

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 2:31 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), S^kwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selíłwíłh (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 Board Composition

President (<i>Chair</i>)	Osob Mohamed
VP External Relations	Samad Raza
VP Finance	Corbett Gildersleve
VP Student Services	Matthew Provost
VP Student Life	Jennifer Chou
VP University Relations (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	Gabe Liosis
At-Large Representative	Balqees Jama
At-Large Representative	Phum Luckkid
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences)	Harry Preet Singh
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences)	Sude Guvendik
Faculty Representative (Business)	Mehtaab Gill
Faculty Representative (Communications, Art, & Technology)	Haider Masood
Faculty Representative (Education)	Emerly Liu
Faculty Representative (Environment)	Anuki Karunajeewa
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences)	Nafoni Modi
Faculty Representative (Science)	WeiChun Kua

3.2 Society Staff

Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator	Sarah Edmunds
Executive Director	Sylvia Ceacero
Administrative Assistant	Kristin Kokkov
Executive Assistant	Shaneika Blake
Administrative Services Manager	Shubhangi Jain
Finance Coordinator	Kurt Belliveau
Build SFU	Marc Fontaine
Alejandro	

3.3 Guests

The Peak	Paige Riding
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4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:01

Haider/Anuki

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED unanimously

4.1.1. MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:01-01

Gabe/Samad

Be it resolved to add the New Business motion 9.3 Townhall to the agenda.

Be it further resolved to add discussion item 12.3 BIPOC Committee to the agenda.

Be it further resolved to add Old Business items 8.4 Appointment of the Vice Chair of the Board and 8.5 UAA Committee Appointment to the agenda.

CARRIED unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Board Minutes – MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:02

Nafoni/Corbett

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- BOARD 2020-05-15

CARRIED unanimously

- The motions 6.1 and 6.20 movers and seconders will be ratified under the Old Business.

5.2 Committee Minutes – MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:03

Gabe/WeiChun

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- GOV 2020-01-30
- UAA 2020-04-06

CARRIED unanimously

6. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Refer to the attachment.
 - On May 15th the SFSS Executive committee was tasked with undergoing a review of the SFSS' administrative structure.
 - The Executive intends to bring the report and analysis to the Board on June 12th.

7. REPORT FROM GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- Refer to the attachments.
- At the Board meeting on May 15th the Governance committee was mandated to make a review of the governance structure and make recommendations.
 - The 2015 Policy Manual was reviewed, and outdated or irrelevant things were removed.
 - Also, additions were made where necessary.

- The 2015 Policy Manual is composed of rules, standing orders and administrative policies.
 - The administrative policies are still worked on.
- The changes that have been done to the policy manual:
 - The wording and the jurisdiction of several policies were changed
 - Several policies were related to the Council, but the Board does not have jurisdiction over the Council policies.
 - The Council establishes their own policies.
 - The elections, referenda policies, and issues policies were removed from the Board policies.
 - Quorum and speaking privileges at the Board were clarified.
 - The clear process for appointing chairs and vice chairs of the Board was added.
 - Some standing orders that are out of date were removed.
- The next steps will be to look at the administrative policies.
- The changes will be done in conjunction with the Executive committee.
 - The recommendations will be brought to the table at the next Board meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Appointment of Legal Liaison Officer – MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:04 Corbett/Gabe

Be it resolved to amend motion BOD 2020-05-15:21 previously adopted to read:

"Whereas the oversight of all Society affairs, including legal affairs, remains under the discretion of the Board of Directors,

Be it resolved to appoint Osob Mohamed, President, as Legal Liaison Officer,

Be it further resolved that if Board members or Staff require legal advice, the Legal Liaison Officer is notified each time legal consultation is being sought,

Be it further resolved that the Legal Liaison Officer shall give direction in consultation with the Executive, for the selection, changing, or continued usage of specific lawyers in order for the services to be billed to the Society."

CARRIED unanimously

- This motion revisits the motion that was passed at the last Board meeting.
- It was explained that legal advice was sought, and the wording of the motion was made clearer.
 - The change is that now the Legal Liaison Officer has to be notified if there is a need for legal advice.
 - There is no need to change the lawyers that the SFSS is already working with.

8.2 First Year Engagement Committee Establishment – MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:05 Gabe/Sude

Be it resolved that the Board establish and adopt the attached terms of reference for the "First Year Engagement Committee" as part of the SFSS Board Policies.

CARRIED unanimously

- This motion was brought to the Board at the last Board meeting, but it was committed to the Governance committee because there were concerns with there being more non-Board members than Board members in the committee.

- The decision was that this committee will serve as an advisory committee to the Board and will not have any funding of its own.
- The composition of the committee will remain the same now and can be revisited later if necessary.

8.3 First Year Engagement Committee Appointment – MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:06

Matthew/Samad

Be it resolved to appoint Sude Guvendik as Chair of the First Year Engagement Committee.

Be it further resolved to appoint Gabe Liosis, Balqees Jama, and Haider Masood as members of the First Year Engagement Committee.

