATE STUDENT HEALTH PLAN

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Membership levy	587,253	349,486
Student add ons	53,765	35,627
Interest earned	5,197	1,839
	646,215	386,952
Insurer's premiums	420,158	229,974
Administration and other	85,539	49,406
Total expenses transferred to income	505,697	279,380
Increase in fund for the year	140,518	107,572
Balance, beginning of year	107,572	—
Balance, end of year	248,090	107,572

See accompanying notes

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 2007

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Simon Fraser Student Society (the "Society") is a registered non-profit organization incorporated in the province of British Columbia and is exempt from income taxes. The purposes of the Society are to work cooperatively to make student life at Simon Fraser University (the "University") easier and more fulfilling, to fight to make education accessible, and to provide low cost, student-friendly services to its members.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements:

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost, determined on a first-in first-out basis, and net realizable value.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis at the rates outlined in note 6.

Deferred Levies Relating to Capital Assets

As levies specified for capital purposes (and related investment income) are expended on building, renovation and equipment costs, they are transferred to deferred levies relating to capital assets. These deferred levies are taken into income as the related building, renovations and equipment costs are amortized. The portion that is applied to interest on the loan which was used to fund the building renovations and related costs is taken into income as the related interest is paid.

Revenue Recognition

The Society follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Contributions for externally restricted purposes are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

Student activity fees, other than those relating to externally restricted funds, are recognized as revenue according to the academic terms they relate to.

Restricted interest income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted interest income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Revenue from all other sources is recognized when the service is provided or when the respective goods are sold to the customer.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from the estimates.

Externally Restricted Funds

1. Space Expansion Fund

The Space Expansion Fund was established for the construction of additional space for student activities and renovation of existing Society space, and related costs. The use of the fund was subsequently amended through a referendum to include potential future expansion, renovations and ongoing maintenance of existing and future space for students, student groups and student activities. The capital fee levy portion of student activity fees is designated for the Space Expansion Fund. The fund was originally used to pay for construction of additional space. It is currently used to pay the interest on the loan that financed the additional space, to pay building maintenance and renovation costs as well as building capital costs.

2. Accessibility Fund

Commencing in 2005, the members of the Society agreed to contribute \$0.75 per student per semester, for the purpose of increasing the accessibility of, and removing barriers to, participation in campus activities and events for students with disabilities.

3. First Nations Students Association

Commencing in 2003 the members of the Society agreed to contribute \$0.75 cents per student per semester to the First Nations Student Association ("FSNA"). As the FSNA is not a separately incorporated society, these fees, and related expenditures are reflected as a restricted fund.

4. Graduate Student Health Plan

Commencing in 2005, the members of the Society agreed to contribute up to \$300 per Graduate Student per year, to the Graduate Student Health Plan, for a group plan providing extended health and dental benefits.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 2007

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Internally Restricted Funds

Repair and Replacement Reserves

Pursuant to its lease with the University, the Society allocates 3% of its gross catering revenues to each of a Premises Repair Reserve and an Equipment Replacement and Repair Reserve. These reserves are to be used for repairs to the premises used for catering operations and repairs and replacement of related equipment.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Society's financial instruments consist of cash, restricted cash, cash held for Space Expansion Fund, accounts receivable and accounts payable. It is management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to significant interest rate or credit risks from these financial instruments, except for the exposure to interest rate risk applicable to cash. The fair market values approximate the carrying values of the financial instruments.

4. BUILDING OPERATING COSTS

Building operating costs represent amounts charged by Simon Fraser University for the maintenance and operations of the Society's premises in the Maggie Benston Centre. The Society is responsible for these costs on approximately two-thirds of the space it occupies in the Centre. Building operating costs have been allocated to the Food and Beverage operations based on the gross charge for the square footage of space used in Food and Beverage operations. The Society has allocated the space for which it is not responsible for building operating costs to non-revenue producing areas.

5. RESTRICTED CASH

Cash restricted for specific purposes is segregated as follows:

	2007 \$	2006 \$
First Nations Student Association	76,238	58,483
Accessibility Fund	65,351	31,491
Graduate Student Health Plan	54,425	109,552
	196,014	199,526

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 2007

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Rate	Cost \$	Accumulated Amortization \$	Net Book Value \$
2007				
Space Expansion				
Leasehold interest – building	lease term	7,132,237	2,575,412	4,556,825
Other Capital				
Computers, software and data processing equipment	4 years	156,257	118,024	38,233
Other equipment	5 years	8,574	5,852	2,722
		164,831	123,876	40,955
Food and Beverage				
Computers	5 years	5,974	4,914	1,060
Other equipment	5 years	72,218	31,837	40,381
		78,192	36,751	41,441
		7,375,260	2,736,039	4,639,221
2006				
Space Expansion				
Leasehold interest - building	lease term	7,116,581	2,334,116	4,782,465
Other Capital				
Computers, software and data processing equipment	4 years	128,694	100,790	27,904
Other equipment	5 years	8,574	4,878	3,696
		137,268	105,668	31,600
Food and Beverage				
Computers	5 years	5,974	4,383	1,591
Other equipment	5 years	41,954	18,648	23,306
		47,928	23,031	24,897
		7,301,777	2,462,815	4,838,962

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 2007

6. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONT'D)

Space expansion costs are recorded net of a \$1,000,000 contribution from the University.

