

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:40 PM

# 2. 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.

# 3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

## 3.1 Council Composition

### Student Union Representatives

Archeology .....	Laurin Sutherland
Bachelor of Environment .....	Nathan Zemp
Behavioral Neuroscience .....	Arlo Virginillo
Biology .....	Emerson Mohr
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology .....	Alam Khehra
Business .....	
Chemistry .....	Meredith Nguyen
Cognitive Science .....	Daniel Chang
Communications .....	
Computing Science .....	Noble Tan
Criminology .....	Mai Baptiste
Dance .....	
Data Science .....	Tae Kim
Earth Science .....	Claire Bauer
Economics .....	Tawanda Chitapi
Education .....	Emerly Liu
Engineering Science .....	Arvin Armini
English .....	
Environmental Resource .....	
Environmental Science .....	April Gullacher
French .....	Sharon Kim
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies .....	
Geography .....	Samantha Lam
Health Science .....	
History .....	Alexander Tsang
Humanities .....	
Interactive Arts and Technology .....	Erika Hance
International Studies .....	Paratmika Padhya
Labour Studies .....	
Linguistics .....	Karah Bulaqui
Mathematics .....	Laura Funderburk
Mechatronics System Engineering ( <i>Chair</i> ) .....	Steven Richter
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry .....	Ulrich Anglas
Operations Research .....	Alan Bi
Philosophy .....	Cameron Blom
Physics .....	Omid Pourmomtaz

Political Science .....	Ali Versi
Psychology .....	Tristan Raymond
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) .....	David Evans
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) .....	Tiffani Rayo
Sociology and Anthropology .....	Andrew Araneta
Software Systems .....	
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA) .....	Vicky Chen
Sustainable Community Development .....	
Theaters .....	
Visual Arts .....	
World Literature .....	Ahmed Khan
<b>Constituency Group Representatives</b>	
First Nations Student Association (FNSA) .....	Steven Hall
International Student Group (ISG) .....	
Out on Campus Collective (OOC) .....	
Residence Hall's Association (RHA) .....	Sayeema Afrin
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) .....	
Students United for Disability Support (SUDDS) .....	
Women Centre Collective (WCC) .....	Simran Randhawa
<b>Board of Directors</b>	
<b>SFSS Directors (non-voting)</b>	
President .....	<i>Vacant</i>
VP External Relations .....	Jasdeep Gill
VP Finance .....	Matthew Chow
VP Student Services .....	Samer Rihani
VP Student Life .....	Tawanda Masawi
VP University Relations .....	Jackson Freedman
At-Large Representative .....	Mohammed Ali
At-Large Representative .....	<i>Vacant</i>
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences) .....	Kia Mirsalehi
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences) .....	<i>Vacant</i>
Faculty Representative (Business) .....	Jessica Nguyen
Faculty Representative (Communications, Art, & Technology) .....	Amrita Mohar
Faculty Representative (Education) .....	Cameron Nakatsu
Faculty Representative (Environment) .....	Russell Dunsford
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences) .....	Christina Loutsik
Faculty Representative (Science) .....	Natasha Birdi
<b>3.2 Society Staff</b>	
Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator .....	Sarah Edmunds
Member Services Coordinator – Student Unions .....	Ayesha Ali
Administrative Assistant .....	Zoya Nari
<b>3.3 Guests</b>	
Student .....	Yun Oh
Student .....	Kasey Stirling
<b>3.4 Regrets</b>	
Data Science .....	Tae Kim
Physics .....	Omid Pourmomtaz

Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) ..... Tiffani Rayo

**3.5 Absents**

Archeology ..... Laurin Sutherland  
Biology..... Emerson Mohr  
Interactive Arts and Technology..... Erika Hance  
Mathematics..... Laura Funderburk  
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry ..... Ulrich Anglas  
Operations Research ..... Alan Bi  
Psychology ..... Tristan Raymond  
World Literature..... Ahmed Khan  
Residence Hall’s Association (RHA) ..... Sayeema Afrin

**4. 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.*

**4.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2018-11-21:01**

**Andrew/Alam**

*Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Tae Kim, Tiffani Rayo, and Omid Pourmomtaz.*

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- Amendment: add “Omid Pourmomtaz”

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2018-11-21:02**

**Noble/Claire**

*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2018-11-21:03**

**Noble/Andrew**

*Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:*

- Council 2018-10-31

**CARRIED**

**7. PRESENTATION**

**7.1 Function and Role of Student Council**

- See attached

*\*Karah Bulaqui arrived at 4:58 PM\**

- Suggestions:
  - Increase transparency between students and SFU
  - Council to create strategic goals for the fiscal year
- Board
  - Creating a volunteer list for members to stay involved in Board committees

*\*Steven Hall arrived at 5:09 PM\**

- There is currently no policy directed for Council, hence, councillors are encouraged to work with Board on any project or concern they wish to move forward with

