

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:32 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), Selíl^witulh (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
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies.....	
Bachelor of Environment	Mina Garlick
Behavioral Neuroscience	Ramsha Farooqui
Biology.....	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology	
Business.....	
Chemistry	Michelle Tong
Cognitive Science.....	Rollin Poe
Communications	Trisha Rajesh Ramakrishnan
Computing Science.....	Ryan Vansickle
Criminology.....	Eva Delgado
Dance	
Data Science	
Earth Science	Anthony Giang
Economics	Patrick Weston
Education.....	Adrienne Blas
Engineering Science	Yogesh Mundhra
English	Tessa Earnshaw
Environmental Resource	
Environmental Science	Olivia Roberts
First Nations Studies Student Union	
French	Sharon Kim
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies.....	Alicia Fahrner
Geography	David Trinh
Global Asia Studies Student Union.....	Hana Larson
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
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Archival and Administrative Assistant..... Aimee deViveiros
Administrative Assistant Kristin Kokkov

3.3 Regrets

Out on Campus Collective (OOC) Victor Yin
Residence Hall's Association (RHA) Daanyaal Sheikh
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) Jason Spence
Bachelor of Environment Mina Garlick

3.4 Absent

Earth Science Anthony Giang
Communications Trisha Rajesh Ramakrishnan
Environmental Science Olivia Roberts
Mathematics Brendan Kelly
Philosophy Nick Sheffield
Physics Manuel Rojas
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) Jasmine Kitine

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 2020-02-12:01

Simran/Quince

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Victor Yin, Danyaal Sheikh, Mina Garlick, Jason Spence.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-02-12:02

Jessica/Ramsha

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Amendment:

- Regrets added from Victor Yin, Danyaal Sheikh, Mina Garlick, Jason Spence
- Discussion item added 9.5 Council/Board liaison position.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-02-12:02

Zaina/Tristan

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- COUNCIL 2020-01-22

CARRIED

7. BOARD AND BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

7.1 Board of Directors (Gabe Liosis)

- February 5th Board meeting:
 - The motion to increase the transparency of the minutes was carried.
 - The motion of Space Allocation Options was carried.
 - The motion of Forensic Audit Option Exploration about the fall Kickoff 2019 was not carried.
 - There was a confusion about the forensic audit
 - The motion of Solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en was carried.
 - The motion of Appointment of IEC Chief was carried.
 - The motion Board Members TownHall was carried.

7.2 Accessibility Fund Committee (Serena Bains)

- The committee addresses issues about accessibility.
 - For example, building additional elevator in the SUB.
- There is over \$400000 in its funds.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Request for a Forensic Audit of the Fall Kickoff 2019 – MOTION COUNCIL 2020-02-12:03

Nick/Tristan

Whereas, concerns have been raised over the reported losses/expenditures of the SFSS Fall Kickoff 2019;

Whereas, these losses/expenditures have been higher than any previous SFSS Kickoff event, over \$105,000;

Whereas, the two page SFSS Fall Kickoff 2019 report did not provide an adequate breakdown of roles, responsibilities, and reasoning for such expenditures;

Whereas, concerns have been raised over the August 12, 2019 emergency meeting where the SFSS's contribution to the Kickoff was raised significantly from \$15,000 to \$60,000 without proper opportunity for Board members to debate the increase, as well as the Fall Kickoff 2019's overall budget, due to the VP Student Services successfully calling the question;

Whereas, the VP Student Life was absent when the Fall Kickoff 2019 Report was presented at the Friday, November 29th, 2019 Board meeting;

Whereas, only an independent forensic auditor can verify reports, documents, and statements by board, administration, and staff about the Fall Kickoff 2019 event.

Whereas, at the February 5th, 2020 Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted against exploring options for a Forensic Audit of the Fall Kickoff 2019.

Be it resolved that Council submit a request for the Board of Directors to conduct an independent forensic audit on the Fall Kickoff 2019 event;

Be it further resolved that Council requests that the independent forensic audit investigate the roles, responsibilities, negotiations, contracts, expenditures, policies, bylaws, legislative acts and other matters relevant to the Fall Kickoff 2019;

Be it further resolved that Council requests that the Board provides a report to the Council of the independent forensic auditor's findings.

POSTPONED

- Board member said that the Executive Committee just met today and had discussions with

a forensic auditor and suggested that the Council members and other students should meet with the auditor to get more information about the forensic audit.

- A Board member pointed out that the relevant motion was voted down at the Board meeting, because people did not have proper understanding what a forensic audit is.
- Board members suggested organizing a Town Hall for the Council and other students before voting on the motion.
 - Therefore, the Board members recommend the Council to table the motion until they get more information about the external audits and forensic audits.
 - The Board will try to organize this before the next Council meeting.

8.1.1. Request for a Forensic Audit of the Fall Kickoff 2019 – MOTION COUNCIL 2020-02-12:03-01

Gabe/Tanner

Be it resolved to postpone the motion.

CARRIED

8.2 Establishment of Council Policies – MOTION COUNCIL 2020-02-12:04

Zaina/Tanner

Be it resolved that the Council establish Council Policies, for the purpose of establishing the roles, responsibilities and structure of the Council;

Be it further resolved to adopt "Council Committee Policies", including CCP-1, CCP-2, CCP-3, CCP-4, as part of the Council Policies;

Be it further resolved that the Council establish and adopt the attached terms of reference for the following committees as part of the Council Policies:

Council Governance Committee

Council Oversight Committee

Council Public Outreach Committee

CARRIED

- By establishing the manual of policies, the Council has a better overview how the meetings are run.
- Committee policies outline how the Council establishes committees.
- The Council Governance Committee was already discussed at the last meeting
- The Council Oversight Committee ensures the accountability of the Board of Directors by reviewing the minutes of Board and the committees, the event reports etc.
- The Council Public Outreach Committee makes sure that the Council is marketed properly and they will address the accessibility questions (e.g. the Forum Chambers is not accessible to everyone).
- Committees are there to help the Council to do its work.