The Society contributed the Space Expansion amounts towards the construction and development of the Society's premises, including the Maggie Benston Centre ("MBC"). The Society has a right to occupy a portion of the MBC pursuant to a 30 year lease with the University, expiring in 2024. The lease may be extended for two additional 30 year periods. Annual rent of \$1 plus the Society's share of operating costs are payable to the University for the term of the lease.

7. LOAN PAYABLE - SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

The Society's contribution towards the construction of the Maggie Benston Centre was funded, in part, through a loan of \$3,155,000 (interest at 6%) arranged by the University.

On December 5, 2006, the loan was repaid with funds from the sinking fund. The sinking fund cash in excess of the loan payable was repaid to the Society.

At April 30, amounts held in restricted accounts pursuant to the loan agreement with the University were as follows:

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Sinking fund	—	3,476,480

A capital fee levy of \$15 per full time student (\$7.50 part time) per semester was used to finance the Society's obligations under this agreement.

8. DEFERRED LEVIES RELATING TO CAPITAL ASSETS

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Balance, beginning of year	4,782,465	4,862,092
Amortization of deferred levies relating to capital assets	(241,300)	(250,510)
Space Expansion Funds used to purchase capital assets [statement 5]	15,657	170,883
Balance, end of year	4,556,822	4,782,465

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 2007

9. SPACE EXPANSION LEVIES UNEXPENDED

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Balance, beginning of year	247,619	374,692
Portion of levies transferred	(247,619)	(127,073)
Balance, end of year	—	247,619

Space expansion levies unexpended represents the portion of unexpended capital levies for which funds are held by Simon Fraser University.

10. NON-DISCRETIONARY ALLOCATIONS

During the year, the Society collected fees on behalf of the following autonomous organizations:

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group	177,194	171,053
Peak Publications Society	289,417	279,386
Canadian Federation of Students - National	220,261	207,880
- British Columbia	220,261	207,880
Simon Fraser Campus Radio Society (CJSF)	177,194	171,053
World University Services of Canada	52,039	28,509
	1,136,366	1,065,761

As these fees are collected in trust on behalf of the other organizations, they are not included in the statement of operations.

11. UNUSUAL DISPUTE EXPENSES

Unusual dispute expenses were incurred by the Society as follows:

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Bank charges	2,140	—
By-election expenses	8,585	—
Legal	136,121	—
Other	3,670	—
Wages and benefits	54,589	—
	205,105	—

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 2007

12. COMMITMENTS

[a] Maggie Benston Centre

The Society is required to pay building operating costs to the University for a portion of the space it occupies in the Maggie Benston Centre. An estimate of those costs total approximately \$231,657 per year.

[b] Lease Obligations

The Society is committed to photocopier leases and maintenance contracts which require minimum lease payments for the next five years as follows:

	\$
2008	51,078
2009	46,443
2010	28,469
2011	13,936
2012	5,461
	145,387

13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Society has outstanding letters of credit totalling \$12,500 [2006 - \$12,500] issued as security for liquor purchases. Equivalent funds are to be maintained in term deposits.

14. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain 2006 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.

RETAIL SERVICES

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Year ended April 30

	Bookstore and Printing \$ [Schedule 4]	Food and Beverage \$ [Schedule 5]	Total \$
2007			
Revenues			
Sales	343,824	1,671,856	2,015,680
Other income	1,148	35,568	36,716
Total revenues	344,972	1,707,424	2,052,396
Expenses			
Cost of sales	225,330	602,832	828,162
Direct expenses	—	958,563	958,563
Other expenses	192,071	281,104	473,175
Total expenses	417,401	1,842,499	2,259,900
Excess of expenses for the year	(72,429)	(135,075)	(207,504)
2006			
Revenues			
Sales	349,570	1,513,886	1,863,456
Other income	778	40,217	40,995
Total revenues	350,348	1,554,103	1,904,451
Expenses			
Cost of sales	228,194	595,090	823,284
Direct expenses	—	809,756	809,756
Other expenses	175,594	259,695	435,289
Total expenses	403,788	1,664,541	2,068,329
Excess of expenses for the year	(53,440)	(110,438)	(163,878)

**GENERAL, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL OFFICE
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

Year ended April 30

	2007 \$	2006 \$
GENERAL OFFICE		
Revenues		
Craft Fair	756	2,070
Conference room rental	20,848	13,407
Vendor permits, net of SFU food bank donations	18,918	27,391
Other	9,446	8,490
	<u>49,968</u>	<u>51,358</u>
Expenses		
Copying	218	154
Craft Fair	1,746	2,302
Equipment maintenance and repair	—	134
Office supplies and other	2,849	1,976
Telephone and fax	1,144	1,145
Wages and benefits	172,941	164,418
	<u>178,898</u>	<u>170,129</u>
Net general office expenses	<u>(128,930)</u>	<u>(118,771)</u>