CARRIED unanimously

8.4 Appointment of the Vice Chair of the Board – MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:06

Samad/Gabe

Be it resolved to appoint Gabe as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the 2020/21 Board term.

Be it further resolved that the Vice Chair of the Board has the power to convene and chair a Board meeting in the absence or at the discretion of the Chair of the Board, unless otherwise voted on by the Board at a particular meeting.

CARRIED unanimously

- This motion is finalizing the motion that was on the Board at the last meeting but missed the mover and seconder.

8.5 UAA Committee Appointment – MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:06

Nafoni/Corbett

Be it resolved to appoint Samad Raza, WeiChun Kua, Nafoni Modi, Emerly Liu, and Anuki Karunajeewa as members of the University and Academic Affairs Committee.

CARRIED unanimously

- This motion is finalizing the motion that was on the Board at the last meeting but missed the mover and seconder.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 IEC Report – MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:07

Corbett/Gabe

Be it resolved to receive and approve the 2020 Elections and Referenda Report prepared by the IEC.

CARRIED unanimously

- The reports of the previous years were studied and there are re-occurring issues:
 - IEC feels that they are hired too late and IEC regulations were not thoroughly written down.
 - It was pointed out that having this as an *ad hoc* position causes more problems, because there is less time for the IEC to get trained.
- It was suggested to look at the way the election bylaws are structured to see if this is how the elections should be.
- It was proposed to host two debates instead of one.
- The Governance committee plans to look at previous IEC reports and see what have been the reoccurring problems that have not been resolved.

- It was pointed out that there was a change in the policies last year based one of the IEC recommendations that they would have liked to look at the reports before applying to the position.
 - This is the reason why the reports are uploaded to the web site now.

9.2 Living Personal Truth Award – MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:08

Sude/Corbett

Be it resolved to authorize the Executive Director to contribute \$11,645 from line item 898/31 – Bursary contribution, to the Living Personal Truths Fund; thus, bringing the endowment fund to \$20,000 in 2020.

CARRIED unanimously

- Refer to the attachment.
 - So far, the fund has been able to collect some interest, however it has been very small, and therefore the bursaries have been small.
 - This was already looked into in spring but was postponed due to the Covid-19.
 - It was asked if there are going to be any additional bursaries from that line item that may require changing the budget.
 - It was explained that depending on how the things progress with the Covid-19, and students needing further assistance, it may be necessary to expand the fund in order to support students.
- It was pointed out that the goal has been to make the fund \$20,000 so that the interest would be \$500 which would used as the bursary.
 - The amount will stabilize at \$20,000 but can rise in the future.
- It was explained that the SFSS supporting the fund is in line with the mandate to support the LGBTQ students.

9.3 Townhall – MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:07

Balqees/Matthew

Whereas SFU's virtual Student Town Hall on the university's COVID-19 response was unclear and heavily restrictive in student participation,

Whereas students and workers across campus want information, transparency, and structural support from SFU amidst this pandemic,

Be it resolved that SFSS work with the COVID-19 Coalition and other partners who endorsed the campaign such as the GSS, TSSU and SFPIRG to organize a town hall for students to raise their concerns.

CARRIED unanimously

- It was pointed out that at the virtual townhall organised by the SFU, students were not given any chance to raise concerns or ask questions.
 - There was a lack of live participate at this townhall.
- It was brought out that many students were disappointed by the vague answers that were given and there were no specific plans to address concerns like academic support or financial relief for international students.
- It was emphasised that it is important that the SFSS gives students the opportunity to voice their concerns.
 - It was suggested that the SFSS organizes its own townhall and shows the students that the SFSS is still operating.
- The Board members agreed that the townhall is a good idea to stay in contact with the students and reach out to students and hear their feedback.

- It was decided to task the organisation of the townhall to the UAA committee.

10. IN-CAMERA

10.1 MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:09

Corbett/WeiChun

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

CARRIED unanimously

10.2 SUB Commercial Leases

11. EX-CAMERA

11.1 MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:10

Corbett/Harry

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED unanimously

12. DISCUSSION

12.1 Clubs/Member Resource Working Group

- There were discussions with the General Manager and the Communications Coordinator about documents that the Society has compiled about clubs and funding.
 - Going forward, the plan is to compile resources that are more accessible to students, because students need better guidelines to make sure that the events are going smoothly.
- There is a suggestion to form a working group that could work on policies and resources.
- There was a question about how these resources and guidelines would be different from what is currently on the canvas course.
 - The canvas course is outdated.
 - There are plenty of resources out there and lots of different information and the aim is to make sure the SFSS gets all the documents in the right place and that they are consistent.
 - The information on canvas will be updated.
- It was suggested to have a more centralized document, and to make all the resources public to the students.
 - It was pointed out that the Clubs Terms of References leaves a lot up for interpretation.
- The idea is to form a working group where Board members, clubs' coordinators, members services coordinators, clubs and student unions executives could work together.
- ED pointed out that it is necessary to look at a business plan of client relation management
 - So that all the documents, all the history and projects would be accessible.

