

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:34 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<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íl̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ík<sup>w</sup>əłəm (Kwikwetlem) and q̓ícəy̓ (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 Council Composition

#### Student Union Representatives

Archeology .....	Tanner Humphreys
Bachelor of Environment .....	Elise Burgert
Behavioral Neuroscience.....	Ramsha Farooqui
Biology .....	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology.....	Alamdeep Khehra
Business.....	Sarah Chan
Chemistry .....	Stephanie Sonea
Cognitive Science.....	Marissa Lamb
Communications.....	
Computing Science.....	Ryan Vansickle
Criminology.....	Margaret Wang
Dance .....	
Data Science .....	
Earth Science .....	Anthony Giang
Economics .....	Christian Briones
Education .....	Adrienne Blas
Engineering Science .....	Yogesh Mundhra
English.....	
Environmental Resource .....	
Environmental Science.....	Olivia Roberts
First Nations Studies Student Union .....	
French .....	Sharon Kim
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies .....	Alicia Fahrner
Geography .....	Roger Lye
Health Science .....	Diane Muthaura
History .....	Jessica Stewart
Humanities.....	Lauran
Interactive Arts and Technology .....	Cora Fu
International Studies .....	Alex Aparicio
Labour Studies.....	
Linguistics .....	Ali Vickers
Mathematics .....	Fatemeh Kiannejad

Mechatronics System Engineering .....	
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry .....	
Operations Research .....	
Philosophy .....	Nick Sheffield
Physics .....	Manuel Rojas
Political Science ( <i>Chair</i> ) .....	Gabe Liosis
Psychology .....	Tristan Raymond
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS).....	Jason Spence
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) .....	Jasmine Padam
Sociology and Anthropology.....	Zaina Khan
Software Systems .....	Quince Bielka
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA) .....	Anthony Kim
Sustainable Community Development.....	
Theaters .....	
Visual Arts.....	
World Literature .....	Kayla Tso

### **Constituency Group Representatives**

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) .....	Serena Bains
First Nations Student Association (FNSEA) .....	
International Student Group (ISG).....	
Out on Campus Collective (OOC) .....	Victor Yin
Residence Hall's Association (RHA).....	Daanyaal Sheikh
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).....	Ryan Stolys
Women Centre Collective (WCC) .....	Simran Randhawa
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) .....	Jasmine Kitine

### **Board of Directors**

#### **SFSS Directors (*non-voting*)**

President.....	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
Faculty Representative (Education).....	Emerly Liu
Faculty Representative (Environment).....	Julian Loutsik
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences).....	Osob Mohammed
Faculty Representative (Science) .....	Simran Uppal

### **3.2 Society Staff**

Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator .....	Sarah Edmunds
Administrative Assistant .....	Kristin Kokkov
Executive Assistant .....	Shaneika Blake

### 3.3 Regrets

Criminology.....	Margaret Wang
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA) .....	Anthony Kim
Bachelor of Environment .....	Mina Garlick

### 3.4 Absent

Archeology .....	Tanner Humphreys
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology .....	Alamdeep Khehra
Earth Science .....	Anthony Giang
Economics .....	Christian Briones
Environmental Science ( <i>Chair</i> ).....	Olivia Roberts ( <i>sick</i> )
French .....	Sharon Kim
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies .....	Alicia Fahrner
Philosophy .....	Nick Sheffield
Physics .....	Manuel Rojas
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA) .....	Anthony Kim
Women Centre Collective (WCC) .....	Simran Randhawa

## 4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

*Excuses or regrets will be kept track of by the chair of council. Missing two meetings in a row without sending excuses (that are approved) will result in the removal from Council.*

### 4.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2019-12-04:01

**Quince/Victor**

*Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Margaret Wang (conflicting schedules), Anthony Kim (exam) and Mina Garlick (illness).*

**CARRIED**

## 5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2019-12-04:02

**Gabe/Victor**

*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.*

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

Amendments:

- Move discussion item 9.1 to new item 7 Report from the Council/Board Liaison
- Remove presentation – Art, Performance and Cinema Studies student Teresa Donck
- Add a presentation – FAS CLUBS presented by ESSS
- Add motions to appoint the chair for the meeting.

#### 5.1.1. MOTION COUNCIL 2019-12-04:02-01

**Giovanni/Victor**

*Be it resolved to appoint member x as a chair for the meeting.*

**CARRIED**

#### 5.1.2. MOTION COUNCIL 2019-12-04:02-01

**Giovanni/Victor**

*Be resolved to appoint from x to Gabe Liosis as chair for the remainder of the meeting.*

**CARRIED**

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 6.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2019-12-04:03

**Daanyaal/Tristan**

*Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:*

- COUNCIL 2019-04-03
- COUNCIL 2019-07-31
- COUNCIL 2019-10-30

**CARRIED**

## 7. REPORT FROM COUNCIL/BOARD LIAISON

- The role of the Council/Board liaison is to liaise between the Council and the Board.
- There has been 3 Board meetings since the last Council meeting:
  - November 1:
    - The voting on the alternative shared space model for the SUB.
      - The motion was not carried.
    - The voting on renovating Forum Chambers and Undergrounds as alternative space
      - The motion was carried.
  - November 15:
    - The Board voted in favour of endorsing RA unionizing.
    - The voting on adopting the pro-choice policy.
      - The motion was postponed.
  - November 29:
    - The motion on adopting the pro-choice policy was postponed again.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 Board of Directors vote against housing SFPIRG, Embark, CJSF and SOCA in the new Student Union Building – MOTION COUNCIL 2019-12-04:04

**Daanyaal/Victor**

*Whereas, on November 1st, 2019, the Board of Directors voted against housing SFPIRG, Embark, CJSF and SOCA in the new Student Union Building;*

*Whereas, the Rotunda Community could possibly be displaced from campus if space is not made available in the SUB for these groups;*

*Whereas the Forum Chambers and the Undergrounds alternative plan is not ideal for these groups in terms of adequate space and accessibility;*

*Whereas, DSUs and clubs get the same benefits from the two versions of the shared space models that have been presented;*

*Whereas, the groups not being allocated space have been an integral part in representing diverse communities on campus;*

*Be it resolved that Council formally condemns the results of the vote on MOTION 2019-11-01:04 at the November 1st, 2019 Board of Directors meeting and calls on the Board to reconsider the*

*motion.*

*Be it further resolved that Council supports the Alternative Shared Space Model for the SUB as presented at the November 1st, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.*

*Be it further resolved that Gabe Liosis formulates a letter based on the discussion at Council and send it to the Board of Directors on behalf of Council.*