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL OFFICE

Expenses		
Professional fees	12,055	9,608
Insurance	22,972	28,129
Office and other	23,124	22,406
Wages and benefits	88,227	81,626
Total administration and financial office expenses	<u>146,378</u>	<u>141,769</u>

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

Year ended April 30

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Board of directors' allocations		
Activity days and events	24,887	19,858
Donations	—	2,000
Elections	15,465	23,023
Forum packages	2,061	774
Legal services	15,802	7,104
Membership development	2,116	—
Surrey campus representation	6,516	—
Negotiations	12,897	829
Night Line	4,000	4,000
SCES/SFU (Kamloops Students Society)	1,932	4,833
Stipends	172,815	191,246
Travel and conference	8,338	13,814
Office, printing and other	17,141	12,604
	283,970	280,085
Advocacy and representation		
Student Union organizer	68,310	65,180
Advocacy Committee	6,540	8,290
Ombuds office	59,665	58,160
Resource office	89,586	115,592
University Relations office	40,823	53,736
Graduate Issues committee	47,095	34,275
	312,019	335,233
Other student programs and services		
Legal aid clinic	15,436	12,112
Handbook	39,429	36,800
Women's Centre	76,850	65,062
Out on Campus	61,737	57,103
Accessibility Fund [statement 6]	12,200	1,502
First Nations Students Association [statement 7]	29,259	32,864
Graduate Student Health Plan [statement 7]	505,697	279,380
	740,608	484,823
Total activity and program expenses	1,336,597	1,100,141

BOOKSTORE AND PRINTSHOP

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Year ended April 30

	2007 \$			2006 \$
	Surrey Campus	Burnaby Campus	Total	
Revenues				
General	350	49,659	50,009	49,093
Book buybacks	—	157,437	157,437	166,107
Copying and printing	—	136,378	136,378	134,370
	350	343,474	343,824	349,570
Cost of sales				
General	260	37,150	37,410	30,418
Book buybacks	—	95,853	95,853	118,451
Copying	3,016	71,745	74,761	66,740
Printing supplies	—	17,306	17,306	12,585
	3,276	222,054	225,330	228,194
Gross profit (loss)	(2,926)	121,420	118,494	121,376
Transit and postage (net)	—	1,148	1,148	778
	(2,926)	122,568	119,642	122,154
Expenses				
Office and administration	1,288	1,913	3,201	1,774
Bank charges and interest	—	4,068	4,068	4,431
Other	—	1,950	1,950	3,198
Telephone	270	1,855	2,125	1,987
Wages and employee benefits	5,972	174,755	180,727	164,204
	7,530	184,541	192,071	175,594
Excess of expenses for the year	(10,456)	(61,973)	(72,429)	(53,440)

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Year ended April 30

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Revenues <i>[schedule 6]</i>	1,671,856	1,513,886
Cost of sales <i>[schedule 6]</i>	602,832	595,090
Gross profit	1,069,024	918,796
Direct expenses <i>[schedule 6]</i>	958,563	809,756
	110,461	109,040
Other revenues		
Arcade, vending machines and other	3,075	7,610
Admissions	32,493	32,607
	35,568	40,217
	146,029	149,257
Expenses		
Accounting	26,040	26,040
Administration and office	18,936	11,246
Advertising	4,896	1,021
Amortization	13,720	8,543
Bank charges, credit card merchant fees and armoured car	12,872	16,012
Repairs and maintenance	10,055	6,009
Repair and Replacement Reserve expenses <i>[statement 6]</i>	11,150	6,249
Entertainment	60,027	42,301
Insurance	34,464	42,187
Building operating costs	64,047	78,072
Professional fees	24,897	22,015
Total expenses	281,104	259,695
Excess of expenses for the year	(135,075)	(110,438)

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, COST OF SALES AND
DIRECT EXPENSES**

Year ended April 30

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Revenues		
Beverages	469,750	380,496
Food	1,202,106	1,133,390
	1,671,856	1,513,886
Cost of sales		
Beverages	156,088	144,482
Food	446,744	450,608
	602,832	595,090
Direct expenses		
Restaurant and bar supplies	107,516	98,241
Wages and employee benefits - management	131,098	61,268
- other	719,949	650,247
	958,563	809,756

Appendix A

Constitution and By-Law Amendments to Remove Reference to Graduate Students*

*For further clarity please note that existing By-Laws not listed in this document are not being considered for amendment

Constitution

1. The name of the Society shall be the Simon Fraser Student Society.
2. The purposes of the Society shall be:
 - a. To represent and advocate for the interests of **undergraduate** students at Simon Fraser University
 - b. To coordinate and promote all **undergraduate** student activities, of, by, and for the **undergraduate** students of Simon Fraser University

- c. To promote, among other goals democratically determined by the Society, the principles of public, universally accessible, high quality post-secondary education, and of meaningful **undergraduate** student participation in all aspects of university governance
 - d. To facilitate collective action by **undergraduate** students at Simon Fraser University, within the Province of British Columbia, and elsewhere in support of these principles
 - e. To acquire or hold any lands, buildings, facilities or other assets for the use or benefit of the Society or the **undergraduate** students of Simon Fraser University
3. The operations of the Society shall be chiefly carried on at Simon Fraser University in the Province of British Columbia

By-Law 1 - Interpretation

In these By-Laws:

All references to the singular shall include the plural and plural the singular, and all references to the masculine shall include the feminine and feminine the masculine.

