

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 10:38 am

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 Committee Composition

VP Student Services & (Interim President)	Larissa Chen
VP External Relations	Christine Dyson
VP Finance	Hangue Kim
VP Student Life	Curtis Pooghkay
VP University Relations	Arr Farah
At-Large Representative	Paul Hans
At-Large Representative	Mudi Bwakura
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences)	Alan Lee
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences)	Blossom Malhan
Faculty Representative (Business)	Pritesh Pachchigar
Faculty Representative (Communication, Art & Technology)	Prab Bassi
Faculty Representative (Education)	John Ragone
Faculty Representative (Environment)	Vacant
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences)	Raajan Garcha
Faculty Representative (Science)	Jimmy Dhesa

Society Staff

Administrative Assistant	Mandeep Aujla
Build SFU General Manager	Marc Fontaine
Chief Executive Officer	Martin Wyant

3.2 Regrets

3.3 Absent

3.4 Guests

Alliance of BC Students Chairperson	Alex McGowan
Embark Sustainability Society Board Chair	Deven Azevedo
Embark Sustainability Society Executive Director	Joshua Cairns

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:01

Prab/Curtis

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Discussion:

- Add additional motion 9.6: “Be it resolved to approve up to \$18, 500 from line 816/20 for the 2016 fall kick off concert” Under New Business

→ Motion amended as follows:

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:02

Curtis/Arr

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended to include the additional motion 9.6 under New Business.

CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:03

Pritesh/Blossom

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- BoardOfDirectors_2016-06-30
- BoardOfDirectors_2016-07-07
- AdvocacyCommittee_2016-05-25
- AdvocacyCommittee_2016-06-08
- AdvocacyCommittee_2016-06-15
- EventsCommittee_2016-05-30
- EventsCommittee_2016-06-13
- FinanceCommittee_2016-05-26
- FinanceCommittee_2016-06-16

Friendly amendments:

-To BoardOfDirectors_2016-06-30: Create a section for SCC updates and move all relevant SCC updates under this heading; Point 4 under CEO updates needs to be changed from ‘on the portal at the pub’ to ‘club portal’

-To EventsCommittee_2016-05-30” Removed the phrase “Chair to send job descriptions & last year’s report to the events committee” from under the tentative timeline.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 ALLIANCE OF BC STUDENTS

- The Alliance of BC students is a collective of student unions that represents and advocates for members interested at the provincial level.

- Currently there are five student society members; and the organization advocates for undergraduate, graduate, and trade students.
- As per the presentation this organization is democratic in nature and is member driven; the sole purpose of this organization is to promote affordable, accessible, and innovative post-secondary education of the highest quality.
- The Alliance of BC students ensures students have a voice at the table by doing research and developing requests of the government that are achievable and helpful for students.
- Tasks are decided among members in a democratic manner.
- ABCS is the only provincial lobby group that meets regularly with government officials, and they have become known for their professionalism and passion for the work they do.
- It is important to note that the ABCS does not advocate for student fees as this is a process that takes time and the organization's main focus is to advocate for issues that can be resolved quickly.
- The ABCS meets with government officials year-round, but they also do a 'lobby days' where they bring students from across the province to Victoria to advocate on issues they have identified as being priorities for that year.
- For the fall of 2016 the organization's plan is to focus on a housing campaign, and for the spring of 2017, their focus is on a provincial election.
- For the housing campaign, their plan is to release a research paper, organize an awareness event at the welcome week as well as a petition drive, and create a media event at the Legislature to generate more awareness on this issue from the public.
- The ABCS is a member driven organization which easy to join and easy to leave.
- The organization provides capacity building (lobbying skills training, public communications, policy development, and advocacy on other issues) and expertise in areas such as building your own lobbying strategies and campaigns as well as giving Board presentations etc.
- The fee structure is an FTE based approach, which ensures recognition that different sized institutions have different capacities to pay, without penalizing members for being large (slide 10 in attachment).
- The cost for the SFSS for participating in just the housing campaign would be \$750.00