8.3 Appointing Members to the Council Governance Committee – MOTION COUNCIL 2020-02-12:05

Tanner/Ryan

Be it resolved to appoint Gabe Liosis as Chair of the Council Governance Committee;

Be it further resolved to appoint Tristan Raymond, Simran Randhawa, Serena Bains, and Zaina Khan to the Council Governance Committee.

CARRIED

- If anyone is interested being part of the governance committee, please contact the Chair.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Council Discord Channel

- There is set up a Discord channel for Council members
 - Email is not so efficient.
 - Discord makes it easier to contact people.
 - The invitation has sent to everyone in Council

9.2 Debrief on Special Council Presentation Regarding By-Law Review

- Last week there was an opportunity to meet with the consultant about the Bylaws review.
- At that meeting it was talked what the bylaw review entails and what the students would like to see in the bylaws.
- Point of information relevant to the Council: the bylaws grant the Council the power of oversight of the Board.
- There is still room for improvement to define the roles of these different bodies.
- There is an online survey open until February 24th.
 - It was suggested that everyone would look at the survey.

9.3 Role of Councillors as Liaisons with Student Unions and the Student-Body

- It was pointed out that there is a worry that sometimes councillors might be voting 'yes' on things that they might not be sure about.
 - There was a worry that some councillors vote yes, because most members vote yes
 - The councillors are elected by the student unions and they should be consulting with the student unions about how to vote on the Council meeting regarding about the items that are on agenda
- However, it was noted that the way Council members are voting on the Council, should be the way how they feel is in the best interest of the student union.
- It was pointed out that the councillors have to think of the department and the student body, but if they do not agree on the motion, they do not need vote in favour of this.

9.4 Democratic Rights of Students and Impeachment of Board members For Lack of Listening to Students

Background:

- The question of the SUB allocation option:
 - Last week at the Board meeting it was voted on the motion about the two viable options for the student groups.
 - There was an amendment to the motion saying that *'if an agreement between the SFSS and the groups is not reached by February 17 – the nomination date of the SFSS referendum, that the SFSS Board of Directors will commit to respect and to act on the result of the Rotunda Groups referendum of the Student Body, recently passed by the SFSS Council'* – this motion was not carried.
 - The reasons for not carrying the motion were the concerns about the wording of the referendum and the costs of the operation.
- However, a Council member claimed that the amendment was clear and therefore the Council member suggested that the Board members voted against taking the students body's opinion into consideration.
- A Board member pointed out that there were no possibilities to discuss this amendment before it was put on the Board for voting.

- In addition, it was explained that there are ongoing conversations between the Board and the groups.
 - The new housing place would have different operational costs and the groups do not have the funding to pay for these costs.
 - This was part of the reason the motion was voted down – it is not legitimate to put forward the referendum question that does not contain enough information.
 - Students should be aware of what they are voting on.
- A Board member explained that the referendum was not cancelled;
 - The referendum will still go forward.
- Council member asked the Board members if they respect the results of the referendum.
 - A Board member answered that the motion was voted down because of technicalities.
 - The Board members confirmed that they will respect the results of the referendum.

Due to the lack of time before the end of the meeting, the discussion was called to a stop at this point

9.5 Discussion item – council liaison role is open

- After becoming the chair of the Council, Gabe Liosis is stepping down from the role of Council/Board liaison.
- It was asked to email to the chair if you are interested in becoming a new Council/Board liaison.

10. ATTACHMENTS

- Board Report 2020-02-05.pdf
- BOD-2019-08-12.pdf
- Council Committee Policies.pdf
- Council Discord Rules (not added to minutes).pdf
- Council Governance Committee.pdf
- Council Oversight Committee.pdf
- Council Public Outreach Committee.pdf
- February Town Hall_V3 (1).pdf
- SFSS Fall Kick-Off Concert 2019 Report.pdf

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-02-12:06

Quince/Tanner

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 PM.

CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

SFSS Council/Board Liaison Report

Wednesday, February 5th, 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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OLD BUSINESS

MOTION 2020-02-05:05 [7.1]

Item

[7.1] Motion to rescind “7.7 Voting at Board Meeting – MOTION BOD 2019-04-18:10”

Contents (Motion)

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

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

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

Be it resolved to rescind Motion "Voting at Board Meeting - BOD 2019-04-18:10" that discontinued the practice of listing voting records, and therefore resume the practice of listing the positions of directors who have voted against the result of motion and who have abstained from such motion.

Discussion

OSOB [Health Sciences Representative]

- This motion went to Governance Committee
- The Committee discussed it again and looked at options.
- Options: Roll call vote (Chair would do a Roll Call asking Board members “Yay” or “Nay”), or a Ratio Vote (List number of in favour, opposed, and abstentions).
- The committee decided on Ratio Vote

Results

CARRIED

Further Notes by Liaison

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 2020-02-05:06 [8.1]

Item

[8.1] Space Allocation Options

Contents (Motion)

Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to present and explore the other viable Space allocations proposals with the Groups with recommended being Option 2 and 3 in the Attached Briefing Note "Viable Options for Space Allocation", with consideration for the groups' expressed needs in terms of potential amendments to the options.

Discussion

TAWANDA [VP Finance]

- **Tawanda Moved to Amend:**
 - **Strike original motion and substitute the wording as follows:**
 - **Mandate VP Finance and Executive Director**
 - **Amendment Carried**

GIOVANNI [President]

- What happens in the case that the referendum is put to the students?

SHINA [VP University Relations]

- Now that Council has approved the referendum, how would that work if we are having consultations with the groups now, and the referendum question is not that far away?