“Active member” means an **undergraduate** student who, for the purposes of elections and referenda, is registered in a course, **or** program ~~or graduate program~~ for the current semester.

“Board” means the Society’s Board of Directors.

~~“Caucus” means Graduate Caucus.~~

“Declared intention” means a student who through university regulation must first declare an intended major, minor or honors before being allowed to declare a major, minor or honors. For the purpose of interpreting the By-Laws, “declared intention of major, minor or honors” and “declared major, minor or honors” shall mean the same thing.

“Document” shall have the same meaning as in the Society Act.

“Executive Officer(s)” means the External Relations Officer, ~~Graduate Issues Officer~~, Internal Relations Officer, Member Services Officer, President, Treasurer, and University Relations Officer.

“Fiscal year” means the period from May 1st to April 30th inclusive.

“Forum” means the Society’s Student Forum.

“Honorary member of Forum” means a person who is entitled to speak and to propose motions at all meetings of Forum but who is not entitled to a vote nor to be counted for the purpose of establishing quorum.

“Honorary member of the Society” means a person who has been granted all the rights and privileges of members in good standing of the Society.

“Member in good standing of the Society” means a person who satisfies the

requirements of By- Law 2 and has paid all fees, fines and penalties levied in accordance with these By-Laws or the Society's regulations.

"Member of the faculty or department" means a person in a faculty or department or school that offers a major, minor, ~~or honors or graduate-~~**degree** program and who has satisfied one of the following conditions:

- a. She or he is enrolled in an **undergraduate** degree program in the faculty or department or school, or
- b. She or he is registered in at least one **undergraduate** course in the faculty or department or school

"Ordinary resolution" shall have the same meaning as in the Society Act.

"Regulation" means any Rule, Standing Order or Administrative Policy enacted by the Board.

"Society" means the Simon Fraser Student Society.

"Society Act" means the Society Act of the Province of British Columbia in force, and as amended from time to time.

"Special Resolution" shall have the same meaning as in the Society Act.

"Union" means Department Student Union.

"University" means Simon Fraser University.

By-Law 2 - Membership

1. The membership of the Society shall be all **undergraduate** Simon Fraser University students who are registered in a course, ~~or program or graduate program~~ at the University.
2. Membership in the Society shall cease when a member fails to register for **undergraduate** courses at the University for two consecutive registrations.
3. As membership is a condition of registration **for undergraduate students** at the University, members who are registered shall not be expelled.
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of this By-Law, in order to be eligible to run for office and to vote at Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings or in Society elections and referenda, a student must be an active member in good standing of the Society.

By-Law 4 – Powers, Duties and Obligations of Executive Officers

1. The External Relations Officer shall:
 - a. Be responsible for keeping the Board informed of plans or actions of external organizations, outside the University, and federal and provincial governments that have a direct bearing on the Society or its members

- b. Be responsible for Society business related to, and shall organize Society representation at conferences held by external organizations, other than the
- c. University, in which the Society may have membership or interest
- d. Act as a liaison between the Society, other student unions, and the Canadian Federation of Students

2. ~~The Graduate Issues Officer shall:~~

- ~~a. Act as a liaison between the Board and the Society's Graduate Issues Committee~~
- ~~b. Oversee the establishment and maintenance of Caucuses, and act as a liaison between the Board and these Caucuses~~
- ~~c. Act as a liaison between the Society, the University's Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies, and the National Graduate Council~~

3. The Internal Relations Officer shall:

- a. Act as a liaison between the Board and its employees
- b. Coordinate all staff relations functions, activities, and policies
- c. Ensure compliance with and enforcement of all relevant Collective Agreements, employment contracts and staff relations policies
- d. Be a signing officer

4. The Member Services Officer shall:

- a. Assume and carry out the rights, duties and obligations of the President during her or his absence or in the event that she or he should resign, be impeached or abandon office
- b. Act as a liaison between the Board, Forum, and other student groups at the University
- c. Oversee the establishment and maintenance of Unions, and act as a liaison between the Board and these Unions
- d. Coordinate the compilation of the Annual Report of the Board for consideration at the Annual General Meeting
- e. Coordinate and facilitate activities and services for the members of the Society
- f. Be a signing officer

5. The President shall:

- a. Have the power to convene the Board or Forum at any time
- b. Be an ex-officio voting member of all Board and Forum committees
- c. Be a signing officer
- d. Represent the Society on formal occasions
- e. Undertake all other duties usually falling to the office of President of a Society

6. The Treasurer shall:

- a. Ensure that all Society funds are deposited in an appropriate account at a financial institution selected by the Board
- b. Keep careful account and be responsible for all monies received and disbursed by or on behalf of the Society. The Treasurer shall not disburse funds except as provided for in these By-Laws, or by regulation
- c. Render, upon request of the Board and within fourteen calendar days, a detailed written report on the Society's financial affairs
- d. Prepare a detailed written report on the Society's financial affairs for

