

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 10:34 AM

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), S^kw^xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selíłwíłh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wík^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 Accessibility Fund Committee Composition

VP Student Services (<i>Chair</i>)	Christina Loutsik
Board of Directors Representative	Jennifer Chou
Board of Directors Representative	Emerly Liu
At-Large Representative	Maneet Aujla
At-Large Representative	Rayhaan Khan
Student At-Large	Serena Bains
Student At-Large	Vivian Ly (<i>via phone</i>)
Student At-Large	Anastasiia Lozitskaia
Student At-Large	Mikaela Basile (<i>via phone</i>)

3.2 Society Staff

Campaigns, Research, & Policy Coordinator	Sarah Edmunds
Administrative Assistant	Kristin Kokkov

3.3 Guest

Campus Sustainability Manager	Kayla Blok
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3.4 Regrets

At-Large Representative	Rayhaan Khan
Board of Directors Representative	Jennifer Chou

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

4.1 MOTION AFAC 2020-03-03:01

Maneet/Anastasiia

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Rayhaan Khan and Jennifer Chou.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION AFAC 2020-03-03:01

Anastasiia /Emerly

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5.1.1. MOTION AFAC 2020-03-03:01

Anastasiia/Maneet

Be it resolved to add regrets from Rayhaan Khan and Jennifer Chou to the agenda.

Be it further resolved to add discussion item 6.4 Staff member to the agenda.

CARRIED

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 MOTION AFAC 2020-03-03:02

Maneet/Emerly

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- AFAC 2020-02-25

CARRIED

7. DISCUSSION

7.1 Discussion with Sustainability office

- A lot of work has been done over the last semester.
- Further aim is to look into disability justice to create the inclusive program for everyone.
- The update on the state right now and where we are going:
 - Phase 1 is completed and the project has moved on to phase 2.
 - Phase 2 was launched in January and will last until December 2020.
 - The aim is to remove plastic bottles from vending and dining services;
 - Add reusable services – metal cutlery program and reusable bottles sold at vending machines;
 - Expand reusable kits provided through SFSS and SFPIRG;
 - These are not on other campuses yet, but soon will be.
 - Look into mug share project.
 - The mug share items have to be dishwasher safe.
 - Still looking for suitable items, because it is difficult to find something that is dishwasher safe.
 - May 1 is the target for applying charges for disposable items and discount for reusable mugs – in line with City of Vancouver strategy.
 - A concern was expressed about the plan to apply charges for disposable items – this brings about the problem that disabled people who need to use disposable items, are taxed.
 - It was asked if someone is going to talk to the Vancouver city council on behalf of the disabled students.
 - It was pointed out that SFSS was in support of this initiative, but the capacity has to be taken into consideration;

- Also, it is not in the jurisdiction of staff members to speak on behalf of disabled students.
- It was pointed out that Executive Director has addressed disability questions before and it was suggested to reach out to her and ask if she wants to advocate on behalf of disabled students.
 - The Vancouver City council is following up with some groups and it was suggested to get involved with these discussions.
- The plastic bottles in vending machines will be replaced by aluminium cans;
 - It was pointed out that since some people have aluminium allergies for example, there is a need for signage to inform about the materials and purchases.
- There was a suggestion to have an internal policy regarding the surcharge initiative:
 - People with disabilities who have the need for disposable cups, could have a pass card that they could show to vendors and ask not to charge for the disposable cups;
 - This way the people who need them would not be punished.
 - This suggestion will be looked into to see if it is operationally possible to carry this out.
 - Details are not sure yet.

7.2 Update on Psychoeducational Assessments

- Student Care said that it is possible to get assessment covered through Student Care.
- The timeline:
 - The internal policies can hinder from starting the assessment right away;
 - If the project resolves into fee increase, the increase has to be approved by the entire student body, therefore this question has to go into a referendum.
 - Since there can be no referendums in the summer, the earliest time when the assessment can start, is the autumn 2020 (September-October).
 - It is required to have 5% of people to vote.
 - Therefore it is also necessary to promote this before voting.

7.3 Grant system

- The posters are printed.
- It was pointed out that on posters the contact email is afac@sfss.ca, because committee members have no access to other emails, however, this email address should be changed.
- Also the submission button in the form is still incorrect.
- It was proposed to set the deadline two weeks from now for the finished document.
 - Vendor list can be done later.
- External grants are for these people who are requesting grants externally, however, the grants have to be requested by student groups for SFU event for SFU students.
 - If the group is not geared towards SFU students, they are not allowed to apply for the grant.
 - It was pointed out that this practice has been inconsistent and specific guidelines should be written down;
 - For example, Hi-Five and SFPIRG have got denied when applying for SFU students' event.
 - Therefore it is necessary to have external granting program and the guidelines for that.
 - It was proposed that the Finance Manager can be talked to about the rules of using the funds and they could help making guidelines.

- It was suggested to update also the internal guidelines.

7.4 Staff member update

- Management is looking for project worker or designated assistant for working on the grant.
- There used to be a designated assistant working on this position previously.
 - A report was done at that time on accessibility issues that SFSS faced, however, this report got ignored.
- It was pointed out that it is necessary to hire someone who has at least a few year experience on working on accessibility needs.

8. ATTACHMENT

- Poster

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 MOTION AFAC 2020-03-03:03

Maneet/Emerly

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 AM.

CARRIED

WANT TO MAKE YOUR STUDENT EVENTS MORE ACCESSIBLE?

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Accessibility Fund to cover event costs!



Access services that
the Fund can pay for include:

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- Oral interpretation
- Assistive listening devices
- Captioning services
- Materials in braille
- Materials in large print
- Translation
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- Accessible venue costs
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Questions? Contact

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