

sfss bod 2019-20

EXIT REPORT

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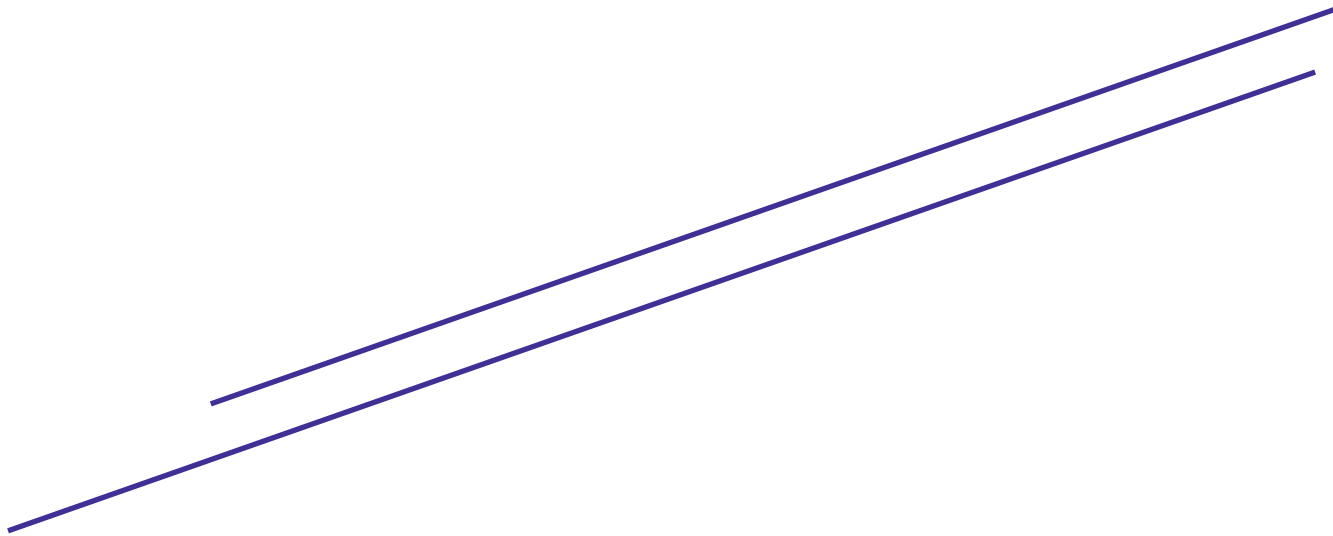
intro

hi there.

Welcome to my super extra Exit Report! This encapsulates most of the work I did in the Board year of 2019-2020 as the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative.

In this report, I will cover everything from looking back at my original platform, going over all the initiatives I took on over the year, to some recommendations for future Board members.

Let's get started!



guiding principles

Transparency

Being transparent in everything I do as part of the SFSS Board of Directors is something I kept in mind throughout my one-year term.

I achieved this by consistently uploading my **work reports** to be viewable publicly, even before they were available on the SFSS website.

I also publish my progress on my public Facebook page, **SFSS FASS Rep - Jennifer Chou**. I upload pictures, share events I've been part of, and answer students' questions on the page.

Communication

Throughout my term, I've actively **consulted with SFU students** about decisions I make as a Board member.

At the start of my Board term, I consulted with students with disabilities for the Accessibility Standard Policy. I also liaised between SFU Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance and SFSS Events Committee to provide suggestions on how to make Fall Kickoff more accessible.

Towards the end of my term, I consulted with students about decisions surrounding SFU's COVID-19 emergency response.

On the Senate side, I asked students for their thoughts on grade freezes. I also brought students' questions and concerns to SFU, and relayed SFU's answers back to students.

On the SFSS side, I brought forward a motion to have SFSS contribute \$150,000 to a COVID-19 Emergency Bursary Fund. I also gathered students' thoughts on suspending versus continuing with the UPass program for the Summer 2020 term.