- consideration at the Annual General Meeting
 - e. Coordinate the preparation of the budget of the Society
 - f. Coordinate the commercial and legal affairs of the society
 - g. Be a signing officer
7. The University Relations Officer shall:
- a. Act as a liaison between the Board and the University
 - b. Coordinate student representation on all University committees to which the Society nominates or appoints
 - c. Coordinate student involvement in University community affairs and activities

By-Law 5 – Board of Directors

1. The members of the Board shall be members in good standing of the Society and shall not miss more than one registration during tenure of office. In order to remain a member in good standing during a semester in which a member of the Board is not registered that member shall pay all Society fees for that semester at a rate equal to the prorated part- time student rate.
2. The Board shall consist of:
 - a. the Executive Officers
 - b. One student representative elected from each University faculty
 - c. ~~Three at-large students, at least one of whom must be a graduate student~~ **Two at large undergraduate students**
3. Members of the Board shall receive a stipend.

By-Law 6 – Powers, Duties, and Obligations of the Board of Directors

1. The Board shall be the only recognized medium of communication between the Society and;
 - a. its members
 - b. the University
 - c. the general public
2. The Board shall, subject to the provisions of these By-Laws, exercise full control over all activities of the Society.
3.
 - a. The Board may delegate such of its powers, duties and obligations as it may deem expedient for the practicable conduct of the affairs of the Society.
 - b. The Board shall not delegate its powers to expend or disburse funds except that:
 - i) The Board may, by way of regulation, delegate its powers to expend or disburse funds to the Executive Committee, except that this power shall only be exercisable between the last quorate Board meeting of each semester, and the first quorate Board meeting of each subsequent semester, and any such expenditure or disbursement shall be limited to a maximum of \$20 000
 - ii) The Board may, by way of regulation, delegate its powers to expend or disburse funds to its standing committees, except that any such expenditure or

disbursement shall be reported to the Board at its next meeting

- iii) The Board may, by way of regulation, delegate its powers to expend or disburse funds to the Treasurer, except that any such individual expenditure or disbursement shall not exceed \$500

4.

- a. The Board shall, subject to the provisions of these By-Laws, have power to make from time to time such regulations as it may deem necessary or advisable with respect to such activities, and to amend, suspend or repeal these regulations.
- b. The Board shall, subject to the provisions of these By-Laws, have power to make rulings in connection with all such regulations, including any regulation governing the conduct of its members, and any such ruling made by it shall be final and binding.
- c. The maximum fine that may be levied against a member of the Society in accordance with this By-Law shall be \$25.00.

5.—

- ~~a. The Board shall maintain as a standing committee a Graduate Issues Committee. This committee shall receive and have exclusive authority over an annual budget of not less than 25% of the balance of the value of the unrestricted student fees collected from graduate students.~~
- ~~b. The Graduate Issues Committee shall be made up of graduate student members and be charged with discussing and addressing issues of specific importance to graduate students and advising the Board and other agents of the Society of its decisions.~~
- ~~c. Members of the Graduate Issues Committee shall receive a stipend.~~

6. No meeting of the Board in the Summer semester shall have the power to allocate from operating funds, nor shall the Treasurer disburse such funds, such that the total expenditures of the Society for the three semesters ending August 31 exceed the revenues for the same period, unless:

- a. this excess expenditure over revenue has been previously budgeted, or
- b. the expenditure of such funds is contractually required

7. No meeting of the Board in the Summer semester shall have the power to approve capital expenditures in excess of \$20 000 or 15% of the capital budget, whichever is the greater.

8. The Board may for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Society, borrow, raise or secure the repayment of money. The Board may authorize the issue of bonds, perpetual or redeemable debentures, or any mortgage, charge or other security on the whole or part of the property or assets of the Society, present and future, including Society fees now or hereafter due or payable, except that no debenture shall be issued without sanction of a special resolution.

9. The Board may, by resolution, appoint persons not members of the Board as full or qualified signing officers, provided they are covered by liability insurance satisfactory to the Board and naming the Society as beneficiary.

10.

- a. A member in good standing of the Society shall be elected to the position of Board Chair by a simple majority vote of the Board for a

- term of one semester.
 - b. The Board Chair shall not be counted towards quorum or have a vote unless she or he is a member of the Board.
 - c. If she or he has a vote the Board Chair shall exercise it in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- 11.
- a. The Board Chair shall convene a meeting of the Board at least once per month.
 - b. Upon receipt of a petition signed by at least one-half of the members of the Board the Board Chair shall convene a meeting within two working days.
12. Quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be a majority of the seats filled, including at least four (4) Executive Officers.
13. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Board and its committees.
14. No votes by proxy shall be allowed.

By-Law 7 – Student Forum

1. The members of Forum shall be members in good standing of the Society and shall not miss more than one registration during tenure of office. In order to remain a member in good standing during a semester in which a member of the Board is not registered that member shall pay all Society fees for that semester at a rate equal to the prorated part- time student rate.
2. Forum shall consist of:
 - a. The members of the Board
 - b. The Department Representatives
 - c. Constituent Group Representatives
3. Department Representatives shall consist of:
 - a. One undergraduate member from each University department offering a major, minor, or honors program, excluding those programs that are offered as double majors and excluding those programs that offer a minor but have no recognized Union
 - b. ~~One graduate member from each University department offering a graduate program.~~
 - c. ~~Four~~ **Three undergraduate** members from the Faculty of Education, ~~at least one of which shall be a graduate student~~
 - d. ~~Four~~ **Three undergraduate** members from the Faculty of Business Administration, ~~at least one of which shall be a graduate student~~
4. Constituent Group Representatives shall consist of one **undergraduate** member from each constituent group recognized by Forum.

