

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 2:12 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk^wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (Kwkwetlem) and qícəy (Katzie) Nations. Unceded means that these territories have never been handed over, sold, or given up by these nations, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Board Composition

President (<i>Chair</i>)	Giovanni HoSang
VP External Relations	Jasdeep Gill
VP Finance	Tawanda Chitapi
VP Student Services	Christina Loutsik
VP Student Life.....	Jessica Nguyen
VP University Relations.....	Shina Kaur
At-Large Representative.....	Maneet Aujla
At-Large Representative.....	Rayhaan Khan
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences).....	Nick Chubb
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences)	Jennifer Chou
Faculty Representative (Business)	Andrew Wong
Faculty Representative (Communications, Art, & Technology).....	Fiona Li (<i>via phone</i>)
Faculty Representative (Education).....	Emerly Liu
Faculty Representative (Environment)	Julian Loutsik
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences).....	Osob Mohamed
Faculty Representative (Science)	Simran Uppal

3.2 Society Staff

Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator	Sarah Edmunds
Executive Director	Sylvia Ceacero
Administrative Assistant.....	Kristin Kokkov
Executive Assistant	Shaneika Blake
Finance Manager.....	Rowena de la Torre
Building manager	John Walsh

3.3 Guests

The Peak Coordinating News Editor.....	Gurpreet Kambo
Council/Board Liaison/Chair of the Council	Gabe Liosis
CSSS President	Kia Mirsalehi

CSSS Council Rep Ryan Vansickle
Student Balqees Jama
Bylaws Consultant Deborah Krause

3.4 Regrets

At-Large Representative Maneet Aujla
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences) Nick Chubb
Faculty Representative (Science) Simran Uppal

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

4.1 MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:01

Rayhaan/Julian

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Maneet Aujla (class), Nick Chubb (personal), Simran Uppal.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

4.1.1. MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:01-01

Giovanni/Rahyaan

Be it resolved to remove regrets from Jessica Nguyen.

Be it further resolved to add regrets from Simran Uppal.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:02

Julian/Emerly

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5.1.1. MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:02-01

Giovanni/Shina

Be it resolved to add the following motion to the agenda: “Whereas, the Spring 2020 elections are upcoming and it is important for potential candidates to understand the role of a board member before they decide to submit their nomination,

Whereas, a town hall can be a way to share our board year accomplishments as well as share experiences of board members in their respective roles,

Whereas, understanding the role consists of abiding by the roles, duties, and responsibilities of being a member of the Board of directors

Whereas, Sylvia Ceacero, the Executive Director agrees that this town hall is an opportunity to provide an overview of the SFSS structure,

Be it resolved for the Board of Directors to support in principle the hosting of a Town Hall during the nomination period.

Be it further resolved that the Board of directors gives the University and Academic Affairs committee the mandate to plan and approve the event through the committee.”

Be it further resolved to add the following announcement to the agenda “Student Union Building Second Elevator”.

CARRIED

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

6.1 Board Minutes – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:03

Julian/Tawanda

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- BOARD 2020-01-22

CARRIED

6.2 Committee Minutes – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:04

Rayhaan/Shina

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- EXEC 2019-11-26
- EXEC 2020-01-13
- UAA 2019-11-25

CARRIED

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Motion to rescind “7.7 Voting at Board Meeting – MOTION BOD 2019-04-18:10” – MOTION 2019-05-30:05 – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:05

Motion Previously Committed to Governance and Coming back from Governance as a report on work done and the recommendation to be given.

Osob/Jennifer

Whereas the previous Board had moved to discontinue the practice of listing the voting records of Board members;

Whereas students would like to have better transparency in Board meetings and want to hold the Directors accountable for the decisions they make,

Be it resolved that there be ratio voting as stated in the attached document "Improving Voting Records" to implement ratio voting, and the chair shall state the number of votes in the form of a ratio of votes in favour, against and the rest abstentions - with any noted, for each motion, to be listed in the minutes under the motion results as follows:

'CARRIED

6 in favour, 5 opposed, 5 abstention' "

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Note: It was added that if the voting is of higher importance, a statement will be made about the reasons why Board members voted in a certain way.

7.1.1. Motion to rescind “7.7 Voting at Board Meeting – MOTION BOD 2019-04-18:10” – MOTION 2019-05-30:05 – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:05

Osob/Shina

Be it further resolved to strike "Be it resolved to rescind Motion "Voting at Board Meeting - BOD 2019-04-18:10" that discontinued the practice of listing voting records, and therefore resume the practice of listing the positions of directors who have voted against the result of motion and who have abstained from such motion." from the motion and add "Be it resolved that there be ratio voting as stated in the attached document "Improving Voting Records" to implement ratio voting, and the chair shall state the number of votes in the form of a ratio of votes in favour, against and the rest abstentions - with any noted, for each motion, to be listed in the minutes under the motion results as follows:

'CARRIED

6 in favour, 5 opposed, 5 abstention' "

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Space Allocation Options – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:06

Rayhaan/Julian

Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors mandate the Executive Director and the VP Finance to engage with the Groups to discuss the Viable Space Allocation proposal.

Be it further resolved that only Options 2 and 3, in the Attached Power Point Presentation (SUB Space Allocation), are presented for discussion.

CARRIED

Abstention: Osob Mohamed

8.1.1. Space Allocation Options – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:06-01

Tawanda/Andrew

Be it resolved to strike the motion and substitute the wording as follows: Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors mandate the Executive Director and the VP Finance to engage with the Groups to discuss the Viable Space Allocation proposal.

Be it further resolved that only Options 2 and 3, in the attached Power Point Presentation (SUB Space Allocation), are presented for discussion.

CARRIED

- It was pointed out that the copy centre space in the SUB is smaller than the space that CJSF presently uses, and discussion should be held to see if CJSF can fit in the copy centre's space in the SUB.
- It was explained that many groups are losing space when moving to new spaces.
 - Everybody is compromising.
 - It was suggested that CJSF could store their records in places other than the SUB, if the Copy Centre space is too small.
- It was brought out that the staff of SFSS and GSS meets with the groups on regular bases and the next meeting is on February 12th.
 - The options 2 and 3 will be presented to the groups.
 - If the groups agree to either of the options presented, they can divide the allocated space in the SUB in the way that is most suitable for them.

8.1.2. Space Allocation Options – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:06-02

Giovanni/Shina

Be it further resolved that if an agreement between the SFSS and the groups is not reached by February 17 – the nomination date of the SFSS referendum, that the SFSS Board of Directors will commit to respect and to act on the result of the Rotunda Groups referendum of the Student Body, recently passed by the SFSS Council.

NOT CARRIED

- It was pointed out that the referendum question as it stands at the moment is not viable.

- The groups are going to the SUB on the same terms that they have right now, however, some of the groups do not have lease agreements – how can they be sent to the new building without the lease agreement?
- It was explained that the referendum would give the Board the mandate to start discussions about lease agreements.
- Another Board member pointed out that the referendum question in the present format does not cover the whole information.
 - It does not encompass the true reality of the agreement.
 - The referendum question states the basic assumptions of having the current terms and conditions as well as the venue.
- Point of order was raised to allow the guest to speak during the discussion – there was a consensus among the Board members to allow the guest to speak.
 - The guest asked if SFSS and the external groups do not reach the agreement by the end of the referendum and if the referendum fails, would the option to house them in Forum Chambers and Underground be also taken away?
 - This would be an ultimatum – SUB or nothing.
 - The guest pointed out that the referendum does not specify what happens when the groups are not allowed to the SUB.
 - It was insisted that the referendum question should give the specifics.
- It was pointed out that if this referendum question is put as it is now, then this is a ‘yes’ and ‘no’ question.
 - If the students vote ‘yes’, this is a mandate for the Board to sign a lease with the groups.
 - If the students vote ‘no’, the groups would not have a space in the SUB.
 - The students groups will potentially be homeless.
- The amendment that is done to the motion above is to respect the results of the referendum.
 - Referendum is mandating the Board to put each group into their organizational space.
- A Board member asked, if the referendum passes and the groups are housed in the SUB, what about the operating costs?
 - Are the groups going to pay for the operational costs?
 - It was insisted that it is necessary to know the specifics before signing to the mandate.
- A Board member explained that if the referendum fails, the groups will not be housed in the SUB, but they can be housed somewhere else.
 - A Board member pointed out that the groups have already rejected the Undergrounds and the Forum Chambers due to accessibility issues – what would be the options for exploration?
 - It was explained that the Board would have to respect the result of the voting and the conversation will be held after the referendum.
- A Board member asked if every student is going to get access to the information about the background of the referendum. Can student understand the whole situation?