GIOVANNI [President]

- Suggested Amendment: If the Board does not come to agreement with the groups by the start of nomination period, that the Board respect the results of the referendum.

SYLVIA [Executive Director]

- If this motion passes, she will try to have those conversations as she can coordinate with the VP Finance.

SHINA [VP University Relations]

- Will this take just one meeting to resolve?

OSOB [Health Sciences Representative]

- Groups are losing space with the Options 2 and 3.
 - This is a concern for her especially in regard to larger groups such as SFPIRG.
- She cannot vote for this motion in good favour knowing what she knows now.

SYLVIA [Executive Director]

- Everyone is compromising.
- It is better than no space at all and that they are not out of a home.
- The Board needs to come to a conclusion, because we are running out of time. This is occupying a lot of our time. We need to focus on actually opening the SUB.

FIONA

- What happens if the groups don't like Options 2 and 3?

GIOVANNI [President]

- That would have to be another discussion at the Board table.
- **Giovanni Moved to Amend:**
 - **If no agreement is reached by the nomination period, the Board will respect the referendum results put forward by Council.**

Discussion on the Amendment

EMERLY [Education Representative]

- Is it no longer an option that the Board puts forward a referendum?

JULIAN [Environment Representative]

- Julian thinks the referendum isn't viable.
- Concerns around the wording of the terms of agreement in the referendum.
- Who pays for the operating costs?
- He thinks the referendums has a lot of holes that doesn't encompass the full reality.

GIOVANNI [President]

- Referendum gives Board the mandate to engage with the groups regarding lease agreements.

JASDEEP [VP External]

- She wants referendum to come from the Board.
- She wants to be careful about the wording and wants a legal opinion.

GIOVANNI [President]

- Referendum is mandating to *act* on the result of the spirit of the referendum

KIA [Guest Who Was Allowed to Speak]

- If the referendum fails, won't the groups be homeless?

GIOVANNI [President]

- If the students vote no, it is no to this *specific* proposal. The Board can always discuss other proposals for space allocation.

SYLVIA [Executive Director]

- If referendum is put to students, there is YES/NO option?
- If students say NO, under these conditions, it comes back to the Board.

GOVANNI [President]

- Yes → Mandate to the Board to act on the results by signing a lease.
- No → No mandate to sign a lease.

OSOB [Health Sciences Representative]

- The students are telling the Board what they want to see in the building, but the technicalities are up to the Board to sort out.
- In this way, she believes the referendum is clear.
- She believes it shouldn't include the specifics about terms and conditions as other Board members were suggesting.

JASDEEP [VP External]

- If the referendum question passes, what about the operating costs? Who picks up that bill? She needs to know the specifics.

JULIAN [Environmental Representative]

- See how we are having all this discussion? Will every student have access to all this information that the Board is discussing today?
- If the Board doesn't understand it, how will the students understand it?

GIOVANNI

- It is up to the students to campaign, just like any election.
- If the groups can't win over the student body about this question, then the referendum fails, and the Board must respect the democratic rights of students.

OSOB [Health Sciences Representative]

- To draw a parallel, when the U-pass referendum occurs every few years, the Board doesn't give student access about all the information

JESSICA [VP Student Life]

- She thinks the parallel isn't accurate.
- This referendum has too much information that isn't readily available.
- Thinks it is important to put out that information before a decision is made.

OSOB [Health Sciences Representative]

- The Board should ensure students are informed.
- What information can we put out to ensure the students can make an informed decision? Can the Board put out information?
 - Number of suites
 - History of SUB Allocation votes at the Board table
 - Etc.

JASDEEP [VP External]

- She thinks it would be nice for the students about what they are voting on.
 - *this is what happens, these are the operating costs, etc.*

SYLVIA [Executive Director]

- Council is an advisory body to the Board of Directors
- Just to clarify, the legal opinion: results are a point of information for the Board

AMENDMENT NOT CARRIED

Results

CARRIED

Further Notes by Liaison

ABSENTIONS: Osob, Jennifer

MOTION 2020-02-05:07 [8.2]

Item

[8.2] Forensic Audit Option Exploration

Contents (Motion)

Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to explore options for a Forensic Audit of the Fall Kickoff 2019 for a subsequent appointment if approved at a future Board meeting.

Discussion

GIOVANNI [President]

- **Moved to Amend:**
 - **Include options for an *external financial audit* in the motion for the event.**
 - **Added more options for flexibility.**

Discussion on the Amendment

JESSICA [VP Student Life]

- She doesn't think a forensic audit can make recommendations for what to do better.
- She is confident that no by-laws, procedures, or laws were not broken.
- She wants to be clear about what all of these options mean so we can be transparent with the students.

SHINA [VP University Relations]

- She thinks the motion doesn't clarify what the Board wants an audit to do (whether there was negligence, or do we want a consultation on how to do fall kick off better)
- Is there a way to have a person that does a combination of a forensic audit and consultation?

SYLVIA [Executive Director]

- She is in favour of any audit that the Board wants.
- She is confident with 100% certainty that all processes were followed.
- Forensic audit involved suspicion and potential criminal charges.
- Additionally, the current Board members will not be held accountable because any type of investigation will finish after the current Board members elected terms.
 - This is a very extensive process.

OSOB [Health Sciences Representatives]

- She says this isn't to hold any specific board member accountable.
- Something weird happened this year to have this extraordinary deficit.
- If students are calling on us to do an audit, this could prevent this from happening again.
- Additionally, the Board has not received a detailed about what happened at kickoff.

