

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:40 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 Council Composition

Student Union Representatives

Archeology	Tanner Humphreys
Bachelor of Environment	Mina Garlick
Behavioral Neuroscience	Ramsha Farooqui
Biology	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology	Alamdeep Khehra
Business	Sarah Chan
Chemistry	Stephanie Sonea
Cognitive Science	Rollin Poe
Communications	Trisha Rajesh Ramakrishnan
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	Lauren Thomson
Interactive Arts and Technology	Cora Fu
International Studies	Abi Pena
Labour Studies	Jessica Fan
Linguistics	Ali Vickers
Mathematics	Brendan Kelly

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

Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA)	Serena Bains
First Nations Student Association (FNSA)	
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
Executive Director	Sylvia Ceacero
Administrative Assistant	Kristin Kokkov

Executive Assistant Shaneika Blake

3.3 Guests

Student Corbett Gildersleve

3.4 Regrets

Criminology Margaret Wang

Sociology and Anthropology Zaina Khan

Business Sarah Chan

3.5 Absent

Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Alamdeep Khehra

Earth Science Anthony Giang

Environmental Science Olivia Roberts

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Alicia Fahrner

Philosophy Nick Sheffield

Residence Hall's Association (RHA) Daanyaal Sheikh

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 2020-01-22:01

Gabe/Quince

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Margaret Wang, Zaina Khan, and Sarah Chan.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

4.1.1. MOTION COUNCIL 2020-01-22:01-01

Giovanni/Quince

Be it resolved to remove regrets from Victor Yin, Fatemeh Kiannejad, and Kayla Tso.

Be it further resolved to add regrets from Sarah Chan.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-01-22:02

Gabe/Jasmine

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5.1.1. MOTION COUNCIL 2020-01-22:02-01

Gabe/Simran

Be it resolved to amend the agenda by adding the New Business item 10.2 Council for the Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies Departmental Student Union to the agenda.

Be it further resolved to move the presentation 9.2 Student Concerns about the Fall Kickoff Report after New Business.

Be it further resolved to remove the discussion item 11.2 Council Seat addition – DSU: The

Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies, and add the discussion item 12.2 Forming a Council Administration Committee.

CARRIED

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-01-22:03

Gabe/Quince

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- COUNCIL 2019-12-04

CARRIED

7. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION

7.1 Election of Council Chair and Vice-Chair - MOTION COUNCIL 2020-01-22:04

Gabe/Tristan

Be it resolved to appoint x as the Council Chair and x as the Vice Council Chair for the remainder of the 2019/2020 term.

Be it further resolved that the Vice Chair have the power to convene a meeting in the absence or at the discretion of the Council Chair.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

7.1.1. Election of Council Chair and Vice-Chair - MOTION COUNCIL 2020-01-22:04-01

Gabe/Quince

Be it resolved to amend the motion by adding the following sentence: "Be it further resolved that the Vice Chair have the power to convene a meeting in the absence or at the discretion of the Council Chair".

CARRIED

Election of the Council Chair and Vice-Chair

- Gabe Liosis was nominated for the position of the Council Chair.
 - Council members were in favour of Gabe Liosis as the Council Chair.
- Tristan Raymond was nominated for the position of the Council Vice-Chair.
 - Council members were in favour of Tristan Raymond as the Council Vice-Chair.

7.1.1. Election of Council Chair and Vice-Chair - MOTION COUNCIL 2020-01-22:04-01

Giovanni/Quince

Be it resolved to replace x with Gabe Liosis and X with Tristan Raymond.

CARRIED

8. REPORT FROM COUNCIL-BOARD LIAISON

- There has been 3 Board meetings since the last Council meeting:
 - 1) December 13th
 - SFSS established Issues Policy;

- The Board members discussed the response to the Council letter.
- 2) January 8th
 - Further discussions on the Council letter
 - The letter of response was drafted and sent to the Council
 - SFPIRG did a presentation asking to increase SFPIRGS intake fee
- 3) January 22nd
 - The Board voted in favour of increasing SFPIRGS intake fee.

9. PRESENTATION (1)

9.1 Council Orientation

- Information was provided about how the Council operates.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Rotunda Groups Referendum – MOTION COUNCIL 2020-01-22:05

Gabe/Jasmine

Be it resolved to add and approve the following referendum question for the Spring 2020 referendum:

QUESTION:

Whereas, the Rotunda Groups on campus are campus advocacy and equity-seeking groups aimed at protecting marginalized voices on campus and provides a safe space for Women, LGBTQ2IA+ students, Black and Indigenous students, as well as groups raising concerns around environmental and social justice, activism, and centering marginalized communities and the work that they do;

Whereas these groups were consulted in the initial Student Union Building round of consultations;

Whereas, SFSS Council supports these student groups being allocated space in the New Student Union Building, and some of the groups have been at risk of displacement with the new Student Union Building being constructed;

Be it Resolved that the Society:

(a) sublease one organizational suite each in the new SUB to Embark, SFPIRG and CJSF, in each case for an initial term of 10 years and otherwise on essentially the same terms and conditions as those in the current SFPIRG and CJSF subleases with the Society; and

(b) provide one organizational suite in the new SUB to SFU SOCA (SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry), for an initial term for at least 10 years, and on similar terms and conditions as provided to the Women's Center, Out On Campus, and the First Nations Student Association.

(YES/NO)

CARRIED

10.2 Council for the Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies Departmental Student Union – MOTION COUNCIL 2020-01-22:06

Quince/Victor

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council establishes a seat on the Council for the Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies Departmental Student Union.

CARRIED

11. PRESENTATION (2)

11.1 Student Concerns about the Fall Kickoff Report

- The presenter is asking the Council to draft a motion for the next meeting to request the Board to hire a forensic auditor in order to perform a thorough investigation of the Fall Kickoff 2019 deficit.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

12.1 Council Interest in Council's Bylaw Review Presentation for February 5

- Another possible date for the Review Presentation is February 6.
- There will be an online survey about the Bylaws from 10th – 24th February.
- On February 10 there will be a presentation for all the students.

12.2 Forming a Council Administration Committee

- This would be a place where to brainstorm Council policies.
- This committee could make recommendations to the Council.

13. ATTACHMENTS

- SFSS Council-Board Liaison Report Jan 8.pdf
- SFSS Council-Board Liaison Report Dec13.pdf
- Fall 2019 Kickoff Losses - Council Presentation.pdf
- Council Orientation Presentation.pdf

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-01-22:03

Quince/Jessica

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 PM.