Q and A

- Question: What does the process look like for the five members?
 - Answer: Preparation starts months ahead of lobby days; members bring together top issues, and these top issues are shortlisted.
- Question: Why is it that some student societies decided to leave the organization?
 - Answer: ABCS is very collaborative, it is easy to join and easy to leave. Some societies decided the organization wasn't going in the direction they would have liked. Since ABCS tries to target issues that matter and issues that could get the government's attention, some student societies weren't seeing value in targeting these issues as well.
- Question: Do members choose what they want to focus on?

- The organization is democratic in nature; therefore, they do try to make collective decisions. However, if there is some disagreement, members can opt out easily.

6.2 EMBARK REFERENDUM

****Christine stepped out of the room at 11:00 am due to a conflict of interest.**

- Since first getting funded in 2010, Embark has represented and advanced students' sustainability interests at SFU.
- Each year Embark has been dealing with a decrease in revenue.
- Proposal is to hold a referendum this fall to seek an increase in the contribution that undergraduate students make to Embark.
- Would like to link member fees to inflation and request an increase of \$1.00 per full time student and \$0.50 per part time student; in total this would increase their annual revenue by approximately \$70, 000.
- Embark prefers Option 1 for the Referendum (outlined in attachment) as this would allow separate votes on increasing the levy and tying in inflation.

Q & A

- Question: Is the university providing any financial support to Embark?
 - Answer: The university does provide some support on an add hoc basis, however, there is no formal agreement on an annual basis for SFU to provide funds. Embark is working with SFU to have some joint projects.
- Question: How far along are the proposals with the University?
 - Embark is working on presenting a proposal later this afternoon to a committee.
- Question: Are there any plans to request annual funding from the University as well?
 - Not at this point, because Embark does still represent students on advocacy issues. Embark is wary of accepting continuous funding.
- Question: If the Board did go with Option 1 (as stated in attachment), what would the increase be according to inflation?
 - Embark clarified that they are just trying to restore the program to where it was in 2010, accounting for inflation losses.
- Question: What criteria do you use to determine which projects will get funded?
 - Embark hires a grants coordinator on an eight month basis.
 - Organization offers two different types of grants to make sure projects and ideas can get funded: Sustainability Community Grants and Social Innovation Grants.
- Question: As an external group, how do you respond to student complaints about the number of fees they are being charged? Can students opt out?
 - Embark does provide a membership opt out form online for students to receive a 100% refund.

- Students do not have to give any reasons as to why they would like to opt out; opting out is really simple.

**Christine came back in the room at 11:17 am

7. REPORTS FROM SOCIETY

7.1 REPORTS FROM CEO

- Martin will be away next week, however, he will be meeting with Marc to go over a few things; committee members were directed to express any urgent questions to Martin before he leaves in order to ensure an immediate response.
- Working to have a draft version of Personnel Policies developed in the near future; these policies will be somewhat similar to the collective agreement, however, they will focus more so on how members should be conducting themselves at work on a day to day basis.
- There were some meetings held on the strategic planning side both on the subgroup and overall committee. Work is proceeding with item 1.1 which is the focus this year on operations.
- Build SFU has been taking a huge amount of time, primarily related to the stadium project.
- A prior member of the SUDS group did approach Martin with regards to forming another SUDS group and some concerns about not having a seat at the table for the accessibility fund committee.
 - Martin did indicate they are welcome to attend meetings, as much they would like given the nature of the work that they are trying to do.
 - Martin also advised them that they need more members to form an actual committee (two members is not enough).
- An RFP process has been completed.
- There has been a proposal submitted by an SFU student engagement group to retain the services of the previous company in order to help with student engagement work.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 BOARD WORK REPORTS

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:04

Alan/Hangue

Be it resolved to receive and file the Committee Updates and Board reports for July 1- July 15.

