

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:34 PM

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that this meeting is being conducted on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples; which, to the current knowledge of the Society include the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

2.1 Council Composition

Student Union Representatives

Archeology	
Behavioral Neuroscience	Victor Lau
Biology	John Bulger
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology	Ningning Cheung
Business	Tina Borcanin
Chemistry	William Shen
Cognitive Science	Romanos Byliris
Communications	Yasmin Botelho
Computing Science (<i>Chair</i>)	Kia Mirsalehi
Criminology	Mai Baptiste
Dance	
Data Science	Tae Kim
Earth Science	Megan Simao
Economics	
Education	Cameron Nakatsu
Engineering Science	Blaise Crisologo
English	
Environmental Resource	Michael Vegh
Environmental Science	Camelia Tavakoli
French	Matin Salsabil
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies	Hannah Norlin
Geography	Maria Beskromnova
Health Science	
History	
Humanities	
Interactive Arts and Technology	Rebecca Lu
International Studies	Juan Odorico
Labour Studies	Erik Blake
Linguistics	Tova Dang
Mathematics	Alice Roberts
Mechatronics System Engineering	Steven Ritcher
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	Ulrich Anglas
Operations Research	
Philosophy	
Physics	David Evans

Political Science	Keith Au
Psychology	
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS).....	Natasha Birdi
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS)	Doris Yuen
Sociology and Anthropology	Elizabeth Rice
Software Systems.....	Quince Bielka
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA).....	Forrest Zhu
Sustainable Community Development	
Theaters	
Visual Arts	
World Literature.....	

Constituency Group Representatives

First Nations Student Association (FNSA).....	
International Student Group (ISG).....	
Out on Campus Collective (OOC).....	
Residence Hall’s Association (RHA).....	Mohammed Ali
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)	
Students United for Disability Support (SUDS).....	
Women Centre Collective (WCC)	

Society Staff

SFSS Directors (non-voting)

President.....	Hangue Kim
VP External Relations.....	Prab Bassi
VP Finance.....	Baljinder Bains
VP Student Services	Jimmy Dhesa
VP Student Life.....	Alam Khehra
VP University Relations	Erwin Kwok
At-Large Representative.....	Raajan Garcha
At-Large Representative.....	Jaskarn Randhawa
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences).....	Jeffrey Leung
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences).....	Jackson Freedman
Faculty Representative (Business).....	Gini Kuo
Faculty Representative (Communications, Art, & Technology).....	Juvina Silvestre
Faculty Representative (Education).....	Jamie Zhu
Faculty Representative (Environment).....	Yun Oh
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences).....	Aarushi Sharma
Faculty Representative (Science).....	Parham Elmi

2.2 Society Staff

Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator	Pierre Cassidy
Student Union Organizer	Anna Reva

2.3 Regrets

Behavioral Neuroscience	Victor Lau
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2.4 Absents

Cognitive Science	Romanos Byliris
Communications.....	Yasmin Botelho
International Studies	Juan Odorico

Labour Studies.....	Erik Blake
Mathematics.....	Alice Roberts
Sociology and Anthropology.....	Elizabeth Rice
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA).....	Forrest Zhu

2.5 Guests

Ryan Vansickle

3. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

Excuses or regrets will be kept track of by the chair of council. Missing two meetings in a row without sending excuses (that are approved) will result in the removal from Council.

3.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2018-01-17:01

Steven/Ningning

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Victor Lau (academic).

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2018-01-17:02

Steven/Megan

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

- Add New Business 7.1: Fall Reading Break
- Add Discussion 8.4: Thanksgiving Weekend

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- 1 abstention

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2018-01-17:03

Doris/Tina

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- Council 2017-11-29.pdf

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Board Update

- December was a quiet month due to exams however, for this last semester, multiple back to back events are on their way
- A Student Union Forum event is being conducted to encourage discussion between DSU's for overall feedback and possible additional Trust Funding
- Suggestions:
 - Councillors are invited to provide event options

6.2 Council Update

- A google document is being prepared with semester events and updates

- Will be sent to councillors when complete

6.3 Classroom presentations

- Will be conducted in the next coming days
- Councillors are encouraged to add slides on their Student Unions and present to classes

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Fall Reading Break – MOTION COUNCIL 2018-01-17:04

Ningning/Mohammed

Whereas SFU does not have any additional days off in the fall term;

Whereas other major universities across Canada have fall reading breaks or have begun implementing fall reading breaks citing student stress reduction and improvement to wellbeing and mental health;

Whereas pressure on students results in poor mental health;

Whereas the sudden stress of joining school in the fall term under heavy course load right out of high school or a summer break have an adverse effect on mental stress;

Whereas counseling services are sought the most in October or November;

Whereas SFU lags in mental health support advocacy;

Be it resolved that Board supports the implementation of a fall reading break.

CARRIED

- A fall reading break will help alleviate stress and any additional mental health factors
- Interested members are encouraged to contact the Mechatronics Student Union
- Suggestion:
 - To create a letter of recommendation to SFU and Senate
 - SFSS to possibly advocate the item
- Noted:
 - UBCO added days off to the Thanksgiving weekend along with other universities in Canada to improve students' mental health and wellbeing
- Concerns:
 - Further data and research must be conducted before bringing up to Senate as it has been brought up before in the past years
 - May not be able to advocate for a week-long reading break, but multiple days

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Advocacy Committee Opening

- Councillors are encouraged to be part of the Advocacy as there are a couple openings
- About the Committee:
 - The committee prioritizes and initiates student issues
 - Issues are advocated through tabling and other in-person activities
 - Meetings are Mondays at 12:30pm

8.2 Council Social

- Suggestions:
 - To possibly go out for dinner like Club Ilia
 - To have a Council Social
- To possibly to be in February or early March

8.3 Discussion Open Floor

- Concerns:
 - SFU Library recently changed the check-out policy from 4hrs to 24hrs which makes books constantly unavailable
- Alcohol Policy

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Each student union had their own respective announcements

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2018-01-17:05

David/Quince

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 PM.

CARRIED