*Be it further resolved that if the Board of Directors does not respond to the letter by December 14th, 2019, Council, at a future meeting, will consider putting the matter to referendum for the Spring 2020 referendum.*

### **CARRIED**

#### **Discussion:**

- It was pointed out that there are students who support the Board's decision in this matter to allow more space to the union groups.
- However, DNA supported Council's motion to formally condemn the Board's decision to evict the Rotunda groups from the SUB.
  - It was stated that the equity groups require the support and resources to face the systematic discrimination that they face not only on campus, but in the community as well.
- It was added that allocating space for the Rotunda groups in the SUB does not put other students in jeopardy, because there are more than 22 bookable rooms in the SUB and over 100 rooms in the SFU that are bookable.
  - The current space that Rotunda groups have right now is very small.
  - Students who are already feeling marginalized need this space in the SUB.
- A guest said on behalf of all the Faculty of Applied Sciences clubs that they agree with the Board's decision on the current proposed model. Since there is not enough space on campus, they need the space allocated for them in order to create their projects.
- It was pointed out that even though there are over 100 bookable rooms at the SFU campus, there still is a space problem. The largest clubs on campus do not have their own space or have very little room. Therefore it was insisted that it is irresponsible to suggest to prioritize Rotunda groups when talking about long term bookable rooms.
- A Board member explained that there is a healthy fund that will be put into making the Forum Chambers and Undergrounds more accessible.
  - And since lots of activities taking place in the Forum Chambers and Underground right now will be moved to the SUB, these rooms will be underused and can be granted as a permanent space for the Rotunda groups.
  - It was added that the space expansion fund is not about extending the space, rather it is about updating the rooms. Therefore, the size of the rooms will stay the same.
- A problem was brought out that since the SUB rooms are bookable only semesterly, the same groups will not get to use rooms for more than one semester at a time, and therefore there will still be a space issue because there are not enough rooms.
- A Board member explained that the booking model is not yet fully worked out.
  - One of the arguments for booking the rooms semesterly was that not all the groups are constantly active.
    - It is not yet known if this is the best solution.

## 9. PRESENTATION

### 9.1 FAS CLUBS presented by ESSS

- The FAS Clubs reached out because they do not have enough space to do their work.
  - A Board member pointed out that this issue was raised already a couple of months before, and asked if the FAS Clubs had talked to Build SFU General Manager about using the Copy Centre rooms?
    - Build SFU General Manager had not been talked to yet.

## 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 10.1 SFSS By-Law Updates

- SFSS by-laws are going to be updated so that they would be future-proof.
  - All students will be consulted in February.
- SFSS staff members would like to get Council members' feedback to see which by-laws need more explanation and what the challenges might be.
  - It was asked to send the feedback to the Campaigns, Research and Policy Coordinator by the end of January 2020.

## 11. ATTACHMENTS

- Bylaw-update-v3.pdf
- SFSS Council-Board Liaison Report Nov1.pdf
- SFSS Council-Board Liaison Report Nov15.pdf
- SFSS Council-Board Liaison Report Nov29.pdf

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

### 12.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2019-12-04:05

**Tristan/Quince**

*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 PM.*

**CARRIED**

## SFSS COUNCIL/BOARD LIAISON REPORT

SFSS Board of Directors Meeting

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

1:30PM – 4:30PM

### \*\*\*Important Note\*\*\*

*Please note that I have only included information in this report that I felt were either pertinent to the interests of the Council, major initiatives of the Board, or major initiatives in the interests of the majority of students. Should you wish to further inquire about other affairs of the Board, please find Board Agendas attached on the last page of this document.*

### MOTION 2019-11-01:04

Item	[7.1] Motion “Alternative Shared Space Model – Improved Model for the Sub”
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not allocating space in the SUB for the Rotunda Community would create a possible risk of displacement of these groups from campus.</li> <li>○ 4 organizational suites (each housing 2-3 offices and one lounge) be allocated to SFPIRG, Embark, CJSF and SOCA, in addition to the SFSS Women’s Centre, SFSS Out on Campus and First Nation Students Association.</li> </ul>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SFPIRG Representative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This group has made this individual feel safe and accepted on campus, and the thought of getting pushed out is awful because other students could not have the same experiences she did.</li> <li>○ This individual is asked the Board to consider the impact SFPIRG has on people, and what not having a space would do to those people.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ GSS Representative – External Relations for GSS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This individual says that rotunda groups will have difficulty finding places elsewhere on campus if they are not given a space in the SUB.</li> <li>○ This individual says that the proposed MBC Forum Chambers renovation is unrealistic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students would have to pay for this renovation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ CJSF Representative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This individual says that it is terrible that a project like this (that triples bookable space) has come to a point such as this where the Rotunda Community groups are faced with leaving campus.</li> <li>○ This individual says that SFU isn’t able to provide these groups space if SFSS doesn’t give it to them.</li> <li>○ This individual says that SFU would not have provided lease if they knew if this commitment would be withdrawn.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This individual says that this ought to be a win-win for everyone; right now, it is not</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Board Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jennifer Chou (Faculty of Arts &amp; Social Sciences Representative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jennifer sees Embark's positive impact on community.</li> <li>○ CJSF supportive of SFU groups.</li> <li>○ SFPIRG helps the SFSS and other groups; their library and resources benefits students on campus.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Simran Uppal (Faculty of Science Representative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This individual stated that she was speaking on behalf of a DSU Exec as well as her own opinion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SFSS groups should get priority.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Tawanda Chitapi (VP Finance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As a black student, Tawanda says hasn't been involved with SOCA because he is a social person, but not everyone is like him.</li> <li>○ Tawanda says a space such as the SUB would bring a sense of home to SOCA.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Osob Mohamed (Faculty of Health Sciences Representative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Osob says it is not fair to label them as external groups when they are made of students and serve students; she sees them as SFSS regardless.</li> <li>○ Osob highlights that we would be isolating them if this motion fails.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Motion Failed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><u>For:</u></b> <i>Jennifer Chou, Giovanni HoSang, Fiona Li, Shina Kaur, and Osob Mohamed.</i></li> <li>○ <b><u>Against:</u></b> <i>Maneet Aujila, Jasdeep Gill, Christina Loutsik, Julian Loutsik, Jessica Nguyen, Simran Uppal, Andrew Wong</i></li> <li>○ <b><u>Abstain:</u></b> <i>Tawanda Nigel Chitapi, Emerly Liu</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Board took a ten minutes break as emotions were high once the motion failed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individuals were very emotional after the vote failed.</li> <li>○ There was a lot of tears; people crying.</li> <li>○ Lots of arguing during the break between people who agreed/disagreed on the motion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



**MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:06**

Item	[8.1] Motion “Forum Chambers and the Undergrounds”
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alternative plan to the previous motion.</li> <li>○ Board would direct management (The Executive Director) to approach SFPIRG, CJSF, SOCA, and Embark to discuss the implementation for permanent space allocation in MBC Forum Chambers and the SFSS Undergrounds.</li> </ul>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sylvia (Executive Director) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sylvia stated that SFU is not willing to house these groups; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. She stated that the next available options is the Forum Chambers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>○ Permanent space allocation to the Forum Chambers // Undergrounds</li> <li>○ Sylvia says that the radio station has money to put forward for refurbishing</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Osob Mohamed (Faculty of Health Sciences Representative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Osob says that she is disappointed with Board conduct today</li> <li>○ Osob says that this is hurting a lot of people and that she does not approve of Forum Chambers plan.</li> <li>○ Osob mentioned that this would take a lot of time and groups would still be displaced in the meantime.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Motion Carried</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><u>For:</u></b> <i>Maneet Aujla, Tawanda Nigel Chitapi, Jasdeep Gill, Jessica Nguyen, Rayhaan Khan, Emerly Liu, Christina Loutsik, Julian Loutsik, Andrew Wong</i></li> <li>○ <b><u>Against:</u></b> <i>N/A</i></li> <li>○ <b><u>Abstentions:</u></b> <i>Jennifer Chou, Giovanni HoSang, Shina Kaur, Fiona Li, Osob Mohamed</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:06**

Item	[8.2] Motion “WUSC SFU Spring 2019 Referendum”
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Background               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SFU WUSC (World University Services of Canada) Local Committee is a student-led club that supports education for refugee youth.</li> <li>○ The program gives displaced students between the ages of 18 – 25yrs the opportunity to complete their education in Canada. Refugee students are sponsored (books, tuition, some living costs, and other logistics) by students from over 90 universities across Canada.</li> <li>○ The financial support comes from students’ levy once per term across all participant Canadian universities/colleges. The total number of students sponsored at SFU from 1981-2019 is 71 students.</li> <li>○ The club goals are to increase awareness among SFU students about forced migration and the powerful, positive impact education can have on the lives of these youth.</li> <li>○ At SFU, full-time undergraduate students currently contribute \$2.50 per term and part-time undergraduates currently contribute \$1.25 per term. SFU WUSC needs additional revenue to be sustained and to continue supporting refugee youth, and without an increase of this contribution, SFU WUSC would not be able to maintain the support needed for refugee students at SFU.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Important Note               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The motion was amended from its original state (as presented above) to tweak the terminology slightly.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Results	<b>Motion Carried</b>

**MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:08**

Item	[8.4] Appointing a FNSA Coordinator
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appoint a FNSA Coordinator, funded by SFSS' general operating budget</li> </ul>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stephen; FNSA Representative               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stephen stated that other divisions of the SFSS (Out on Campus, Women's Centre) have coordinators – it is equitable that FNSA has one too.</li> <li>○ Stephen also stated that it was inappropriate for Board members to be on their phones texting during the previous motion of SUB space allocation (specifically those who voted against the motion).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Results	<b>Motion Carried</b>

## GUEST Q&A

Gabrielle – Editor in Chief of the Peak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gabrielle has been involved at the peak for 3 years</li> <li>○ She stated that we only heard arguments from those who voted in favour of the SUB space allocation</li> <li>○ What were the reasons Board members vote against the motion? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jasdeep Gill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ preserve enough space for bookable, sharable space for ALL students.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Gabrielle – Editor in Chief of the Peak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How did Board members prepare for this vote today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Giovanni HoSang (President) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Research, Discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Gabrielle – Editor in Chief of the Peak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For students concerned about SFSS funds being used for Forum Chambers renovation, what would you say to them? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tawanda Chitapi (VP Finance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funds used for this project are from space-expansions funds</li> <li>○ Not being wasted; being used for sole purpose</li> <li>○ Focus of SUB was to have as many spaces available for everyone instead of having some fixated for certain people</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<i>Student (I didn't catch the name)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This student used a quote to describe the outcome of the SUB space allocation motion: “those who are silenced in the face of injustice are also part of that injustice”</li> <li>○ This student says that these groups help marginalized people; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This guest says that the Board is telling these marginalized groups they don't belong by voting against the motion.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ This student feels that the Board did not adequately tell us why they voted against – or at least nothing of worth.</li> <li>○ The student said “If we all deserve to be there, why are we being thrown away”</li> </ul>
Ricky – music coordinator of CJSF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ricky says that it is appalling that people who voted against the motion didn't tell us why they voted against the motion.</li> <li>○ Ricky feels that the SFSS hasn't spoken for us.</li> <li>○ Ricky says that the notion that because they are an external organization that that somehow demerits them is ridiculous</li> <li>○ Ricky says that they want to hear from you why these groups shouldn't be in the SUB? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><i>Ricky's question was not being answered by the board.</i></b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<i>Student (didn't catch the name)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Student stated that SFPIRG provides support for everyone on campus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nobody on campus provides the support that SFPIRG does</li> <li>○ The Board is tearing communities apart</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ “The damage has been done, and I don’t see why you should keep the suffocating going”</li> <li>○ The Student stated that the Forum Chambers/Undergrounds are not accessible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cannot install elevator</li> <li>○ Washrooms not accessible</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The student stated that The SUB was built with these conditions in mind.</li> </ul>
Coordinator of CJSF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This individual stated that the Forum Chambers is smaller than the current space of all the groups combined <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They are already facing wall-to-wall conditions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ This individual asked how does the Board justify this?</li> <li>○ <b>Board did not answer question.</b></li> </ul>
Emilyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Emilyn states that all the Board members who were not in favour of the SUB space allocation motion have argued it is because they want the space to be for <u>all</u> students.</li> <li>○ She said that for a space to be for everyone, you need to create space for interest groups and marginalized groups</li> <li>○ #alllivesmatter ; #blacklivesmatter</li> <li>○ Question: Why can’t Forum Chambers be used for bookable space instead of for the groups displaced.</li> </ul>
Gabrielle – Editor in Chief of the Peak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How would Board members react to the concern about the attention of Board members during the meetings and active listening. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jasdeep Gill (VP External) said something but I didn’t hear.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ By a show of hands, which board members have used the services of these groups over the years? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Underwhelming show of hands by board members.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>GUEST Q&amp;A WAS VERY RUSHED BECAUSE OF TIME CONSTRAINTS.</b></li> </ul>

THE BOARD HAS SPOKEN

Board rejects motion to house CJSF, Embark, SFPIRG, and SOCA in the SUB 7–5

The Board passed another motion to renovate Forum Chambers and the Undergrounds for CJSF, SFPIRG, and SOCA to share

Gabrielle McLaren  
Editor-in-Chief

Editor’s note: this piece will be followed by more in-depth coverage on the discussions surrounding both motions and concerns voiced about accessibility, feasibility, and financial responsibility. Other business from this meeting will be discussed in a future piece.