12.2 COVID-19 Survey Report

- Refer to the attachment.
 - At the end of the last board year the Covid-19 survey was developed
 - 10% of membership answered the survey.
 - Some most important results were:
 - Finances:

- 1/3 of students at the end of last semester said that their financial situation affects their ability to enroll for courses in the summer semester.
- People were laid off from their jobs, and they were not able to get financial support from their families.
- Lots of students were not eligible to the financial support.
- 16% of students had more than \$500 travel expenses.
- 14% of students did not have access to reliable Internet.
- 1/3 of students had to pay to upgrade their Internet.
- Mental health
 - People are suffering and need support.
 - There is awareness of different support offered by the SFSS, but they are not well used, and this was brought out as something that needs to be addressed.
 - A lot of instructors were not compassionate towards students.
 - Almost 90% students felt the university should be more consulting when making big decisions.
- It was brought out that this report was given to the Joint Operation Group
 - The conversations did not amount to much and the recommendations were not taken into account.
 - Recommendations for the fall term were:
 - Decrease tuition for the fall term
 - Eliminate the 2% late tuition penalty fee
 - Asynchronous course delivery
- The report will be uploaded to social media.
 - It was suggested to create infographics and highlight key findings.
- It was brought out that 75% are aware of mental health services, but just under 10% of students use them.
 - The reason may be that students do not know what the services are doing.
 - It was suggested to make clear to students as to what these services actually provide.
 - It was also pointed out that the services might not be diverse enough and there may be the need for more equitable services.
 - Also, some students may come from places where mental health is not promoted.
- It was pointed out that a lot of the SFSS' concerns were not taken well or given extra thought by the SFU.
 - There is a sentiment that the quality of education has not decreased, it has just moved to a different platform.
 - This is one of the reasons why the SFU do not want to decrease tuition.
- It was brought out that many students feel that the education quality had decreased.
- It was suggested to make it known to the students what the SFSS is doing in regard with the academic advocacy and student activity fees.
 - The info that was gathered with the survey, can be made into campaign points.
- It was decided that the discussion will continue in the UAA committee.

12.3 BIPOC Committee

- It was pointed out that so far there has not been any working group or committee that is designated to support racialized people and their initiatives on campus.

- BIPOC – Black and Indigenous Peoples of Colour
- This would be the opportunity for the SFSS recognize the work that has been done on behalf of the BIPOC community at the SFU and work together on initiatives building community between the SFSS and BIPOC.
- There are students' groups like FNSA and SOCA, but there is a disconnect how these groups are properly supported.
- These communities on campus have positive influence on life and studies.
- Indigenous and racialized people on campus face systemic barriers specially in terms of education.
 - Also, in terms of Covid-19 they are impacted the most.
- This committee would help to support initiatives and guide the work of the Board and the SFSS to properly support the BIPOC communities.
- It was pointed out that lived experiences are often overlooked and not taken into account.
 - This committee would close these gaps.
 - This committee would prioritize the voices that have previously been missing in the discussions and decisions that have been made.
- There was a question if this is going to be an advisory committee or if the committee is also going to do advocacy work.
 - The aim of the committee would be to support initiatives and those who face barriers on campus.
- It was brought out that there is a lot of room to bring in lived experience to the SFSS and the Board members express a strong support for creation of this committee.
- This will be brought to the Governance committee next and then brought back to the Board table.

13. GUEST 30 MIN Q&A

- There was a question about how the SFSS is making sure that the townhall is accessible to all students.
 - There will be an opportunity to submit questions ahead of time and there will be live participation.
 - The recordings will be there for students from different time zones.
 - If students need AEL interpretation, the funding requests can be passed on the AAC.
 - The students will be consulted, and the input of other groups will be taken into consideration.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bylaw review – June 12th or 15th
 - Most people preferred the morning of June 12th before the Board meeting.

15. ATTACHMENTS

- First Year Engagement Committee Terms of Reference Proposal – Revised For Board Approval.pdf
- IEC Report 2020.pdf
- COVID-19 Survey Report.pdf
- 2020-03-18 BN - Living Personal Truth Award Fund.pdf
- 2015 Policy Manual – Original.pdf

- 2015 Policy Manual - Direct Edits.pdf
- 2015 Policy Manual - Draft Version.pdf
- BN Board Policies & Governance Restructuring.pdf

16. ADJOURNMENT

16.1 MOTION BOD 2020-05-29:11

Matthew/Sude

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 PM.

CARRIED unanimously

simon fraser student society

FIRST YEAR ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Proposed Terms of Reference by Gabe Liosis, Balqees Jama, and Sude Guvendik

Name and Type

Name: First Year Engagement Committee

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

Purpose

This purpose of this committee is to make and report on the development of recommendations to the Board regarding all aspects of the undergraduate experience of first year students.

- 'First Year' is defined as a student in their first or second semester at the University.