CARRIED

The Role and Function of Student Council



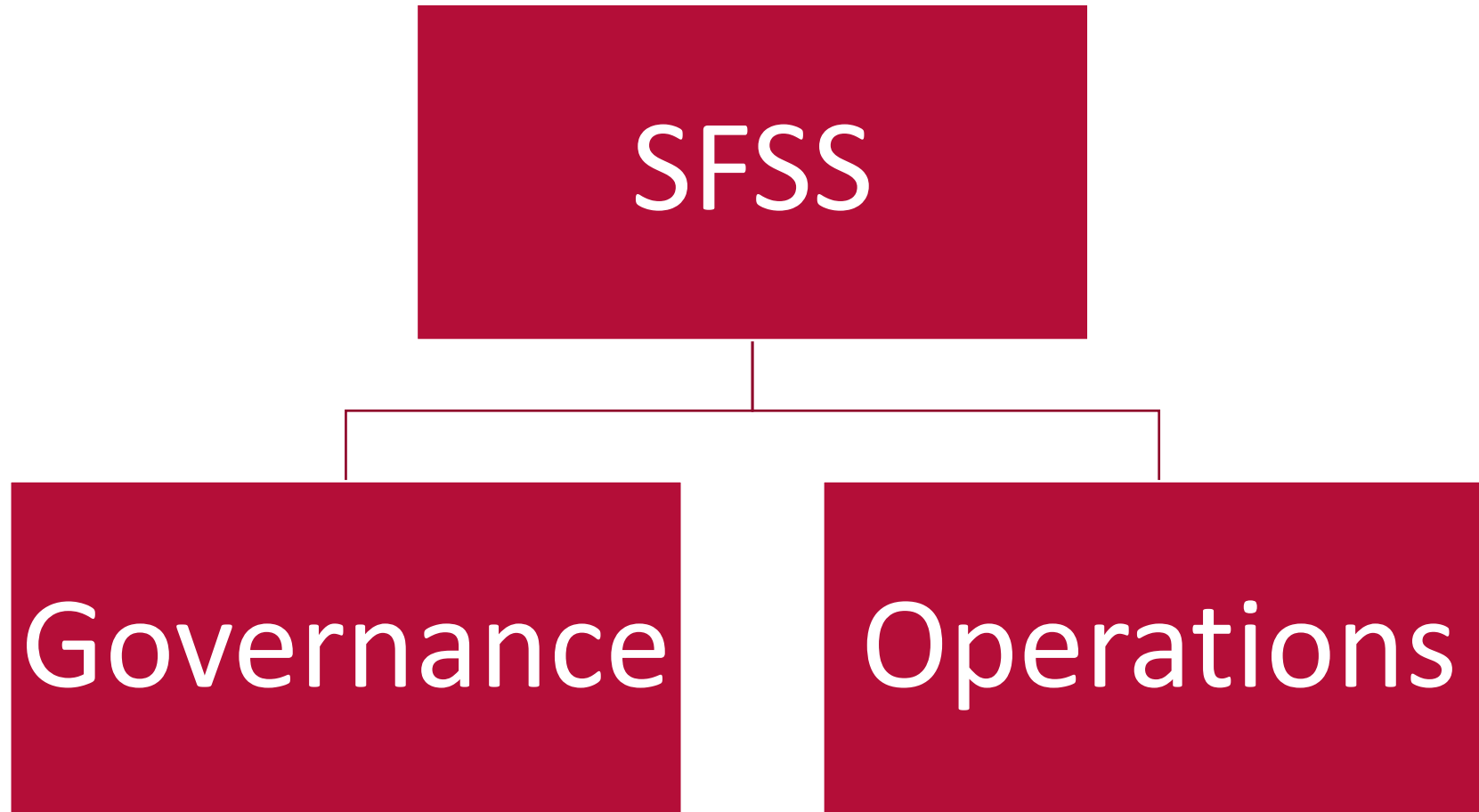
The SFSS

Purpose

The Simon Fraser Student Society is a student-led organization that represents and advocates for the interests of the 25,000+ undergraduate students at SFU. The SFSS is your not-for-profit support network and voice at SFU and provides services and support to make student life better.