A motion originally proposed by SFSS president Giovanni HoSang to house SOCA, SFPIRG, Embark, and CJSF in the Student Union Building (SUB) was defeated on November 1’s SFSS Board meeting. Another motion was adopted to renovate Forum Chambers and the Undergrounds in Maggie Benston Centre to house SOCA, SFPIRG, and CJSF instead — though SFU community members expressed concerns regarding this resolution. The other groups currently housed in the Rotunda — The Women’s Centre, Out on Campus, and the First Nation Students Association — have space guaranteed in the SUB.

Three guests spoke on this issue prior to the Board’s discussion: a student who had been involved with SFPIRG, Matt McDonald (Director of External Relations for the Graduate Student Society), and Magnus Thyvold (CJSF Station Manager).

From the Board of Directors: Jennifer Chou, Tawanda Nigel Chitapi, Osob Mohamed, and Shina Kaur spoke in support of the motion. Simran Uppal shared feedback she had received from students and departmental student union executives who wished to see space in the SUB allocated majoritarily to students. Giovanni HoSang read an open letter supporting the motion co-signed by himself, Jennifer Chou, Shina Kaur, Fiona Li, and Osob Mohamed.

HoSang’s motion, printed below along with vote results tallied by several Peak staff members, was originally proposed and postponed at the May 30 and October 18 Board meetings.

Following the first motion’s rejection, the Board elected to take a break given the tension and emotion in the room. Many SFU community members left the meeting at this time or took advantage of the break to discuss frustrations and react to this decision in the hallway.

After the break, the Board passed a motion to renovate Forum Chambers and the Undergrounds at a projected cost of \$320,000 to house SOCA, SFPIRG, and CJSF.

The last item before the Board went in camera was a question and answer period for guests in attendance. Of the 10 questions asked (five of which were by The Peak), Board members answered five. As the last question of the Q&A period, The Peak asked Board members which independent student society’s services they had used or activities they had participated in, one group at a time. Less than half of the Board had used each service.

Many speakers at the meeting reacted to the motion in the meeting itself. During the meeting, The Peak invited attendees to submit comments and concerns before 6:00 p.m. (due to our

publication schedule). The Peak had the opportunity to talk to Giovanni HoSang, Jesse Wentzloff (CJSF’s Public Affairs Coordinator) and Robin Erikkson (Programming Coordinator). Wentzloff voiced disappointment at the Board’s decision “to evict [CJSF] and the other student groups by denying [them] space in the SUB.”

He was also disappointed by “the cowardice of the Board members who voted against the proposal that would have housed all the groups [ . . . ] in that they uniformly refused to answer questions or provide any concrete reasoning for their decisions and were disrespectful throughout the process — not paying attention to speakers and checking their phones . . . ”

CJSF’s disappointment is compounded by the fact that a move to Forum Chambers/the Undergrounds had already been discussed and deemed unsuitable for their society’s needs. Erikkson also discussed concerns regarding the financial feasibility and responsibility of this plan. Board members discussed this issue during the meeting and the Q&A, with VP Finance Tawanda Nigel

Chipati explaining that the SFSS’ Space Expansion Fund would cover these renovations. The briefing accompanying the motion notes that CJSF has also been saving funds in preparation for a potential move.

“Why would the SFSS choose to spend that amount of money [ . . . ] to renovate space when they have a brand new building that they’ve already spent millions of dollars on?” Wentzloff said.

HoSang was also disappointed by the decision.

“It’s very disheartening that the vote went this way, but let’s see what happens in the next couple of months.”

He reminded students that they could reach out to Board members and vote with this issue in mind in the next election.

The issue of space in the SUB has deep roots on campus. Following a consultation period in 2013–2014, Rotunda groups found out in December 2017 that they were not being given space in the SUB. Since, they have reacted with a variety of presentations, discussions, educational workshops, petitions, letters, and awareness campaigns.

BREAKDOWN OF VOTES			
Motion	Votes in Favour	Votes Against	Abstentions
<p>7.1 Alternative Shared Space Model - Improved Model for the SUB – MOTION 2019-11-01:04</p> <p>Be it resolved that 8 of the 22 Bookable Open Rooms be assigned to clubs and DSUs for a period of one semester with the possibility of extension by additional periods of one semester at a time; Be it further resolved that each of the 8 open bookable rooms be assigned to one club or student union except if two groups wish to share a room; Be it further resolved that staff be tasked to determine the next steps in the process of allocating the 8 Open Bookable Rooms as semesterly bookable spaces to clubs and student unions and to report back to the Board with recommendations. Be it further resolved that the remaining 4 organizational suites be allocated to SFPIRG, Embark, CJSF and SOCA, in addition to the ones already allocated to the SFSS Women’s Centre, SFSS Out on Campus and First Nation Students Association.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jennifer Chou (Arts &amp; Social Sciences Representative)</li><li>Giovanni HoSang (President)</li><li>Shina Kaur (VP University Relations)</li><li>Fiona Li (Communications, Art, and Technology Representative)</li><li>Osob Mohamed (Health Sciences Representative)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maneet Aujla (at-large representative)</li><li>Jasdeep Gill (VP External Relations)</li><li>Christina Loutsik (VP Student Services)</li><li>Julian Loutsik (Environment Representative)</li><li>Jessica Nguyen (VP Student Life)</li><li>Simran Uppal (Science Representative)</li><li>Andrew Wong (Business Representative)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tawanda Nigel Chitapi (VP Finance)</li><li>Emerly Liu (Education Representative)</li><li><b>Note: Rayhaan Khan (At-Large Representative) was not in attendance during the vote but arrived later.</b></li><li><b>Note: Nick Chubb (Applied Sciences Representatives) was not in attendance during the meeting.</b></li></ul>
<p>8.1 Forum Chambers and the Undergrounds – MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:05</p> <p>Be it resolved that the Board of Directors direct management to approach SFPIRG, CJSF, SOCA, and Embark to discuss and implement the plan for permanent space allocation in MBC 2901 (Forum Chambers) and 3901 (The Undergrounds).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maneet Aujla</li><li>Tawanda Nigel Chitapi</li><li>Jasdeep Gill</li><li>Shina Kaur</li><li>Rayhaan Khan</li><li>Emerly Liu</li><li>Christina Loutsik</li><li>Julian Loutsik</li><li>Andrew Wong</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jennifer Chou</li><li>Giovanni HoSang</li><li>Shina Kaur</li><li>Fiona Li</li><li>Osob Mohamed</li><li><b>Note: Simran Uppal left the meeting before this vote to attend class.</b></li><li><b>Note: Nick Chubb was not at this meeting.</b></li></ul>