- It was pointed out that there is an opportunity for the groups to campaign regarding the referendum question.
- Another Board member suggested that the background information and specifics should be made accessible to the students.
 - The details about the lease in the SUB and the full consequences should be made available before the referendum.
 - The opinion that students give, should be an educated one.
- It was brought out that the legal opinion indicates that the referendum is just a point of information to the Board.

Break at 03:15 PM, meeting resumed at 3:25PM

8.2 Forensic Audit Option Exploration – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:07

Julian/Osob

Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to explore options for a Forensic Audit of the Fall Kickoff 2019, as well as options for an external financial audit, as well as an external consultant report of the event.

Be it further resolved that these options highlight purposes of a possible audit, the potential contractors, possible outcomes from an audit regarding the policies around the Kickoff or other large-scale events, as well as financial controls, and the Board resources required – money or otherwise, with these options for Board to choose from.

Be it further resolved that in agreement with any contractor, that there be discussions around recommendations regarding policy restrictions around large scale events such as the Fall Kickoff.

NOT CARRIED

Board of Directors, who voted in favour and asked their votes to be noted: Osob Mohamed, Shina Kaur, Giovanni HoSang

Christina Loutsik entered at 3: 27 PM

- It was emphasised that the forensic audit is about misdoings and fraud, but so far no one has come forward and said that there has been a fraud in organizing this event.
 - Therefore, we do not meet the criteria of a forensic audit, and there is no need to carry this out.
- It was pointed out that the Fall Kickoff 2019 has all the cheques, thus there are no concerns about the use of the money.
 - However, it was suggested that SFSS needs external recommendations to ensure that the losses in the future would not be so big.

8.2.1.Forensic Audit Option Exploration – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:07-01

Giovanni/Osob

Be it resolved that the Motion states "options for an external audit as well as an external consultant" be added to the 'Be it resolved' clause.

Be it resolved that the following clauses be added:

"Be it further resolved that these options highlighting purposes of a possible audit, the potential contractors, possible outcomes from an audit regarding the policies around the

Kickoff, as well as financial controls, and the Board resources required – money or otherwise, with these options for Board to choose from,

Be it further resolved that in agreement with any contractor, that there be discussions around recommendations regarding policy restrictions around large scale events such as the Fall Kickoff."

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- It was pointed out that it is not clear to several members of the Board what exactly the aim of the audit is.
 - The possible outcomes of the audit were brought out:
 - To make sure if we have a lack of the policies for organizing big scale events;
 - To make sure that the Board cannot increase the deficit;
 - Restrictions to the overall cost of the event.
 - To make sure if anything went wrong regarding the policies when organizing the event.
- It was brought out that the aim of the amendment is to add flexibility to the motion – explore the options of the forensic audit as well as the external audit.
- It was argued that if the aim is getting recommendations of what to do better, then forensic audit does not provide this.
 - This would be the job of a consultation firm – they give recommendations and suggestions.
 - However, if you like to see whether policies or bylaws were broken, or whether there was a fraud, then this is something that forensic audit could do.
- The Events committee member assured that the team and everyone who were involved in the Fall Kickoff 2019 project followed the bylaws and there were no illegal activities taking place.
- Forensic audit costs a lot of money and takes a long time, therefore it is necessary to know what the Board wants.
 - If the Board wants the auditor to go through the expenses, contact the contractors, then the forensic audit is the way to go.
 - If the Board wants recommendations, then hiring external consultant would be an option, because forensic audit does not give this result.
- It was insisted that the motion does not clarify if we want forensic audit to find some misdoing or if we want consultations and recommendations.
- It was brought out that the external auditor was already consulted and no problems were found.
- It was explained that the forensic audit is usually undertaken when there is a suspicion that something has gone on.
 - There can be potential criminal charges.
- The external audit looks into laws and financial controls.
- However, a consultant could give us information about should have been done differently.
 - The consultation could give information how to organize these big events.
- There was a suggestion that the audit would give the Board the credibility back.
 - The way how the Fall Kickoff 2019 was organised, was not perfect.

- Point of information: one of the reasons why the event cost much more this year compared to the previous years, was the significantly larger amount of money that was spent on security.
 - In 2017 there were a lot of casualties (unconscious students) on site.
 - In 2019, to protect the students' wellbeing, there were registered nurses and security on site and more transit buses coming up to the campus.
 - This year there were no casualties at all.
- It was pointed out that the report about the Fall Kickoff 2019 is created and available.

**8.2.1.1. Forensic Audit Option Exploration – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:07-01-01
Shina/Osob**

Be it resolved to amend the amendment to include the external consultant to the amendment to the motion after 'an external audit'.

CARRIED

** Emerly Liu and Julian Loutsik left at 4:09 PM**

**8.3 Solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:08
Rayhaan/Shina**

Whereas, the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs, whose representative role is recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada, have indicated a lack of consent for the Coastal GasLink pipeline through their unceded territory;

Whereas, the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the BC Human Rights Commissioner have called on the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to respect Wet'suwet'en law, rights and title by suspending permits authorizing construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline until they grant their free, prior and informed consent, following the full and adequate discharge of the duty to consult;

Whereas, these entities have warned of the risk of state violence against Wet'suwet'en People opposing the pipeline through non-violent methods, including the risk of an RCMP response and use of lethal force;

Whereas, Canada has endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, which includes a commitment to "consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them";

Whereas, Canada is a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, which include commitments to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pursue efforts to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius and avoid the worst impacts of climate change;

Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors call on the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to suspend permits authorizing construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline and commence good-faith consultation with the Wet'suwet'en First Nations;

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors call on the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to end any attempt at forced removal of Wet'suwet'en First Nations from their traditional territories and refrain from any use of force against anyone seeking to prevent the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline.

Be it further resolved that the SFSS release a press statement in solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en First Nations, and support the advocacy for Indigenous sovereignty on campus and support

where necessary, including financially, as the need arises in collaboration with the indigenous community on campus.

CARRIED

The motion encompasses the organization's values.

8.4 Appointment of IEC Chief – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:09

Osob/Christina

Be it resolved to appoint X as the Independent Electoral commissioner Chief for the Spring 2020 semester.

Be it further resolved to appoint A, B, C, D (pending the positive completion of reference checks) as the 4 Electoral Commissioners for Spring 2020.

CARRIED

8.4.1. Appointment of IEC Chief – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:09-01

Gio/Christina

Be it resolved to remove X to Alicien Lange and remove A to Simone Tardiff.

Be it further resolved to remove BCD from the motion.

CARRIED

Note: So far, no other people has applied to the Electoral Commissioners position.

8.5 Sponsorship for EduConnect Event – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:10

Shina/Rayhaan

Be it resolved to sponsor the \$1000 to the EduConnect Event as seen in the Information Note as option 2.

CARRIED

- The option 2 was brought as a recommended option.
- This is motion about a sponsorship, not about attending the conference.

Christina Loutsik left at 4:26 PM

8.6 Board Members TownHall – MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:11

Shina/Jennifer

Whereas, the Spring 2020 elections are upcoming and it is important for potential candidates to understand the role of a board member before they decide to submit their nomination,

Whereas, a town hall can be a way to share our board year accomplishments as well as share experiences of board members in their respective roles,

Whereas, understanding the role consists of abiding by the roles, duties, and responsibilities of being a member of the Board of directors

Whereas, Sylvia Ceacero, the Executive Director agrees that this town hall is an opportunity to provide an overview of the SFSS structure,

Be it resolved for the Board of Directors to support in principle the hosting of a Town Hall during the nomination period.

Be it further resolved that the Board of directors gives the University and Academic Affairs committee the mandate to plan and approve the event through the committee.

CARRIED

- The Board members are expected to attend the event.

9. PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Board By-Law Presentation

- Refer to the PowerPoint attachment.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Board of Governors - SFSS/GSS Joint Presentation

- On January 30th there was a presentation about affordability.
- There will be a Board of Governors meeting in March – it will be made sure that there will be a proper consultation process for increase of tuition.