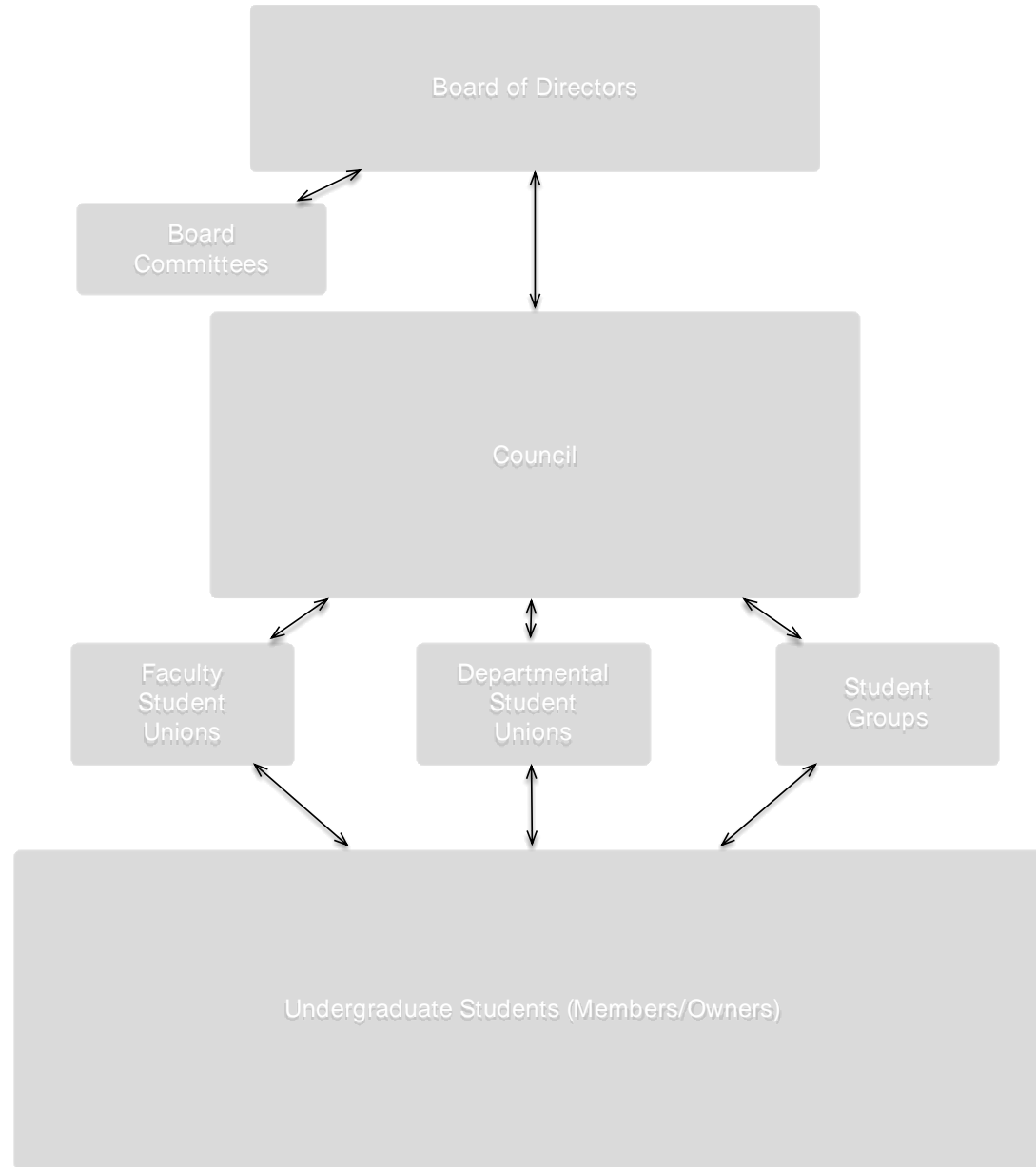


+ Governance vs Operations





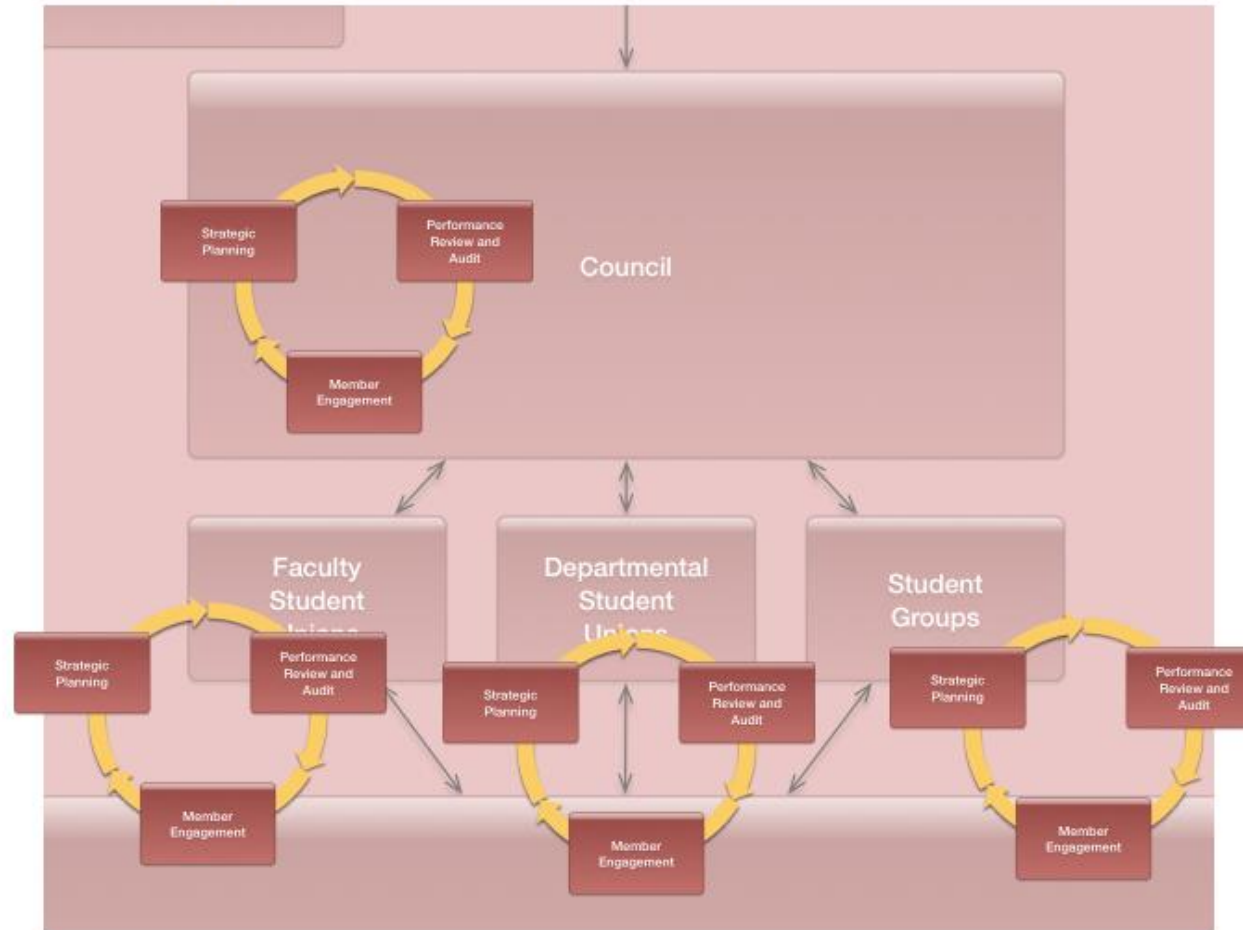
SFSS Governance





Council Governance Structure & Cycles

Governance Cycles





Relevant By-Laws

SFSS By-Laws 7 & 8

- Member in good standing of the SFSS
- Quorum
- No vote by proxy
- Electing a chair
- Meetings at least once a semester
- Establishing new Council seats
- Advising Board
- Council shall serve as the primary medium of discussion for:
 - Issues of importance to members in different faculties, departments or schools at SFU
 - Advocacy and other general interest matters of SFSS members





DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Council Representatives

- Council Representatives are encouraged and expected to participate in the work of the Society, including but not limited to:
 - informing students in their departments, faculties or constituency groups of Society activities,
 - forwarding to the Board of Directors issues that are of concerns to the members of their student union or constituency group,
 - assisting with advocacy projects and campaigns of interest to the Society and its members, and
 - facilitating communication between the Society and its members.
- Council representatives shall:
 - attend all Council meetings and general meetings called by the student union or constituency group called during the semester
- Council representatives are strongly encouraged to be a member of the advisory committees and working groups
 - Either as Council reps or student at-large members on Board committees



Working Groups and Advisory Committees

Providing Advice



- By-Law 8 allows Council to strike Board advisory committees with terms of reference and appoint members
- Working groups and advisory committees existed in the past
 - Offline, outside of Council meetings
 - Small groups
 - Bring action items (in the form of motions!) to Council meetings
- The Board has many different committees that Council can potentially sit on as a student at-large member



Meetings

Meetings as a decision-making tool

- The goal is simple! Council and student unions and groups make decisions...

AS A GROUP





Robert's Rules

How can they help Council?