Membership

- Voting Members
 - President (ex-officio)
 - 1 board member (Chair)
 - at least 2 and up to 4 Board members in addition to the Chair
 - up to 1 councillor on the recommendation of Council (first year preferred)
 - up to 6 first year at-large members

Selection

The selection of Student At-Large members for this Committee will be prioritized to First Year students at the University.

Deliverables

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

- engagement initiatives and results,
- community building events for first year students, and
- first year advocacy

Governance

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

Commented [GL1]: As per the discussion at Governance Committee. The Committee shall not receive a budget, and instead make recommendations to the Board (and maybe Events Committee) on events or any other initiatives that require spending.

Commented [GL2]: In line with current policies, will stay at 6 members due to the Committee's advisory role. This is to ensure that the committee is operating in the best interest of first years by centralizing their experiences. To do so, it is appropriate to have a larger ratio of first years than Board members.

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 or electronically as required and at the call of the Chair.

Commented [GL3]: Added, as per the motion to amend the other Committee TORs at the last Board meeting.

The committee shall report on its progress at Board meetings.

The committee shall set a meeting calendar for the duration of the academic the first meeting of the term.

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:

- GP-6: Board Committee Principles
- GP-7: Board Committee Structure

This report is intended to meet the requirements as contained in the SFSS Bylaws for a final report on any election or referendum held by the SFSS.

Elections and Referenda Report

General Elections and Referenda— 2020

Simon Fraser Student Society

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student society

THE 2020 INDEPENDANT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Commissioners:

Harshil Bhimani

Riddhi Shah

Simone Tardif

Chief Commissioner:

Alicen Lange

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TIMELINE

<i>Electoral Period</i>	Start Date	End Date
<i>Notice of Election Period</i>	February 3rd, 2020	February 16th, 2020
<i>Nomination Period</i>	February 17th, 2020	March 1st, 2020
<i>Campaign Period</i>	March 2nd, 2020	March 16th, 2020
<i>Voting Period</i>	March 17th, 2020	March 19th, 2020
<i>Post-Election Period</i>	March 20th, 2020	April 19th, 2020

CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Christina Loutsik</i>	537	n/a	
<i>Osob Mohamed</i>	956	n/a	X
<i>Miguel Resendiz</i>	309	n/a	

VICE-PRESIDENT STUDENT SERVICES

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Prince Cheema</i>	690	n/a	
<i>Matthew Provost</i>	993	n/a	X

VICE-PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Gabe Liosis</i>	706	n/a	X
<i>Julian Loutsik</i>	456	n/a	
<i>Rubab Singh</i>	566	n/a	

VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Joben Bassi</i>	341	n/a	
<i>Corbett Gildersleve</i>	787	n/a	X
<i>Sabil Nathani</i>	251	n/a	
<i>Lara Radwan</i>	343	n/a	

VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL RELATIONS

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Samad Raza</i>	858	n/a	X
<i>Simran Uppal</i>	765	n/a	

VICE-PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Jennifer (Meme Queen) Chou</i>	984	n/a	X
<i>Rachel Dee</i>	424	n/a	
<i>Saqib Madhany</i>	309	n/a	
<i>Jonathan Perl Gort</i>	81	n/a	

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – APPLIED SCIENCES

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Kia Mirsalebi</i>	68	n/a	
<i>Harry Preet Singh</i>	136	n/a	X

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Inderpreet Gakhal</i>	79	n/a	
<i>Sude Gwendik</i>	273	n/a	X

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – BUSINESS

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Sanaa Cassum</i>	79	n/a	
<i>Mehtaab Gill</i>	237	n/a	X
<i>Pariya Zabibi</i>	74	n/a	

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – COMMUNICATION, ART, AND TECHNOLOGY

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Aman Ahmad</i>	74	n/a	
<i>Haider Masood</i>	91	n/a	X

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – EDUCATION

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Tagwa Ali</i>	46	n/a	
<i>Emerly Liu</i>	50	n/a	X

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – ENVIRONMENT

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Anuki Karunajeewa</i>	90	15	X

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – HEALTH SCIENCES

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Daria Elrick</i>	27	n/a	
<i>Roopan Garcha</i>	68	n/a	

<i>Nafoni Modi</i>	70	n/a	X
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FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE – SCIENCE

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Pooria Arab</i>	43	n/a	
<i>WeiChun Kua</i>	127	n/a	X
<i>Boris Perdiya</i>	104	n/a	
<i>Arvi Vashisht</i>	25	n/a	

AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE

<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Votes in Favour</i> <i>(‘Yes’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Votes Against</i> <i>(‘No’ votes if uncontested)</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>Faiq Bhandari</i>	258	n/a	
<i>Balqees Jama</i>	695	n/a	X
<i>Arnaz Lalani</i>	234	n/a	
<i>Phum Luckkid</i>	708	n/a	X
<i>Harleen Sebra</i>	193	n/a	
<i>Geetanjli Sharma</i>	409	n/a	
<i>Harman Shergill</i>	328	n/a	