Discussion:

- Note: There were a few grammatical errors in the document, which have since been corrected by Hangue. An updated version will be forwarded to the minute taker.

CARRIED

*Abstentions: Christine Dyson

8.2 SFSS SIGNING OFFICER

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:05

Paul/Alan

Whereas Kurt Belliveau has taken a leave of absence and Lillian Yu is filling his position in the interim;

Be it resolved to remove Kurt Belliveau as a signing officer for SFSS and add Lillian Yu as a signing officer for SFSS.

CARRIED

8.3 ACCESSIBILITY FUND COMMITTEE CHAIR

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:06

Raajan/Blossom

Whereas the Board of Directors appoints committee chairs;

Be it resolved to appoint Larissa Chen as Chair of the Accessibility Fund Committee.

CARRIED

8.4 STUDENT UNION DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:07

Arr/Mudi

Whereas the Board of Directors has expressed interest in this year's Student Union Development Summit;

Be it resolved to approve x from line x to send x on behalf of the SFSS.

Discussion:

- Note: Friendly amendment to change 'SUMMITT' in the original motion title to 'SUMIT'.
- This conference will take place at UBC from August 11th to August 14th.
- For members who attend the conference, a report will be expected by August 31st highlighting the key components of the conference.
- There is currently approximately \$4, 000 allocated for conferences in the budget.
- This conference will cost roughly \$510.00 plus an \$11.00 transaction fee, per person (taxes already reflected in this amount).
- A committee member who had attended the previous year's conference noted that it is important to take into account that this year trained professionals will run the workshops and not student committee members, therefore, there will be more viable information for the Board members to report on if they choose to attend.
- The Board noted this summit would be a good networking opportunity, as student unions across the country will be in attendance.
- The Board collectively decided that it would be beneficial for there to be at least one representative from the FARM and Executive committee in attendance at this conference.
- There was a vote on whether three or four members should attend; a majority vote revealed that four members would be in attendance at this conference.
- Mudi, Paul, Christine and Arr expressed an interest in representing the committee at this conference.

→ Motion amended as follows:

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:08

Arr/John

Whereas the Board of Directors has expressed interest in this year's Student Union Development Summit;

Be it resolved to approve \$2, 200 from line item 740/20 to send Paul Hans, Mudi Bwakura, Christine Dyson, and Arr Farah on behalf of the SFSS.

Be it further resolved to receive a report by August 31st, 2016.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

8.5 STUDENT UNION ALCOHOL POLICY

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:09

Blossom/John

Whereas the SFSS provides core funding to student unions;

Whereas student unions can currently use all of their core funding on the purchase of alcohol;

Be it resolved to approve a new Student Union Alcohol Policy that limits core spending to 30% with an appeal process that provides some necessary flexibility.

Be it further resolved to have the new policy come into effect September 1st, 2016.

Discussion:

- Friendly Amendment: *"Be it resolved to approve a new Student Union Alcohol Policy that limits core spending to 30% with up to an additional 20% in order to provide some necessary flexibility."*

CARRIED

** Abstentions: Alan Lee

8.6 FALL KICK-OFF CONCERT

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:10

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Be it resolved to approve up to \$18,500 from line item 816/20 for the 2016 fall kick-off concert.

CARRIED

8.7 IN-CAMERA

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:11

Prab/Alan

Be it resolved to move the meeting in-camera.

CARRIED

8.8 EX- CAMERA

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:12

Alan/Pritesh

Be it resolved to move the meeting ex-camera.

CARRIED

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.1 Sexual Assault Policy Update

- There is a Sexual Assault Policy in development, which will be for the entire SFU community, not just students alone.
- The working group and advisory group have been reviewing an existing model as well as what SFU currently has.
- The committee decided that they are okay with having SFSS present at this consultation, which will take place on August 16th at 1:30 pm.
- Martin will be the one sending the invitation to staff member

9.2 Week of Welcome Involvement

- SFU has planned for activities to place everyday during the week of welcome.
- There are opportunities for SFSS to do tabling during this time, as this will be a good opportunity to market and interact with students.
- **[Action Item] Larissa:** Send details of Week of Welcome to Board members.