By-Law 8 – Powers, Duties, and Obligations of the Student Forum

1. Forum shall serve as the primary medium for discussion and coordination of:
 - a. Issues of importance to members in different faculties, departments or schools at the University
 - b. Advocacy and other such matters of general interest to members of the Society
2. Forum shall advise the Board as necessary and may strike advisory committees, establish their terms of reference, and appoint their members,

- at its discretion.
3. Forum may appoint honorary members, both of Forum and of the Society, at its discretion.
 4. Forum may, if the University establishes new faculties, departments, or **undergraduate** programs offering majors, minors, **or** honors ~~or graduate programs~~ establish a new seat or seats, as the case may be, on Forum for the Department Representatives from said faculty, department, or program through a vote requiring two-thirds majority and providing that three weeks notice of such a vote at a Forum meeting has been given as notice of motion to Forum.
 5.
 - a. Forum may recognize a constituent group within the University community and establish a new seat on Forum for a Constituent Group Representative through a vote requiring two-thirds majority and providing that three weeks notice of such a vote at a Forum meeting has been given as notice of motion to Forum.
 - b. Forum may appoint active members in good standing of the Society to fill constituent group representative positions at its discretion.
 6.
 - a. In the event a position on the Board becomes vacant, Forum may by two-thirds majority vote appoint an acting member to assume the powers, and fulfill the duties and obligations of the position so vacated.
 - b. To be eligible as an acting External Relations Officer, Internal Relations Officer, Member Services Officer, President, Treasurer or University Relations Officer, the nominee must be an active member in good standing of the Society and a regularly elected member of Forum.
 - c. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision in these By-Laws, the Graduate Issues Committee shall have exclusive authority to appoint an acting Graduate Issues Officer or acting At-Large Graduate Student Representative to the Board, and such appointments shall not need ratification by Forum.~~
 - d. To be eligible as an acting faculty representative to the Board, the nominee must be an active member in good standing of the Society, a member of the appropriate faculty, and a regularly elected member of Forum.
 - e. To be eligible as an acting at-large representative to the Board, the nominee must be an active member in good standing of the Society and a regularly elected member of Forum.
 7.
 - a. In the event that a position on Forum, other than a constituent group representative position, becomes vacant, Forum may by two-thirds majority vote appoint an acting member to assume the powers, and fulfill the duties and obligations of the position so vacated.
 - b. To be eligible as an acting Department Representative, the nominee must be an active member in good standing of the Society and a member of the appropriate department or faculty nominated by her or his Union ~~or Caucus~~.
 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of By-Law 8(6) a member of the Board removed from office in accordance with By-Law 16(2) shall be replaced by way of election, or by appointment by ordinary resolution to serve during

- the balance of the term.
9. Forum shall receive and administer an annual budget sufficient to maintain its activities.
 10.
 - a. A member in good standing of the Society shall be elected to the position of Forum Chair by a simple majority vote of Forum for a term of one semester.
 - b. The Forum Chair shall not be counted towards quorum or have a vote unless she or he is a member of Forum.
 - c. If she or he has a vote the Forum Chair shall exercise it in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
 11.
 - a. The Forum Chair shall convene a meeting of Forum at least once per semester.
 - b. Upon receipt of a petition signed by at least one-half of the members of Forum the Forum Chair shall convene a meeting within five working days.
 12. Quorum for a meeting of Forum shall be a majority of the seats filled.
 13. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of Forum.
 14. No votes by proxy shall be allowed.

By-Law 9 – Departmental Student Unions and ~~Graduate Caucuses~~

1. Unions and ~~Caucuses~~ shall be the recognized medium of **undergraduate** student representation within the University faculties, departments and programs offering major, minor, **or** honors **programs** ~~or graduate programs~~.
2. Forum shall recognize a Union ~~or Caucus~~ provided that it is satisfied that the Union ~~or Caucus~~:
 - a. Has a written constitution that has been ratified by a majority of its members, who shall be members in good standing of the Society, attending and voting at an advertised general meeting of the Union ~~or Caucus~~, and
 - b. Has aims and objectives, stated in its Constitution, which are not inconsistent with those stated in the Constitution of the Society, and
 - c. Recognizes as its members those **undergraduate** students who are members of the faculty, department or program, and
 - d. Seeks to represent the members in its department or **undergraduate** academic program, and
 - e. Holds regular general meetings that are advertised and open to all of its members
3.
 - a. Notwithstanding the provisions of By-Law 9(2)[a] and [b] the Board may, by way of regulation, vary the provisions of Union ~~or Caucus~~ constitutions.
 - b. Notwithstanding the provisions of By-Law 9(2)[c], [d], and [e] Unions shall consist of all **undergraduate** students ~~and Caucuses shall consist of all graduate students~~ within their respective faculty, department or program.
4.
 - a. Students enrolled in a special program which is not a University faculty, department or program as per By-Law 9(1) may form a

Union or Caucus, and may apply to Forum for recognition as such provided the Union or Caucus meets the criteria in By-Law 9(2).

