1. CALL TO ORDER
Call to Order – 4:39 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:lō, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE
3.1 Council Composition
Student Union Representatives
Archeology ................................................................. Laurin Sutherland
Bachelor of Environment........................................... Mina Garlick
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
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Earth Science ............................................................ Logan Garvin
Economics .................................................................. Tawanda Chitapi
Education ....................................................................
Engineering Science ................................................... Alvin David
English ........................................................................
Environmental Resource ............................................. April Gullacher
Environmental Science ..............................................
French .......................................................................... Sharon Kim
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies ....................
Geography ................................................................... Winnie Wu
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 (Chair) ...................... Steven Richter
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry ............................... Attul Sharma
Operations Research .............................................................. Alan Bi
Philosophy ........................................................................... Cameron Blom
Physics .................................................................................. Omid Pourmontaz
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

Constituency Group Representatives
First Nations Student Association (FNSA) ................................. Kasey Stirling
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 (SUDS) ......................
Women Centre Collective (WCC) ............................................. Simran Randhawa

Board of Directors

SFSS Directors (non-voting)
President ....................................................................................... Vacant
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 ............................................................. Vacant
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences) ............................ Kia Mirsalehi
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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

3.2 Society Staff
Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator ........................ Sarah Edmunds
Member Services Coordinator – Student Unions ....................... Ayesha Ali
Administrative Assistant .............................................................. Nadine Ratu
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4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
4.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2019-01-16:01
Tawanda/Andrew
Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.
CARRIED AS AMENDED
• Added 6.1 Women of the Year Award under Presentations

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2019-01-16:02
Emerson/Arlo
Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:
• Council 2018-11-21.pdf
CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS
6.1 SFSS Women of the Year Awards
• The main prize will be a free Michelle Obama tour ticket
• Details will be emailed by the Business Rep. by Monday, Jan 21st
• The awards will be presented at the International Women’s Day Gala
6.2 SOCA as a Constituency Group
• Refer to attachment
6.3 Tuition Freeze Now Final Proposal
• Refer to attachment

7. NEW BUSINESS
7.1 Advocacy Committee – MOTION COUNCIL 2019-01-16:03
Paratmika/Emerson
Whereas the SFSS Board of Directors is hiring student at-large representatives to support
advocacy and lobbying efforts for the Spring 2019 semester;
Be it resolved to recommend the appointment of Simran Randhawa and Mina Garlick to the
Advocacy Committee of the SFSS Board of Directors.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- The committee is looking for representatives for tabling that would be available on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-3pm
- X and X is changed to Simran Randhawa and Mina Garlick

7.2 Tuition Freeze Now – MOTION COUNCIL 2019-01-16:04
Tawanda/Andrew

*Whereas Council created a tuition working group in response to SFU's proposal to significantly increase tuition, later joining with the independent Tuition Freeze campaign;*
*Whereas Council has reviewed and discussed the tuition group's presentation for the Board of Governors;*
*Be it resolved that Council officially endorse the Tuition Freeze Team and their proposal as presented.*

CARRIED

- Tuition Freeze Team will be presenting at the Board of Governors on Jan 24, 2019 to propose the freeze as presented
- Consultation with SFU officials was held during midterm season last semester but SFU administration did not provide an adequate amount of information
- Councillors were asked to inform their student unions and constituency groups about the Board of Governors meeting and to send two representatives to show support
- Committee is planning to host a larger event in February to encourage student support regarding the freeze
- The question was called

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Women’s Centre Collective

- Received backlash from the SFSS staff regarding an event called Black Girl Magic which is exclusively for self-identified women of African descent
  - SFSS staff made it a requirement for the posters to have a statement that promotes inclusivity
  - Issues of inclusivity and marginalized groups were raised
  - The event will be discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting

8.2 Open Discussion

- Late reimbursements and lack of resources
  - A suggestion from the Biology Rep. is to form a sub-committee to streamline the granting process involving treasurers from student unions and clubs
- FNSA Rep. informed council to vote for Steven Hall to be a member of the Presidential Committee

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2019-01-16:05
Arlo/Andrew

*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 PM.*

CARRIED
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Contact: sfutuitionfreeze@gmail.com
SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry

Presentation to SFSS Council, January 2019
History

SOCA started in 1994 as Black Students Association and has had various names (ASAD then ACSHA), finally landing on SOCA in 2015.