10. ATTACHMENTS

- REVISED_ RecommendationonStudentUnionPolicy-FundingRestrictionofAlcohol.pdf
- About the ABCS - SFSS July 2016.pdf
- EmbarkReferendumProposalSFSS-06-28-2016.pdf

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BOD 2016-07-21:13

John/Christine

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 pm.

CARRIED

Recommendation on Student Union Policy- Funding Restriction of Alcohol

It is the purpose of this document to provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding an "Alcohol Policy".

Context:

- On May 4th 2016 the Board of Directors received a Briefing Note (Student Union Policy- Funding Restriction on alcohol) that was brought forward by the SFSS CEO in conjunction with the Student Union Resource Coordinator.
- The Board did not feel that it was able to come to a decision on the matter, and opted to refer it to an ad-hoc working group.
- The working group was tasked to consult appropriate staff on the matter and make a recommendation on a new "Alcohol policy".
- The recommendation was to speak to both the removal of the current gratuity charged to student unions as well as restricting student unions from using core funds for the purchase of alcohol.
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Key considerations:

- Grant funding cannot be used for the purchase of alcohol.
- Clubs cannot use grant or core funding on alcohol.
- Prior to the early 2000's student unions could not use any funds on alcohol.
- There has been instances where student unions use all their core on alcohol.
- There is quite a bit of risk associated with student unions purchasing alcohol with society funds.
- Events where alcohol is purchased marginalize the under 19 student population.
- Changes in gratuity or core may impact FBS Operations.
- Separation of operations and governance.
- FBS has been mandated to have a much lower loss for this fiscal year. The outgoing board was comfortable with running a deficit of no more than \$200,000.

Recommendations:**Gratuity:**

The working group recommends that the Board of Directors leave the decision regarding removing or keeping the mandatory gratuity that student unions are required to pay to the Food & Beverage Services General Manager.

Rationale:

The working group came to this recommendation because, we recognized that the role of the board is to make decisions and set direction on a high level. This has been done by giving our staff and management the direction to lose no more than \$200,000 this fiscal year. However, to make a decision, which would be largely uninformed on a specific operational mechanism would be outside our scope of responsibilities and duties. As such we thought it would be best to leave such a decision in the capable hands of our FBS General Manager.

Restricting Core Spending on Alcohol:

The Working group recommends that the Board of Directors implement a 30% cap on the core funding in regards of purchasing alcohol per fiscal year. Furthermore, the working group also recommends that student groups only spend their core at the Highland Pub except for one large scale event off campus where they are allowed to purchase alcohol off campus.

Appeals:

In the event that a DSU or FSU finds that spending 30% of its core is not sufficient for a particular event, they can request an additional 20% once per fiscal year. It will be to the discretion of society staff to decide if the event warrants additional core funding to be spent on alcohol.

In the event a DSU or FSU is not comfortable with the decision landed on by the SFSS staff, the DSU or FSU will have the option to appeal to a committee comprised of primarily board members. This committee will be ad-hoc and responsible for appeals brought forwarded by student groups regarding funding. A terms of reference for such a committee will need to be created, before this policy is adopted.

Rationale:

The working group came to this recommendation because, we think that although it is important to mitigate risk for the society, we also have an important role of creating social life on campus, and providing others with the tools to do so as well. Completely restricting student unions from spending core on alcohol limits their ability to function, that is why we recommend a compromise of 30% for the fiscal year.

The working group recommended that student groups be allowed to have 1 large scale event where alcohol is purchased through core not at the SFSS Highland Pub per semester. This is because several student unions have events (mainly formals and galas) off campus that are a critical mechanism in creating social life within particular departments and faculties.