All these consultations were done via SFU Facebook groups, class group chats (I'm in Psychology, Chemistry, and MBB chats, as well as a general one for international students), my personal Instagram, and Discord (Computing Science Student Society and Software Systems Student Society servers).

Community

After hosting multiple events both with SFU Knitting Club and within my faculty, I've seen so many SFU students laughing and talking to each other like old friends, even if they've only just met for the first time at the event. This sense of community, belonging, and acceptance is what I strive to bring to the campus as a whole.

reflecting on my platform

FACULTY ENGAGEMENT

- FASS events either did extremely well or sold out (FASS Fest, SASS' Brushes & Boba, FASS Formal, FASS on a Boat)
- Weekly DSU meetings & committee meetings for events

MENTAL HEALTH

- Care packages @ Dog Therapy every semester
- Knitting drop-ins
- Winter Wellness drop-in event
- Mental Health Nurse promotion

INTER-CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

- SASS' welcome presentations in Surrey campus
- Brushes & Boba @ SFU Surrey
- SCC photobooth events and pub night

committee involvement

EVENTS

Initiatives I have taken on this Board year as part of the Events Committee include Care Packages (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020).

I also provided support for other events such as Valentines cards making, Fall Kickoff, and Valentine's Pub Night.

SURREY

I provided support for the Surrey Campus Committee's events such as Halloween photobooth and the SFSS x SFU Aerospace x MESS pub night. I also gave out care packages at the Surrey campus.

Other Surrey initiatives I took on included SASS' Brushes & Boba and Emerge SFU's workshops and networking event, *Career in UI/UX*.

ACCESSIBILITY

With the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee, I mainly pushed for an Accessibility Standard Policy.

The committee also updated our Terms of Reference and our forms for funding requests.

UNI ADVOCACY

The University and Academic Affairs Committee took on projects such as the Federal Elections Debate and the Gondola Open House, both of which I volunteered for.

As a student Senator, I also advocated for less pre-requisite barriers for the new Creative Writing minor and better grading options in SFU's COVID-19 response.

faculty-related initiatives

- FASS Mentorship
- FASS Connections Mentorship Promo Video
- FASS Fest
- Brushes & Boba @ SFU Surrey
- FASS Formal
- FASS on a Boat
- FASS DSU weekly meetings

fass mentorship.

I signed up to be a returning Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences mentor. I have been assigned 1 mentee, of which I will be reaching out to consistently throughout the year.

I also signed up for mentor-mentee events, as well as Faculty engagement events and volunteer opportunities. For example, I was on campus promoting the Faculty's resources and mentorship program during the first week of school (I also handed out popcorn!).

This helped me **strengthen connections between FASS and SFSS** by becoming more familiar with people involved in the Faculty and act as a resource for anything SFSS-related.

I also got to spread awareness of SFSS to first-year FASS students.

fass promo video.

I had gone to all three days of FASS Camps in July to film videos of our FASS mentors

connecting with incoming first-year FASS students.

To help promote the FASS Connections Mentorship Program, I put together the footage from those three days. This was posted on FASS' social media to encourage incoming first years to sign up for the mentorship program. It was also shown on Welcome Day.

This showcased what the FASS Connections Mentorship Program was like. Its aim was to encourage sign-ups for the program and **establish FASS' presence** on campus and online.

Video can be seen here:

<https://www.facebook.com/fass.engage/videos/390707658228955/>

fass fest.

The Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) hadn't had a frosh event in many years, so this would be the first-ever frosh/welcome event for first-year students on campus.

The goal of this event was to **connect incoming first-year FASS students with the faculty**. The FASS students who planned the event built connections with each other too.

I was part of the Marketing, Communications, Logistics, and Security & Risk committees, and each committee met once per week. I set up a lot of the marketing and communications material, and helped sort out security and risk management contingency plans as well as activities and schedules for the day.