- Chair sets a meeting date (must convene at least once a semester as per By-Law 8)
- Call for agenda items: motions or discussion items
 - Moving away from discussion --> motions (action!)
- Council approves agenda OR makes amendments and approves agenda
 - Good practice to submit your agenda items beforehand
- Motions are adopted if they are carried
- Motions can help introduce student union voices



Robert's Rules

Motions as proposed decisions



- A proposal that the Council make a decision on behalf of the organization.
- Example
 - “Whereas...”
 - “Be it resolved to/that ...”
 - “Be it further resolved to/that...”
 - Always include the ‘who’, ‘what’, ‘when’, ‘where’, and ‘why’.



Robert's Rules

Types of Motions

- Primary motion
 - Move
 - Second
 - Discuss
 - Vote
 - Carried, carried with amendments, not carried
- Types of secondary motions
 - Amend
 - Postpone
 - Recess
 - Refer to committee
 - Call the question





Robert's Rules

Best Practices

- Speak to the motion
- Would this serve the mission of the SFSS?
- Would this bring us closer to the vision of the SFSS?
- Is this in keeping with the values of the SFSS?



+ Examples of Motions

Council 2011/2012

MOTION Forum 2012-02-29:06

Warwick/Warren

Be it resolved that Forum Strike a SUB Oversight Policy Development Task Force to meet bi-weekly until the last Forum meeting of Summer Semester whereupon the Task Force must submit (a) Policy Paper(s) with the explicit purposes of establishing principles, standards and further actions and referendum question recommendations to address the oversight challenges raised by the SUB project specifically around matters of meaningfully inclusive consultation processes, transparent decision-making processes, disclosure of financial and other relevant information and procedural criteria for regular performance reviews of the Board members primarily responsible for the SUB project.



Examples of Motions, cont'd

Council 2010/2011



MOTION FORUM 10-06-10:11: AMENDMENT

Lutener / Yeung

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to read: Be it resolved that the following questions be put to the membership in a non-binding plebiscite: Do you agree that external groups that collect a fee from all undergraduate students with a total value of more than \$25,000 per year be required to submit a public, external and independent financial audit each year at the SFSS Annual General Meeting? Do you further agree that the SFSS should draft a question on this topic to be put to a binding referendum in the spring of 2011? (yes / no)



Examples of Motions, cont'd

Council 2014/2015

MOTION COUNCIL 2015-01-28:06

Jovanovic/Amended Thompson

Whereas the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) has decided, due to budget constraints, to eliminate the position of Cognitive Science Adviser and Manager and have the program run under the administration of the Psychology Department instead; Whereas the Cognitive Science Student Society (CS^3) believes that this decision is not an efficient decision, and will have a much greater effect on the Cognitive Science program than anticipated, has decided to oppose this decision and attempt to reinstate the position of Cognitive Science Adviser and Manager; Whereas CS^3 has drafted an official letter to the dean of FASS, John Craig, opposing this decision in an attempt to revert it; Be it resolved that the Simon Fraser Student Society Council officially support the Cognitive Science Student Society on their mission to reinstate the Cognitive Science Adviser and Manager position.



In Summary...

The roles and function of Council



- Role: To act as a liaison between student unions (and more broadly, members) and the SFSS (specifically the Board)
- Function: Meetings are decision-making tools where motions are passed. Working groups allow for the development of actionable items to be motioned at meetings
- Question: What are the priorities of the Council for 2019/2020?
 - Talk to your Student Union or Group!
- There is an opportunity to interact with the Board to a greater extent.
 - Thoughts?



Audit the Fall Kickoff

Deficit

Fall Kickoff had a \$105,000 deficit this year

- Most years range from \$10,000-\$20,000
- 1280 out of 2500 tickets sold
- Expenses were around 60% higher than 2017's concert

Context - Departments

\$105,000 is more than the SFSS spent in 2018-2019 on

- Communications Office (\$103,000)
- Women's Centre (\$93,000)
- Out on Campus (\$73,000)
- Surrey Campus Office (\$55,000)
- That includes staff, events and program costs for each department

Context - Programs

- Accessibility funding (\$1,600)
- Foodbank (\$29,000)
- Advocacy Committee (\$12,000)
- Membership Engagement (\$17,000)
- Student Bursaries (\$10,000)
- with \$30,000 left over.

Context - Student Unions and Constituency Groups

- Core and Grant Funding (\$141,000)
- Student Union Office (\$80,800)

November Report

Board was presented with an event report on Nov. 29th

- Concert was a \$178,000 event
- Report was 2-pages long
 - 3 paragraphs of text summary
 - 1 page for a budget summary
- Stated the deficit was \$45,000
 - However, \$60,000 was listed under SFSS Sponsorship
 - So, a more accurate deficit is \$105,000
 - Doesn't include Board, admin, or staff time
 - So, no idea what the true cost is

\$60,000 Contribution

This was approved in an August 12, 2019 emergency board meeting

- First time in the minutes for board, events, etc. that the budget is shown
 - \$175,000 projected expenses
 - 2500 ticket target
 - \$45,000 projected deficit
 - Need to increase the SFSS contribution from \$15,000-\$60,000 to cover the deficit
- Meeting was only 14 minutes long
 - Actual debate was probably only like 8 minutes due to roll call, territorial acknowledgements, etc
 - Debate was cut early due to the question being called
 - Motion was passed

Summary

- A barely debated budget for a \$175,000 event
- A rushed motion for a funding increase from \$15,000 -> \$60,000
- Debate was cut short

This alone is reason enough for an independent investigation

Forensic Audit

What is it?

- It's a detailed independent investigation that looks for any financial negligence, fraud, or mismanagement
- An auditor can look at not only the finances, but contracts, policies, bylaws, legislation, and anything else that's relevant
- Can independently verify the reports, budgets, and statements by the board, admin, and/or staff

Annual Audit vs. Forensic Audit

Why not wait for the annual financial audit?

- They're not the same thing
 - Financial audit is more of a wide net that looks at the SFSS as a whole and checks its finances
 - A forensic audit is more focused and can dig deeper
- The financial audit starts in the Summer term and is presented to students in the fall at the SFSS's AGM
 - Current board term ends on April 31st
 - Next board will be filled with new people
 - Will be hard for any auditor to get information from relevant board members who have left

Why?

- The board is tasked with managing your student fees properly
- They failed with this event
- You all deserve to know why things happened the way they did
- The next board needs to be able to provide answers to students
- Only an independent forensic auditor can get that
- You can't just lose \$105,000, say "lessons learned", and move on to the next project

My Ask

I requested the Board hire an forensic auditor in the Nov. 29th meeting

- Nothing has happened

Asking Council to draft a motion for the next meeting to request the Board hire a forensic auditor to perform a thorough investigation of the 2019 Fall Kickoff deficit

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Sources

[2018-2019 Financial Audit](#)

[August 8, 2019 Kickoff Budget](#)

[August 12, 2019 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes](#)

[November 29, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes and Report \(pg.16\)](#)

SFSS Council/Board Liaison Report

Friday, December 13th, 2019
Board of Directors Meeting

Gabe Liosis, *Council/Board Liaison*



*****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 2019-12-13:06

Item

Issues-Based-Policies

Contents (Motion)

Be it resolved that the SFSS 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.