Editor’s note: Given that the SFSS does not record how members vote in its minutes unless directors request that abstentions be noted, these results were tallied by Peak staff members.  
Any questions or concerns may be forwarded to eic@the-peak.ca



## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order –

## 2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íl̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ík<sup>w</sup>əłəm (Kwikwetlem) and 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
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

### 3.3 Guests

The Peak Coordinating News Editor .....	Gurpreet Kambo
The Human Rights Director .....	Marie Brunelle
Ombudsperson .....	Laura Reid

### 3.4 Regrets

Faculty Representative (Communications, Art, & Technology) .....	Fiona Li
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VP University Relations .....Shina Kaur  
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences) .....Osob Mohamed

## 4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

### 4.1 MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:01

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*Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Shina Kaur and Osob Mohamed.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 5.1 MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:02

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*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

### 6.1 Board Minutes – MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:03

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*Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:*

- BOD 2019-10-18

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

### 7.1 Alternative Shared Space Model - Improved Model for the SUB – MOTION 2019-11-01:04

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*Whereas the previous Board moved to adopt a space allocation model in the Student Union Building;  
Whereas there are concerns raised by multiple stakeholders with this model surrounding the  
allocation of space for student groups and/or the Rotunda community;*

*Be it resolved to amend the previously adopted MOTION BOD 2019-02-01:14, to read:*

*Whereas, there are several suites and rooms in the Student Union Building such as 22 Bookable open  
rooms and 7 Organizational Suites with each housing 2-3 offices and one lounge;*

*Whereas, The Rotunda Community groups were consulted in the creation of the Student Union  
Building architectural plan and have been consulted throughout the process leading to 7  
organizational suites (view Background to read about the consultation process), and there being 6  
Rotunda Community groups;*

*Whereas, the lease between SFU and SFSS for the SUB states under 'use' that 'offices for the Society  
and other non-profit organizations whose primary function is to serve students of the University'  
which is similar to the language in the lease for the current Rotunda space under 'Society's  
Covenants';*

*Whereas, the board had since decided to allocate 11 offices within these organizational suites for  
clubs and DSUs and would have 22 open bookable rooms for general students and groups that would  
not be as efficiently used as is the current case with the 100+ other bookable rooms around campus  
which are underutilized and already available for students and clubs to book;*

*Whereas, not allocating space in the SUB for the Rotunda Community would create a possible risk of displacement of these groups from campus;*

*Whereas, it is preferred to determine an alternative model of space allocation to ensure the best outcomes for all groups such as the independent student societies, clubs and DSUs, and student-serving groups on campus;*

*Whereas, allocating 8 of the Open Bookable rooms to Clubs and DSUs would still leave Open Bookable rooms that would be available and shall have minimal impact in terms of availability of bookable rooms for students and groups;*

*Be it resolved that 8 of the 22 Bookable Open Rooms be assigned to clubs and DSUs for a period of one semester with the possibility of extension by additional periods of one semester at a time;*

*Be it further resolved that each of the 8 open bookable rooms be assigned to one club or student union except if two groups wish to share a room;*

*Be it further resolved that staff be tasked to determine the next steps in the process of allocating the 8 Open Bookable Rooms as semesterly bookable spaces to clubs and student unions and to report back to the Board with recommendations.*

*Be it further resolved that the remaining 4 organizational suites be allocated to SFPIRG, Embark, CJSF and SOCA, in addition to the ones already allocated to the SFSS Women's Centre, SFSS Out on Campus and First Nation Students Association.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Forum Chambers and the Undergrounds – MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:05**

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*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors direct management to approach SFPIRG, CJSF, SOCA, and Embark to discuss and implement the plan for permanent space allocation in MBC 2901 (Forum Chambers) and 3901 (The Undergrounds).*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### **8.2 WUSC SFU Spring 2019 referendum – MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:06**

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*Be it resolved to add and approve the following referendum question for the Spring 2019 referendum:*

#### **BACKGROUND**

*SFU WUSC (World University Services of Canada) Local Committee is a student-led club that supports education for refugee youth.*

*The program gives displaced students between the ages of 18 – 25yrs the opportunity to complete their education in Canada. Refugee students are sponsored (books, tuition, some living costs, and other logistics) by students from over 90 universities across Canada.*

*The financial support comes from students' levy once per term across all participant Canadian universities/colleges. The total number of students sponsored at SFU from 1981-2019 is 71 students.*

*The club goals are to increase awareness among SFU students about forced migration and the powerful, positive impact education can have on the lives of these youth.*

*At SFU, full-time undergraduate students currently contribute \$2.50 per term and part-time undergraduates currently contribute \$1.25 per term. SFU WUSC needs additional revenue to be sustained and to continue supporting refugee youth, and without an increase of this contribution, SFU WUSC would not be able to maintain the support needed for refugee students at SFU.*

*QUESTION:*

*Are you in favour of increasing the student levy to support refugee youth education to \$5.00 for full-time students and \$2.50 for part-time students, adjusted annually for inflation according to the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI)?*

*Yes/No*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**8.3 SFSS Student Advocate – MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:07**

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*Be it resolved to that the SFSS Board of Directors endorse a pilot project for a Student Advocate Manager and that the Board request for the SFSS' E.D. to develop a business plan for that pilot project to be presented to the Board in the Spring semester, coinciding with budget preparation.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**8.4 Coordinator, First Nations Student Association – MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:08**

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*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors authorize the Simon Fraser Student Society's E.D. to employ a First Nations Student Association - Coordinator.*

*Be it further resolved that the FNSA - Coordinator be financed from the SFSS' general operating budget.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 9. PRESENTATION