At the event, I took photos and videos. The

event was well-attended but it rained, so we went to the indoor gym instead of the field outside. After the event, a lot of the students who had attended the event ended up getting involved in the faculty such as becoming executives of Departmental Student Unions (DSUs).

Links:

- <http://bit.ly/fassfest>
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/322801405276177/>
- https://www.facebook.com/sfusass/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2905736586120363
- Post-event video: <https://instagram.com/fassfest>

brushes & boba.

In accordance with my goals and my platform, I wanted to strengthen FASS presence and connections at the SFU Surrey campus. I suggested having a Bob Ross paint night with free bubble tea.

Everything came together very last minute – we had around 3 weeks to plan the event. It ended up being on the same day as Dog Therapy at SFU Surrey and SFSS Care Packages at SFU Surrey. Our photographers for the event happened to be on campus, so it worked out even though we had not planned for photographers.

This event **strengthened connections with students from SFU Surrey**. It also gave more event-planning experience to the relatively new SASS executive team. Seeing as another one of our events was coming up, we got the chance to promote SASS as well as FASS Formal.

Links:

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/704193670080899/>
- https://www.facebook.com/sfusass/photos/?tab=album&album_id=3067712253256128
- Post-event report: <http://bit.ly/brushesbobareport2019>

fass formal.

FASS Formal meetings and promotion took up a huge chunk of my Fall 2019 semester. It was hard work but SOOOOOO FUN!!! The event itself was hectic and busy but everyone had a good time (even if the food wasn't as advertised).

Along with strengthening connections in the faculty, this event also **strengthened connections with other groups on campus**. For example, SFU Peak Frequency performed during dinner, which provided some great ambiance. We also learned proper process for hosting our first-ever formal on campus, and successfully communicated with SFSS and MECS for event logistics. Humans of SFU also provided our photobooth, which was a huge hit. Along with photography, we had videography from FASS (the faculty's admin).

The event helped promote FASS and SASS for SFU students, especially those who weren't as involved in the faculty. The speeches after dinner gave a shoutout to the FASS Connections Mentorship Program, SASS, DSUs, and SFSS.

Link:

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/405312383496109/>

fass on a boat.

Every spring since 2017, SASS has hosted a spring FASS on a Boat event (more details here: <https://sfusass.wixsite.com/sassy/past-events>).

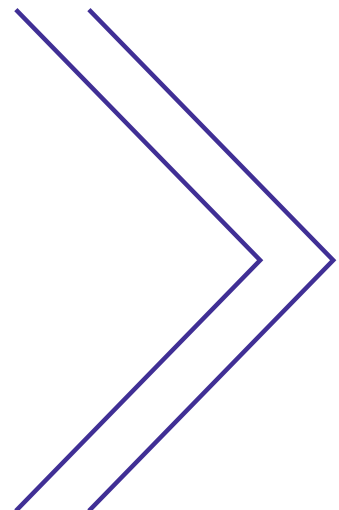
This would continue the connections we built over the Fall 2019 semester, and it showed – our event **sold out** quickly under 2 weeks! This was in part due to the monetary contribution from the SFSS Board of Directors, which allowed us to bring ticket prices from \$40 to \$20.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the event due to COVID-19 safety concerns. However, the hard work of the team (obtaining sponsorships, selling tickets, promoting the event, fundraising, buying supplies, and more) did not go unnoticed.

fass dsus.

Every Wednesday, there was a large meeting that every representative from FASS' departmental student unions attended. We usually give each other updates on our events as well as advice for student engagement. On slower weeks when not a lot of DSU representatives showed, I would bring updates to/from SFU Psychology Student Union, SASS, and SFSS.