REFERENDUM RESULTS

WUSC FEE INCREASE

<p>Question</p>	<p>BACKGROUND:</p> <p>World University Services Canada SFU (WUSC SFU) is a student-led club to support education for refugee youth whose goals are to increase awareness about forced migration and the impact of education on the lives of those affected among youth refugee students and supports re-settling the refugee students that SFU students sponsor through a partnership with WUSC Canada.</p> <p>The program gives displaced students between the ages of 18 – 25 yrs the opportunity to complete their education in Canada. Refugee students are sponsored (books, tuition, and some living costs) by from over 90 universities across Canada. The financial support comes from students levy once per term across all participant Canadian universities/colleges. The total number of students sponsored from 1981 to 2019 is 71 students.</p> <p>At SFU, undergraduate students currently contribute \$2.50 per semester except undergraduate students taking 3 credits or fewer who currently contribute \$1.25 per semester. SFU WUSC needs additional revenue to be sustained and to continue supporting refugee youth, and without there being an increase WUSC SFU would not be able to continue sponsoring refugee students at SFU.</p> <p>QUESTION:</p> <p>Are you in favour of increasing the student levy for the SFU WUSC – World University Services Canada to \$5.00 per semester for students, except students taking 3 credits or fewer who would contribute \$2.50 per semester, adjusted annually for inflation according to the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI)?</p> <p>Yes/No</p>
<p>Votes in Favour</p>	<p>1245</p>
<p>Votes Against</p>	<p>765</p>
<p>Threshold for Passing</p>	<p>50%</p>
<p>Results <i>Pass/Fail</i></p>	<p>Pass</p>

SFPIRG FEE INCREASE

<p>Question</p>	<p>BACKGROUND:</p> <p>The Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG) is an independent student society at SFU that engages students in social and environmental justice, through education, action, research, and community-building. Established in 1981, SFPIRG provides a wide range of programming, resources, services, and volunteer and employment opportunities to students.</p> <p>Visit www.sfpirg.ca to learn more about SFPIRG.</p> <p>All SFU students are members of SFPIRG, and contribute a member fee every semester as part of their Activity Fee. All SFU students currently contribute \$3 per semester, except students taking 3 credits or fewer who currently contribute \$1.50 per semester. This member fee was last set by referendum in 1994. The inflation rate in BC from 1994 to 2019 was 45.03%, meaning that something that cost \$3 in 1994 would now cost \$4.35 significantly impacting SFPIRG’s operating budget.</p> <p>SFPIRG needs additional revenue to maintain current levels of programming and services, to expand and enhance the organization’s scope and capacity, and to adjust for the inflation that has occurred over the last 25+ years. Without there being an increase, SFPIRG would not be able to continue operating at current levels, nor continue growing and developing new programs, services and opportunities for students.</p> <p>RESOLUTION:</p> <p>Be it resolved to increase the student levy for SFPIRG to \$5.50 per semester for students, except students taking 3 credits or fewer who would contribute \$2.75 per semester, adjusted annually for inflation according to the Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI).</p> <p>Yes/No</p>
<p>Votes in Favour</p>	<p>911</p>
<p>Votes Against</p>	<p>1004</p>
<p>Threshold for Passing</p>	<p>50%</p>
<p>Results <i>Pass/Fail</i></p>	<p>Fail</p>

KEY ISSUES

In this section I will address a few of the main issues that arose during this election.

ISSUE 1: POSTER VANDALISM

There was a big issue with candidate posters being torn up, removed, or displaced. There are no by-laws or policies currently addressing this issue. The IEC is in a difficult position when it comes to these complaints because there is almost never any evidence of who tore the posters down. The IEC can not and should not be expected to stand guard of posters to ensure they are not being vandalized. The IEC cannot issue any disciplinary action without proper evidence. Due to a lack of by-laws and policies relating to this issue, the IEC had very little options on how to resolve this problem. I have addressed the issue in the recommendations.

ISSUE 2: SLATING

This year the IEC drafted a regulation that prohibited slates. This regulation was drafted in an attempt to reduce conflict and to limit unfair advantages. This regulation caused a number of issues throughout the election. First, 'slating' is not defined in the by-laws or policies. Slating refers to campaigning as a group. 'Campaigning' is not defined in the by-laws or policies. This caused problems when trying to label certain behaviour as "slating" or not. Moreover, there were issues brought forward as to what behaviour constitutes slating and what behaviour constitutes endorsement of another candidate. For example, where do we draw the line between supporting another candidate and campaigning with another candidate? There is a lot of grey area surrounding this issue of slating and the regulations did not adequately address each possible issue, leaving a number of "loop holes". The issue of slating must be addressed for future elections. I recommend that slating be addressed and defined in either the SFSS by-laws or policies in the future.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