Discussion

OSOB (HEALTH SCIENCES REPRESENTATIVE)

- Osob says the Board received feedback on the policy.
- Osob says she has confidence that the policy is in a good enough state to move forward with the policy as presented.

Results

CARRIED

Further Notes by Liaison

N/A

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item

Response to SFSS Council Condemning Board Space Decision

Discussion

GIOVANNI (PRESIDENT)

- Giovanni asked the Board what are certain points that the Board would like to see in the Board's response.
- The Board does not have enough Directors here to have a full discussion on this right now.
- Giovanni would like to start collecting points.
- Giovanni asks if the Board would welcome a referendum.

OSOB (HEALTH SCIENCES REPRESENTATIVE)

- Osob explained that if Council wants to put it to referendum, it would look like we are overruling students if we did not support it.

EMERLY (EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE)

- Emerly says that if it does go to referendum, it should come from the Board, not Council, because the Board should take initiative for this.
- Emerly says that Council does not represent our membership as a whole, as there were other clubs and DSUs that were not involved in this conversation.

SHINA (VP UNIVERSITY RELATIONS)

- Shina thinks it speaks volumes that Council voted to condemn the Board's vote.
- Shina believes it makes sense that the referendum should be done by Council.
 - Shina says that the Board should support what Council wants to do.
- Shina thinks that the Board should talk about it as a whole at the next Board meeting.

GIOVANNI (PRESIDENT)

- When Board reconvenes in January, they will have a full discussion on this topic.
- Any discussion will be communicated through the Chair of Council.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 1:33 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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VP Student Life.....	Jessica Nguyen
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At-Large Representative	Rayhaan Khan
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Faculty Representative (Business).....	Andrew Wong (<i>via phone</i>)
Faculty Representative (Communications, Art, & Technology)	Fiona Li
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Faculty Representative (Environment)	Julian Loutsik
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences)	Osob Mohamed
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Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator.....	Sarah Edmunds
Executive Director	Sylvia Ceacero
Administrative Assistant	Kristin Kokkov
Building Manager	John Walsh
Build SFU General Manager	Marc Fontaine
Finance Manager	Rowena de la Torre

3.3 Guests

The Peak Coordinating News Editor.....	Gurpreet Kambo
Council/Board Liaison	Gabe Liosis

3.4 Regrets

VP Student Life	Jessica Nguyen
Faculty Representative (Science)	Simran Uppal
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences)	Nick Chubb
At-Large Representative	Maneet Auja
Faculty Representative (Environment)	Julian Loutsik
At-Large Representative	Rayhaan Khan
VP Student Services	Christina Loutsik

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

4.1 MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:01

Shina/Jennifer

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Jessica Nguyen (exam), Maneet Auja (personal reasons), Simran Uppal (exam), Nick Chubb (exam), Julian Loutsik (exam), Rayhaan Khan (exam), and Christina Loutsik (exam).

CARRIED AS AMENDED

4.1.1.MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:01-01

Giovanni/Emerly

Be it resolved to add regrets from Julian Loutsik (exam), Rayhaan Khan (exam), and Christina Loutsik (exam).

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:02

Emerly/Shina

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5.1.1.MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:02-01

Giovanni/Emerly

Be it resolved to amend the agenda by adding the following items under New Business: "SFSS Board Policies" and "Elections and Referenda Policies".

Be it further resolved to amend the agenda by adding the following discussion items: "GSS Collaboration on Care Packages Project", "Invitation sent by BCFS for AGM", and "Response to SFSS Council condemning Board space decision".

CARRIED

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

6.1 Board Minutes – MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:03

Osob/Fiona

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- BOARD 2019-11-29

CARRIED

6.2 Committee Minutes – MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:04

Shina/Osob

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- AFAC 2019-08-13
- VCC 2019-09-03

CARRIED

6.3 Council Minutes – MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:05

Emerly/Shina

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- COUNCIL 2019-04-03
- COUNCIL 2019-07-31
- COUNCIL 2019-10-02
- COUNCIL 2019-10-30

CARRIED

7. REPORT FROM COUNCIL/BOARD LIAISON

- At the last Council meeting a motion was carried to condemn the Board's decision on Alternative Shared Space Model. A respective letter was drafted and sent to the Board.
- The Council gave the Board until December 14th to give a response to the Council.
- The Council/Board Liaison asked the Board to acknowledge that the letter was received and to confirm that the Board will take further actions.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Issues-Based Policies – MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:06

Osob/Shina

Be it resolved that the SFSS 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

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 SFSS Board Policies – MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:07

Emerly/Shina

Be it resolved to approve SFSS Board Policies.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

9.1.1.SFSS Board Policies 2019-12-13 – MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:07

Giovanni/Shina

Be it resolved to remove “2019-12-13” from the title of the SFSS Board Policies.
CARRIED

9.2 Elections and Referenda Policies – MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:08

Emerly/Osob

Be it resolved to approve Elections and Referenda Policies.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

9.2.1. Elections and Referenda Policies 2019-12-13 – MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:08

Giovanni/Osob

Be it resolved to remove “2019-12-13” from the title of the Elections and Referenda Policies.

CARRIED

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Sign-on to Campaign to Reinstate the Textbook Tax Rebate for Students

- It was agreed that the Board will sign on to the letter and the president will respond on the name of the society.

10.2 GSS Collaboration on Care Packages Project

- GSS reached out and wanted to collaborate on SFSS Care Packages Project.
 - The commitment would be to do the same as we have been done so far, only in collaboration with GSS.
- It was decided that we will have the care packages project in collaboration with GSS.

10.3 Invitation sent by BCFS for AGM

- The event will take place on 16th–19th January 2020
 - Since SFSS is not a member of BCFS, it was suggested that attending the AGM might not be very useful.
- It was stated that Board members attended this event before, and that there is now no additional value to attend this event again.
- Based on the discussion, people are still pondering if they are going to attend this event.

10.4 Response to SFSS Council condemning Board space decision

- It was pointed out that since the Board meeting did not have the full attendance it was not possible to give a full response to the Council at that moment.
- It was decided to send an email to the Council explaining that the conversation about this item will be held in January.