10.2 Responsibility of the Board of Directors to the End of the Term

- It was brought out that although it is already February, the Board of Directors We still have work to do.
 - There is a excel sheet and people need to see that we are working.

10.3 Committee Structure and Relationship to the Board Clarification

- The committees can be made and changed by the Board, unless it is a committee that is established by the bylaws.
- It is the Board that has the say about the finances and the Board has to know if the committee passes money.

10.4 SFSS President Letters Update - JNU situation and Congratulatory note to SFU President

- The letter of support and solidarity was sent to JNU.
- We have not had a response yet.

10.5 Bob Ross Paint Night

- This is clubs, student union and DSU executives' social event.
- Budget is about \$500.

10.6 SFSS Care Packages

- The aim is to make this event a sustainable one.
 - Vegan and sustainable cookies will be handed out.
 - The event will take place on February 25th and 26th.

10.7 Black History Month Declaration: SFSS Poster Campaign

- There will be a Black History month.
 - Acknowledging history, oppression, and resistance.
 - Black Community groups on campus are working on this as well.

11. GUESTS Q&A

- No questions

12. ATTACHMENTS

- Congratulations to SFU President-elect Dr. Joy Johnson.pdf
- Improving voting practices- Jan 21.pdf

- Jan.-30-2020-Statement-to-BOG.pdf
- SFSS- YEC Platinum Partner.pdf
- Solidarity with the JNU Student Union and student leaders.pdf
- Events Expense - Care Packages Spring 2020.pdf
- IN - BoD February 5 2020 -SFSS Sponsorship of Conference – Your Edu Connect.pdf
- Spring 2020 - Event Proposal.pdf
- SUB Viable Space Allocation Proposal.pdf
- Space allocation - 3 options.pdf
- SFSS Bylaw Update.pdf

13. ANNOUNCEMENT

13.1 Next Meeting Feb 26, 2020 at 2:00pm at MBC2294/96

13.2 Student Union Building Second Elevator

- The Board of Directors is advised that in addition to the \$200,000 previously approved through MOTION AFAC 2014-07-30:03, the Accessibility Fund Committee approved an additional \$67,848 from the Accessibility Fund for the second passenger elevator in the student union building. See MOTION AFAC 2020-01-21:03.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:12

(No Quorum)

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 PM.

CARRIED



SUB Space Allocation

Option 1:

Level 1000

CJSF located in Copy Centre
(909 sqft)

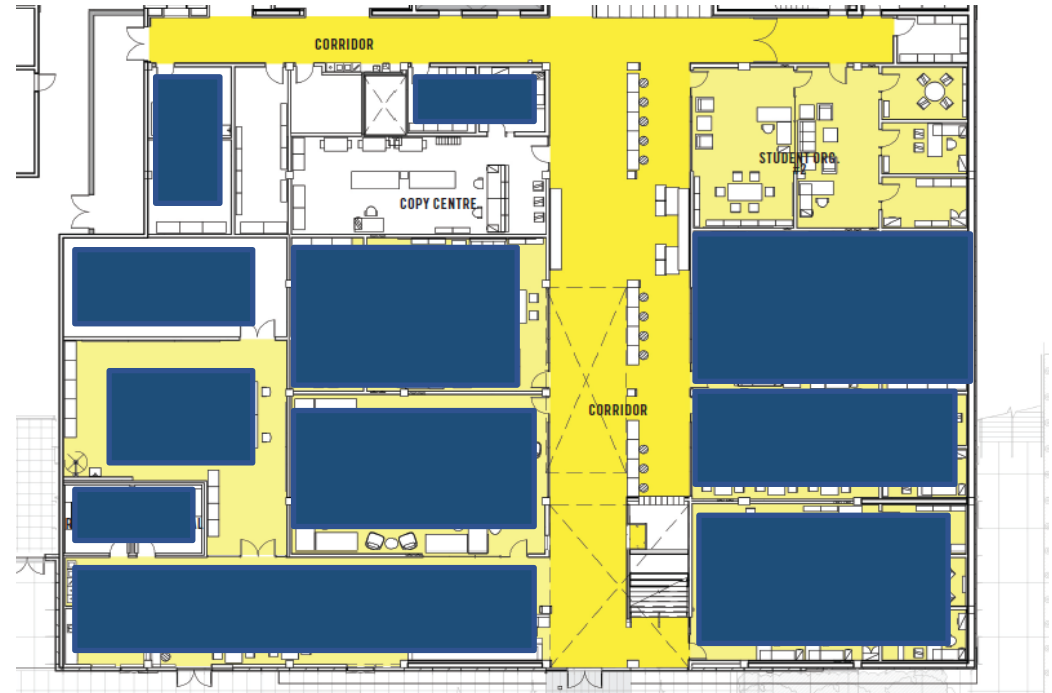
Board office located in Org #
2 (1341 sqft)

Level 4000

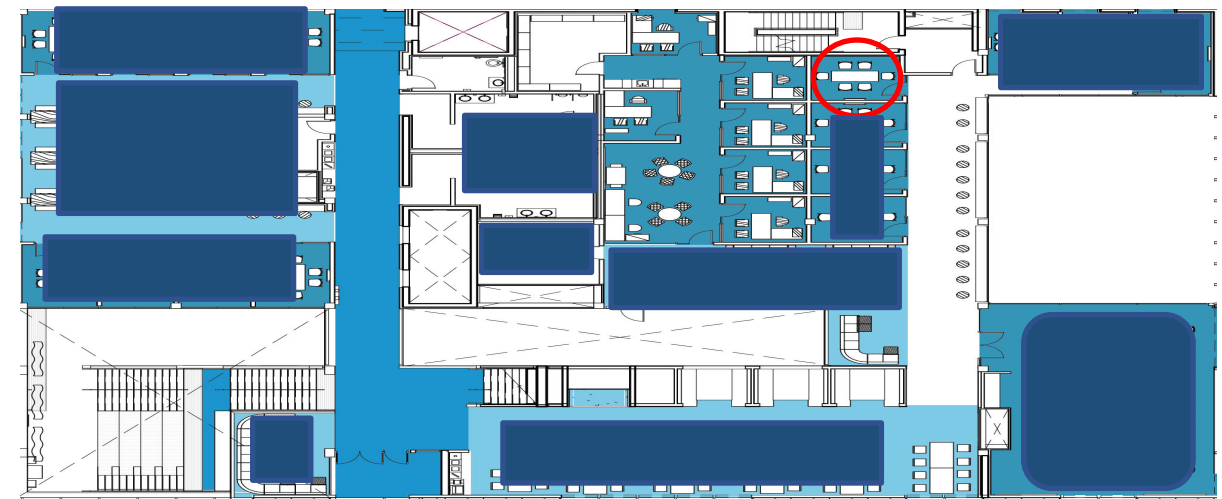
SFPIRG & Embark located in
Board Office (1205 sqft)

SOCA located in 1 x Meeting
Room (188 sqft)