In the Fall 2019 semester, it was mostly this group that planned events rather than SASS. Our weekly meetings were check-ins for upcoming events and a chance for each committee to give updates.



faculty-related initiatives



FASS Fest activities were so lit. Although the picture to the left shows physically active activities, I made sure accessibility was a key priority when planning the event. We had chill, low-barrier activities such as drawing, painting, and board games for those who did not want to engage in high physical activity.

p h o t o s

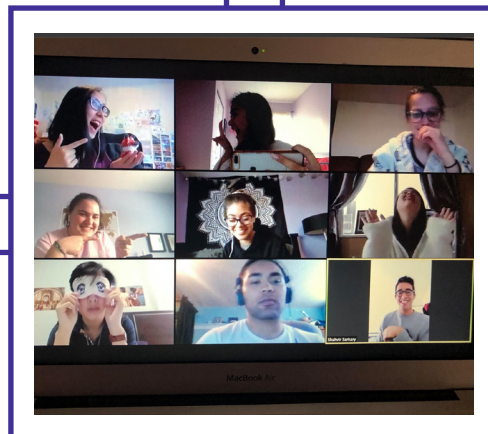
SASS' Brushes & Boba @ SFU Surrey was amazing. We got to paint with Bob Ross, eat snacks, drink bubble tea, and make new friends! We also promoted our upcoming FASS Formal event.





FASS Formal was such a good time...this report is making me sad because I miss those weekly committee meetings & taking out our frustration with Translink (transit strike) by making buttons super aggressively...

In Spring 2020, we had DSU days (English Student Union's Blind Date with a Book was cute), FASS on a Boat promo, and (due to COVID-19 social distancing), online FASS DSU meetings.



campus-wide initiatives

- Mental Health Nurse Promotion
- Paperless Agendas
- Email Signatures
- Care Packages x SFU Health & Counselling
- Fall Kickoff Accessibility
- Winter Wellness Workshop
- Accessibility Standard Policy
- Emerge SFU
- SFSS x SEI
- SFU Knitting Club Events
- SFSS COVID-19 Fund
- SFU Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance
- SFU Senate

mental health nurse promotion.

Promoting mental health services and resources at SFU Health & Counselling was part of my platform. I wanted to promote Mental Health Nurses since not a lot of students are aware of this role.

Before my co-op term at Health & Counselling ended, I met with a Mental Health Nurse and we drafted up some ideas for how to better promote Mental Health Nurses. I ended up adding information about Mental Health Nurses on the Health & Counselling website. I also designed and printed a Mental Health Nurses informational postcard (what they do, how to book with them).

This made SFU students more aware of the

service. The postcards were very popular and highly requested by other SFU departments. They're still currently being used and handed out at events.

paperless agendas.

This was part of the Accessibility Standard Policy, but since the policy was still being drafted, this initiative ended up being brought to the Board earlier since it was easy to implement. I submitted a motion, which was later amended and passed:

Be it resolved to discontinue the practice of printing paper agendas for each Board member, and instead only print 4 agendas per meeting for guests and The Peak for the remainder of the 2019/2020 Board year;

Be it further resolved to have 1 of those 4 agendas be a large print agenda for anyone with accessibility needs, and to promote this accessibility information on the Facebook event page for SFSS Board Meetings;

Be it further resolved to have Board members submit requests to the Chair for paper agendas, with the deadline being the day before the Board meeting.

This made SFSS more **sustainable and accessible**.

email signatures.

This was similar to the paperless agendas motion.

Be it resolved to include optional pronouns and consistent territorial acknowledgements in SFSS email signatures.

The pronouns were optional in case people were not comfortable putting them in.

This motion made SFSS more **inclusive**.

care packages.

This project was one that's close to my heart. I ran three iterations of this project, once per semester (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, and Spring 2020). For Summer and Fall, we also gave out items at SFU Surrey.

Summer 2019 was my first time doing the project. It ended up being a collaboration with Mental Wellness Day, an initiative by another Events committee member to ease stress during finals. We handed out food (cookies, lemonade) and had a rolling board for people to leave motivational notes on. I also gave out packages of goodies inside. I worked with other SFU departments for their contact information for an informational postcard for the packages.