Lastly, the working group recommended that the changes that have been discussed come into effect this fall rather than, as soon as possible because notifying student groups of this change in policy, and allowing them time to adjust their plans would be both considerate and reasonable.

Alliance of British Columbia Students

Agenda

- What is the ABCS?
- How ABCS Lobbies
- 2016/17 Outlook
- Fee Structure



What is the ABCS?

- Incorporated in 2013
- Provincial Advocacy
- 5 student society members
- Undergraduate, graduate, and trade students.
- A democratic, member driven organization that promotes affordable, accessible, and innovative post-secondary education of the highest quality.

How We Lobby

RELIEF TO THE HOUSING MARKET BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

Building student residence space can support students and expand housing options

The housing crisis in British Columbia has ceased to be solely a Metro Vancouver problem, and is now seriously affecting all of British Columbia. Vacancy rates in many metropolitan areas sit at or below 1%, where 3% is generally agreed to be a healthy vacancy rate. Meanwhile, average rental rates continue to grow, increasing affordability issues for all renters.

Students benefit from residence housing by allowing them to live where they learn, saving time and locating them in the heart of their academic community. A broader benefit is that it can help relieve the pressure placed on the rental market, as well as on overburdened transit lines servicing post-secondary institutions.

Universities, as arms of the Province, are not able to take on debt for capital construction, including housing. Student debt, as student residence fee's service to

UBC, which is able to leverage the size of housing, has constructed over 2,000 units; the annual waitlist has continued to grow and exists for an additional 6,000 units.

Over the past seven years, the number of students at UBC has risen by over 17,000. In that same time, the number of housing units outside of UBC has only increased by approximately 1,000.

If post-secondary institutions were allowed to house 10% of students on campus, this would create 10,000 new housing units in the Lower Mainland alone. Metro Vancouver would need to build 10,000 new rental housing units per year, and are able to do so at a cost of at least 3 years' worth of expansion could account for at least 3 years' worth of expansion.

The ABCS recommends that the province build new student residence space at no cost to the Province.

Metropolitan Area	Vacancy Rate ¹⁾
Abbotsford-Mission	0.8%
Kelowna	0.7%
Vancouver	0.8%
Victoria	0.7%
Healthy Vacancy Rate	3.0%

SUPPORTING STUDENTS FROM START TO FINISH

Affordable and equitable student loans

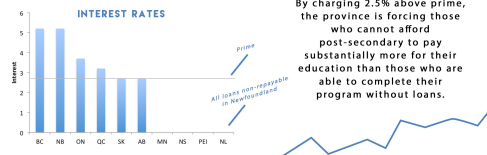
In order to enable an effective transition from post-secondary into the workforce, students are given a "grace period" before being required to begin repayment. However, interest is charged during this so-called grace period, increasing total debt and drawing out the repayment period. Furthermore, half of all students are not even aware that they are being charged interest during the grace period.

The average tuition for a four year program in BC is \$17,028.2.

Assuming they follow the recommended ten year repayment period, the median student loan holder pays \$6,046.31 in interest.

The ABCS recommends eliminating the accrual of interest during the grace period. This has been estimated by the Ministry of Finance to cost \$10 million per year.

