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## **Simon Fraser Student Society and Fraser International College Announce Groundbreaking Agreement**

**[Burnaby, BC – April 27, 2018]** At the April 7, 2018 meeting of the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) Board of Directors, the Board unanimously approved a new agreement that will see the SFSS provide a broad range of service and support for students attending Fraser International College (FIC), beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The recommendation review a potential partnership originated from Council in May 2017.

“It is important for FIC students, who come from across the globe, to feel connected to our SFU campus community. This new agreement will ensure that FIC students make meaningful contributions that will help us continue to build our capacity to deliver the services and supports our members need.” said Hangué Kim, President of the SFSS.

Sharla Reid, College Director and Principal of Fraser International College, is also pleased with the new agreement. “This agreement will enhance the sense of welcome on campus for FIC students by allowing them to fully engage in campus social life. By being able to utilize important services like the Women’s Centre, Out on Campus and Clubs students can build a support network and community they can rely throughout their time on campus. The students will also bring their global perspectives and enthusiasm to be able to add further value to the SFU campus community.”

The new agreement will see FIC students contribute funds to the SFSS in exchange for key services and support, including the following:

- Participating in existing SFSS clubs
- Developing new clubs
- Assistance for planning events, booking rooms, securing equipment
- Developing policies and procedures
- Access to the student union building and other SFSS spaces on SFU campuses
- Access to grant funds
- Access to the food bank service, free legal clinic, Women’s Centre, Out on Campus and other SFSS programs and services

While FIC students will receive access to these services and support, they will *not* be considered members of the SFSS and will *not* be eligible to vote in SFSS elections.

With the agreement in place, the SFSS will begin planning to develop the additional capacity required to support the influx of FIC students who will be needing support, beginning January 2019.

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### ***About the Simon Fraser Student Society***

The Simon Fraser Student Society provides service and support to improve the social, health and well-being, financial and academic condition of undergraduate students attending Simon Fraser University.

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### ***About Fraser International College***

FIC provides international students a direct pathway to year two at Simon Fraser University. The FIC pathway provides a smooth transition into Simon Fraser University. University designed programs, taught by qualified instructors on the main Simon Fraser University Campus, ensure that our students have the very best preparation for the demands of higher education in Canada. FIC students are treated like university students and, with the added benefits of smaller classes, students receive more personalized attention in a dynamic and supportive environment that better equips them for life at University.

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