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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Hangue Kim – Vice President Finance at 3:30 PM. It was noted that quorum was not achieved, and no official new business would be considered.

## 2. Territorial Acknowledgment

The Board of Directors recognized that the meeting is being conducted on the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, which includes the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people to the Board of Directors' current knowledge.

## 3. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR

The members nominated and appointed a Chairperson for the Annual General Meeting.

### MOTION AGM 2016-09-30:01

Hangue Kim/John Rogone

Be it resolved that Larissa Chen – VP Student Services (Interim President) be appointed as the chair of the 2016 Simon Fraser Student Society Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED** 

# 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEETING RULES

The chair indicated that the meeting will consider the agenda prepared by the Board of Directors. An invitation for members to make changes or additions to the agenda was provided during this time.

The Chairperson provided the assembly with a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order – a system of meeting rules and procedures that the Student Society uses for the general meeting – along with the meeting standard rules – established to ensure courtesy, fairness, and equality among speakers – circulated amongst the assembly.

MOTION AGM 2016-09-30:02

Prab Bassi/Raajan Garcha

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED** 

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## 5. Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes of the 2015 Special General Meeting and the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting were made available for consideration by members.

#### MOTION AGM 2016-09-30:03

#### Raajan Garcha/Paul Hans

Be it resolved that the minutes of the January 21, 2015 Special General Meeting for the Simon Fraser Student Society be adopted.

Be it further resolved that the minutes of the September 22, 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Simon Fraser Student Society be adopted.

**CARRIED** 

## 6. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A report was presented detailing the activities of the Board of Directors from May  $1^{st}$ , 2015 through April  $30^{th}$ , 2016.

#### MOTION AGM 2016-09-30:04

Marion Dickinson/Alan Lee

Be it resolved that the 2015—2016 report from the Board of Directors be received. **CARRIED** 

## 7. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE

Hangue Kim – Vice President Finance – provided an overview of the Student Society's finances from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A printed copy of the report was distributed, along with the AGM agenda.

#### MOTION AGM 2016-09-30:05

Jackson Freedman/ Curtis Pooghkay

Be it resolved that the 2015—2016 report from the Vice President Finance be received.

**CARRIED** 

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## 8. RECEIPT OF REPORT FROM THE AUDITOR

The Simon Fraser Student Society's auditor, Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co., provided an overview of the Student Society's audited financial statements, as distributed at the meeting.

Question was raised – why the cost of the financial office was doubled, and whether there was an increase in staff. The auditor expressed that the change reflects the reallocation of costs between SFSS departments such as Food and Beverage Services, SFSS Copy Centre, and Build SFU.

In response to a question, it was clarified that the financial report covers only the 2015-2016 fiscal year, whereas the student's enquiry spans a larger time frame.

## 9. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

The auditor responsible for the coming year's audited financial statements will be appointed. The Board of Directors recommended the re-appointment of Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co.

#### MOTION AGM 2016-09-30:06

#### Paul Hans/Jimmy Dhesa

Be it resolved that Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co. be appointed as Simon Fraser Student Society Auditor for the 2016—2017 year.

CARRIED

# 10. OPEN SPACE

### a) Grayson Barke: Kinder Morgan Pipeline

Barke spoke about potential risks posed by the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion project to the SFU community. He emphasized that SFU indicated they are not prepared to officially oppose the project at this time, and called for information sharing and cooperation within the SFSS in opposition to the project.

### b) Dylan Belvedere: SFSS Resource Allocation Across Campuses

Belvedere observed that SFSS resources are not currently allocated proportionately between campuses, particularly noting services such as the Women's Centre, Out On Campus, and the Copy Centre. He submitted a proposition calling for a 2024 deadline for the SFSS to complete a project at the Surrey campus with a value that is near the proportionate expense of Build SFU Project. He noted that students enrolled in the Mechatronics Systems Engineering program are required to take all of their courses in Surrey and he suggested that if the deadline is not met, fees collected from Mechatronics students to 2024 be allocated for their exclusive benefit, with a 20% reduction of SFSS fees for Mechatronics students thereafter. He expressed uncertainty about where the additional project money would come from. Belvedere called for his proposal to be presented as a referendum question during the spring elections, and was advised

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on the process for submitting a referendum question. He was also invited to speak on the topic at a future SFSS Board meeting.

