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For Immediate Release:

Simon Fraser Student Society was made aware this morning that our logo was being used to support an upcoming event, "Get a Grip 2018," on July 21st. It is our understanding that the Redeemed Christian Fellowship Club (RCF), which is a recognized SFSS club, is helping stage the event. At this point, we are not familiar with the agenda for the event, but we hope to learn more about it shortly. Like many, we are concerned with the "Let God be True" (LGBT) reference on the poster.

We have instructed the club to remove our logo from all material related to the event until we have met with them to learn more. Typically, clubs submit their requests for printed materials (banners, posters, flyers, etc.) in advance, which provides us with an opportunity to review these requests and approve or reject them for publishing. Unfortunately, this process was not used for this event. We hope to meet with representatives from the club tomorrow to learn more about the event and determine how best to move forward.

The Simon Fraser Student Society stands in strong support of the LGBTQ+ community. We have a long history of LGBTQ+ advocacy and have also established and continue to support an active Out on Campus office.

While we support the right of our student clubs to determine and advocate for their own beliefs, we do not support any speech that is hateful, racist or otherwise demeaning. We will have more to say once we have had an opportunity to meet with the student leaders of the RCF club.

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