## 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 8.1 Tuition Increase

- Suggestions:
  - Working group to collaborate and be in unison with the Tuition Freeze group instead of campaigning separately
  - To work closely with the Board of Directors (Governance Committee is currently working on the tuition increase) for support
  - Before meeting with SFU Administration, to formulate questions, clarify concerns, and define the desired objective, which can be reviewed by an SFSS staff member who is knowledgeable in the topic. These questions/formal letter is to be submitted to the Board of Governors at least 21 days in advance in order to be reviewed by SFU
- It is noted that in order for councillors to achieve their desired objective regarding the tuition increase, they need to be flexible and open to negotiating options with SFU
- It is noted that 25% of the international fee increase is going to International Services
- Working group to stay in communication with Council via email prior to the next meeting

### 8.2 Open Discussion

Council Chair

- A student suggested a possible re-election of the Chair

Women's Centre

- Request for assistance with promotions
- There was a recent vandalism incident on one of the posters

## 9. ATTACHMENTS

- Council Presentation 2018-11-21.pdf

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

### 10.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2018-11-21:04

**Cameron/Nathan**

*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM.*

**CARRIED**

# The Role and Function of Student Council



# The SFSS

## Mission Statement

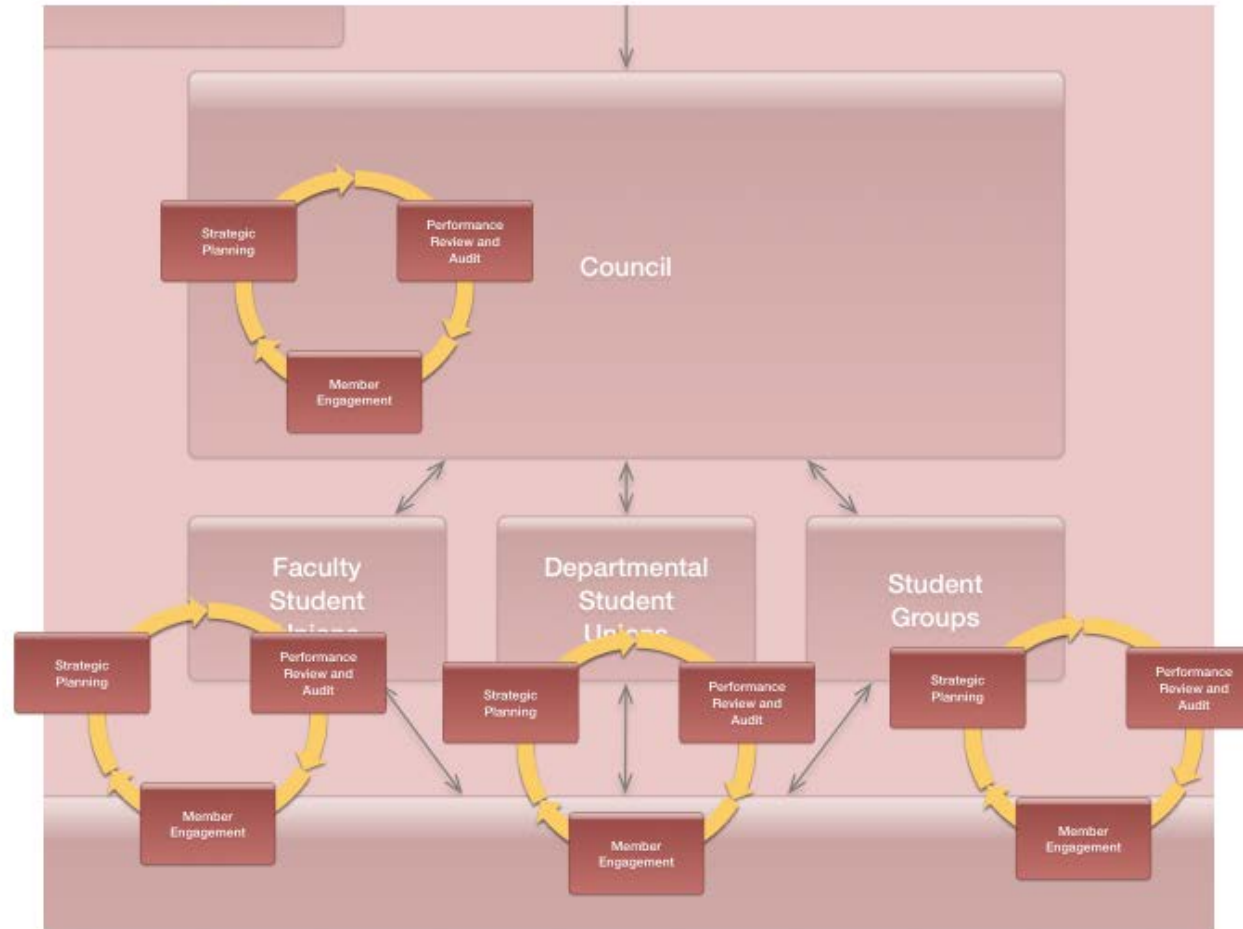
1. The academic experience of members is of the highest possible quality.
2. Members enjoy a rich social life.
3. Members can afford the cost of their education.
4. Members pursue their studies in health promoting conditions that contribute to their wellbeing.