INTEREST RATES



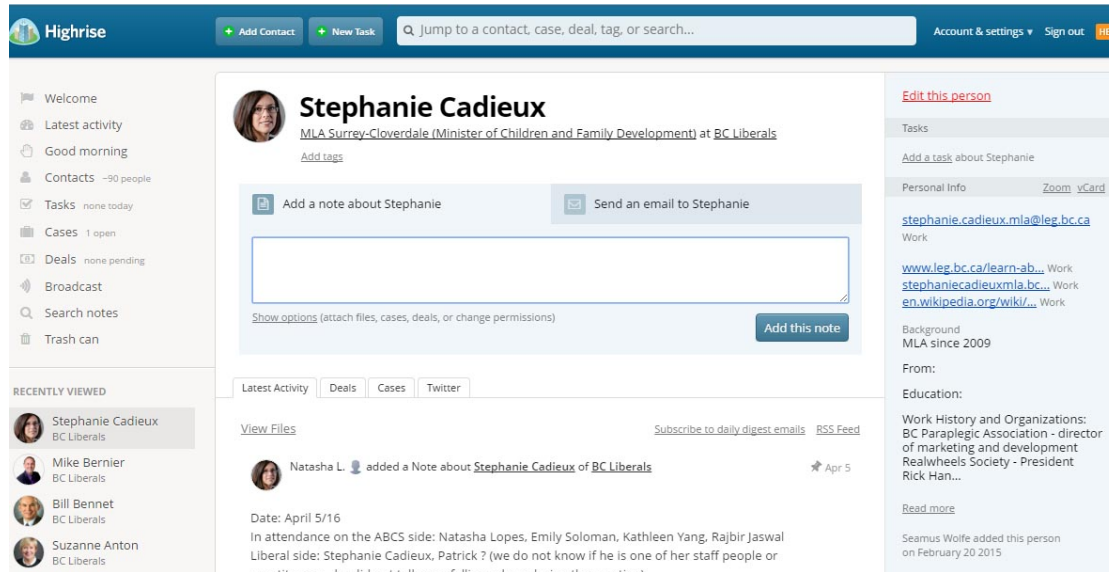
By charging 2.5% above prime, the province is forcing those who cannot afford post-secondary to pay substantially more for their education than those who are able to complete their program without loans.

The ABCS recommends that the province reduce the student loan interest rate to prime, with the intention of eventually phasing interest out over time. A reduction to the prime rate is estimated to cost the government \$20 million per year.

¹⁾ CISA Student Survey 2010
²⁾ <http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/tuition/welcome.htm>

All ABCS Asks Are:

- Well researched
- Achievable
- Accessible
- Decided democratically by the members.



The screenshot displays the Highrise CRM interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Add Contact' and 'New Task' buttons, a search bar, and links for 'Account & settings', 'Sign out', and 'HELP'. The left sidebar contains a 'Welcome' message and a list of navigation items: 'Latest activity', 'Good morning', 'Contacts' (90 people), 'Tasks' (none today), 'Cases' (1 open), 'Deals' (none pending), 'Broadcast', 'Search notes', and 'Trash can'. Below this is a 'RECENTLY VIEWED' section listing several contacts, including Stephanie Cadieux (BC Liberals), Mike Bernier (BC Liberals), Bill Bennet (BC Liberals), and Suzanne Anton (BC Liberals).

The main content area shows the profile of **Stephanie Cadieux**, identified as 'MLA Surrey-Cloverdale (Minister of Children and Family Development) at BC Liberals'. It includes options to 'Add a note about Stephanie' or 'Send an email to Stephanie'. Below these is a text input field for notes, with a 'Show options' link and an 'Add this note' button. A 'View Files' section shows a recent note added by Natasha L. on April 5, 2015, mentioning attendance at an ABCS meeting. The right sidebar provides additional details: 'Edit this person', 'Tasks' (Add a task about Stephanie), 'Personal Info' (Zoom, vCard, email), 'Work' (leg.bc.ca, stephaniecadieuxmla.bc.ca, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/...), 'Background' (MLA since 2009), 'From:', 'Education:', 'Work History and Organizations' (BC Paraplegic Association, Realwheels Society), and a 'Read more' link.