Level 1000



Level 4000



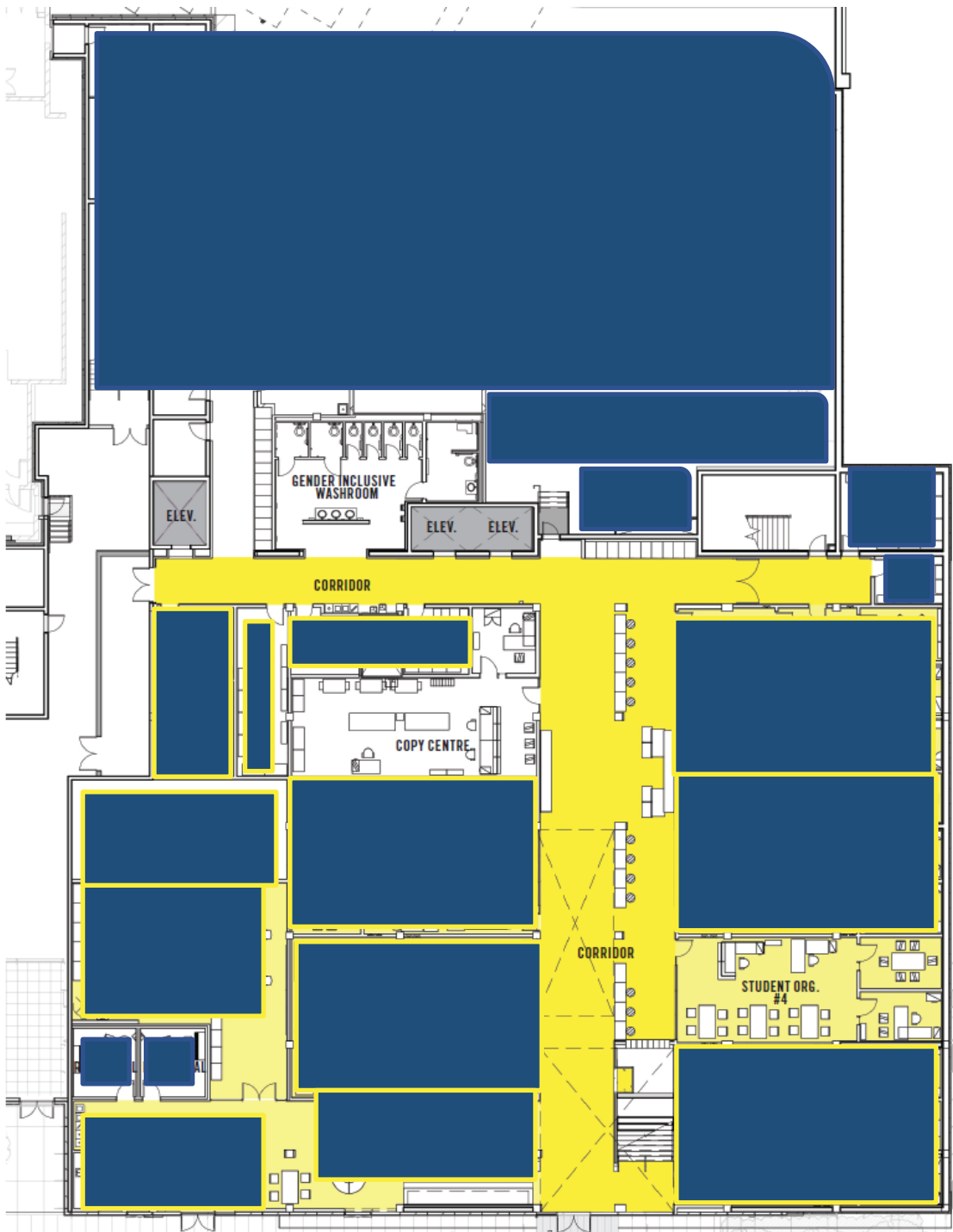
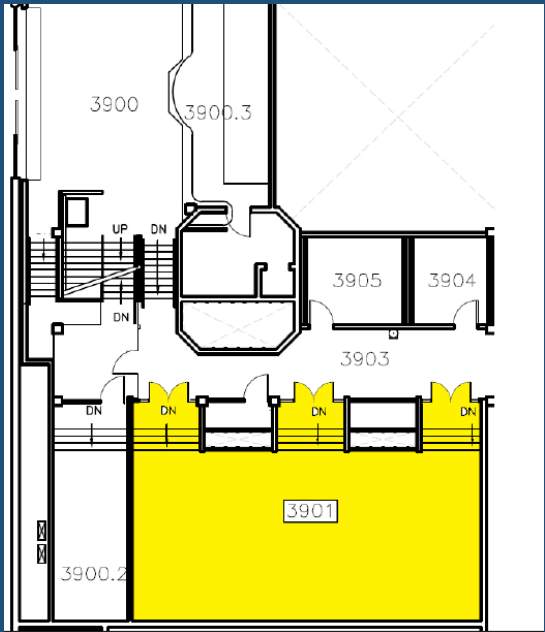
Option 2:

**Embark Located in Student
Org # 4 (879 sqft)**

**CJSF Located in Copy Centre
(909 sqft)**

**SFPIRG & SOCA Located in
The Underground and / or
Forum chambers (MBC)**

(1225 sqft)

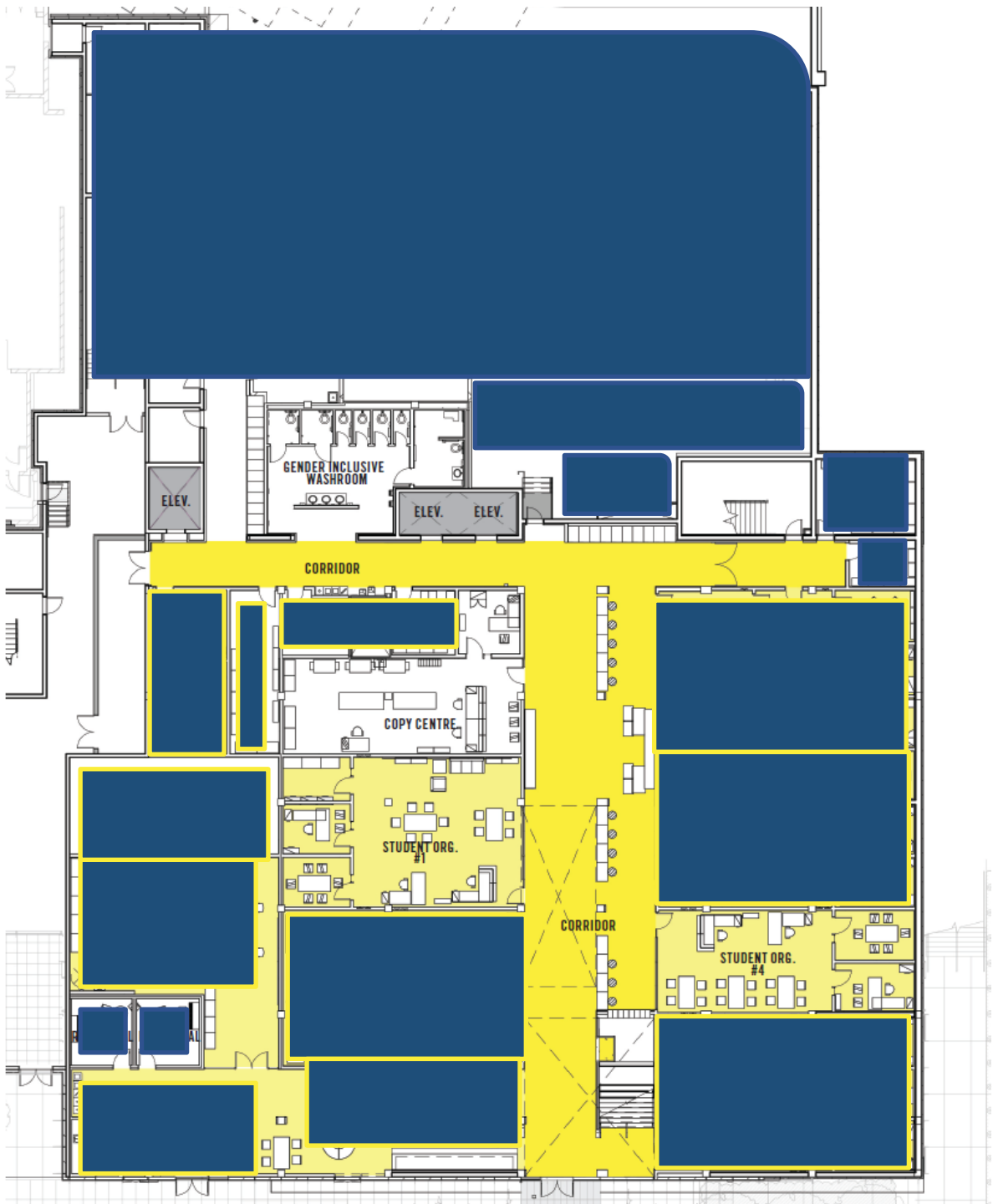


Option 3:

**CJSF Located in Copy Centre
(909 sqft)**

**SFPIRG & SOCA Located in
Org #1 (1187 sqft)**

**Embark Located in Student
Org # 4 (879 sqft)**



BRIEFING NOTE

INCREASE TO ACCESSIBILITY FUND CONTRIBUTION FOR SECOND PASSENGER ELEVATOR IN THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING

ISSUE

In 2014 the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee approved up to \$200,000 from the Accessibility Fund to pay for a second passenger elevator in the student union building (SUB). Subsequently, in 2015 the committee approved up to \$22,000 for emergency call buttons in accessible washrooms and photoluminescent paint for handrails in the SUB.