11. GUEST 30 MIN Q&A

- What the subject in camera is?
 - Commercial leases for the SUB.
- Is this the last Board meeting this year? When is the next Board meeting?
 - The time of the next meeting will be announced during the first weeks of January.
- Are the people familiar with the history that SFSS has had with the BCFS?
 - Multiple Board members have attended the meetings.

- So far there has not been a discussion about becoming a member.
- It is an issue based, resource sharing activity and collaboration.
 - SFSS also collaborates with ABCS [*Alliance of BC Students*].

Christina Loutsik arrived at 2:24 pm

12. IN-CAMERA

12.1 MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:09

Shina/Emerly

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 2019-12-13:10

Shina/Christina

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED

13.2 Commercial Leases – MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:11

Shina/Christina

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the terms and conditions of the Offers to Lease with the preferred tenants for the SUB coffee shop and convenience store.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to execute leases with the preferred tenants

CARRIED

14. ANNOUNCEMENT

- Survey to be sent for meeting times in the Spring

15. ATTACHMENTS

- 2019-12-05 BN SUB Commercial Leases.pdf (in-camera)
- IP-1: Reproductive Rights.pdf
- Textbook Tax Credit Letter for Student Societies.pdf
- SFSS Board Policies 2019-12-13.pdf
- SFSS Elections and Referenda Policies 2019-12-13.pdf

16. ADJOURNMENT

16.1 MOTION BOD 2019-12-13:12

Shina/Christina

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 PM.

CARRIED

The following Issues Policies establish the stance of the Society on social, political and economic issues relevant to the membership of the SFSS.

SFSS Issues Policies

Simon Fraser Student Society

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PURPOSE OF THIS MANUAL

The SFSS Issues Policies shall serve to clarify the stance of the Society on social, political and economic issues relating to student life and post-secondary education that are important to the SFSS membership. The SFSS Issues Policies shall also serve as a resource and a guide to assist in the development of campaigns, stakeholder relations and media strategies employed by the Society.

The SFSS shall limit its Issues Policies to issues directly pertaining to student life and post-secondary education. The issues covered by these policies are developed through member engagement activities.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS

Each policy will be reviewed annually.

Where no change is required, the policy will remain in its current state.

Where need or opportunities for improvement arise, policy shall be created, changed, or repealed in the following way:

1. The office responsible for the policy outcome shall propose amendments to the Executive Director (ED) or their designate.
2. The ED or their designate shall review the proposed changes with the department head.
3. Where deemed acceptable, the proposal shall be submitted to the Board of Directors or Executive Committee for comment.



IP-1: REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

POLICY TYPE: POLICY TITLE: REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS POLICY REFERENCE NUMBER: IP-1		
Adopted: 2019-12-13 Next Scheduled Revision Previous Revisions		
Position	Signature	Date
Board President		
Executive Director		

Preamble

The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for “ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights”. It supports [individuals] in “mak[ing] their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care”. These reproductive rights provide individuals with choice. The SFSS is a trans-inclusive organisation thus, this policy does not just apply to cisgender women. This policy uses the term **trans-inclusive** as an umbrella term to mean inclusive of transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, gender neutral/agender, and gender non-conforming identities and experiences.

The SFSS recognizes that debate, discourse, and access to information about sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (including abortion, contraception and pregnancy) is a commonplace – and important – part of campus life. This debate includes individuals who adopt beliefs that are pro-choice and pro-life.

Pro-choice is the view that individuals with reproductive capacity should have the right to make decisions on their own sexual and reproductive health, and advocates for personal autonomy and self-determination over their own bodies.

Pro-life is the view that opposes the practice of abortion and its legality, and advocates for supporting the right to life of a fetus. Some supporters believe there are some cases where abortion should be permitted, while others do not.

Both pro-choice and pro-life are broad viewpoints with no clear definition. Not all pro-choice nor all pro-life supporters maintain the same position with respect to access to abortion.

Policy

1. The SFSS supports:
 - a. The provision of non-judgemental information on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (including abortion, contraceptives and pregnancy), and support for students, parents and families in making decisions relating to their sexual and reproductive health;
 - b. Discourse regarding sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, and in particular, that recognizes students' rights to physical and mental well-being, integrity, dignity, privacy and access to reproductive health services; and
 - c. Information to access safe, publicly-funded health services including but not limited to reliable contraceptives, abortion services and family planning information and services.
2. The SFSS opposes:
 - a. Campaigns, actions, or lobbying activities (including the posting or distribution of materials) that interfere, intimidate or attempt to intimidate students from making informed decisions about sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights;
 - b. Distribution of disturbing photographs, media or other materials, including materials that cause (or have the potential to cause) mental distress or are intended to shock, disturb or harass students into adopting a particular belief with respect to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (including abortion);
 - c. Any policy, rule or law that fails to recognize students' entitlement to access to health care, including abortion services and contraception;
 - d. Harmful medical practices and procedures, such as female genital mutilation and forced sterilization.
3. The SFSS will not recognize as a club or provide any SFSS resources to groups who do not demonstrate their respect and commitment to the principles set out in paragraphs 1

and 2 above. Providing SFSS resources includes but is not limited to funding, facilities booking, staff time, and other organizational or financial resources.

SFSS Council/Board Liaison Report

Wednesday, January 8th, 2020
Board of Directors Meeting

Gabe Liosis, *Council/Board Liaison*



*****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.

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REPORT FROM COUNCIL

REPORT FROM COUNCIL [7.0]

Report from Council

- Gabe [Council/Board Liaison]
 - At last Council meeting a motion was carried to condemn the Board's decision on the not implementing the Improved Shared Space Model to house the Rotunda Groups in the SUB
 - Consequently, Council will consider implementing a referendum question on this issue at our next Council meeting.
 - A respective letter was drafted and sent to the Board
 - Council gave a deadline until December 14th, 2019 to give a response to Council.
 - Deadline ended up being inconvenient for Board
 - At last Board meeting, I asked Board to acknowledge that the letter was received and make a commitment that the Board will take further actions.
 - Hope that this will happen today.
 - Next Council meeting is next Wednesday (January 15th, 2020) at 4:30PM, and a motion to consider implementing a referendum will be on that agenda.
 - Council will seriously consider the validity, substance, and seriousness of the discussion *that occurs at this board meeting* as consideration on whether or not to carry the referendum.

Discussion

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 2020-01-08:04 [8.1]

Item

[8.1] BCFS AGM and Conference 2020

Contents (Motion)

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Whereas this AGM will include skills development for the Board and Board of Directors as attached in the Meeting Notice and the attached package;

Be it resolved to approve and send 5 delegates - Executive Director Sylvia Ceacero and Board members Giovanni HoSang, Shina Kaur, Osob Mohamed, and Fiona Li to the BCFS AGM and Symposium as attached in the BCFS AGM and Conference proposal, to be disbursed from the Campaigns Research and Policy Coordinator line item.