**9.1 Presentation – Marie Brunelle, Human Rights Director, SFU**

**9.2 Presentation – Laura Reid, Ombudsperson, SFU**

## 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**10.1 SFSS Care Packages - Jennifer Chou**

**10.2 Provincial Lobbying 2019 Report - Jasdeep Gill**

**10.3 Student Housing Guide - Jasdeep Gill**

## 11. GUEST Q&A

## 12. IN-CAMERA

**12.1 MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:09**

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*Be it resolved to go in-camera for the remainder of the meeting.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**12.2 Commercial Leases**

## 13. EX-CAMERA

**13.1 MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:10**

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*Be it resolved to go ex-camera.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 14. ANNOUNCEMENT

**14.1 Next Board Meeting Nov 15 at 1:30, MBC 2294/9**

## 15. ATTACHMENTS

- BN - Improved Space Model For The SUB.pdf
- BN - Spaces in Forum Chambers and Undergrounds.pdf
- BN - SFSS Student Advocate.pdf
- BN - Coordinator, First Nations Student Association.pdf
- Student Housing Guide.pdf
- WUSC Presentation.pdf

## 16. ADJOURNMENT

**16.1 MOTION BOD 2019-11-01:11**

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*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## SFSS COUNCIL/BOARD LIAISON REPORT

SFSS Board of Directors Meeting

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1:30PM – 4:30PM

### \*\*\*Important Note\*\*\*

*Please note that this report only includes information that the Council/Board Liaison felt were either pertinent to the interests of the Council, were major initiatives of the Board, or major initiatives in the interests of the majority of students. Should you wish to further inquire about other affairs of the Board, please find Board Agendas attached on the last page of this document, or visit <http://sfss.ca/about/committees/meeting-times-minutes/> for more info.*

Presentation	Research Assistants Unionizing, TSSU
Contents	<p><b>Presentation from TSSU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 900 SFU RAs are moving to unionize: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Undergrads, Grads, Non-students.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Approximately 1500 RAs who do research at SFU.</li> <li>• Who counts as RA? → it's confusing! Very outdated definition.</li> <li>• RAs don't have late-pay, no benefits, no security, no legal recourse or advocacy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ SFU recognizes these problems,</li> <li>◦ But fails to take decisive actions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• By unionizing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ makes RAs employees of the school.</li> <li>◦ gives RAs a say in how their employment is structured.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Three other universities in Canada have unionized their RAs.</li> <li>• 45% of RAs across the school must have union cards signed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ SFSS needs to help TSSU in recruiting RAs to sign these card.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Independent, non-hierarchical, direct-democratic, member-driven</li> <li>• What it lookS like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> → hand in cards;</li> <li>◦ Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> → rally at 1PM at Cornerstone outside Starbucks.</li> <li>◦ Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> → (tentative date) RA will vote whether they want to join the Union.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Support from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ GSS.</li> <li>◦ Faculty letter signed by 50+ faculty members.</li> <li>◦ City Councillors, MLAs, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Discussion	<p><b>Jennifer Chou:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can unpaid RAs help with this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unfortunately, you are not classifying as an RA.</li> <li>○ Cannot unionize unpaid workers.</li> <li>○ But can start the fight for changes if they unionize.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Fiona Li</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where do we send RAs if they want Union cards? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Send them to the “Research is Work” website.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Shina Kaur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the vote happens, how do we know the people voting are RAs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SFU legally has to produce a list if RAs hand in these cards.</li> <li>○ This will be the official voters list.</li> <li>○ But there will be a contested ballot box for people not on this official list who believe they are RAs.</li> <li>○ take this to court to ensure the contested ballot box to be counted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Osob Mohamed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is the vote in-person? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**MOTION 2019-11-15:04**

Item	[7.1] Sharing Research Assistants Unionizing Effort With Membership
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>RAs at SFU are organizing to unionize with the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) which currently represents non-tenured teaching staff at SFU including many undergraduate members.</i></li> <li>• <i>SFSS members working as RAs should be informed of their democratic right to vote to decide whether they join a union.</i></li> <li>• Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors distribute information about the campaign and the upcoming RA union vote to SFSS membership on its social media and communications platforms.</li> <li>• Amended → to support the movement.</li> </ul>
Discussion	N/A
Results	<b>CARRIED</b>



**MOTION 2019-11-15:05**

Item	[7.2] Spring 2020 General Election and Referenda
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be it resolved that SFSS Spring 2020 General Election and Referenda voting dates be set to March 17, 18, 19, 2020</li></ul>
Discussion	N/A
Results	<b>CARRIED</b>

## MOTION 2019-11-15:06

Item	[7.3] Establishment of Issue Policies and IP-1 Reproductive Rights Policies
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors establishes Issues Policies for the purpose of establishing the Society's stance on social, political and economic issues relevant to the membership.</li> </ul>
Discussion	<p><b>Osob Mohamed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This motion has much support from many student groups and Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>Christina Loutsik</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern with Item 2-d.</li> <li>Denying these clubs funds can create legal battle.</li> <li>The way the policy is read, it could affect religious group.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jasdeep Gill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Echoed Christina's concern.</li> <li>We should get a legal opinion before passing the motion.</li> <li>Not comfortable with Item 2-d.</li> </ul> <p><b>Osob Mohamed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Don't want to face legal action.</li> <li>This policy does not intend to hurt any other groups on campus.</li> <li>If they are antagonizing students on campus, that needs to be considered.</li> <li>Council has been in complete support of this motion; this really needs to be considered.</li> </ul> <p><b>Giovanni HoSang</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giovanni Read "Letter to the SFSS Board of Directors from Council" <b>find attached</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Julian Loutsik</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Troubling to consider approving this if we can face legal action because of this.</li> <li>He supports this policy, but he doesn't support this section.</li> </ul> <p><b>Shaneika Blake (Executive Assistant, Non-Board member)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We should get legal opinion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jasdeep Gill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We should have a pro-choice stance.</li> <li>But a lawyer should read this before we do anything.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sarah Edmunds (Policy Coordinator, Non-Board member)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You could be held personally liable.</li> <li>Could take society to court, but could also take individual directors to court.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sylvia Ceacero (Executive Director, Non-Board member)</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We should get a legal opinion despite the legal precedent.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jennifer Chou</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Were religious groups consulted for this policy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Osob: no because it isn't a religious issue.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Jasdeep Gill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What if a religious group has activities that have pro-life stances? How would that work?</li> </ul> <p><b>Osob Mohamed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students groups are entitled to an opinion; it's the campaigning that falls under this policy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jasdeep Gill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This policy leaves it up to interpretation.</li> <li>• May not be interpreted the same after multiple Board years.</li> <li>• Can open up issue to where we draw the line.</li> </ul> <p><b>Christina Loutsik</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved to amend to postpone the motion until we've consulted with a lawyer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Direct the ED to have the policy reviewed by a lawyer to be reviewed by next meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Results</b>	<b>Motion Postponed</b>