The actual cost of the passenger elevators has since been determined to be \$263,500 for each elevator which is higher than the original cost estimates. Therefore, this is a request for an increase to the contribution from the Accessibility Fund to fully fund the second passenger elevator in the SUB.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the 2014 contribution from the Accessibility Fund was to increase the number of passenger elevators in the SUB from one to two, thereby increasing the building's physical accessibility. At the time, a Quantity Surveyor (cost consultant) had estimated the cost of all elements of the SUB construction. Their estimate for the cost of the passenger elevators was approximately \$200,000 each.

CURRENT STATUS

Construction of the SUB is nearing completion. The overall SUB construction is currently within budget. An additional contribution of \$67,848 from the Accessibility Fund would fully fund the second passenger elevator and help keep the SUB construction within budget.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

1. The Accessibility Fund collects approximately \$47,000 annually and has a current balance of approximately \$400,000.
2. The additional contribution from the Accessibility Fund would be \$67,848.00 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Fund Committee approve \$67,848 from the Accessibility Fund to fully fund the second passenger elevator in the student union building.

Proposed Accessibility Fund Committee motion:

Student Union Building Second Elevator

Whereas in 2014 the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee approved up to \$200,000 from the Accessibility Fund to be spent on a second passenger elevator for the student union building;

Whereas the actual cost of the student union building's passenger elevators is higher than originally estimated and it is desirable for the Accessibility Fund to fully fund the second passenger elevator at a total cost of \$267,848, including tax;

Be it resolved that in addition to the \$200,000 previously approved through MOTION AFAC 2014-07-30:03, the Accessibility Fund Committee approve an additional \$67,848 from the Accessibility Fund for the second passenger elevator in the student union building.

Dear President-elect Dr. Joy Johnson,

I send a hearty congratulations to you for being appointed as the SFU President. Over the next few years, you are well poised to be a beacon of hope for students, faculty, and staff across campus.

I hope that the University stands firm on its commitment to the implementing the Aboriginal Reconciliation Council calls to action at SFU, such that we truly centre the voices of indigenous students, faculty, and staff and dismantle the oppression and colonial structures that continue to be pervasive in higher education. In addition, I hope that as SFU President, you fully acknowledge, recognize and create spaces that bring a culture of equity and inclusion at SFU for marginalized folks on campus - including women, LGBTQ2+IA folks, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) folks, folks with disabilities, and all students, faculty, and staff, many of whom feel as if SFU has much room for improvement. It is exciting to see the EDI initiative reignited expeditiously through the formation of the EDI advisory council, consisting of many people of various backgrounds selected to be a driving force for fostering an inclusive environment and equitable opportunities for marginalized folks. I hope that work continues full speed ahead and that they have the resources necessary to address concerns to drive the mission of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion - while ensuring that this leads to creating space to dismantle systemic oppression across campus.

Student voices should be heard and student societies are a vital part in ensuring that students have a say in their post-secondary institution. Without students at the university, the institution itself would cease to function. We all must work together in a collaborative fashion to ensure the best outcome for all of us at the institution, as well as community members. This includes meaningfully listening to students. The student society's role is to work with the university to achieve these objectives in mind while centering students, which includes the student society holding the university accountable to a better process of centering student input during decision making. This means ensuring student consultations are actually centered in processes that have implications on students, for example, tuition and fee increases and program changes. International students especially are being taken advantage of in these continuous changes and we as the SFSS firmly call on you to make changes in this regard. Let us work together to freeze the fees, and work with the government to secure increased funding to carry on the work that the university does, and for the province to recognize the need for increased funding and resources to universities as the engine of the wider economy.

Clear and continuous communication with student leadership is important. President Petter has continuously met with the student leaders across the campus including monthly meetings with the SFSS President and a GSS Representative and whoever they bring as resource person to discuss the various matters of concern. These meetings also serve as an avenue for the university to share information with the Student Society. I trust that under your leadership, this tradition, and very important practice to keep a communication flow between the Student Society and the University continues.

Climate action and a climate catastrophe is upon us. Public institutions and other bodies have made commitments to reduce investments, including SFU which has made commitments to new targets committing to divest from fossil fuel companies by 45% by 2025. While commendable, this is not enough. The university must move towards full divestment from fossil fuel and make a stance that drastic climate action must be taken to mitigate the climate emergency. The University of British Columbia's Board of Governors has declared climate change an emergency and has made commitment to fully divest as soon as possible and to take the necessary steps to realize that commitment. The University of Victoria faculty has also voted strongly in favour of urging their university to divest from fossil fuels as part of an institutional commitment to battle climate change and I am sure our faculty, staff and students share the same sentiments and would love to see action on the part of the Simon Fraser University in taking leadership to declare a climate emergency and fully commit to divesting from fossil fuels.

Students are excited to see what positive and progressive changes will result from your appointment as President and from your leadership and I wholeheartedly look forward to your tenure as well. I would also like to acknowledge the work of President Andrew Petter for what he has done for the University and thank him for the years of service. I hope your Presidency will build on this, as well as radically transform the operations of the University to fully centre the community members as a radical and progressive institution once again.

Yours Respectfully,
Giovanni HoSang
President • Simon Fraser Student Society
president@sfss.ca



Mental Health Care Packages

October 29 - 30

Attendees	Projected
Students	200
Volunteers	5
Total	205

Revenue		Revenue Per Person			Total Revenue	Notes
		Units	Unit Price	Projected	Projected	
1	Ticket Sales			0.00	0.00	
				0.00	0.00	
2	Internal Sponsorship			0.98	200.00	
	GSS Sponsorship			200.00	200.00	GSS contribution
	SFSS Core Funding			0.00	0.00	
3	External Sponsorship			0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE				0.98	200.00	

Variable Expenses		Cost Per Person			Total Cost	Notes
<i>Expenses that can change (ie. Depending on number of attendees). Below are examples of variable expenses.</i>		Units	Unit Price	Projected	Projected	
1	Food			0.00	0.00	
				0.00	0.00	
				0.00	0.00	
				0.00	0.00	
2	Drinks			0.00	0.00	
				0.00	0.00	
				0.00	0.00	
3	Other					
TOTAL VARIABLE EXPENSES				0.00	0.00	

Fixed Expenses		Cost Per Person			Total Cost	Notes
<i>Expenses that do not change no matter what.</i>		Units	Unit Price	Projected	Projected	
	Self-care			0.61	125.00	
	Candles	1	125.00	0.61	125.00	100 tealight candles for \$125, from Mala the Brand (popular last time)
	Fun stuff & accessibility-related			3.51	720.00	
	Gel eye masks	200	3.10	3.51	720.00	from 4imprint (includes shipping)
	Food			1.07	220.00	
	Dad's cookies	4	20.00	0.39	80.00	Very popular last time, from Costco
	Tea	10	5.00	0.24	50.00	From Walmart
	Gum	3	30.00	0.44	90.00	From Costco
TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES				5.20	1,065.00	

GST (5.00%)		5.00%	0.26	53.25
PST (7.00%)		7.00%	0.36	74.55

TOTAL EXPENSES			5.82	1,065.00
CONTINGENCY (10.00%)				1,171.50

Net Deficit			-4.84	-971.50	final amount requested
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Improving Voting Practices: Updated Options

January 21, 2020

Option 1: List voting through a roll call vote

- Similar minute-taking practices as current procedure
- Roll call vote to note all votes in favour, abstentions & oppositions with names

Pros:

- Much more context for students who choose to read our minutes, and anyone who has further questions can contact the board member in question with the knowledge provided
- Students would know who to contact regarding their concerns
- Builds trust between board and membership
- Increased accountability in the decision making process

Cons:

- Slightly more time consuming

13. MOVED ANDY WU, SECONDED COLE EVANS:

"That Council remove Article 2.17 (banning employee endorsements) from the Code amendment report."