# Council Governance Structure & Cycles

## Governance Cycles





# DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## Council Representatives

- Council Representatives are encouraged and expected to participate in the work of the Society, including but not limited to:
  - informing students in their departments, faculties or constituency groups of Society activities,
  - forwarding to the Board of Directors issues that are of concerns to the members of their student union or constituency group,
  - assisting with advocacy projects and campaigns of interest to the Society and its members, and
  - facilitating communication between the Society and its members.
- Council representatives shall:
  - attend all Council meetings, general meetings of the Society, and general membership meetings called by the student union or constituency group called during the semester
- Council representatives are strongly encouraged to be a member of the committees and working groups of the Society
  - Either as Council reps or student at-large members on Board committees





# + Meetings

Meetings as a decision-making tool

- The goal is simple! Council and student unions and groups make decisions...

## AS A GROUP





# Robert's Rules

How can they help Council?



- Chair sets a meeting date (must convene at least once a semester as per By-Law 8)
- Call for agenda items: motions or discussion items
  - Moving away from discussion --> motions (action!)
- Council approves agenda OR makes amendments and approves agenda
  - Good practice to submit your agenda items beforehand
- Motions are adopted if they are carried
- Motions can help introduce student union voices



# Robert's Rules

Motions as proposed decisions



- A proposal that the Council make a decision on behalf of the organization.
- Example
  - “Whereas...”
  - “Be it resolved to/that ...”
  - “Be it further resolved to/that...”
  - Always include the ‘who’, ‘what’, ‘when’, ‘where’, and ‘why’.



# Robert's Rules

## Types of Motions

- Primary motion
  - Move
  - Second
  - Discuss
  - Vote
    - Carried, carried with amendments, not carried
- Types of secondary motions
  - Amend
  - Postpone
  - Recess
  - Refer to committee
  - Call the question





# Robert's Rules

## Best Practices

- Speak to the motion
- Would this serve the mission of the SFSS?
- Would this bring us closer to the vision of the SFSS?
- Is this in keeping with the values of the SFSS?





# Working Groups and Advisory Committees

## Providing Advice



- Working groups and committees existed in the past
  - Offline, outside of Council meetings
  - Small groups
  - Bring action items (in the form of motions!) to Council meetings
- This year, Council has a working group focused on the tuition fee increase
- The Board has many different committees that Council can potentially be involved with
- Board advisory committees with terms of reference are outlined in By-Law 8

# + Examples of Motions

Council 2011/2012

## **MOTION Forum 2012-02-29:06**

Warwick/Warren

Be it resolved that Forum Strike a SUB Oversight Policy Development Task Force to meet bi-weekly until the last Forum meeting of Summer Semester whereupon the Task Force must submit (a) Policy Paper(s) with the explicit purposes of establishing principles, standards and further actions and referendum question recommendations to address the oversight challenges raised by the SUB project specifically around matters of meaningfully inclusive consultation processes, transparent decision-making processes, disclosure of financial and other relevant information and procedural criteria for regular performance reviews of the Board members primarily responsible for the SUB project.



# Examples of Motions, cont'd

Council 2010/2011



## **MOTION FORUM 10-06-10:11: AMENDMENT**

Lutener / Yeung

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to read: Be it resolved that the following questions be put to the membership in a non-binding plebiscite: Do you agree that external groups that collect a fee from all undergraduate students with a total value of more than \$25,000 per year be required to submit a public, external and independent financial audit each year at the SFSS Annual General Meeting? Do you further agree that the SFSS should draft a question on this topic to be put to a binding referendum in the spring of 2011? (yes / no)





# Examples of Motions, cont'd

Council 2014/2015

## **MOTION COUNCIL 2015-01-28:06**

Jovanovic/Amended Thompson

Whereas the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) has decided, due to budget constraints, to eliminate the position of Cognitive Science Adviser and Manager and have the program run under the administration of the Psychology Department instead; Whereas the Cognitive Science Student Society (CS^3) believes that this decision is not an efficient decision, and will have a much greater effect on the Cognitive Science program than anticipated, has decided to oppose this decision and attempt to reinstate the position of Cognitive Science Adviser and Manager; Whereas CS^3 has drafted an official letter to the dean of FASS, John Craig, opposing this decision in an attempt to revert it; Be it resolved that the Simon Fraser Student Society Council officially support the Cognitive Science Student Society on their mission to reinstate the Cognitive Science Adviser and Manager position.





# In Summary...

## The roles and function of Council

- Role: To act as a liaison between student unions (and more broadly, members) and the SFSS (specifically the Board)
- Function: Meetings are decision-making tools where motions are passed. Working groups allow for the development of actionable items to be motioned at meetings
- Question: What are the priorities of the Council for 2018/2019?
  - Talk to your Student Union!
- There is an opportunity to interact with the Board to a greater extent.
  - Thoughts?