Discussion

- Giovanni [President]
 - These are the people who expressed interest in attending
 - Four day conference, with workshops, and various government officials

Results

CARRIED

Further Notes by Liaison

N/A

MOTION 2020-01-08:05 [8.2]

Item

[8.2] SFU GOT TALENT 2020

Contents (Motion)

Whereas, for the past two years, SFU Peak Frequency has collaborated with the SFSS on SFU's Got Talent, a large-scale talent show;

Whereas, this event has been extremely successful in providing massive student engagement, showcasing SFU student talent, and exceeding previous limitations to create never-before-seen production value by student organizations.

Be it resolved to approve up to \$3745.50 from the Events line item for the SFSS and SFU Peak Frequency "SFU's Got Talent" Event in March 2020.

Discussion

- Tawanda [Vice President Finance]
 - Move to amend to say \$ 3756.25

Results

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Further Notes by Liaison

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION [9.1]

Item

[9.1] SFU Got Talent 2020 – Peak Frequency

Presentation

- SFU Got Talent:
 - It is a signature event at SFU Burnaby
 - 2.5-hour event
 - 20 performances
 - This year it will be the Third Got Talent Show
 - Free Entry will encourage attendance rates of the event
 - 300 people attend have attended in the past; this year, aiming for 400 attendees
- Objectives of hosting this event:
 - Clear role model for student life and activities on campus
 - One of the key and notable events of the spring semester
 - “Kickoff” for the Spring semester
 - Look forward to this each spring
 - Auditioning themselves to win cash prizes
 - Supporting friends and peers at the event
 - Provides a break from mid-terms and exams
 - Increase knowledge of the roles of SFSS and SFU Peak Frequency
- Asking to work with SFSS to help with:
 - Advertisement, graphics, posters, marketing advice
 - Day-of volunteers
 - Sponsorship and external directories
 - MCs
 - Promotional material of SFSS
 - Judge chosen from SFSS Board of Directors

Discussion

- Tawanda [Vice President Finance]
 - What are they doing differently to attract more people as you are aiming for higher attendance?
 - Starting marketing earlier
 - Event is being held earlier in March (students won’t be worried as much about finals)

PRESENTATION [9.2]

Item

[9.2] SFPIRG Fee Changes Proposal Presentation – SFPIRG

Presentation

- Proposing fee increase:
 - SFPIRG is an independent student society
 - Established in 1981 by referendum
 - Students contribute student fees to SFPIRG
- SFPIRG provides access to various resources and services to students.
- Asking SFSS for:
 - referendum to increase SFPIRG membership fee
 - Asking SFU students to approve annually adjusting fees for inflation

Discussion

- Shina [Vice President University Relations]
 - When would the referendum question be made to students?
 - Spring 2020
- Emerly [Faculty of Education Representative]
 - Do you currently use tools to assess the effectiveness of your programs and services and outreach to students?
 - Receive feedback after every event and programming
 - Generally, outlines positive experiences
 - What ratio of students use your services and programs? Do you have any records?
 - Depending on the day, they have 10-30 students coming through the SFPIRG Lounge. Can range on a day-to-day basis
 - With an organization like SFPIRG, not every student is going to come, just like not every student is going to come to the OOC or FNSA.
- Nick [Applied Sciences Representative]
 - Commented on how well written the documentation was presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEM [10.1]

Item

[10.1] Response to the SFSS Council Letter of Condemnation of Board Decision (Board)

Discussion

- Giovanni [President]
 - Giovanni sent a letter to start conversation
 - Giovanni asked if the Board would welcome Council's right to referendum?
 - Giovanni gave a summary of Council's letter.
- Andrew [Business Representative]
 - Andrew still stands firm with his decision (against).
 - Supports referendum because it would represent all students.
- Tawanda [Vice President Finance]
 - If they wish to [put forward a referendum], they can go ahead
- Jennifer [Arts and Social Sciences Representative]
 - Still supports the Rotunda Groups, nothing has changed.
- Maneet [At-Large Representative]
 - Nothing to say
- Jasdeep [Vice President External]
 - Council has the right to put forward a referendum
 - However, if there are other alternatives they could explore first, she would also welcome that.
- Jessica [Vice President Student Life]
 - Echoed Jasdeep
- Rayhaan [At-Large Representative]
 - Council has the right to put forward a referendum, makes more sense for them to do it rather than the Board.
- Nick [Applied Sciences Representative]
 - Yes, Council is in their right to put forward a referendum
 - Can't really stop them
 - Lots of discussion that can happen at the board for alternatives that have not been happening.
 - Doesn't feel like he's been asked his opinion, individually.
 - Just been yes/no on a grand scale.
 - Wants more discussion, not at the Board table.
- Shina [Vice President University Relations]
 - Shina still supports groups.
 - Council putting forward referendum is a good idea, a vote for all students.
 - A way to put a cap on this whole thing.
- Osob [Health Sciences Representative]

- Respects Council wishes for Board to reconsider motion.
 - But if Board is not willing to do that, Osob supports a Council referendum.
- Sylvia [Executive Director]
 - Council can put referendums, but the ultimate responsibility rests with the Board.
 - Why won't board put referendum itself (why let go?).
 - Board is responsible for this organization, not Council.
 - Why is Board letting go its responsibility?
- Osob [Health Sciences Representative]
 - She thinks that if that what board wants, we should definitely put forward a referendum as a Board.
 - Also, she doesn't see a difference on whether Council or Board does it, as the outcome would be the same.
- Sylvia [Executive Director]
 - Board should show some leadership and put forward the referendum question themselves.
 - That is the role of this Body [Board], to show leadership.
- Nick [Applied Sciences Representative]
 - Board should have a meeting to discuss putting the referendum forward to ourselves.
- Emerly [Education Representative]
 - Agree with Sylvia
 - more favourable for Board to do it
 - Could collaborate with Council on this.
 - Emerly is still firm in her stance on the issue.
 - However, if we had more discussion among the Board, in private, not in public, they would feel more comfortable discussion other options before they would reconsider.
- Giovanni [President]
 - Conversations should be transparent.
- Tawanda [Vice President Finance]
 - There are still conversations to come up with alternatives
 - Shouldn't rush to referendum if there are still alternatives to be explored.
- Sylvia [Executive Director]
 - After Board asked ED to house groups in FC/UG, there may be another proposal to bring forward, but she hasn't had a chance to fully explore this option yet. But there is work to be done.
- Osob [Health Sciences Representative]
 - Other proposals?
- Sylvia [Executive Director]
 - What could happen so there are options that are available?
 - "brainstorming"