### c) Darien Lechner: Build SFU Levy

Lechner questioned whether the SFSS has plans to adjust the current Build SFU Levy schedule to reflect the removal of the stadium portion of the project scope.

Arr Farah stated that the SFSS is currently seeking written clarification of SFU's position on the issue before deciding how to proceed with the funding. Lechner asked whether the amount of the Build SFU levy is contractually fixed with the lender. Larissa Chen stated that the financing arrangements do not distinguish between elements of the project. Farah noted that a previously approved referendum motion specifically prohibits the SFSS from rescinding the Build SFU levy, as required by the lender.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION AGM 2016-09-30:07 Alan Lee/Grayson Barke Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 PM. CARRIED The image part with relationship ID rid1 was not found in the fil

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

# 1. Title: Surrey and Vancouver Fair Spending By-law # 1 (Proposed Motion)

(Submitted by: Dylan Belvedere)

Goal: To protect Mechatronic Systems Engineering (MSE) students from unequal spending by SFSS in the future. Based on the calculation of consistent unequal seen in the SFSS budget vs. AFTE credits per campus, and the Build SFU referendum. This unequal spending negatively effects students on Surrey and Vancouver campus as they are unable to receive essential services which are provided at Burnaby campus which include, but are not limited to Out On Campus, Women's Centre, affordable food and beverage services.

The current spending per campus from the SFSS budget should be around 17% of the total going to initiatives and services at Surrey and Vancouver Campus, currently this is not happening. This a total of near \$100,000 increased amount Surrey and Vancouver should have got, taking 2014-2015 for example. The Build SFU initiative is also specific to Burnaby campus, and taking 17% of the \$60 million is around \$10.2 million.

As MSE is a completely Surrey based program, except for the potential of 3 electives [1], the spending of the SFSS does little benefit for the students of MSE. The goal of this motion will be to protect the MSE students from this spending unless the SFSS does something to bring it to more equal terms within the next 8 years. Other Vancouver and Surrey based programs may make their own decision to create these protections if they choose.

It is important to address that with increased tuition nearly yearly that students are getting their fair share out of what they are required to pay. Most importantly the student society is providing the resources and services that can be essential to many, on all of the campuses it represents.

Whereas: The SFSS has been unequally spending fees per campus vs. AFTE credits for the past several years. Which brings a low amount of benefit to the Surrey and Vancouver based students.

Further whereas: Build SFU is solely based on Burnaby campus, bringing a low amount of benefit to the Surrey and Vancouver Based

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Further whereas: It is the mission of the SFSS to fairly serve all students as equally and fairly as possible

BIRT: A by-law is added to the new SFSS by-laws that are being created to meet the BC Societies act in the appropriate section that states as follows:

- 1. If the SFSS does not spend funds at Surrey and Vancouver campus of at least \$10 million by January 1, 2024.
  - a. The SFSS will seek access to the records containing all MSE students who had paid towards Build SFU and total this amount, this amount will be placed in a fund by Fall Semester 4which can only be accessed by MSE students, or be used to create scholarships for MSE students until the fund is depleted. These funds will remain in the SFSS bank account but, have the bindings that are mentioned and all tracking and accounting of these funds will be done by the SFSS.
  - b. Starting with the Fall Semester of 2024, declared MSE students will have a 20% reduction in fees UG Student Activity Fees[2] paid to the SFSS.
- [1] MSE 4-Year Set Curriculum https://www.sfu.ca/mechatronics/current-students/undergraduate-students/undergraduate-program-requirements/4-year- undergraduate-curriculum-fall-2014.html
  - \*Note: All MSE titled courses are only in Surrey, and the others are also offered and only with special approval can be takenelsewhere
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# 2. Motion addressing the Build SFU Levy (Proposed Motion)

(Submitted by: Darrien Lechner)

Whereas the Board of Directors of the SFSS have decided not to move forward with the stadium portion of the BuildSFU project,

Whereas the estimated costs are three times larger than originally believed and are beyond available funding to the society,

Whereas a By-Election for President and Environmental Faculty Rep, would provide a medium where an appropriate referenda question can be asked, is to be held this fall semester,

Whereas the BuildSFU levy is still being collected from undergraduate students, and was originally intended to fund both the construction of the SUB and the Stadium

Be it Resolved that the following non-binding question be proposed to the members of this AGM.

Are you in favour of restructuring the BuildSFU levy to reflect the recent changes to the BuildSFU project?

Yes/no