- b. A Union or Caucus recognized under By-Law 9(4)(a) shall have the same powers, duties and obligations of any other Union or Caucus.

By-Law 10 – Annual and Special General Meetings

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held between September 15th and October 31st each year.
2. In addition to any other business proposed by the Board, Forum or members of the Society, the following business shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting:
 - a. Appointing a Chair for the Annual General Meeting
 - b. Receiving and filing the minutes of the previous year's Annual General
1. Meeting and any Special General Meetings held since the last Annual General
2. Meeting
 - c. Receiving the Annual Report of the Board
 - d. Receiving the Treasurer's report
 - e. Receiving the Auditor's report
 - f. Appointing the Auditor for the coming year
3. Notice of the Annual General Meeting or of any Special General Meeting shall be given at least twenty-one calendar days prior to the date on which the meeting is to be held, and all notices shall clearly state the date, time, location, and proposed agenda. Sufficient notice will be deemed to have been given with the posting of no less than the following:
 - a. A conspicuous notice not less than eleven inches by seventeen inches in size upon three or more different bulletin boards about the Burnaby Campus and upon at least one bulletin board at the Harbour Centre Campus
 - b. Written or electronic memoranda to all active Unions and ~~Caucuses~~
 - c. An advertisement in the student newspaper or other student publication normally available to all members of the Society
 - d. A notice not less than eleven inches by seventeen inches in the vicinity of the Society's offices
4. Accidental omission in giving notice of the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, or the non-receipt of notice by the members of the Society, shall not constitute a violation of the proceedings of the meeting.
5. Each member in good standing of the Society shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting or at any Special General Meeting. In order to exercise her or his vote the member shall be present at the meeting at the time the vote is put, and no votes by proxy shall be allowed.
6. If within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting a quorum is not present, quorum shall be twenty members in good standing of the Society, and the meeting shall transact only such business as is specifically referred to in By-Law 10(2)[a]-[f].
7.
 - a. Special General Meetings may be convened at any time by resolution of two-thirds of the members of the Board or Forum.
 - b. The President shall convene a Special General Meeting within thirty calendar days of receipt of a petition signed by five per cent or

- more of members in good standing of the Society.
8. Resolutions of the Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting shall be governed by a simple majority of votes cast, except where the provisions of these By-Laws or the Society Act require otherwise.
 9. Quorum for the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting shall be five hundred members in good standing of the Society.
 10. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting.

By-Law 14 – Elections

1. Candidates nominated to any office must be active members in good standing of the Society.
2. Members elected to the Board or Forum shall hold office for one year, May 1st through April 30th, inclusive.
3. No member shall run for or hold more than one position on either the Board or Forum simultaneously.
4.
 - a. Any **undergraduate** student who is an active member in good standing of the Society may run and may vote for the positions of External Relations Officer, Internal Relations Officer, Member Services Officer, President, Treasurer, and University Relations Officer, or for any at-large position on the Board.
 - ~~b. Any student who is an active member in good standing of the Society and who is a registered graduate student may run for the position of Graduate Issues Officer or for the at-large position on the Board reserved for graduate students. Any student who is an active member in good standing of the Society and a registered graduate student at the University may vote for the Graduate Issues Officer or for the at-large position on the Board reserved for graduate students.~~
5. Any **undergraduate** student who is an active member in good standing of the Society, and a member of the faculty may run and may vote for the position of faculty representative to the Board.
6.
 - a. Any undergraduate student who is an active member in good standing of the Society, and a member of the department, may run and may vote for the position of undergraduate department representative to Forum.
 - ~~b. Any student who is an active member in good standing of the Society, who is a registered graduate student, and a member of the department, may run and may vote for the department representative to Forum positions reserved for graduate students.~~
7.
 - a. For the duration of any Society election the Society shall maintain an Independent Electoral Commission, and ensure that it has the facilities, equipment and funding required to carry out its mandate effectively.
 - b. The Independent Electoral Commission shall consist of a Chief Commissioner, who shall act as Chair, and four other Commissioners.
 - c. All members of the Independent Electoral Commission shall be

active members in good standing of the Society, except that no member of the Board or Forum may serve as a member of the Commission.