SOCA has advocated on various issues from 1994 up until now, e.g. we succeeded in having 2 black professors hired in 1990s, but even in 2018, only 3 black professors are at SFU. We still strive for equitable hiring.

SOCA strongly believes in initiating and maintaining fellowship and advocating for issues relevant to the black community and allies.
What do we do?

We operate our services and execute our mandate by centering the values and principles of:

- Community Building
- Social Justice
- Inclusivity
- Representation
How do we do this

- Events (Social, Cultural and Activism)
- Panel Discussions and Seminars
- Programming such as discussion Wednesdays and workshops on self love for the black community
- Resources in the Black Community Services Centre such as library, microwave, sofa, kettle, quick napping area
- Academic and Community Awards such as a ACHSA Award
Why is there a need for a group like SOCA?

- Black People Exists; Many people think many Black people aren’t here
- There is comfort in building community, void of hostility, with others experiencing similarly
- Rise in Specific Anti-Black Racism across Canada and in our Canadian Institutions
- Media and newly polarized society are strengthening stereotypes and microaggressions
- Breaking barriers between black and non-black allies
- Acting as support for the black community and black students in times of need

Why on Council?

- Rise in Specific Anti-Black Racism across Canada and in Canadian Institutions (Lord Byng+KKK+Carding)
- Our voices are not at the table at decision making among the student population
- UN report on people of African Descent in Canada shows that Canadians try to shove issues as a post-racial society. Specific Actions have been taken to address anti-black racism through government at the federal level.
- It is important that we, in provincially and federally funded institutions also center the voices of black students, pushing for universities to be more inclusive, representative and equitable for Black people
- Important that black persons feel safe and creating a forum for discussion of issues
- Bring community issues to student government’s attention, e.g Hogan's Alley Redevelopment, etc.
Role of Council

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1. Council shall serve as the primary medium for discussion of:
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(SFSS Bylaws - 8.1.b, emphasis added)
Goals for council

- We become more socially aware and politically engaged on this campus
- Act in alliance with the other student unions and workers union across the country
- Be a strong body pushing for more transparency, consultations and equity among students
- The discomfort around equity issues have seen in the past regarding Women Collectives, LGBT Collectives and Indigenous Collectives are now at the table through conversations, important that we recognize that the conversations on black issues need to happen with black people at the table
- Council is to be a voice equal advocating on issues affecting students from diverse walks of life
What can council do?

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Our Ask: Consider the Motion

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- A budget needs to be in place by Spring – but it does not have to be this one
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History

SOCA started in 1994 as Black Students Association and has had various names (ASAD then ACSHA), finally landing on SOCA in 2015.

SOCA has advocated on various issues from 1994 up until now, e.g. we succeeded in having 2 black professors hired in 1990s, but even in 2018, only 3 black professors are at SFU. We still strive for equitable hiring.

SOCA strongly believes in initiating and maintaining fellowship and advocating for issues relevant to the black community and allies.
What do we do?

We operate our services and execute our mandate by centering the values and principles of:

- Community Building
- Social Justice
- Inclusivity
- Representation
How do we do this

- Events (Social, Cultural and Activism)
- Panel Discussions and Seminars
- Programming such as discussion wednesdays and workshops on self love for the black community
- Resources in the Black Community Services Centre such as library, microwave, sofa, kettle, quick napping area
- Academic and Community Awards such as a ACHSA Award
Why is there a need for a group like SOCA?

- Black People Exists; Many people think many Black people aren’t here
- There is comfort in building community, void of hostility, with others experiencing similarly
- Rise in Specific Anti-Black Racism across Canada and in our Canadian Institutions
- Media and newly polarized society are strengthening stereotypes and microaggressions
- Breaking barriers between black and non-black allies
- Acting as support for the black community and black students in times of need

Why on Council?