**MOTION 2019-11-15: 07**

Item	[7.4] Privacy Consent Form
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be it resolved to create a form of consent for the disclosure of personal information of the guests of Board and Board Committee meetings.</li> </ul>
Discussion	Giovanni HoSang: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brought this motion because there was concern around the protocol around naming individuals in meeting records.</li> <li>• Consent forms to be signed by students attending meetings.</li> </ul>
Results	<b>CARRIED</b>

**DISCUSSION**

Fiona Li	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revamp Bulletin Board's:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Create sections so people can identify campus events.</li><li>○ Students can identify events they want to go to.</li><li>○ Potential concern around maintenance, but that will be explored.</li></ul></li></ul>
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## Guest Q&A

<b>Student</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reproductive Rights Motion.</li> <li>• Will the Board move forward with the motion once a lawyer has viewed it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Christina: just to ensure the wording is right, and that the society does not enter a legal battle.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Board members keep asking whether this will impact religious groups, do the Board members know of any specific groups they are thinking about? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jasdeep: clarify the motion so that people aren't uneasy</li> <li>○ Jennifer: students from MSA was worried that policy would affect them, therefore it should be made clearer</li> <li>○ Christina: did have a student who was a member of a Christian club and did have concern about affecting them</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Student</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commend the board for taking a stance</li> <li>• Is the issues policies supposed to be about clarifying the society's stance, or an operational one where we go to student groups...? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Giovanni: there might be operational stuff that would have to be done to fit that policy.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Will you have to change Bylaw-21 (discrimination)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Giovanni: Not discrimination to say that you shouldn't be limiting the rights of other people.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Student</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can the Board approve a person to speak to a motion even if it's not preapproved? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Giovanni: Yes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Letter to the SFSS Board of Directors from Council

2019-10-31

To the Simon Fraser Student Society Board of Directors,

Since 2011, the Simon Fraser Student Society has recognized and funded SFU Lifeline, an anti-abortion club that advocates for pre-born children and supports anti-abortion establishments. Through their efforts, Lifeline hopes to eliminate protections afforded to women through the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Advocacy for "life-affirming choices" ultimately takes away any semblance of choice from women regarding their health and perpetuates reproductive oppression that is Canadian courts continue to recognize as being inherently misogynistic and harmful to women, including those on campuses.

The presence of such clubs as well as recent events highlight the damaging ideologies that are perpetrated when adequate issues policy is not present to protect the membership. The Simon Fraser Student Society states in their mandate to "support students [to] reach their full potential" and in the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan to aim to "enhance student experience" and "increase students' engagement and sense of belonging" but without policy there is no foundation to do so. Other student unions across the country, including the University of Alberta, Ryerson University, and the University of Toronto all have policies in place to address these issues that can significantly affect students. The Simon Fraser Student Society must urgently take action immediately to ensure that similar policies are in place in order to prevent issues before they come up and to properly direct the Society if they do. The Society must take a pro choice stance to be able to implement such policy. The illusion of which is already offered to the society based on the SFSS Women center's pro choice mandate.

The Simon Fraser Student Society Council supports the draft as presented, as well as the development and implementation of formal issues-based policy. Additionally, in the best interest of the student body and membership, the Council would like to see the creation of this and further policies proceed in an appropriate, timely manner.

The following student bodies in addition to the SFSS Council, approve and support the draft of the pro choice issues policies:

Archeology Student Union

Psychology Student Union

Out On Campus Collective



Women Center Collective

ISSA

Geography Student Union

Political Science Student Union

Education Student Association

Health Science Undergraduate Student Union

History Student Union

BNSS

Sincerely,

Simon Fraser Student Society Council

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

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## 2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓ilwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikwəłəm (Kwkwetlem) and qícəy̓ (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
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

### 3.3 Guests

The Peak Coordinating News Editor .....	Gurpreet Kambo
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### 3.4 Regrets

Faculty Representative (Communications, Art, & Technology) .....	Fiona Li
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## 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 4.1 MOTION BOD 2019-11-15:01

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*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

### 5.1 Board Minutes – MOTION BOD 2019-11-15:02

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*Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:*

- BOD 2019-11-01

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### 5.2 Committee Minutes – MOTION BOD 2019-11-15:03

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*Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:*

- EVENTS 2019-08-19
- EVENTS 2019-10-01
- EVENTS 2019-10-15
- SCC 2019-08-30
- SCC 2019-09-16
- SCC2019-09-30
- SCC2019-10-21

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 6. PRESENTATION

### 6.1 Presentation - Research Assistants Unionizing, TSSU

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Sharing Research Assistants Unionizing Effort with Membership – MOTION BOD 2019-11-15:04

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*Whereas the Research Assistants at SFU are organizing to unionize with the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) which currently represents non-tenured teaching staff at SFU including many undergraduate members;*

*Whereas, SFSS members working as Research Assistants should be informed of their democratic right to vote to decide whether they join a union;*

*Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors distribute information about the campaign and the upcoming RA union vote to SFSS membership on its social media and communications platforms.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**7.2 Spring 2020 General Election and Referenda – MOTION BOD 2019-11-15:05**

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*Whereas the SFSS Elections and Referenda Policies require that the Board sets the voting dates for elections and referenda on or before the last meeting of the semester preceding the election or referendum;*

*Be it resolved to call the SFSS Spring 2020 General Election and Referenda, with the voting dates set to March 17, 18, & 19, 2020.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**7.3 Establishment of Issues Policies and IP-1 Reproductive Rights Policies – MOTION BOD 2019-11-15:06**

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*Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors establishes Issues Policies, for the purpose of establishing the Society's stance on social, political and economic issues relevant to the membership.*

*Be it further resolved to adopt IP-1: Reproductive Rights.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**7.4 Privacy Consent Form – MOTION BOD 2019-11-15:07**

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*Be it resolved to create a form of consent for the disclosure of personal information of the guests of Board and Board Committee meetings.*

*Be it further resolved to refer to the Governance Committee the creation of a Personal Information Policy for the SFSS Board of Directors.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8.1 SFSS x SEI - Collaboration**

**8.2 Recommended Options Voting Records Motion Next Meeting**

## **9. GUEST 30 MIN Q&A**

## **10. IN-CAMERA**

**10.1 MOTION BOD 2019-11-15:08**

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*Be it resolved to go in-camera for the remainder of the meeting.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**10.2**