- d. All members of the Independent Electoral Commission shall be elected by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board.
 - e. Members of the Independent Electoral Commission shall receive a stipend.
8. The Independent Electoral Commission:
- a. Shall be responsible to ensure that Society elections and referenda occur in the prescribed manner as set out in these By-Laws, and any regulations governing the conduct of elections or referenda
 - b. May delegate to a group of students the task of supervising polling for any positions and may appoint members in good standing of the Society to assist in counting the ballots
 - c. Shall require all candidates to produce a signed statement of campaign expenses within seventy-two hours of the close of elections
 - d. May rule a candidate's candidacy or election invalid, or may impose a fine of up to \$100 for any violation of the By-Laws or election regulations which from time to time may be established
 - e. May rule any referenda invalid, or may impose a fine of up to \$100 for any violation of the By-Laws or referenda regulations which from time to time may be established
 - f. Shall be responsible for regulation and control of scrutineering at the polling stations
9. Due notice of an election shall be deemed sufficient if the following is adhered to:
- a. Twenty-five notices not less than eleven inches by seventeen inches in size
 - b. announcing upcoming elections have been posted in prominent locations
 - c. throughout the University at least two weeks before the opening of the nomination period, but no earlier than the first Monday of classes in the same semester. The notices shall include the following information:
 - i. the date voting will take place
 - ii. the positions vacant
 - iii. dates for the opening and closing of the nomination period
 - iv. the regulations governing the nomination of candidates
 - v. the place for pick-up and deposit of nomination papers
 - vi. the length of time for campaigning for office and the limitation on campaign expenses
 - d. An advertisement announcing the dates for the opening and closing of the nomination period shall be placed in the student newspaper at least fourteen calendar days prior to the opening of nominations.
10. The nomination period shall open Monday, no earlier than week four of classes in the semester. Nominations shall close at noon on the Monday of the first day of classes two weeks following the opening of nominations.
11. Nomination papers shall be signed out by prospective candidates and shall contain the name and student number, address, telephone number and email address of the member nominated, the position being sought, and signatures of no fewer than ten members in good standing of the Society who are entitled to vote in elections for that

- position.
12. Following the close of nominations:
 - a. Twenty-five notices not less than eleven inches by seventeen inches announcing the candidates nominated and the date, times of polling and places of polling shall be placed in prominent positions throughout the University no more than seventy- two hours following the close of nominations
 - b. An advertisement announcing the candidates nominated, the date, times of polling and places of polling shall be placed in the student newspaper in the first issue following the close of nominations
 - c. With respect to (a) and (b) above, the names of nominees for each office shall be placed after the title of each office in alphabetical order according to surname
 13.
 - a. Each candidate shall forward copies of all campaign literature to the Independent Electoral Commission for approval as it is produced.
 - b. Campaign literature shall not be libelous, inflammatory, in bad taste, or discriminatory on the basis of By-Law 20.
 14. Campaign expenses shall be limited to fifty dollars, at least half of which shall be reimbursed by the Society.
 15. All campaign posters and related paraphernalia shall be removed by midnight prior to the day of commencement of polling.
 16. The form of the ballot shall be decided by the Independent Electoral Commission, except that the candidates for each office shall be listed alphabetically by surname.
 17. If only one valid nomination is received for a particular office, the Independent Electoral Commission shall declare, at the close of the nomination period, that the candidate has been duly elected to the position by way of acclamation.
 18.
 - a. Voting shall take place during a period of not less than two nor more than four days, as determined by the Independent Electoral Commission, and this period shall begin no sooner than two weeks following the close of nominations.
 - b. Polling for all positions shall occur between the hours of 9:30am and 7:30pm.
 19. The Independent Electoral Commission may establish off-campus polling stations in those areas, where, in its view, number warrant.
 20.
 - a. Sealed ballot boxes shall be secured by the Independent Electoral Commission immediately upon the completion of voting.
 - b. The ballots will be counted under the supervision of the Independent Electoral Commission.
 - c. Where positions are contested, the candidate receiving the most votes for that position shall be declared duly elected.
 21. A candidate may request a recount of votes cast, within seventy-two hours of the close of polls. After that time the ballots for the election shall be destroyed by written instruction of the Chief Commissioner.
 22. In the event of a strike, Act of God, or other event that delays the electoral procedure, the Independent Electoral Commission shall make the decision as to how and when the electoral procedure may be best completed.

By-Law 17 – Referenda

1.
 - a. The members may vote on resolutions concerning the activities of the Society by means of a referendum. ~~Referenda regarding fees to be levied only upon undergraduate students or regarding the expenditure of funds raised through such fees shall be voted on by undergraduate students only; referenda regarding fees to be levied only upon graduate students or regarding the expenditure of funds raised through such fees shall be voted on by graduate students only.~~
 - b. Any such resolution shall require a majority of the votes cast except where prohibited by these By-Laws or the Society Act.
2. Such resolutions as are presented to the Society shall be placed on a ballot concurrently with the next regularly scheduled Society election.
3. Resolution may be put to referendum by a simple majority vote of the Board or Forum, except where prohibited by these By-Laws, or upon presentation of a petition to the Board which contains the text of the proposed resolution and the signatures of five percent of the members in good standing of the Society.
4. Upon presentation of a duly signed petition for referendum the Board must place the question on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled election.
5. The referendum shall be conducted by the Independent Electoral Commission in accordance with By-Law 14.
6. Due notice shall be deemed to have been given by compliance with the provisions of By- Law 10(3) relating to notice.
7. No referendum shall be deemed valid or binding on the Society unless a minimum of five percent of the members in good standing of the Society have cast ballots in the referendum.

By-Law 21 – Primacy of By-Laws

In the event of a conflict between these By-Laws and any regulation, resolution of the Board or Forum, or the provisions of any Union or Caucus constitution, the terms of these By-Laws shall prevail.

YES

NO