Members receive access to ABCS' Highrise

- Contact Management tool
- Record of meetings with MLA's
- Enhances capacity and effectiveness of lobbying

Lobby Days 2016

- 3 Cabinet Ministers and the Premier
- 47 MLAs, including the Minister of Advanced Education and the Premier



- Fall 2016: Housing Campaign
 - Research paper release
 - Welcome Week awareness & petition drive
 - Media Event at the Legislature
- Spring 2017: Provincial Election
 - Get out the vote drive
 - ABCS assisting with participating associations on-campus campaigns

Membership

- ABCS is a member driven organization
- Easy-to-leave, Easy-to-join
 - Vote of the board to join or leave
 - Low Membership fees
- Capacity-building and Expertise



Your Commitment

- Attend monthly Board meetings
 - In person or by teleconference
 - You choose your delegate
- Participate in campaigns
- Lobby local MLAs with ABCS Asks

Fee Structure

FTE based approach that ensures recognition that different sized institutions have different capacities to pay, without penalizing members for being large

- » First 5,000 FTE's: \$0.30 per FTE
- » All FTE's after that: \$0.15 per FTE
- » FTE's after 20,000 will not be counted for fee purposes

What the SFSS Would Pay

- Base membership fee (assessed at 22,875 FTEs)
 - \$3,750
- Just the Housing Campaign
 - \$750
- Provincial Election Campaign
 - TBD

Questions?

Website: www.bcstudents.ca

Email: chairperson@bcstudents.ca

Twitter: @bcstudents

Proposal

Member Fee Referendum

To: SFSS Board of Directors
From: Embark Sustainability Society
Date: July 4, 2016

Re: Proposal for referendum in Fall 2016

Overview

Embark Sustainability Society, formerly "Sustainable SFU", is the non-profit sustainability society based at Simon Fraser University. Undergraduate students passed a referendum in 2010 to become members of Embark and contribute \$2 (full-time students) and \$1 (part-time students) per semester to the society.

Since 2010, Embark has represented and advanced students' sustainability interests at SFU. A list of notable achievements are provided in the appendix.

Unfortunately, the referendum that was passed in 2010 did not contain any language that tied the member fees to inflation. As a result, despite our demonstrable value to the student body and our growing list of achievements, we have been dealing with an annual decrease in revenues. We have assessed our budget and are confident that we are unable to make any more efficiency gains to offset this loss; as a result, future years will result in cuts to programming and grants unless we are able to increase member fees.

Proposal

We would like to hold a referendum this Fall that seeks to increase the contribution that undergraduate students make to Embark. Specifically, we would like to link member fees to inflation and request an increase of \$1 (per full time student) and \$0.50 (per part time student).

Outlined below are two general options we are considering for the referendum, along with drafted referendum questions for each option. Our preference is for Option 1 (a two question referendum) so that we can have separate votes on increasing the levy and

tying it to inflation. If we were to proceed with the one question referendum, there is a risk that the referendum may fail and we would continue to experience declining annual revenues.

Option 1: Two question referendum (Preferred)

Question 1:

Embark Sustainability Society (ESS), formerly "Sustainable SFU", is a student-led non-profit that represents and advances the sustainability interests of Simon Fraser University students. ESS currently collects a levy of \$2 per term from full time SFU undergraduate students and \$1 per term from part time SFU undergraduate students, which was voted upon in a referendum held in 2010. The current levy is not tied to inflation, thereby resulting in annual declines to ESS' real revenue.

Are you in favour of annually adjusting the levy collected on behalf of Embark Sustainability Society for inflation according to the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI), for the purpose of maintaining the society's sustainability programming, campaigns, student grants, and capacity to represent student interests?

Question 2:

Are you in favour of an increase to the levy, collected on behalf of Embark Sustainability Society, of \$1 per semester per full-time student, and \$0.50 per semester per part-time student, for the purpose of expanding the society's sustainability programming, campaigns, student grants, and capacity to represent student interests?

Option 2: Single question referendum

Option 2a: Build SFU referendum language

Embark Sustainability Society (ESS), formerly "Sustainable SFU", is a student-led non-profit that represents and advances the sustainability interests of Simon Fraser University students. ESS currently collects a levy of \$2 per term from full time SFU undergraduate students and \$1 per term from part time SFU undergraduate students, which was voted upon in a referendum held in 2010. The current levy is not tied to inflation, thereby resulting in annual declines to ESS' real revenue.