... Carried

For (22): Andrew Au, Kate Burnham, Jennifer Cheng, Priscilla Chan (proxy for Evan Zhou), Matthew Epstein, Cole Evans, Tanner Gjosund, Jerome Goddard, Chris Gooding, Daniel Lam (proxy for Yash Gurnani), Marium Hamid, Max Holmes, Cristina Ilnitshi, Andrew Huang (proxy for Jacqueline Wu), Nevena Rebic, John Segui, Arash Shadkam, Gurshabad Singhera, Darren Touch, Riley Ty, Andy Wu, Kevin Zhang, Daniel Lam (proxy for Yash Gurnani)

Against (1): Dylan Braam

Abstained: Andria Coulbourn

(Excerpt from AMS Council Meeting 2019-04-03)

Option 2: Option to include comment with abstention/opposition

- Board members would be given an opportunity to speak on their decision if they choose to do so
 - o By including commentary, any members could read/understand some context behind individual decisions
 - o Board members would be given the choice to elaborate if they felt it was necessary

8.2 BOD Meeting Voting – MOTION BOD 2019-02-01:05

Kia/Jasdeep

Be it resolved to note all Board members abstaining or voting against a motion in the minutes for all future motions.

CARRIED

- To increase transparency of who votes for each motion in order to better display the relationship between members and Board members
- Concerns:
 - Board members may change their answer/perspective to vote since it will be noted, even though Board meetings are public meetings for all members to attend
- Current procedure allows Board members to choose if they want their abstentions noted in the minutes
- Note:
 - Board meetings are public to members, hence votes from each member are visible regardless
 - Board members are elected by members, so members should be aware of how decisions are made and who votes for what to increase accountability
- 1 abstention

(Excerpt from SFSS Board of Directors Meeting 2019-02-01)

Pros:

- Some transparency/communication between board and students
- Members would have some understanding of how/why a decision was made

Cons:

- Board members might feel uncomfortable making a comment/having their voting noted
- Abstentions and dissent would still remain anonymous
- Board members are not required to make a comment

Option 3: Option to flesh out minutes to have more content, and not list voting

- We could list voting ratios (see below)
- 2 people taking minutes, with one additional staff member for commentary

JUDICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Judicial Recommendations on Elections Complaints

Dan Tran says shout out to the Judicial Committee for spending until 1:30 AM delivering on these issues. He says that 10 hours was spent between everyone in the committee to work on this report. He says for conflict of interest reasons, he would like to give the opportunity for Board members who were part of candidacy to disclose that.

Kevin Mendez says me.

Dan Tran says that he speaks on these recommendations on behalf of the committee, not himself.

Dan Tran reads Complaint 1: Vincy Fok v. ZeZe Sun. The complainant accused the respondent and affiliates of intimidation and harassment of a group of students. This was allegedly a result of prior communication about an online post. The Committee's Recommendation: The EPP lacks a policy on harassment, intimidation, and what constitutes as such. Thus, the Judicial Committee was forced to make an objective judgement based on the hearing and assess whether a person actively involved in an election would characterize the interaction as harassment or intimidation. The Judicial Committee is fully against harassment and intimidation and believes an accusation should be taken seriously. However, due to insufficient and inadequate evidence and testimony, the Judicial Committee could not rule that a violation had occurred. **Therefore, the Judicial Committee recommends that this complaint be dismissed.** The Judicial Committee strongly recommend that a new section be added to the EPP regarding harassment, intimidation, and what constitutes as such. This additional section would strengthen complaints regarding harassment and intimidation and allow a broader range of what constitutes or defines harassment or intimidation for the decisions the Judicial Committee makes.

Casey Duff says if he remembers correctly, the complaint wasn't against the candidate but about the alleged harassment from volunteers.

Riley Grace Bordan says harassment was spoken about five volunteers.

Dan Tran says he will be going through each of these complaints one by one, so there should be a motion to accept these.

Casey Duff motions to accept JCC Recommendation on Complaint 1.

VOTE: Motion passes 7-0 with no abstentions.

(Excerpt from ASUW Board of Directors Minutes, 2019-5-30)

Pros:

- More context for students who choose to read our minutes

Cons:

- Potential strain/increased workload on staff, we would need to determine if this is a plausible route we can take first without straining staff/board relationship
- No information on individual votes

Option 4: Continue current practices

Pros:

- Less time consuming

Cons:

- Students are unable to know/keep track of how individual members vote, no transparency/student engagement
- Gives us the ability to “hide” behind a group decision, even if that isn’t our intention
- Provides little to no

Recommendation: I recommend that the Governance Committee suggest Option 1 to the Board of Directors.



Information note: SFSS Sponsorship of Conference – Your Edu Connect

Presented by: Sylvia Ceacero, E.D.

To: SFSS Board of Directors

Meeting date: February 5 2020

Background

On January 16th I spoke with Inayat Ur Rehman, Organizer of the Your Edu Connect (YEC) Conference.

YEC purports to be “Vancouver’s most impactful conference for university students and young professionals).

The organizer is looking at SFSS to sponsor the 2020 Conference at the platinum level.

The cost for the platinum sponsorship was reduced from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00 - 3,000.00 for SFSS.

For a \$3,000.00 sponsorship, SFSS would get: name / business name and logo on venue banners and promotional materials, including news releases and social media promotion; space for a booth / table to promote SFSS and complimentary VIP tickets to the Conference (no indication of how many).

On January 16, SFU, TELUS and League of Innovators were partners to this event. Others may have been added since then.

Attendance at this conference is targeted to 270+ attendees.

I e-mailed the SFSS Board to ask for input. I received 3 responses: two indicating that it would be a good idea to attend, a willingness to table and one indicating that a conversation was had and that some Board members would feel comfortable with a \$1,000.00 sponsorship but also with the possibility of declining to participate altogether.

I have e-mailed the organizer to ascertain what that sponsorship would give SFSS.

His responded that at the \$1,000,00-1.5000,00 level the conference is sold out, but that they would be willing to look at the available space (assuming cancellations) on February 5th

Summary

A \$3,000, 00 Sponsorship would give SFSS: 10 VIP tickets, a table at the conference, promotion on the materials, 20% discount to SFU students attending the Conference, on stage mentions and 2 minutes time at stage to talk about SFSS before introducing one keynote/minister.

A \$1,000, 00 Sponsorship would provide SFSS: 3 VIP tickets, a potential table at the conference (currently sold out) and 5% discount to SFU students attending the Conference.

The organizers also mention that “We have also given a panel space for the President Giovanni believing SFSS and YEC can be great partners.” It is unclear as to whether they would rescind this invitation if SFSS does not sponsor the Conference.

Further details

Conference theme: Future is Today

Date: Saturday, 22nd February, 2020

Location: SFU Segal Building, Downtown Vancouver

Confirmed Thought Leaders & Speakers:

- 1- Hon. Minister Bruce Ralston (Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology)
- 2- Hon. Minister Melanie Mark (Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training)
- 3- Sobhana Jaya-Madhavan (Associate Vice-President, External Relations)

Confirmed Panelists – Panel #1:

1. Angela Malli - Founder/President - Refined Recruitment, Canada
2. Arif Lalani - Assistant Deputy Minister, Province of British Columbia, Canada
3. Huma Hamid - Tech Maker, Co-founder & Ex-President Pakistani Women in Computing, USA
4. Kerry Gibson - President, EcoCentury Technologies, Canada

Panelists – Panel #2:

1. Maheen Sohail - Product Design Lead, Facebook (TBC)
2. Inayat Ur Rehman - CEO YourEdu Connect
3. Farah Saad - Founder & CEO at Be Kalm Mindfulness
4. Giovanni HoSang - President Simon Fraser Student Society

No agenda is available for this conference at the time of this writing.

For more information on who Your Edu Connect is, visit their web site:

<https://www.youreduconnect.com/>

Jan. 30 2020 Joint SFSS/GSS Speech to the SFU Board of Governors

Presented by Giovanni HoSang, SFSS President and Matt McDonald, GSS Director of External Relations

Subject: Budget Consultations, Tuition and Affordability

Giovanni: Hello and good morning to you all.

I'm Giovanni HoSang, President of the Simon Fraser Student Society, and this is Matt McDonald, Director of External Relations at the Graduate Student Society.

We would like to speak about the experience the student societies had this past year with respect to consultations over the SFU budget as well as the state of student affordability. We also wanted to briefly discuss where we think those conversations are now and where they are headed.