This year, the IEC conducted an investigation directly following the end of the voting period. During the final day of the voting period, the IEC received a number of similar complaints in regards to the alleged existence of a candidate-created “voter bank”. There were also accusations of slating. The IEC conducted a thorough investigation over a week’s time. During this investigation we interviewed every candidate who was alleged to be involved, we examined all of the available evidence, and we sought aid from legal counsel in order to better interpret and apply the governing documents. Based on the available evidence and the findings of the interviews, the IEC unanimously agreed that there were no direct violations of any SFSS by-laws, policies, or regulations by the accused candidates. This investigation has inspired many policy recommendations to avoid similar conflicts in the future and to ensure a fair election process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THE IEC

RECOMMENDATION 1 – HIRE ICE EARLIER

Issue	The IEC chief and one commissioner were hired in the second week of February. Two more commissioners were hired in the beginning of March. This late hiring does not leave enough time for the newly appointed commissioners and chief to plan all the necessary election related events, outreach opportunities, and elections regulations.
Recommendatio	As IEC commissioners do not typically have previous experience with the SFSS or with election management, it is best to give them as much time as possible to adjust and familiarize themselves with the rules and processes prior to the election. I recommend that the society begin the hiring process in December. This will give the IEC the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the relevant governing documents and procedures. This will also allow time to properly write the IEC regulations, plan outreach initiatives, and schedule office hours before the campaign period begins.

THE BY-LAWS AND POLICIES

RECOMMENDATION 2- POLICY & BY-LAW UPDATE

Issue	The current by-laws and policies that govern the SFSS elections are quite vague and out of date. The current rules are not comprehensive and leave a lot of grey area and loop holes which makes it very difficult for the IEC to keep the elections fair.
Recommendation	I recommend that the society updates the by-laws and policies. This is the recommendation that I believe is the most important to allow for fair elections in the future. The new by-laws and policies should include provisions regulating: campaigning via social media, campaigning via social media during the voting period, the use of mailing lists, the use of faculty and society lists for the purpose of campaigning, etc. I will list specific recommendations in the remainder of this report.

RECOMMENDATION 3 – BY-LAW AND POLICY DEFINITIONS

Issue	There are very few definitions in the available governing documents. This creates a number of problems when the IEC is required to interpret and apply by-laws and policies throughout the election.
Recommendation	I recommend that new definitions are written into the SFSS Elections and Referenda Policies for the following terms: ‘campaigning’, ‘campaign’, ‘campaign manager’, ‘campaign volunteer’, ‘defamatory material’. This will help the IEC to properly apply and enforce the elections rules and will also allow candidates to clearly understand and abide by the elections rules.

RECOMMENDATION 4 – SLATES

Issue	In previous years, slating has been allowed during the SFSS elections. In 2019 and 2020, regulations were made that prevent slating. Slating creates conflict and offers certain candidates an unfair advantage. There are currently no by-laws or policies that address slating.
Recommendation	I recommend that the Society create a provision, either in the by-laws or policies, that addresses the slating. Since slating greatly affects the dynamic of an election, I believe it should be officially disallowed by the official governing documents. Prohibiting slating in the IEC regulations for that election year only creates conflict because a) candidates will not know whether or not slating is allowed until a week or two before the campaign period, b) candidates do not respect the authority of the IEC to draft these regulations, and c) the IEC are not equipped to draft regulations like this that require extreme clarity and depth to avoid “gray areas” and “loopholes” in the regulations.

RECOMMENDATION 5 – INVOLVEMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS IN CAMPAIGNING

Issue	There was an issue in this year’s election of current board members acting as campaign managers for candidates. This created a lot of conflict. Board members can use their power and standing in the SFSS to influence the election.
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<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>I recommend that a by-law or policy is created to prohibit current board members from acting as campaign managers for other candidates. Though the by-laws allow any student to campaign on behalf of candidates, I think this rule should be modified to limit the participation of current board members in campaigning. This will keep the elections fair by limiting the influence of current board members on the election results.</p>
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RECOMMENDATION 6- UPDATE INFRACTION SCHEDULE

<p>Issue</p>	<p>The current infraction schedule as laid out in the policies is ineffective and lacks any guidance. There are three steps: warning, fine, disqualification. Since fines are basically useless as candidates cannot be required to pay them, that leaves the IEC only the option of a warning or a disqualification. Moreover, the infraction schedule set out in the policies does not guide the IEC as to what constitutes a minor or a major infraction. This gives too much responsibility to the IEC to administer disciplinary action freely with no guidelines .</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>I recommend that the society sets out a new infraction schedule. I recommend that the society replace the option of “fines” with another form of discipline or that they create a system that requires candidates to pay their fines. This infraction schedule should clearly outline what constitutes a minor offence and what constitutes a major offence, dependant on which period of the election it occurs in.</p>

EVENTS

RECOMMENDATION 7- HOST TWO DEBATES

<p>Issue</p>	<p>There were 48 candidates this year. It is difficult to realistically fit that many candidates into one debate timeline while still allowing each candidate a reasonable amount of time to speak.</p>
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<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>I recommend that the Society host two debates. One debate can be for the faculty and at-large representatives and the other can be for the all of executive positions. This will allow each candidate adequate time to speak about their platform and will allow students to attend whichever debate they would like without the pressure of having to stay for 3+ hours.</p>
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RECOMMENDATION 8- HOST MORE CANDIDATE ORIENTATIONS