ESS is proposing an increase to the levy and to tie it to inflation. Under this proposal, the ESS would increase levies by \$1 per semester per full-time student, and \$0.50 per semester per part-time student, for the purpose of maintaining and expanding the society's sustainability programming, campaigns, student grants, and capacity to represent student interests. The membership levies would be adjusted annually for inflation according to the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Are you in favour of this proposal? (Yes/No)

Option 2b: Standard motion language

Whereas Embark Sustainability Society (ESS), formerly "Sustainable SFU", is a student-led non-profit that represents and advances the sustainability interests of Simon Fraser University students;

Whereas ESS currently collects a levy of \$2 per term from full time SFU undergraduate students and \$1 per term from part time SFU undergraduate students, which was voted upon in a referendum held in 2010;

Whereas this levy is not tied to inflation, thereby resulting in annual declines to ESS' real revenue;

And whereas ESS is seeking to both maintain, and expand, its sustainability programming, student grants, and capacity to represent SFU students;

Are you in favour of an increase to the levy of \$1 per term per full time student and \$0.50 per term per part time student, and to adjust the levy annually for inflation according to the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI), for the benefit of expanded sustainability-related programming, grants, and representation through ESS?

Rationale

If a referendum passes to adjust the levy for inflation, we will be able to maintain our current level of programming indefinitely. This includes the provision of grants, events, campaigns, and training to SFU undergraduate and graduate students.

If a referendum passes to increase the levy by \$1 and \$0.50, annual revenues would increase by approximately \$70,000 per year. We plan to allocate these funds as follows:

Amount	Expenditure
\$25,000	Communications Coordinator position, paid at a living wage (\$20.68/hr) at 20 hours per week, intended for a current or graduating SFU student
\$15,000	Restoration of programming to where it was in 2010, accounting for inflation losses (10.60% inflation)
\$30,000	Expansion of programming and advocacy that benefits SFU students, including an increase of \$20,000 to our two grants available to students

Appendix

List of achievements
Have offered an average of 6 paid work positions to students each year;
Have trained dozens of students through the Peer Program – an 8 month intensive program where students implement sustainability projects at SFU while being provided with professional development workshops;
Gained a seat on SFU's Senior Sustainability Council to represent student interests – the only seat for such a purpose;
Gained a seat on SFU's Sustainable Mobility Advisory Committee to represent student interests, and advise the university on matters pertaining to sustainable transportation;
Established and currently chair SFU's Cycling Subcommittee to advance cycling infrastructure to and from SFU;

Facilitated and helped launch SFU's zero waste policy;
Established and operate a community garden at SFU Burnaby, which has more than 25 active university groups tending to plots;
Consulted 526 students from November 2015 - February 2016 to create the university's first ever <i>Student Sustainability Vision</i> , which served as the primary student input into the university's next Sustainability Strategic Plan (2017-2021);
Established and provide two separate grant funds open to all SFU students, from which we have collectively awarded \$65,192 to more than 50 student projects since 2012;
Hosted 93 free events for students since 2012, ranging from career nights to Bike to Work Week commuter stations to Community Kitchens;
Ran a Harvest Box Program which distributed boxes of fresh, healthy, local, and affordable produce to an average of more than 350 students each year;
Recently launched the Food Rescue Project, which collects produce from Nesters Market and redistributes it to SFU students;
Have secured a commitment from the university to build a cycling commuter station at SFU Cornerstone
Have represented and advocated student sustainability interests from the local to national level, including lobbying local politicians to support the proposed gondola and coordinating an open letter from post-secondary students calling for the Prime Minister and Premiers to undertake meaningful climate action (with 526 signatories from 57 post-secondary institutions and counting)