First off, we think the budget consultations had some serious issues and need some improvement. It's not all bad: the student societies received more information about the budget this year compared to previous years, and were given good, detailed explanations about how the annual budget process works, which we found helpful. However, it has become clear that most of the consultation process is about sharing information one way, from the administration to students. For example, the options presented for tuition hikes were a forgone conclusion. There are no guarantees that the thoughts and priorities of students are to be taken into account in the final budget product and in fact it is hard for students to see where or if that has happened at all. After a year of calling for this problem to be fixed it remains an issue. We therefore want to underline that we want to see this change and have true collaboration on the budget. However, if that status quo is not likely to change next year, we think it is better to be honest about what consultation means in this context and re-label the process as information sessions, so students do not expect something they are not going to get.

We would also like to say we think that this year's improvements aside, SFU can always get better at sharing more detailed financial information about its upcoming academic and facilities plans with the student societies. That way, we can give more targeted and informed input as to how students prioritize those uses of resources, and suggest helpful modifications or alternatives of current plans. We do not think it is very fair to have to make critiques that can be dismissed as uninformed when we have so much trouble accessing information.

Two tuition options were presented during the consultation: 2/4% and a 2/4/8% split which we think primarily served to make the first option look better. We want a situation where if students give negative feedback, a draft of another option can be presented to the Board, and we would also like the Board to consider options beyond those two. In addition, the student societies want

to ensure that affordability stays on the agenda for the Board of Governors and Matt will now discuss this issue.

Matt: You are here today to discuss the annual budget among other important matters. But regardless of the decisions you take today and at your next meeting in March, the outlook for student affordability at SFU and elsewhere in BC is troubling. Students have become increasingly concerned about their financial ability to complete their studies and they increasingly face crushing debt burdens. More and more find money woes and part-time work obligations to be a major source of stress and distraction from their studies.

It is for that reason that the SFSS and GSS have in the last few months began a conversation with the administration about the creation and implementation of a student affordability project. I am sure you will hear more about this project as it develops, but we wanted to make you aware of where the conversation around affordability at SFU is going. I think we can all agree that flexibility in SFU's budget is the highest in the long term. While the student societies will always have a keen interest in the short term financial plans of the university, we would like to collaborate on introducing various plans and projects to help keep total educational costs down in that long term as well. Under a unified framework, we can do more than tackle one aspect or another of affordability but examine the problem as a whole. This means looking at the predictability of and hikes in tuition, but also housing costs, textbook costs, perhaps even food. It also means being creative and tackling hidden costs like long commutes and difficulties with enrolling in the right courses to graduate on time.

The student societies are optimistic that we can work together with the administration of the university on this project, and over the course of the next few years make a real difference in terms of lowering financial barriers to education for students. This will not only improve the student experience here and allow students to put their full energies into contributing to the academic and social life of the university, but mark SFU as an institution that is willing to take a bold and innovative approach to this increasingly pressing problem.





SFSS By-law Update

Feb 10, 2020

Welcome!

Goals for today

- To provide you with some background about the process we are undertaking to update the SFSS by-laws to make them consistent and compliant with the Act and information about the BC Societies Act.
- To have you, the society members, provide feedback about key aspects of the by-laws so that the update reflects your needs as well.

Process to Update the SFSS' by-laws

- Step 1 - provide information so you are more familiar with the Act to help you with choices for feedback.
- Step 2 - your feedback will be used to draft updated by-laws.
- Step 3 - draft by-laws will be provided to you and your feedback will be needed to fine tune the document.
- Step 4 – final draft by-laws come to you for approval.

The BC Societies Act

- The BC Societies Act was updated in 2015.
- By-laws must comply with the Act. Any parts that do not comply have no effect (are void).

The Act: Members, the Board, and Other Bodies

- The Act requires that you have a board and places responsibility for managing or overseeing the management of the society with that board.
- The Act defines the power of members to: vote, be able to attend and requisition general meetings, and put forth resolutions.

Existing Bylaws and Need for Revision

- Confusing terminology as by-laws evolved over 50 years
- Evolving roles not compliant with the Act
- Terminology re members meetings not compliant with the Act.

Now we need to get your thoughts on things...

We will be asking a series of questions about what you would like in the by-laws.

To answer the questions online or ***after*** the town hall, check your SFU email for the following

WebSurvey link:

<http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/364095785>

1. If you have never read the by-laws, please indicate why (choose any that apply). If you have read the by-laws, skip to question 2.

- ☐ I don't know where to find them
- ☐ They are not interesting or relevant to me
- ☐ I have not had the need to read them
- ☐ I already know what I need to know about them
- ☐ The by-laws are too difficult to understand

1. Any other comments about why you have not read the by-laws.

2. Please rate how well the current by-laws work for you:

	Absol utely	Mostly	Sort of	Not Really	Not at all
I understand the current bylaws as they are written					
I feel that the current bylaws are easy to use					
I feel that the current bylaws reflect the needs of students for the society					
The difference between the board and student council is clear.					

2. Please rate how well the current by-laws work for you:

	Absolut ely	Mostly	Sort of	Not Really	Not at all
The difference between the board and student unions/student groups is clear.					
The role of committees and other groups to the board is clear					
I feel that the composition of the board enables it to be responsive to student needs and issues					
The difference between the board and student council is clear.					
I feel that other groups (besides the board) need to be specified in the bylaws					

3. The BC Societies Act (Part 6, Div 2-3, 71-85) gives voice to society members by: enabling them to attend general (annual, special or other) meetings, mandating that members receive the audited financial report, and providing members with the opportunity to submit proposals and to vote. Some of these details are elaborated on in the by-laws. Please help us assess how clear your rights as a member are to you with the following:

3. Rate each statement

	Absolut ely	Mostly	Sort of	Not Really	Not at all
I am aware of how proposals and elections are done under the Act					
I feel that the decision making processes for elections and proposals/referenda are clear in the current bylaws					
I am aware of requirements around general meetings and decision making under the Act					
I feel that the requirements for general (annual, special and other) meetings are clear in the current bylaws					

3. Any specific comments about the current by-laws and what they say for general meetings and decision making?

4. The BC Societies Act stipulates (Part 5, Div 3, 52) that "the directors of a society must manage, or supervise the management of, the activities and internal affairs of the society. The Act talks about one group of directors that is responsible for leading a society.

The SFSS by-laws calls this group the board. The by-laws currently list other groups such as Student Council and department/faculty student groups.

Please indicate what you think are the responsibilities of the board.

4. (Check any that apply)

	Setting the strategy for the society
	Overseeing management of executive director
	Overseeing management of other groups or volunteers for society work
	Overseeing/budgeting for the use of student society fees

4. (Check any that apply)

	Planning student engagement events
	Supporting campus student issues (such as housing, food bank, tuition rates, etc.)
	Supporting external student issues (such as provincial policies for student funding, student housing support etc.)

4. (Check any that apply)

	Being the voice of students with the university
	Being the voice of students with the general public

**4. Any other functions that you think are
the responsibilities of the board?**

**5. Please indicate what you think should
be the responsibilities of the board.
(Check any that apply)**

	Setting the strategy for the society
	Overseeing management of executive director
	Overseeing management of other groups or volunteers for society work

5. (Check any that apply)

	Overseeing/budgeting for the use of student society fees
	Planning student engagement events
	Supporting campus student issues (such as housing, food bank, tuition rates, etc.)

5. (Check any that apply)

	Supporting external student issues (such as provincial policies for student funding, student housing support etc.)
	Being the voice of students with the university
	Being the voice of students with the general public

**5. Any other functions you think should be
the responsibilities of the board?**

6. The by-laws currently list other groups such as Student Council and student union groups.

Please indicate what you think are the different responsibilities of these other groups.

6. (Check any that apply)

	Overseeing management of other groups or volunteers for society work
	Planning student engagement events
	Supporting campus student issues (such as housing, tuition rates, etc.)

6. (Check any that apply)

	Supporting external student issues such as provincial policies for student funding, student housing support, etc.)
	Being the voice of students with the university

6. (Check any that apply)

	Being the voice of students with the general public
	None of these functions

6. Any other functions you think are the responsibilities of these other groups?

7. The by-laws currently list other groups such as Student Council and student union groups.

Please indicate what you think should be the responsibilities of these other groups.