- The Board has lost a lot of credibility
 - The question was called, cutting the conversation short.
- SYLVIA [Executive Director]
- Restated that she is confident nothing nefarious went on before, during and after the event.
 - Forensic audit means something nefarious happened.
 - She mentioned that no Board member asked for a detailed report of the event.
- OSOB [Health Sciences Representative]
- She mentioned that previous kickoff reports have been much more extensive without Board members asking.
- JESSICA [VP Student Life]
- She said that safety was at the forefront of this year's kickoff.
 - The high cost was because of safety.
 - SFU will tone it down in successive years.
- TAWANDA [VP Finance]
- The Board already has an external auditor.
- JASDEEP [VP External]
- When we started this process, The Board knew what kind of loss we were taking because of safety.
 - She does not understand why suddenly people are uncomfortable with the investments we made into student safety.
 - She says that a Forensic Audits puts a bad reputation on the Board's staff, and she is not comfortable approving this if it means accusing our staff of wrongdoing and spending this large amount of money on the audit.
- SHINA

- **Moved to Amend the Amendment:**
 - **to include an option for a consultant**

Discussion on the Amendment to the Amendment

JASDEEP

- Sylvia is not here to dispel every rumor brought by a student

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT CARRIED*

AMENDMENT CARRIED

RAYHANN [At-Large Representative]

- He feels like the Board would be using up too much of Sylvia's resources.

JENNIFER [Arts and Social Sciences Representative]

- Restated that this motion is just to *explore options*.
- Stated that it is Sylvia's job to do this, and to provide us with more information to move forward.

JESSICA [VP Student Life]

- She also stated that Sylvia has a lot on her plate. She can't take the time to take this on with her other projects to do this exploration.

JASDEEP [VP External]

- She agrees with Jessica. She does not think we need the audit.

OSOB [Health Sciences Representative]

- The reason the Board is voting on this is to decide whether it is a good use of Sylvia's time to do this.
- Sylvia is here to do what the Board mandates.

SYLVIA [Executive Director]

- The Board would be tasking the Executive Director with looking into options of a forensic audit, which could also include investigating her own wrongdoing.
- Hypothetically, if she is the one doing the wrongdoing, doesn't the Board think that she would find somebody who wouldn't accuse her of doing the wrong thing?
- She is not sure if she should be the one doing the hiring. The Board should take this on.

CHRISTINA [VP Student Services]

- She thinks there should be a different process that is a better use of the Board's time.

Results

NOT CARRIED

Further Notes by Liaison

*Only one Board member voted for the "Amendment to the Amendment".

MOTION 2020-02-05:08 [8.3]

Item

[8.3] Solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en

Contents (Motion)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be it further resolved that the SFSS release a press statement in solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en First Nations, and support the advocacy for Indigenous sovereignty on campus and support where necessary, including financially, as the need arises in collaboration with the indigenous community on campus.

Discussion

- Osob is in support of this.

Results
CARRIED

Further Notes by Liaison
N/A

MOTION 2020-02-05:09 [8.4]

Item

[8.4] Appointment of IEC Chief

Contents (Motion)

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

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

Discussion

GIOVANNI [President]

- **Moved to Amend the Motion**
 - **X – Alicen Lange**
 - **A – Simone Tareif**
 - **Strike B, C, D**

GIOVANNI [President]

- Will the other three be appointed at the Executive Committee meeting?

SHANEIKA [Executive Assistant]

- Only one commissioner was hired
- No one else applied

GIOVANNI [President]

- The Board can't do that because the By-laws say 4 commissioners

SARAH [Policy Researcher]

- The By-Laws say "up to 4"

GABE [Council Liaison to the Board]

- He pulled up the by-law on his computer, and it does not include the words "up to 4", it plainly says "4 commissioners"

Results

CARRIED

Further Notes by Liaison

N/A

MOTION 2020-02-05:10 [8.5]

Item

[8.5] Sponsorship for EduConnect Event

Contents (Motion)

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

Discussion

Results

CARRIED

Further Notes by Liaison

N/A

MOTION 2020-02-05:06 [8.6]

Item

[8.6] Board Town Hall

Contents (Motion)

Whereas the Spring 2020 are upcoming and it is important for potential to understand the role of the Board of Directors before submitting nominations;

Whereas a town hall can be a way to share our board year accomplishments as well as share experiences of the respective Board roles;

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

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

Be it resolved for the Board of Directors to support in principle the hosting of a town hall during nomination period

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

Discussion

Results

CARRIED

Further Notes by Liaison

APPENDIX 1, 2, 3

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
Archival and Administrative Assistant	Aimee deViveiros

3.3 Guests

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

3.4 Regrets

At-Large Representative	Maneet Aujla
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences).....	Nick Chubb

VP Student Life..... Jessica Nguyen

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

4.1 MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:01

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Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Maneet Aujla (class), Nick Chubb (personal), Jessica Nguyen (medical).

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:02

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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 2020-02-05:03

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Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- BOARD 2020-01-22

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

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

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Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

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

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

Be it resolved to rescind Motion "Voting at Board Meeting - BOD 2019-04-18:10" that discontinued the practice of listing voting records, and therefore resume the practice of listing the positions of directors who have voted against the result of motion and who have abstained from such motion.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

8. NEW BUSINESS

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

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Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to present and explore the other viable Space allocations proposals with the Groups with recommended being Option 2 and 3 in the Attached Briefing Note "Viable Options for Space Allocation", with consideration for the groups' expressed needs in terms of potential amendments to the options.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

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

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Be it resolved that the SFSS Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to explore options for a Forensic Audit of the Fall Kickoff 2019 for a subsequent appointment if approved at a future Board meeting.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be it further resolved that the SFSS release a press statement in solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en First Nations, and support the advocacy for Indigenous sovereignty on campus and support where necessary, including financially, as the need arises in collaboration with the indigenous community on campus.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

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

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

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

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

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

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

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

9. PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Board By-Law Presentation

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Board of Governors - SFSS/GSS Joint Presentation