<p>Issue</p>	<p>There were 48 candidates this year. There were only two candidate orientation meetings this year. Many people were unable to attend the meetings due to scheduling conflicts. The chief had to spend hours communicating with candidates to coordinate alternative meeting times. This wasted a lot of time an energy.</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>I recommend that the society hosts at least three candidate orientation meetings during the nomination period. This will provide candidates with more options of times to attend and will increase the probability that every candidate will be able to attend a scheduled meeting.</p>

Final Thoughts

Having no prior experience with the SFSS elections, I came into the position of IEC Chief Commissioner with fresh eyes. I soon became aware of the excessive loopholes and grey areas that exist in the current governing documents. Myself and the rest of the IEC did our best to ensure a fair election based on the current documents to guide our decisions. The IEC is also governed by the same by-laws and policies as are candidates. For this reason, their authority and the decisions they make are limited to the written by-laws and policies. The current governing documents are vague and outdated. I strongly encourage the Society to make efforts towards editing and adapting these documents based on the recommendations provided in this report. The IEC is placed in a position where they are given immense responsibility with little guidance and little support (due to the independent nature of the commission). In order to move forward with fair and clean elections, it is imperative that the governing documents are improved to address recurring issues. This will allow the IEC to properly analyze and apply the by-laws and policies as needed, without having to struggle to draft their own regulations to fill in the blanks. I hope that the issues raised in this report are reviewed and taken into consideration to improve the electoral process for future years.

Alicen Lange

IEC Chief Commissioner

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC & THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE



**SFSS RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT
STUDENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

Introduction

The Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) is a student-led non-profit organisation that represents and advocates for over 25,000 undergraduate students across the three campuses of Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Burnaby, Vancouver and Surrey, British Columbia. Our mission is to support students in reaching their full potential by providing resources that represent, connect and benefit our membership. The SFSS works to ensure the financial health, wellbeing, and engagement of our members.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges to the entire world. Post-secondary students have been hit particularly hard by this crisis. From February to March 2020, the number of post-secondary students in the workforce, aged 15-29, decreased by 28%¹. Post-secondary students have had to quickly adapt to changing circumstances, and are worried about the effect of the pandemic on their ability to continue their studies, find and maintain stable summer employment, afford expenses such as rent and food, and pay tuition in the fall. Students nearing graduation may face difficulty in finding employment in their field of study, reducing the value of their education over the long term.

The SFSS applauds SFU's efforts to mitigate negative impacts of COVID-19 on students through the provision of new resources, services and accommodations, including:

1. Prioritizing student safety by cancelling in-person classes and events,
2. Offering COVID-19 support through new Health and Counselling Services programs,
3. Emergency bursaries from SFU Financial Aid and Awards like:
 - a. The General Emergency Assistance Program that was available until April 30,
 - b. The Emergency Technology Assistance Program to help students purchase technology that will support their move to remote work,
 - c. The Aboriginal Emergency Assistance Program to support Indigenous students,
4. Offering Pass/Fail options for courses until at least May 30, 2020 (with no Fail grades counting towards the Spring 2020 GPA),
5. Piloting an alternative course materials delivery program through VitalSource to help save students money on course materials,
6. Temporarily suspending fines and fees associated with overdue library resources, and
7. Providing a summer semester tuition deadline extension.

In April 2020, the SFSS administered a survey (the "Survey") to all undergraduate students at SFU and received 2,474 responses. This survey asked a series of questions to better understand how the SFSS can support and advocate for students during this time. The results of the student survey indicate that despite the accommodations that have been offered, there is more to be done at SFU to support students and ensure their academic, professional and personal success and wellbeing. Nearly **9 out of 10 students** reported that they would like to be consulted with on major decisions made during the pandemic.

The following report will summarise the results of the survey and present recommendations to SFU to ensure the continued success of SFU undergraduate students and recent graduates.

¹ Department of Finance Canada, "Support for Students and Recent Graduates Impacted by COVID-19," *Government of Canada*, April 22, 2020, <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html>

Background

The federal and provincial governments have made many policy decisions to assist Canadians and British Columbians who are under serious financial stress due to COVID-19, including students. Post-secondary institutions across the country have made the swift but difficult decision to move classes online, with many professors having to learn a completely new way of teaching. The stress of these changes and many others associated with the pandemic has caused increased levels of anxiety and depression in many Canadians². The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted students financially, academically, and mentally. The following sections will explore these impacts on SFU undergraduate students.

Financial Relief

The COVID-19 pandemic will have long-term financial implications. Projections from Deloitte forecast a 4 to 5% contraction of the Canadian economy in 2020, leading to a recession³. During the last recession beginning in 2008, many recent university graduates struggled to find work in their field of study, leading to lasting consequences such as under- or unemployment. Chronic unemployment or underemployment may cause specialized skills gained in university to fade, increasing the chance of wage losses in the long term⁴.