Fall 2019 incorporated the feedback from Summer 2019. We collaborated with SFU Health & Counselling and had an assembly-style line at Dog Therapy. There was a huge line that got a little clogged up but otherwise it was a good time, despite barriers at first (people were unsure about doing the project at Dog Therapy and unsure if handing out free stuff helps students' mental health). To incorporate more of a theme of mental health, I collaborated with SFU Health & Counselling to make "take care" cards, which had information on how to take care of your own well-being as well as a friend's. SFU Student Engagement & Retention also helped compile a better version of the informational postcard with all the SFU departments' contact information. Feedback was positive as

always, and I even told some students about SFSS. However, this iteration made me realize that SFSS has a lack of proper sponsorship policies since I had asked a lot of local groups for sponsorship (Blenz gift cards, free coffee certificates from Renaissance Coffee, Nester's gift cards, SFU Bookstore gift cards). I contacted students who had won the draw for these cards and saved the rest of the gift cards for Spring 2020...but couldn't find the cards in the Board office again.

Spring 2020 ended up being the most sustainable iteration of the care packages project. Rather than buy cookies and gum from Costco (with plastic packaging), we got sustainable tealight candles from a local company run by an SFU alumnus. We also got donations from Otea's, which is vegan tea with biodegradable, plastic-free tea bags. Dough & Co, another local vegan company, also provided bite-sized mini vegan cookies which were very popular and delicious. The packaging for those cookies were plastic-free as well.

We had monetary contribution from GSS for this project, and they promoted it to their members as well. This semester's version came together super quickly, so I ended up not providing a feedback form like in previous semesters. Most feedback were things like "more free food" and stuff like that, though.

These events helped improve the days of SFU students by **showing them that people care**. We also tried to reduce stigma against mental illness by openly discussing it and talking about strategies for better well-being. The postcards on the table helped promote SFSS and other SFU services.

Overall, SFU students and staff alike enjoyed

this event. More details are in the post-event reports I've compiled.

Links:

- Summer 2019: <https://bit.ly/mwdreport>
- Fall 2019: <https://bit.ly/cpreport2019>
- Spring 2020: <https://bit.ly/cpreportspring2020>

fall kickoff accessibility.

As part of both the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee and the Fall Kickoff/Events Committee, the Vice-President Student Life asked me to be the liaison between the two committees, as well as with the Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (which I was the secretary of).

The Fall Kickoff Accessibility briefing document I created can be found here:
<http://bit.ly/kickoff2019accessibility>

I tried to ensure the Fall Kickoff event was as accessible as it could be – however, some suggestions could not be implemented.

In the future, I would strongly encourage consulting students with disabilities earlier and having a quiet seating area for people who need a break. The pronouns were optional in case people were not comfortable putting them in.

winter wellness workshop.

I wanted to host an event with DIY cookie jars, DIY heating bags, and slime-making to emphasize the importance of taking care of your well-being while also exploring your creative side. This workshop was a collaboration between SFU Knitting Club and Pursuit of Happiness.

This strengthened connections between SFU students, SFSS, and other student groups. Many students learned how to create new things and attendees got the chance to win a gift basket after providing feedback.

Club executives also had a great time working together.

Links:

- https://www.facebook.com/pg/sfuknittingclub/photos/?tab=album&album_id=408638473378302
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/2854419411237267/>

accessibility standard policy.

I brought this up to the SFSS Board of Directors and it was decided that Sarah, our Policy Coordinator, would do some more research on this and draft up a policy.

I consulted with the Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) about this policy, and it's also been brought up in SFSS Accessibility Committee meetings.

Currently this policy still has to get passed by the SFSS Board of Directors after being reviewed at the SFSS Accessibility Committee, which I am hoping will get done before the end of the Spring 2020 semester. I incorporated the list of amendments suggested by students with disabilities as well as Sarah.