GUEST Q&A

(1) Question

- Gabe Liosis [Council Liaison to the Board]
 - In the months that passed since the Board voted on this decision, campaigns have arose to fight against the decision, as well as Council voting to condemn the decision. It was mentioned that there are other proposals to be explored and consultations still to be had. Why is now that Council has threatened a referendum that the Board is now saying that there are more proposals/consultations

(1) Response

- Jessica [Vice President Student Life]
 - Doesn't think that what was said was interpreted correctly
 - These consultations have been happening since summer. It's been ongoing for quite some time now.
- Sylvia [Executive Director]
 - By consultations, we are referring to the ED meeting with groups.
 - There were also talks with groups after Board voted, when Board sent ED to talk to the groups about the potential space in the UG/FC.
 - Not sure if characterizing this as a "reaction" to the Council's letter is correct.
 - These are not proposals, they are *options* that are available that she would like to discuss with the Board.
 - Not a result of anything that has happened.
 - Very heavy decision that everyone is struggling with and figuring out.
 - Decisions about this building carry into the future, up to 50 years from now.
 - Patience of everybody is being tried.
- Tawanda [Vice President Finance]
 - When motion was defeated, there was a motion to put them in FC/UG.
 - Groups said that this option does not fit our needs.
 - Conservations include what are those specific needs that are not being met? Will help determine alternatives.

(2) Question

- Gabe Liosis [Council Liaison to the Board]
 - How did the FC/UG motion end up on the Nov. 1st Board agenda when it clearly wasn't the best option for the Rotunda Groups?

(2) Response

- Sylvia [Executive Director]
 - She knew that Giovanni's proposal was going to be defeated.

- In order to preserve ability to house these groups, she came through the middle with the FC/UG proposal to ensure the groups were not homeless.
- This was to ensure the Board was not *as radical* in their decision not to give the groups space in the SUB.
- The way governance work is that you can't discuss something with groups that the Board hasn't talked about first.
 - She was limited in this regard.
 - That's why it was brought to Nov. 1st Board agenda.
 - She was simply following proper processes.

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^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íl̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wík^wəłəm (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 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

At-Large Representative	Maneet Aujla
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4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

4.1 MOTION BOD 2020-01-08:01

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Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Maneet Aujla.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION BOD 2020-01-08:02

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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 2020-01-08:03

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Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- BOD 2019-12-13

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

7. REPORT FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

8. NEW BUSINESS

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CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

9. PRESENTATIONS

- 9.1 SFU Got Talent Presentation 2020 – Peak Frequency
- 9.2 SFPIRG Fee Change Proposal Presentation – SFPIRG

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.1 Response to the SFSS Council Letter of Condemnation of Board Decision (Board)
- 10.2 Review of statement of revenues and expenditures for the 6 months ended October 31, 2019
| General Fund - (Finance Manager)
- 10.3 Solidarity with students and student leaders attacked at JNU (Giovanni HoSang)

11. GUEST 30 MIN Q&A

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12.1 Next Board Meeting Jan 22, 2020 at 2:00pm at the MBC Undergrounds
- 12.2 Clubs Days Jan 14-16
- 12.3 Next Board meeting strat plan check-in

13. ATTACHMENTS

- SFU Got Talent.pdf
- SFU Got Talent - General Budget (GT2020).pdf
- SFU Got Talent - Event Proposal 2020.pdf
- BCFS AGM and Conference Proposal.pdf
- GM-2020 01-Notice-Second-Final.pdf
- GM-2020 01-Notice-Second-Agenda.pdf
- Council Letter of Condemnation of Board Decision.pdf
- Oct 19 FS review.pdf
- Oct 19 fund balances.pdf
- Oct 19 financial statements projection.pdf

14. ADJOURNMENT

- 14.1 MOTION BOD 2020-01-08:06

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Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

December 11, 2019

SFSS Council: Open Letter to the SFSS Board of Directors

On December 4th, 2019, the SFSS Council voted to condemn the SFSS Board's decision to deny SOCA, SFPIRG, CJSF, and Embark space in the Student Union Building and is urging the Board to reconsider their decision.

Council does not believe that the Forum Chambers and Undergrounds Alternative Plan is ideal for these groups, and the Board is actively ignoring accessibility concerns with their decision to renovate. The Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) – an SFSS constituency group that advocates for students with disabilities and neurodivergent students – have consistently communicated a wealth of accessibility concerns regarding the Forum Chambers renovation plan, but they have largely been disregarded by the Board. The Council Representative for DNA sits on the SFSS Accessibility Committee, and has stated their astonishment at the inability of the Board to take these accessibility concerns at face value.

Moreover, the Board continues to use the prioritization of space for DSUs and Clubs as its main argument for not providing the Rotunda Community with permanent space in the SUB. The Board is using Student Unions and Clubs as a wedge between the Rotunda Groups and their secure, permanent space in the SUB. Council refuses to be used as such.

Council does not *consent* to being used as pawns by the Board in conversations regarding space in the SUB at the detriment of these organizations that are important parts of our community. As an advisory body to the Board of Directors, and as a voice for student unions and constituency groups, Council overwhelmingly believes that DSUs and Clubs should not be used as pawns when both the current model and the Improved SUB Space Model have semesterly bookable rooms available for Clubs and DSUs. The Board's defense of prioritizing "all students" over the Rotunda Groups is disingenuous. Space cannot be provided for *all* students without prioritizing and actively seeking to include marginalized groups.

Furthermore, the argument that these groups are external to the SFSS is void of substance, as they share the same membership with the SFSS and fill the gaps where SFSS internal services are lacking in order to better serve both marginalized students and the whole student body. If the Board is truly committed to upholding the SFSS's constitutional mandate of "[acquiring] and [holding] any lands, buildings, facilities or other assets for the use or benefit of the Society **or the undergraduate students of Simon Fraser University,**" then it will allow these groups to continue providing these services in the only space that will allow them to flourish. Four groups should not be forced to be crammed into such unworkable, inaccessible and small spaces that the Board is offering while maintaining their standard of services to students.

Council firmly believes that the Board is not accurately acting in the best interests of students by denying these groups space, and by doing so, is directly violating their own constitution. Consequently, Council formally condemns the Board's decision to reject the Improved SUB Space Model. Additionally, Council supports the Improved SUB Space Model as presented at the November 1st, 2019 Board of Directors meeting, and calls on the Board to reconsider the decision not to implement the model. If the Board does not respond to this letter by December 14, 2019 in a way that makes a clear effort to take Council's concerns into consideration, then Council, at its next meeting, will consider putting the matter to referendum for Spring 2020, so that this decision can accurately reflect the interests of the student body.

In solidarity,

The SFSS Council