

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:lo, 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
Dance	
Data Science	
Earth Science	Logan Garvin
Economics	Tawanda Chitapi
Education.....	
Engineering Science.....	Alvin David
English	
Environmental Resource.....	
Environmental Science.....	April Gullacher
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 (<i>Chair</i>)	Steven Richter
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	Attul Sharma

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
Constituency Group Representatives	
First Nations Student Association (FNSEA)	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	<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
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.

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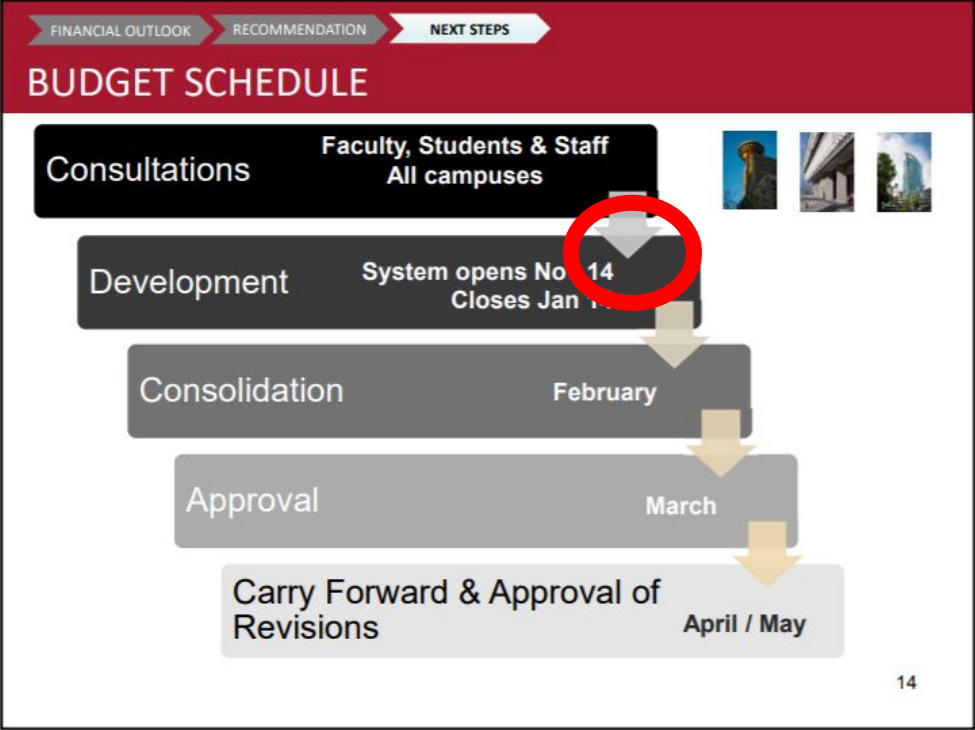
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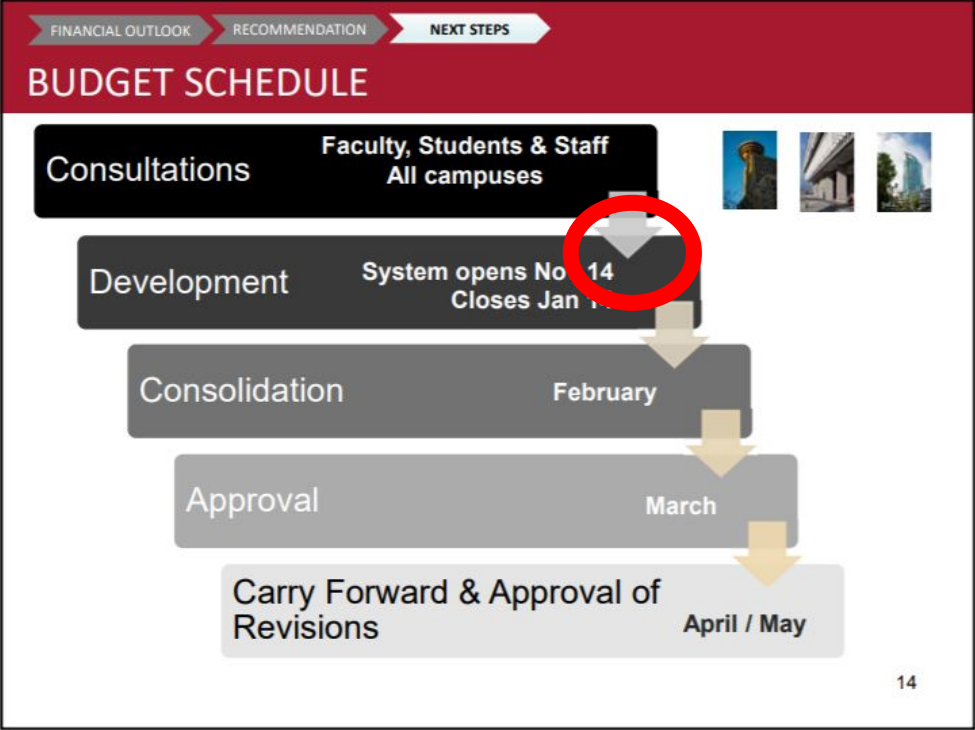
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