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

10.3 Committee Structure and Relationship to the Board Clarification

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

10.5 Bob Ross Paint Night

10.6 SFSS Care Packages

11. GUESTS Q&A

12. ATTACHMENTS

- Congratulations to SFU President-elect Dr. Joy Johnson.pdf
- Improving voting practices- Jan 21.pdf
- Jan.-30-2020-Statement-to-BOG.pdf
- SFSS- YEC Platinum Partner.pdf
- Solidarity with the JNU Student Union and student leaders.pdf
- Events Expense - Care Packages Spring 2020.pdf
- IN - BoD February 5 2020 -SFSS Sponsorship of Conference – Your Edu Connect.pdf
- Spring 2020 - Event Proposal.pdf
- Viable Options for Space Allocation.pdf

13. ANNOUNCEMENT

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 MOTION BOD 2020-02-05:11

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Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

SUB Viable Space Allocation Proposal

Briefing note: SUB Viable Space Allocation Proposal

Presented by: Tawanda Nigel Chitapi, VP Finance

Date: February 5 2020

Background

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

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

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

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

Options to the SFSS BoD:

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

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

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

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



BY-LAW 15 – ELECTIONS

1. Only active members in good standing of the Society may be nominated to any office.
2. Members elected to the Board shall hold office for one year, May 1st through April 30th, inclusive.
3. Members may only hold office as a voting member of the Board, Council or a Faculty Student Union during any one year term. No member can hold office as a voting member of more than one of those bodies during that term.
4. Any undergraduate student who is an active member in good standing of the Society may run and may vote for the positions of President, Vice-President Student Services, Vice-President Student Life, Vice-President Finance, Vice-President University Relations, and Vice-President External Relations, or for any at-large position on the Board.
5. Any undergraduate student who is an active member in good standing of the Society, and a Member of the Faculty may run and may vote for the position of faculty representative to the Board.
6. For the duration of any Society election, the Society shall maintain an Independent Electoral Commission, and ensure that it has the facilities, equipment and funding required to carry out its mandate effectively.
7. The Independent Electoral Commission shall consist of a Chief Commissioner, who shall act as Chair, and four other Commissioners.
 - a. All members of the Independent Electoral Commission shall be active members in good standing of the Society, except that no current member of or candidate for the Board, Council or a Faculty Student Union board or council may serve as a member of the Independent Electoral Commission
 - b. All members of the Independent Electoral Commission shall be elected by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board.
 - c. Members of the Independent Electoral Commission shall receive a stipend.
8. The Independent Electoral Commission:
 - a. Shall be responsible for ensuring that Society elections to the Board, and referenda occur in the prescribed manner as set out in these By-Laws, and any Regulations governing the conduct of elections or referenda.
 - b. May delegate to a group of students the task of supervising polling for any positions and may appoint members in good standing of the Society to assist in counting the ballots.
 - c. Shall require all candidates to produce a signed statement of campaign expenses within seventy-two (72) hours of the close of elections.
 - d. May rule a candidate's candidacy or election invalid, or impose a fine of up to \$100 for any violation of the By-Laws or election Regulations which from time to time may be established.
 - e. May rule any referenda invalid, or impose a fine of up to \$100 for any violation of the By-Laws or referenda Regulations, which from time to time may be established.
 - f. Shall be responsible for the Regulation and control of scrutineers at the polling stations.
 - g. May draft rules governing the conduct of the election or referendum.
9. Due notice of an election shall be deemed sufficient if the following is adhered to:
 - a. Twenty-five (25) notices not less than eleven inches by seventeen inches in size announcing upcoming elections have been posted in prominent locations throughout the University at least two (2) weeks before the opening of the nomination period, but no earlier than the first Monday of classes in the same semester. The notices shall include the following information:
 - i. The date voting will take place.

- ii. The positions vacant.
 - iii. The dates for the opening and closing of the nomination period.
 - iv. The Regulations governing the nomination of candidates.
 - v. The place for pick-up and deposit of nomination papers.
 - vi. The length of time for campaigning for office and the limitation on campaign expenses.
- b. An advertisement announcing the dates for the opening and closing of the nomination period shall be placed in the student newspaper at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the opening of nominations.
- 10. The nomination period shall open Monday, no earlier than after the completion of week four of classes in the semester. Nominations shall close at noon no sooner than two (2) weeks following the opening of nominations.
- 11. Nomination papers shall be signed by prospective candidates and shall contain the name and student number, address, telephone number and email address of the member nominated, the position being sought, and signatures of no fewer than ten (10) members in good standing of the Society who are entitled to vote in elections for that position.
- 12. The campaign period shall begin at the close of the nomination period and last for at least two (2) weeks
- 13. Following the close of nominations:
 - a. Twenty-five (25) notices not less than eleven inches by seventeen inches announcing the candidates nominated and the date, times of polling and places of polling shall be placed in prominent positions throughout the University no more than seventy-two (72) hours following the close of nominations.
 - b. An advertisement announcing the candidates nominated, the date, times of polling and places of polling shall be placed in the student newspaper in the first issue following the close of nominations.
 - c. With respect to (a) and (b) above, the names of nominees for each office shall be placed after the title of each office in alphabetical order according to surname.
- 14. Each candidate shall forward copies of all campaign literature to the Independent Electoral Commission for approval as it is produced.
 - a. Campaign literature shall not defamatory or discriminatory.
 - b. Campaign expenses shall be limited to fifty (50) dollars, at least half of which shall be reimbursed by the Society.
- 15. All campaign posters and related paraphernalia shall be removed by midnight prior to the day of commencement of polling.
- 16. Only members of Society may campaign for or on behalf of candidates or referenda during any election period.
- 17. The form of the ballot shall be decided by the Independent Electoral Commission, except that the candidates for each office shall be listed alphabetically by surname.
- 18. The Independent Electoral Commission may decide to use a system of electronic voting using electronic ballots, provided that the Independent Electoral Commission uses the system that is used by the University at the time of the election or referendum.
- 19. If only one valid nomination is received for a particular office, the Independent Electoral Commission will conduct an election in which the nominated candidate will face a “yes/no” election.