This policy would make SFSS more **inclusive and accessible**. Not only does it show that SFSS welcomes ALL students, it also helps our

accessibility provisions be more **consistent**.

Links:

- Original briefing note: <http://bit.ly/accessibilitystandardpolicy>
- Updated briefing note: <http://bit.ly/aspupdatedjuly>

emerge sfu.

A Communications student Senator approached me with a project proposal. His project was to host a free workshop series in which students could learn valuable tech skills outside of their program. This would mainly target FASS, Business, and Communications students who may not get to learn Adobe Creative Cloud in their classes.

Since FASS was one of the target audiences, another SFSS Board member thought I could take on this project. My official title is the PR director, but I handled logistics, finances, marketing, communication, and more.

Throughout the Spring 2020 semester, Emerge SFU hosted a UI/UX Design workshop series, which garnered a lot of attention from SFU students – we had almost a hundred students sign up, most of which had to be put on a waitlist. We also hosted a networking event, *Career in UI/UX*, which brought in industry professionals for a panel event. Both the workshop series and the networking event were hosted at the SFU Surrey campus.

To prepare for Summer 2020, we had a panel interview, *Leaders of SFU During COVID-19*. I edited the video. We are also in the process of opening international chapters.

This **strengthened ties between SFSS clubs**. SFU ACIT, SFU LYFE, and SFU Surge

collaborated on the event (although SFU Surge mainly handled the networking event). It also **filled a gap in SFU's programs** – giving students free workshops on employable, industry-specific skills.

Links:

- Instagram: <http://instagram.com/emergesfu>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/emergesfu>

sfss x sei.

Myself, SFSS VP University Relations, and the SFSS FCAT rep took on this project to find a sustainable, simple way to improve student life on campus.

We will be revamping the bulletin boards for posters that students put up to promote various clubs and events.

Unfortunately, we ran into some barriers since it was difficult to figure out who was in charge of the bulletin boards (SFSS or SFU Facilities).

I will be continuing this project next year.

sfu knitting club events.

I had to balance being President of the SFU Knitting Club with my SFSS work. Due to costs of the many events we planned throughout the year, it was easier to plan fun events through my club rather than ask the SFSS Events Committee to further deplete their budget.

Bookbinding & Bullet Journalling Workshop. This was a fun event that would help SFU students create a journal that they can use to stay organized. This event connected creative students and fostered a positive campus environment.

Photos: https://www.facebook.com/pg/sfuknittingclub/photos/?tab=album&album_id=321105862131564

Video: <https://www.facebook.com/243766253198859/videos/584153328982955/>

Crochet Cat Hat Workshop. We watched RuPaul's Drag Race while making cat hats, but they turned into headbands or bracelets because we ran out of time. I also had to borrow a laptop and projector from the library because the A/V I requested didn't arrive since the event set-up started at 9:30am (SFSS offices open at 10:00am).

Photos: https://www.facebook.com/pg/sfuknittingclub/photos/?tab=album&album_id=483201322588683

Blanket Sewing Drop-in. This event aimed to sew beginner-made squares into a big blanket to donate to a shelter downtown. Unfortunately it wasn't very well-attended due to the short notice.

Knitting Drop-in @ Firepits. This one was super fun! We got more students to come by to crochet because it was at a very visible location. Some students who dropped by helped teach beginners. SFU Student Engagement & Retention also helped us promote.

Zero Waste Workshop. I wanted to host one workshop, in collaboration with various student groups, about zero waste living. Activities would include vegan soy wax wraps, crochet produce bags, instructions for how to grow a vegetable scraps garden, DIY natural deodorant, and more.

I collaborated with Ban the Bottle, SFU350,

Bachelor of Environment Student Union, SFU Dogwood, and SFU Wildlife Conservation Club.

Website: <http://bit.ly/sfuzww>

Links:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sfuknittingclub/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sfuknittingclub/>

sfss covid-19 fund.