## **11. EX-CAMERA**

**11.1 MOTION BOD 2019-11-15:09**

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*Be it resolved to go ex-camera.*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 12. ATTACHMENTS

- Personal Information Policy Example.pdf
- Council Letter to SFSS Board.pdf
- Issues-Based Policies.pdf
- BN - Reproductive Rights.pdf

## 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meeting Nov 29 at 1:30, MBC 2294/96
- BOD May 30 Motion previously referred to Governance re: voting records, expecting Recommended Options for BOD Nov 29 meeting
- Fall Kickoff Report for BOD Nov 29 meeting
- Expecting Reports on Conferences attended for BOD Nov 29 meeting

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

### 14.1 MOTION BOD 2019-11-15:10

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*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at*

**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## SFSS COUNCIL/BOARD LIAISON REPORT

SFSS Board of Directors Meeting

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1:30PM – 4:30PM

### \*\*\*Important Note\*\*\*

*Please note that this report only includes information that the Council/Board Liaison felt were either pertinent to the interests of the Council, were major initiatives of the Board, or major initiatives in the interests of the majority of students. Should you wish to further inquire about other affairs of the Board, please find Board Agendas attached on the last page of this document, or visit <http://sfss.ca/about/committees/meeting-times-minutes/> for more info.*

### MOTION 2019-11-29:05

Item	[7.1] Establishment of Issues Policies and IP-1 Reproductive Rights Policies
Contents	<p><i>Be it Resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors establishes Issues Policies, for the purpose of establishing the Society's stance on social, political and economic issues relevant to the membership.</i></p> <p><i>Be it further resolved to adopt IP-1: Reproductive Rights.</i></p>
Discussion	<p><b>SYLVIA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received an opinion from lawyer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still some consequences for the Board</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>OSOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved to postpone the motion for the next meeting.</li> <li>Enough time to speak with a lawyer.</li> </ul>
	<b>CARRIED AS AMENDED</b>

## DISCUSSION

<p>[9.1] Fall Kickoff Report</p>	<p><b>SYLVIA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report Drafted for Fall Kickoff</li> <li>• Jessica absent from meeting; Jessica cannot do presentation.</li> </ul> <p><b>CORBETT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous Applied Science Rep. in 2015</li> <li>• Concerned with concern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revenue doesn't always match with</li> </ul> </li> <li>• High-risk event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Doesn't want to see Society have a massive loss</li> <li>○ Example: UBC AMS had a block party that lost \$200,000</li> <li>○ There, we have to be responsible with our very own concert.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fall-kick Off ticket sales did not go well.</li> <li>• This is not good!</li> <li>• The Board should do a forensic on this event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We had such a massive different this year compared to previous years.</li> <li>○ There has to be more to this...</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ryerson Student Union. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ President was impeached, and various other Board members got almost got impeached.</li> <li>○ We don't know the results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Could go the same path as SFO.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Doug Ford used the spending scandal to create law that made student fees optional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Got thrown out in the courts.</li> <li>▪ Initial Societies Act almost made fees optional too.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Student Federation of Ottawa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Executives were accused of misspending.</li> <li>○ Withheld student fees until a forensic was ran because they need to protect student fees from being misused.</li> <li>○ Execs handled audit poorly.</li> <li>○ Universities rejected report and stopped recognizing the Student Union.</li> <li>○ Replaced with a new student society.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking Board to take this seriously; doesn't want this to happen to the SFSS.</li> <li>• Future Boards might not be able to run concerts until we decide why this is happening.</li> </ul> <p><b>TAWANDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big event, lots of planning involved.</li> <li>• Yes, some years did better than we did this year.</li> <li>• We need to follow procedures.</li> <li>• Because of nature of event, necessary processes must be followed to decide whether to go ahead with it.</li> <li>• Hopes all this is used in future to make good decisions.</li> </ul> <p><b>CHRISTINA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was less budgeted for this event than usual.</li> <li>• There was also a huge security cost this year.</li> <li>• Hopefully starting earlier would help, and deficit would be decreased.</li> </ul> <p><b>NICK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was in parking lot instead of convo mall like previous years so a lot was lost there.</li> </ul>
[9.2] ED Conferences Report	<p><b>SYLVIA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference of Administrators of Student Unions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Specific to West</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Share notes, talk about how they do things and we do things</li> <li>• National Conference happens in June (London, Ontario) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Might ask Board if she can do that.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Quality Assurance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talking to staff to establish procedures to confidentially provide quality assurance for everything SFSS does.</li> </ul>
[9.3] SUDS Conference Report	<p><b>SHINA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five VPs went to SUDS</li> <li>• A four-day weekend for most Student Unions across country</li> <li>• Normally hosted at UBC through AMS</li> <li>• Method to share knowledge, and get ideas for upcoming terms</li> <li>• Lots of workshops and speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Setting goals (long- and short-term goals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Using that time effectively</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussions around proper governance</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion around public relations and communications with our membership.</li><li>• Using LinkedIn affectively.</li></ul> <p><b>CHRISTINA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Helped connect with other execs on other Student Unions.</li><li>• Passing it onto other Boards in the future.</li></ul> <p><b>TAWANDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some have more experience than us (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> terms)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chance to learn from others</li></ul></li></ul>
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## ATTACHMENTS

*\*Please Note: I have HIGHLIGHTED all relevant information to Council within the attachments listed below*

- **GOV 2019-08-13** (Governance Committee, Meeting Minutes)
- **BOD 2019-11-15** (Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes)
- **BOD 2019-11-29** (Board of Directors, Agenda)
- **ISSUES POLICIES**
- **SUB LETTER**

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Board of Directors Representative ..... Fiona Li  
Board of Directors Representative ..... Osob Mohamed

### 3.2 Society Staff

Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator ..... Sarah Edmunds  
Archival and Administrative Assistant ..... Aimee de Viveiros  
Student Union Outreach Assistant ..... Samantha Li

## 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 4.1 MOTION GOV 2019-08-13:01

**Jasdeep/Tawanda**

*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.*

**CARRIED**

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 5.1 MOTION GOV 2019-08-13:03

**Jasdeep/Tawanda**

*Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:*

- GOV 2019-07-16

**CARRIED**

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 6.1 Elections Policy Edits

- CPRC has discussed with SFSS Staff about the IEC employment standard subject to change
- CPRC has updated the policies to standardize campaign literature
- Addition of privacy policy; mailing lists must have written consent