20. If a candidate for an uncontested office fails to receive a majority of “yes” votes, then the office will remain vacant.
21. Voting shall take place during a period of no less than two (2) or more than four (4) days, as determined by the Independent Electoral Commission, and this period shall begin no sooner than the end of the campaigning period.
 - a. Polling for all positions shall occur at least between the hours of 9:30am and 7:30pm.
 - b. The Independent Electoral Commission may establish off-campus polling stations in those areas, where, in its view, numbers warrant.
22. Sealed ballot boxes shall be secured by the Independent Electoral Commission immediately upon the completion of voting.
 - a. The ballots shall be counted under the supervision of the Independent Electoral Commission.
23. Where positions are contested, the candidate receiving the most votes for that position shall be declared duly elected.
24. A candidate may request a recount of votes cast, within seventy-two (72) hours of the close of polls. After that time the ballots for the election may be destroyed by written instruction of the Chief Commissioner.
25. In the event of a strike, Act of God, or other event that delays the electoral procedure, the Independent Electoral Commission shall make the decision as to how and when the electoral procedure may be best completed.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 2:11PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Board Composition

President.....	Giovanni HoSang (via phone)
VP External Relations.....	Jasdeep Gill (via phone)
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 (Chair).....	Rayhaan Khan
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences).....	Nick Chubb
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences).....	Jennifer Chou
Faculty Representative (Business)	Andrew Wong (via phone)
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

Finance Manager	Rowena de la Torre
Student Union Outreach Assistant	Samantha Li

3.3 Regrets

Faculty Representative (Communications, Art, & Technology).....	Fiona Li
Faculty Representative (Environment)	Julian Loutsik
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences)	Osob Mohamed
Faculty Representative (Science)	Simran Uppal

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

4.1 MOTION BOD 2019-01-07:01

Christina/Maneet

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Fiona Li, Julian Loutsik, Osob Mohamed and Simran Uppal.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION BOD 2019-08-012:02

Jessica/Nick

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 MOTION BOD 2019-08-12:03

Christina/Jessica

Be it resolved to increase the Fall Kickoff Budget whereas the line item is \$15,000 to \$60,000 for 2019/2020.

CARRIED

- VP Student Life stated that many previous Fall Kickoffs have spend over their budget
- VP Student Life wanted to be transparent with the Board with her budget and the possibility of going over budget
 - VP Student Life received a briefing note from the Finance Manager about all the potential expenses of Fall Kickoff
 - Increasing the budget will allow the Events Committee more room for sponsorships and event planning
- VP Finance will be creating a proper yearly budget for Fall Kickoff to prevent continuous over spending for Fall Kickoff
- The question was called

7. ATTACHMENT

- Fall Kickoff Budget.pdf
- August 12th Petition.pdf

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BOD 2019-08-12:04

Nick/Jessica

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 2:24PM

CARRIED

Briefing Note: Fall Kickoff 2019

Fall Kickoff Concert is an annual event that the SFSS hosts to celebrate the start of the semester and engage with their membership. The budget (allowable deficit) for Fall Kickoff is \$15,000. The Fall Kickoff Planning Committee and myself would like to increase this to be \$60,000.

The reason for this motion is to be transparent and ask for Board approval. Historically, Fall Kickoff has always gone over budget with the exception of 2017.

This year, we have an increase in expenses due to numerous factors that centre around having the event at a different venue and increasing student safety. For example, staging costs have been increased as we are unable to build off of the stage in Convocation Mall. In addition, we have portable washrooms in the venue this year and increased the number of security and first aid attendants. We also are looking to rent an extra bus on the event day to ensure students are able to get to/from Fall Kickoff safely.




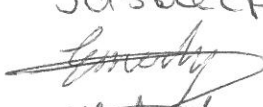


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PETITION TO CALL A
BOARD MEETING MON. AUGUST 12
@ 2 PM.

NAME

- ① Jessica Nguyen
- ② Nick Chubb
- ③ Christine Lutsik
- ④ TARAANDA CHITAPI
- ⑤ Jasdeep Gill
- ⑥ Emerly Liu
- ⑦ Mansel Ayila
- ⑧ Jennifer Chou
- ⑨ Rayhaan Khan

SIGNATURE




Jasdeep Gill



R. Doi

COUNCIL COMMITTEE POLICIES



CCP-1: CREATION AND DISSOLUTION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

POLICY TYPE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE POLICIES

POLICY TITLE: CREATION AND DISSOLUTION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

POLICY REFERENCE NUMBER: CCP-1

1. The Council may, at its own discretion, and in accordance with SFSS By-Law 8(2), establish and dissolve committees to support its governance responsibilities.
 - a. The Council will establish a committee by including its terms of reference in the SFSS Council Policies
 - b. The Council will dissolve a committee by repealing its terms of reference from the SFSS Council Policies
 - c. Committees will be established as standing committees where the need is deemed by the Council
 - d. Committees will be established as ad-hoc committees where the need is deemed to be temporary or project based.