- Rise in Specific Anti-Black Racism across Canada and in Canadian Institutions (Lord Byng+KKK+Carding)
- Our voices are not at the table at decision making among the student population
- UN report on people of African Descent in Canada shows that Canadians try to shove issues as a post-racial society. Specific Actions have been taken to address anti-black racism through government at the federal level.
- It is important that we, in provincially and federally funded institutions also center the voices of black students, pushing for universities to be more inclusive, representative and equitable for Black people
- Important that black persons feel safe and creating a forum for discussion of issues
- Bring community issues to student government’s attention, e.g Hogan's Alley Redevelopment, etc.
Role of Council

BY-LAW 8 – POWERS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

1. Council shall serve as the primary medium for discussion 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. Council shall advise the Board as necessary and may strike advisory committees, establish their terms of reference, and appoint their members, at its discretion.
3. Council may, in accordance with By-Law 10(3), establish a new seat on Council for Department Student Unions by a motion requiring two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members in attendance at the Council meeting.
4. Council may establish an Advisory Committee for the Student Union of the Faculty Student Union by a motion requiring two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members in attendance at the Council meeting.
5. Council may recognize a Constituent Group within the University community and establish a new seat on Council for a Constituent Group representative by a motion requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members in attendance at the Council meeting.
6. Such motion shall require three (3) weeks written notice to Council.
7. Council shall receive and administer an annual budget.
8. A member in good standing of the Society shall be elected by the members of Council to serve as Chair of Council for a term of one semester.
   a. The Council Chair shall not be counted towards quorum or have a vote unless she or he is a member of Council.
   b. If she or he has a vote the Council Chair shall exercise it in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.
9. The Council Chair shall convene a meeting of Council at least once per semester or, upon receipt of a petition signed by at least one-half (1/2) of the members of Council, within five working days after receiving the Petition.

(SFSS Bylaws - 8.1.b, emphasis added)
Goals for council

- We become more socially aware and politically engaged on this campus
- Act in alliance with the other student unions and workers union across the country
- Be a strong body pushing for more transparency, consultations and equity among students
- The discomfort around equity issues have seen in the past regarding Women Collectives, LGBT Collectives and Indigenous Collectives are now at the table through conversations, important that we recognize that the conversations on black issues need to happen with black people at the table
- Council is to be a voice equal advocating on issues affecting students from diverse walks of life
What can council do?

BY-LAW 8 – POWERS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

1. Council shall serve as the primary medium for discussion of matters of concern to, or affecting, students. Council shall be composed of representatives of the graduate and undergraduate programs, departments or schools at the Society.

2. Council shall advise the Board as necessary and may strike advisory committees, establish their terms of reference, and make recommendations to the Board.

3. Council shall establish and administer the University Student Union and the Undergraduate Student Student Unions by a motion requiring two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members in attendance at the Council meeting.

4. Council may, in accordance with By-Law 9, establish a new seat on Council for a Constituent Group representative by a motion requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members in attendance at the Council meeting.
   a. Such motion shall require three (3) weeks written notice to Council.

5. Council may recognize a Constituent Group within the University community and establish a new seat on Council for a Constituent Group representative by a motion requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members in attendance at the Council meeting.
   a. Such motion shall require three (3) weeks written notice to Council.


7. A member in good standing of the Society shall be elected to the position of Council Chair by a simple majority vote of Council for a term of one semester.
   a. The Council Chair shall not be counted towards quorum or have a vote unless she or he is a member of Council.
   b. If she or he has a vote the Council Chair shall exercise it in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

8. The Council Chair shall convene a meeting of Council at least once per semester or, upon receipt of a petition signed by at least one-half (1/2) of the members of Council, within five working days after receiving the Petition.

(SFSS Bylaws - 8.5, emphasis added)
Our Ask: Consider the Motion

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SOCA, as an equity-seeking group representing issues relevant to the black community and allies on campus

Be it resolved, that SOCA has a representative seat on Council to represent issues relevant to the black community and its constituents
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