7. (Check any that apply)

	Overseeing management of other groups or volunteers for society work
	Planning student engagement events
	Supporting campus student issues (such as housing, tuition rates, etc.)

7. (Check any that apply)

	Supporting external student issues such as provincial policies for student funding, student housing support, etc.)
	Being the voice of students with the university

7. (Check any that apply)

	Being the voice of students with the general public
	None of these functions

**7. Any other functions you think should
be the responsibilities of these other
groups?**

8. There have been some questions in The Peak about what size board is needed. How many directors do you think that the board needs to do its work on behalf of the students (pick one). There are currently 16 positions on the board.

- ☐ 3-5
- ☐ 6-8
- ☐ 9-12
- ☐ 13-15
- ☐ More than 15

9. Please list any specific concerns or comments you have about the current by-laws.

(skip if you have none. Limit 200 words)

10. Please list any items you would either like to see put in or taken out of the by-laws.

(skip if you have none. Limit 200 words)

Next steps:

- Your comments, here and online, will be collated and used to develop draft updated by-laws.
- The draft by-laws will be made available to you and a follow up survey taken to get your input on them.

Next steps:

- Based on your feedback, modifications will be made if necessary and the final by-laws will come to the September 2020 annual general meeting for voting and adoption. Changes require 3/4 votes cast to pass.
- Once approved by the members, the updated by-laws will be filed with the provincial registrar as a by law alteration application.

Thank you for participating in this town hall and helping us determine what you want to see in updated by-laws.

Thank you!

To complete the WebSurvey, go to:

<http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/364095785>

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A dark, grainy photograph of a large crowd of people at night. Many individuals have their hands raised in the air, suggesting a concert, festival, or a large-scale event. The lighting is dim, with some highlights on the raised hands and clothing.

Conference Theme

YourEduConnect is a conference that connects young leaders (19+) and professionals to come together to discuss the future of work and competencies youth need for success in a disrupted world. It brings together a diverse group of participants and provides a platform for exchange of ideas, knowledge transfer and powerful networking. The conference will bring together:

- Thought Leaders & Panelists
- Young Professionals
- Experienced Industry Leaders
- Students
- Government Professionals
- Media Professionals

Platinum Partnership Package

———— \$2,500-\$3,000 ————

SFSS will be assured of high-profile exposure as part of this conference by making a commitment to become a platinum partner.

- Name / Business Name & Logo on venue banners and all conference promotional materials including news releases that will be extensively promoted on social media (If)
- Space for a booth of the company during the conference (Limited)
- Complimentary VIP tickets to the conference

**Please confirm your interest to partner
by sending us an email by 21st JANUARY, 2020:
inayat@youreduconnect.com**



**Thank you and we look forward to seeing SFSS at
the 2020 Your Edu Connect Conference!**

Inayat Ur Rehman (Founder, YourEduConnect)

2020 YourEduConnect Advisors

Sobhana Jaya-Madhavan | Natasha Lopes | Matt Burns



Solidarity with the JNU Student Union and student leaders

January 13, 2020 - Burnaby, BC - The SFSS Board of Directors discussed on January 10, 2019 standing in solidarity with students and student leaders and teachers attacked at the Jawaharlal Nehru University Student Union, India (JNUSU) who were violently beaten on January 5, 2020 protesting fee increases, by a mob of over 50 masked people carrying metal rods and batons, students beaten includes the JNU Student Union president. SFU Students have brought this forward for us to discuss and stand in solidarity with democratically established student unions and their democratically elected student leaders.

The police allegedly arrived on the scene at 5:30pm but stopped at the campus entrance because they did not receive permission from the administration to enter the campus. This allowed for 2 hours of extreme violence within the campus where students and faculty attending a peace rally and even students in their dormitories were beaten by an angry mob. Ambulances were allegedly stopped from helping injured people. And after the police finally entered the campus at 7:30pm, the mob had completely vanished, and no arrests were made.

An organized attack has occurred on our fellow university students under the negligence of the Delhi police and JNU administration, the SFSS Board of Directors stands in solidarity with the students of JNU and the JNU Student Union will issue messages of support through our channels.

We strongly condemn organized violence and aggressive attacks playing out on university campuses around the world. We recognize the democratic right of elected student unions to advocate on behalf of their students without fear of violence against fee increases and many issues where many protests are currently taking place across the nation occurring concurrently including protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) and other proposed legislation that students are protesting.

An important part of democracy is the right of citizens to protest without fear of violence and it is important that we all get to recognize that right, regardless of where we are in the world. As we protest against tuition increases here in SFU and in B.C, so should all students have freedom of peaceful assembly and their rights to protest matters they are advocating for change.

Care Packages
Event Proposal

Proposed

- **Date:** Tues, Feb 25 – Weds, Feb 26
- **Time:** 12:00pm – 2:00pm (11am set-up and 2:30pm for clean up)
- **Location:** Saywell Hall Atrium, SFU Burnaby

Brief Description:

This event will encourage and motivate students during midterm season by providing mental health resources and items at Dog Therapy.

We will be using an assembly line method like in Fall 2019. There will be a rolling board provided by SFU Health & Counselling where students can write motivational messages.

Students will be encouraged to only take 2-3 “big” items (gel eye masks, candles) while they would be able to take as many informational pamphlets as they need.

Previous Iterations:

[Summer 2019 Report](#)

[Fall 2019 Report](#)

Other:

- **Expected attendance:** 200
- **Budget Attached:** Yes

SUB Viable Space Allocation Proposal

Briefing note: SUB Viable Space Allocation Proposal

Presented by: Tawanda Nigel Chitapi, VP Finance

Date: February 5 2020

Background

Following the Board meeting of November 1 2019, the Board of the SFSS, mandated its Executive Director to engage in conversation with the Groups whereby the Undergrounds and Forum Chambers were offered as potential spaces for lease to these Groups. Please refer to the minutes of meeting above.

On November 21, the E.D. Met with the Groups to advise them of the Board decision to offer the Forum Chambers and Undergrounds as a potential space allocation. The E.D., accompanied by the E.A., attempted to obtain the Groups' needs to best see how to accommodate them in the spaces. It was also shared with the Groups that any tenant improvement in these spaces would be paid for by SFSS. At the end of the meeting, there was no clear indication of the Groups needs. The E.D. briefed the SFSS Executive of the discussion.

No further request to engage with the Groups was made to the E.D. The E.D. and her team begun engaging in conversations around other potential / viable options for the Groups to be housed in the SUB and/or the Forum Chambers and Undergrounds while preserving spaces for students and for future needs of the organization.

In the meantime, the Save our Spaces social media campaign was taking place as well as conversations at the SFSS Council regarding this issue. Council informed the Board that they could put a referendum question to the students and at its last meeting, it voted in favour of putting such referendum question forward.

Options to the SFSS BoD:

The BoD Could opt to continue to uphold its November 1 vote.

The BoD could cooperate with Council to put a referendum question to the students.

The BoD could entertain other options available to them, as per Power Point presentation (enclosed).

- :-- All Board members have now received the presentation and now have come to the conclusion that Options 2 and 3 are the options that are acceptable for SFSS. Option 1 was rejected off-hand as the Board wishes to remain in its intended spaces for the purposes of visibility and access by students.
- :-- Options 2 and 3 offer a viable option to the Groups while insuring that SFSS retains some spaces for students' use and for future / potential growth. In Option 3, one of the Groups would have to house SOCA within its allocated space.
- :-- Some facts that should be underlined: when SFSS moves to the SUB, it will retain the privilege of using the Undergrounds and the Forum chambers without operational costs. Thus Option 2 would be the most economical for 2 of the Groups, should they choose to occupy those spaces, as they would have no operational costs to bear; thus, using the maximum of their student levy for staff increases, overhead and program delivery.
- :-- Also, it should be noted that SOCA, as a constituency group, receives \$300 annually for core funding which means it would not have the resources to pay for ongoing operational costs.
- :-- We should also bear in mind that the SFSS staff has grown since the inception of the SUB and by the most part, staff will have to share office space in the administrative suite. It stands to reason that the Board sees to providing an adequate working environment of its employees first and ensures that tenants in the SUB are accommodated to a similar standard.
- :-- If the Board votes for the motion above, then the E.D. and I can start the conversation with the Groups then report back to the Board.