CCP-2: COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION

POLICY TYPE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE POLICIES

POLICY TITLE: COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION

POLICY REFERENCE NUMBER: CCP-2

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO COMMITTEES

1. Where Councillors are named to committee positions, those positions will be appointed by a majority vote of the Council.
2. The Chair of Council shall be an ex-officio voting member of all standing and ad-hoc committees of Council.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

3. The Chair of a committee shall:
 - a. Ensure all meetings are included in the SFSS Society Calendar (Gmail),
 - b. Convene meetings as needed or where requested by the Council,
 - c. Establish meeting agenda,
 - d. Ensure relevant documents and materials are distributed to the committee prior to the committee meeting,
 - e. Ensure Committee meeting minutes are received and filed in a timely manner,
 - f. Ensure attendance is properly tracked,
 - g. Act as the primary point of contact between the committee and its designated staff support, if any, the Board of Directors, the Chair of Council, and
 - h. Report committee work to the Council on behalf of the committee.
4. Committee members shall:
 - a. Attend all meetings of the committee,
 - b. Read all materials provided to the committee and prepare constructive critical feedback regarding committee business prior to every meeting, and
 - c. Regularly volunteer in support of committee initiatives,
 - d. Committee appointments will expire on April 30th of each year,
 - e. Committee members will be deemed to have vacated their position where they have missed two consecutive meetings without submitting notice and cause to the Chair that have been approved by the Committee.
 - f. The committee chair may expel a committee member where that member has missed more than one-third of regularly scheduled meetings in any one semester.

- g. Notwithstanding the terms of reference of any committee, the Council may, at its discretion, remove a committee member by at least a 2/3 majority vote.



CCP-3: COUNCIL COMMITTEE PRINCIPLES

POLICY TYPE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE POLICIES

POLICY TITLE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE PRINCIPLES

POLICY REFERENCE NUMBER: CCP-3

Council committees will be used for the purpose of helping the Council do its job. These principles apply to any Council affiliated committee irrespective of their designation.

Council committees shall:

1. Help the Council do its job,
2. Prepare policy alternatives for the Council with relevant analysis of the implications of those alternatives,
3. Conduct its business with a focus on the organization as a whole, and
4. Be used sparingly, and normally in an ad-hoc capacity

Council committees shall not:

1. Advise staff of the Society,
2. Have direct dealings with staff operations,
3. Speak or act for the Council, except:
 - a. Where explicitly authorized to do so, and
 - b. Where a clearly defined time limit to do so has been established,
4. Monitor organizational or departmental performance.



CCP-4: COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

POLICY TYPE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE POLICIES

POLICY TITLE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

POLICY REFERENCE NUMBER: CCP-4

A committee is a Council Committee only if its existence and charge come from the Council, regardless of whether Council members sit on that committee. Standing committees exist in perpetuity; ad-hoc committees cease to exist as soon as their task is complete. Each Council committee needs to develop terms of reference and have those terms of reference approved by the Council.

Upon the adoption of these Council Policies, the following standing committees are considered established:

1. Council Governance Committee
 - a. The Council Governance Committee will focus on the SFSS Council Policies and focus on supporting the Council in its operations.
2. Council Oversight Committee.
 - a. The Council Oversight Committee will focus on the oversight of the SFSS Board of Directors.
3. Council Public Outreach Committee
 - a. The Council Public Outreach Committee will focus on proposals on public outreach.

COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference (Proposal)

By Gabe Liosis (Council Representative)

Name and Type

Name: Council Governance Committee

Duration: The committee will be established upon the adoption of these terms of reference and dissolved at the discretion of the Council.

Purpose

This purpose of this committee is to make and report on the development of recommendations to the Council aimed at strengthening its governance processes and capacity.

Membership

- Voting Members
 - Chair of Council (*Chair*)
 - Vice Chair of Council
 - 4 Councillors

Deliverables

As a Council Committee, the purpose of this committee is to provide the Council with formal recommendations and reports including but not limited to:

- SFSS Council Policies
- committee terms of reference
- governance processes, including:
 - the roles and responsibilities of the Council
 - the duties and responsibilities of Councillors
 - the structure and committees of the Council
 - conflict of interest procedures
 - procedures of censure and recommendation for removal of Councillors
 - Council and committee training
- motions to be brought to the Council
- the finances and budget of the Council
- making recommendations to the Board of Directors on:
 - the development of policies
- Provide a semesterly report to the Board of recommendations, council progress, and current initiatives of the council

Governance

The committee will strive for consensus. Where no consensus is reached, the committee will make decisions by simple majority vote.

A majority of voting members constitutes quorum.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of committee meetings.

Communications

The committee shall meet in person as required and at the call of the Chair.

The committee shall report on its progress at Council meetings.

The chair may call a meeting where a notice of three working days has been provided

Relevant Policies

The members of the committee should be familiar with the following:

- SFSS Constitution
- SFSS Bylaws
- SFSS Board Policies
- SFSS Council Policies
- Societies Act of British Columbia



COUNCIL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference (Proposal)
By Gabe Liosis (Council Chair)

Name and Type

Name: Council Oversight Committee

Duration: The committee will be established upon the adoption of these terms of reference and dissolved at the discretion of the Council.

Purpose

This purpose of this committee is to oversee the affairs and conduct of the Board of Directors, and to make and report on the development of recommendations to the Council regarding accountability of the Board of Directors.

Membership

- Voting Members
 - Chair of Council (*ex-officio*)
 - 1 Councillor (*Chair*)
 - At least 4 and up to 6 Councillors in addition to the Chair.

The Council shall appoint the Chair of the committee.

Deliverables

As a Council Committee, the purpose of this committee is to provide oversight of the Board of Directors, and to make and report on the development of recommendations to the Council regarding accountability of the Board of Directors, including, but not limited to:

- Investigating any potential misconduct or inconsistencies of the Board of Directors
- Reviewing documentation of the Society, including, but not limited to:
 - Board of Directors meeting minutes
 - Board Committee meeting minutes
 - Semester Reports
 - Work Reports
 - Policies
 - Event Reports
 - Financial Reports
- Ensuring that Board of Directors and Board Committee meeting minutes are received and filed in a timely manner, and uploaded to the Society's website
- Requesting documentation related to investigations the committee conducts for review by the committee.