In the wake of COVID-19, I wanted to set up an emergency fund for SFU students using SFSS funding. I first brought the following motion to the SFSS Executive Committee:

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to numerous disruptions to SFU students' lives, causing them to need emergency financial relief,

Whereas SFSS has called on the government to support both international students and students as a whole in BC as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Executive Director be mandated to distribute \$30,000 of emergency funding through the most effective means, to assist students dealing with emergencies as a result of the worldwide pandemic.

Then, we passed a motion at the SFSS Board table to increase this funding contribution based on calculations I did at around \$5 per SFU student:

Whereas the SFSS Executive Committee passed a motion to contribute \$30,000 of

emergency funding for students amid the COVID-19 pandemic,

Whereas the SFSS Executive Committee mandated the Executive Director to distribute the emergency funding through the most effective means,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Board contribute another \$120,000, for a total contribution amount of \$150,000.

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Board work with SFU and encourage the university to match this amount from SFU's emergency fund.

sfu disability & neurodiversity alliance.

I got involved with SFU Disability & Neurodiversity Alliance and helped establish it as a constituency group on campus. As the secretary, I take minutes, upload minutes, and send reminder emails.

Throughout the year, SFU DNA has done a lot, from providing consultation to other SFU groups and events to hosting events of our own. We have had meetings with the Centre for Accessible Learning, Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learning, and other SFU groups such as Reuse for Good. We have also tabled to raise awareness for our group and hosted social events (button making and online games/hangout session).

senate.

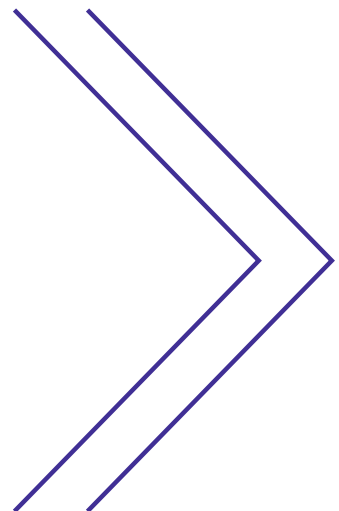
Since I was also elected as an SFU student Senator, many parts of my roles overlapped.

I gave student-centred feedback on agenda items and motions. Notably, I emphasized that the new Creative Writing minor should not have many pre-requisites as this acted as a barrier for interested students. This was brought up in the Senate Committee for Undergraduate Studies. I also brought accessibility concerns to the Senate Committee for University Teaching and Learning. Lastly, I sat on the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee.

I also advocated for students who had privacy and accessibility concerns regarding mandatory webcam usage for exams

Links to all my work:

- <http://bit.ly/senateSOI>
- <http://bit.ly/sfusenatereport>
- <http://bit.ly/scuscreativewritingminor>
- <http://bit.ly/scusblendedcourses>
- <http://bit.ly/sept11SCUTL>
- <http://bit.ly/nov13SCUTL>
- <https://the-peak.ca/2020/02/student-senator-talks-scholarships/>
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Opng1Uu5BM9A69IjkYD0zw1gTyhZdFVrCTq141d83FA/edit?usp=sharing>





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The Winter Wellness event was super fun and accessible! It was a day-long drop-in, so students could come by whenever they were free. It was also full of fun, self-led activities and free food!

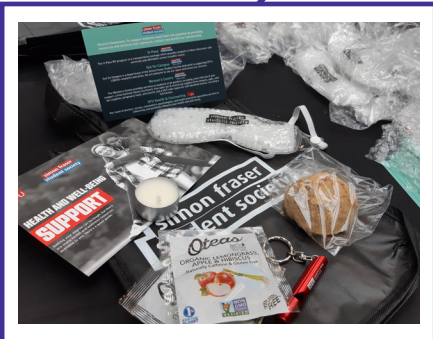




The SFSS Care Packages initiative was very well-received by both students and staff, but it also faced a lot of barriers.