- Requesting Board Directors to appear before the Committee for questioning, when necessary, to investigate any particular matter.
- Providing recommendations to the Council regarding accountability of the Board of Directors

Governance

The committee will strive for consensus. Where no consensus is reached, the committee will make decisions by simple majority vote.

A majority of voting members constitutes quorum.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of committee meetings.

Communications

The committee shall meet in person as required and at the call of the Chair.

The committee shall report on its progress at Council meetings.

The chair may call a meeting where a notice of three working days has been provided

Relevant Policies

The members of the committee should be familiar with the following:

- SFSS Constitution
- SFSS Bylaws
- SFSS Board Policies
- SFSS Council Policies
- Societies Act of British Columbia



COUNCIL PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Name and Type

Name: Council Public Outreach Committee

Duration: The committee will be established upon the adoption of these terms of reference and dissolved at the discretion of the Council.

Purpose

This purpose of this committee is to make and report on the development of recommendations to the Council aimed at public outreach.

Membership

- Voting Members
 - Chair of Council (ex-officio)
 - 1 Councillor (Chair)
 - At least 3 and up to 6 Councillors

The Council shall appoint the Chair of the committee.

Deliverables

As a Council Committee, the purpose of this committee is to provide the Council with formal recommendations and reports including but not limited to:

- Public outreach to the student body regarding:
 - Issues of importance to members in different faculties, departments or schools at the University
 - Advocacy and other such matters of general interest to members of the Society
 - Initiatives and affairs of the Council
 - Possible areas of growth for public engagement
- Evaluating public awareness of issues and how to improve awareness
- Promoting of council activities, meetings, and other council affairs
- Ensuring information communicated to the student body is accessible and compliant with any SFS policy and accessibility
- Work with SFSS communications staff to deliver information through the website, social media, and other means of communications

Governance

The committee will strive for consensus. Where no consensus is reached, the committee will make decisions by simple majority vote.

A majority of voting members constitutes quorum.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of committee meetings.

Communications

The committee shall meet in person as required and at the call of the Chair.

The committee shall report on its progress at Council meetings.

The chair may call a meeting where a notice of three working days has been provided

Relevant Policies

The members of the committee should be familiar with the following:

- CCP-3



SFSS By-law Update

Feb 10, 2020

Welcome!



Goals for today

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



Process to Update the SFSS' by-laws

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



The BC Societies Act

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



The Act: Members, the Board, and Other Bodies

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



Existing Bylaws and Need for Revision

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



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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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3. Rate each statement

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

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

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

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

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

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4. (Check any that apply)

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

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4. (Check any that apply)

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

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4. (Check any that apply)

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

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

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

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

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5. (Check any that apply)

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

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5. (Check any that apply)

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

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



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

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



6. (Check any that apply)

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

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6. (Check any that apply)

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

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6. (Check any that apply)

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



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



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

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



7. (Check any that apply)

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



7. (Check any that apply)

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



7. (Check any that apply)

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



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



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

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



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

(skip if you have none. Limit 200 words)



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

(skip if you have none. Limit 200 words)



Next steps:

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



Next steps:

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



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



Thank you!

To complete the WebSurvey, go to:

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

from February 10th to February 24th



Briefing note: SFSS Fall Kick-Off Concert 2019

Board of Directors: November 29, 2019

Presented by: Sylvia Ceacero, Executive Director

SUMMARY

Each year SFSS sets aside a budget to host a Fall Kick-Off concert to celebrate the start of the semester and foster a sense of community by engaging our members, especially our first year students. This year the concert was held on September 20th and had over 1200 students in attendance. Timbre Concerts and CRESCENDO1 Entertainment Company were contracted to promote the event, book and organize the line-up of artists. There were internationally renowned artists: Snakehips, MadeinTYO, Outr3ach, Manila Grey, Illyminiachi, Eric Reprid and Fuji Kyle.

In the past years the concert was held in the Convocation Mall. This year there was a change in venue to the Strand Hall parking lot as a result of the construction work going on at the Convocation Mall. For this venue, there were additional expenses such as fencing, barricades, portable washrooms, first aid attendants, ambulance and additional security. An additional bus was also rented to transport students home safely from the event. Due to these numerous factors, the budget for the concert was increased. Please see financial information in Appendix I.

The concert scored big with a profit of \$9,712 in year 2017. However this year's concert generated a total revenue of \$132, 119 and saw a total of \$178,114 in expenses which resulted in a deficit of \$45,995. Note that the SFSS would have saved approximately \$9000 if the concert was held at the Convocation Mall. The Board of Directors should therefore carefully consider how to gauge intended expenditures against student engagement for future events.

APPENDIX I

SFSS 2019 Fall Kickoff - September 20, 2019

Revenues

<i>Tickets</i>	Total
Kickoff sales - 1280 tickets	\$46,369
<i>Sponsorship</i>	
SFSS	\$60,000
SFU	\$16,750
Other	\$9,000
	<u>\$85,750</u>
Total Revenues	\$132,119

Expenses

<i>Logistics</i>	
Security	\$9,872
MECS - SFU	\$747
Generator	\$6,024
Fencing	\$6,001
First aid	\$3,758
Portable Washrooms	\$2,867
Ambulance	\$2,274
Translink buses	\$1,080
Insurance	\$500
	<u>\$33,122</u>
<i>Production</i>	
Artists	\$93,555
Staging and equipment	\$39,173
Production Company	\$10,000
Legal	\$910
	<u>\$143,638</u>
<i>Marketing & Sales Promotion</i>	
Wristbands, Posters, Ads	<u>\$666</u>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	
T-shirts, other misc expenses	<u>\$688</u>
Total Expenses	\$178,114

Net Loss	-\$45,995
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