It was difficult to make this event more related to mental health rather than just giving out free items. I want to make the connection clearer so students can leave with some takeaways that will stay with them for a long time.

It was also difficult to make items more sustainable while still keeping costs low.



Despite these hardships, it was so rewarding working on this project every semester. It got easier as I figured out how to improve and collaborated with more groups on campus.

In the future, I want to continue trying to make this project more sustainable and support local businesses. I would also like to collaborate with more mental health groups in addition to SFU Health & Counselling and SFU Health Peers.



recommendations

keep a record

- Doing the biweekly work reports can help you keep track of everything you're doing. Same goes for the semester reports, they really helped me write this exit report
- I had all my photos online on my FASS Rep Facebook page. This also helped a lot with the exit report and allowed me to see what I'd accomplished because I have a horrible memory
- Reliving the amazing memories I had recorded made me so nostalgic, it was such a good time that rushed past too fast

plan ahead

- I did work for my classes early. This means I reviewed course concepts on Khan Academy and did my course readings before the term started. I also wrote my papers early when I knew I had a busy week ahead. For exam tips: <https://bit.ly/sfuexamstudytips>
- Planning ahead for events, especially if it was a first-time event, was crucial. However, if you're doing an event again (I did Care Packages three times), you can plan a little later because it gets a lot easier with some sort of template
- I wrote out my work reports early and updated them whenever I had meetings, which helped me keep track of my progress

ask questions

- A big issue I had was asking for help. I tend to take projects on independently and do everything myself, which overwhelmed me. Even sending out a tabling sign-up sheet would be helpful
- Asking other Board members or SFSS staff for help on certain things you want to do but aren't sure how can be super beneficial. SFSS staff have been there for years and they know how the whole process works

summary

general reflection

guiding principles.

Throughout my term, I have demonstrated my dedication to transparency, communication, and community. With my **Facebook page** (SFSS FASS Rep – Jennifer Chou), I shared projects and initiatives I had been working on with others. There is more there than in this work report (events I've volunteered at, getting earplugs for the loud construction noise). I have also consulted with multiple students and student groups through social media, and hosted events to foster a better campus community (both in FASS and across all faculties).

platform.

I have completed most of what I set out to in my platform at the beginning of the year. I hosted mental health related events, increased faculty engagement, and helped strengthen inter-campus connections.

committees.

I was part of the Events, Surrey Campus, Accessibility Fund Advisory, and University and Academic Affairs Committee. I was also part of the Faculty and At-Large Members Committee, which didn't meet very often.

projects & initiatives

faculty-related.

I am so proud of the team at FASS for accomplishing everything we did this year. We worked on many first-time events such as FASS Fest, FASS Formal, and SASS' Brushes & Boba. Our FASS on a Boat event was in such high demand that it sold out (but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns). I'm so excited to see where the next year will take the team.

campus-wide.

I took on a few different initiatives, some events-related and others advocacy-related. I helped establish Emerge SFU, a free workshop series for students wanting to learn valuable industry-specific tech skills. I also worked on the Accessibility Standard Policy to help SFSS become more inclusive and accommodating.

closing remarks

recommendations.

The three recommendations I had were to keep a record, plan ahead, and ask questions. This can relieve a lot of stress and help with the workload. It can also make your term go a lot smoother, especially if you're balancing your SFSS term with a full courseload.

the end.

This year has been a hectic one, jam-packed with meetings, events, and frantically typing up briefing notes to send to the Board the night before the Board meeting. Looking back on everything now, I really miss all the fun weekly meetings I had, especially those with my faculty. I can't believe how much I've learned about things I never wanted to know about (but am glad I know now), from governance to financial statements to Robert's Rules of Order.

I couldn't have done this without the support of wonderful people from my faculty, the SFSS Board, SFSS staff, and more. I'm so grateful I got the chance to work with these incredible people – thank you for a year I won't forget.

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