Among students aged 15-24, unemployment in Canada has reached 32%⁵. To help ease this burden, domestic students can now receive the Canadian Emergency Student Benefit, providing them up to \$1,250 per month, and \$2,000 for students with disabilities or dependents. International students are not eligible for this funding, and despite the introduction of the benefit, many students are still experiencing hardships. At SFU, 35.7% of undergraduates reported that their current financial position is preventing them from enrolling in summer semester classes. Delaying enrolment could result in students graduating later with more debt.

According to the Survey, 16.2% of SFU undergraduates have incurred travel expenses of \$500 or greater due to COVID-19; with 4.5% students completing their studies outside of the province or country as of April 2020. International students that have had to move back home for financial reasons are struggling to attend live classes that may occur in the middle of the night for them, and some are at risk of losing their student visa. Moreover, 32.4% of students have incurred additional costs to upgrade their study space to support remote learning, with 12.9% of those students having costs over \$200. Not all students have proper ergonomic supports such as an adjustable chair (49.6%), separate monitor (26.4%), mouse (47.4%), and separate keyboard (28.2%). Just over 20% of students have also incurred additional costs associated with upgrading their internet to support remote learning.

Students graduating
in a recession face...

Chronic 
unemployment and
underemployment

Fewer job
opportunities to
apply skills
gained in post-
secondary
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Lower wage
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² Dickie, J., "CMHA Offers Tips to Support Mental Health Amid Concerns of COVID-19 Pandemic," CMHA Ontario, March 13, 2020, <https://ontario.cmha.ca/news/cmha-offers-tips-to-support-mental-health-amid-concerns-of-covid-19-pandemic/>.

³ Alexander, C. "Pandemic and Oil Shock Trigger Deep Recession," *Deloitte Insights*, April 15, 2020, <https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/insights/economy/americas/canada-economic-outlook.html>

⁴ Agopsowicz, A., "The Recession Roadblock: The Long-term Career Consequences of Graduating into a Downturn," *Economics*, RBC Thought Leadership, November 12, 2019, <https://thoughtleadership.rbc.com/the-recession-roadblock-the-long-term-career-consequences-of-graduating-into-a-downturn/>

⁵ Statistics Canada, "COVID-19 and the Labour Market in April 2020," Ottawa, ON: Statistics Canada, May 8, 2020.

Academic Accommodations

An Australian study found that while university test results may be similar for online and in-person classes, students prefer to have discussions and are more engaged in their studies through face-to-face learning compared to remote learning⁶. Furthermore, remote learning requires more self-discipline and self-guidance, and research shows that scholarly instruction with minimal guidance is less effective than teaching with strong guidance, even for students with considerable prior knowledge⁷. Remote learning can also disadvantage students with learning disabilities. For example, online-based courses often require more reading than in-person courses, which can be more difficult for those with reading-based disabilities⁸. While these challenges alone can deter some students from remote learning, having to complete online courses in an environment where a large proportion of the population is staying home can be even more challenging.

While 84.0% of Survey respondents reported to have a work/study space at home, many commented that their space was shared with other family members or housemates and only 35.5% reported having a space free from excessive noise and other distractions, with the living situation of 30.8% of students impairing their ability to attend live classes or write live exams. Students noted that they preferred to study on campus where it was easier to focus and more comfortable. Some students must deal with unreliable internet connections (14.4%) and inadequate lighting (24.3%), while only 54.4% of students reported having the necessary software to complete their courses.

In terms of course delivery, although 23.6% of Survey respondents reported that their course workload remained the same since moving to remote learning, 47.9% reported it had increased. As for the fairness of grading in this new course delivery model, 71.2% of students responded that they believed their instructors had changed the weighting of their grades in a way that was very fair or somewhat fair. Concerningly, 12.9% of Survey respondents indicated they had received requests from instructors that made them feel unsafe, uncomfortable, or in violation of their rights as a student since moving to remote classes. Comments about this question revealed that the requirement to have webcams on during exams was viewed as a violation of privacy by students.

The Survey revealed that 43.6% of students did not feel well-equipped to finish the semester, and 6.5% had withdrawn from classes. As SFU prepares for two more semesters of remote learning, these concerns should be taken into consideration.



35.5% of students have a study space free from noise/distractions



54.4% of students have the necessary software to complete their studies



47.9% of students experience a heavier workload with remote learning



12.9% of students report feeling unsafe, uncomfortable, or violated by an instructor's request

⁶ Kemp, N., & Grieve, R., "Face-to-Face or Face-to-Screen? Undergraduates' Opinions and Test Performance in Classroom vs. Online Learning," *Frontiers in Psychology*, 5, no. 1278. 2014, doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2014.01278

⁷ Kirschner, P.A., Sweller, J. & Clark, R.E., "Why Minimal Guidance During Instruction Does Not Work: An Analysis of the Failure of Constructivist, Discovery, Problem-Based, Experiential, and Inquiry-Based Teaching," *Educational Psychologist* 41, no. 2, (2006): 75-86. doi: 10.1207/s15326985ep4102_1

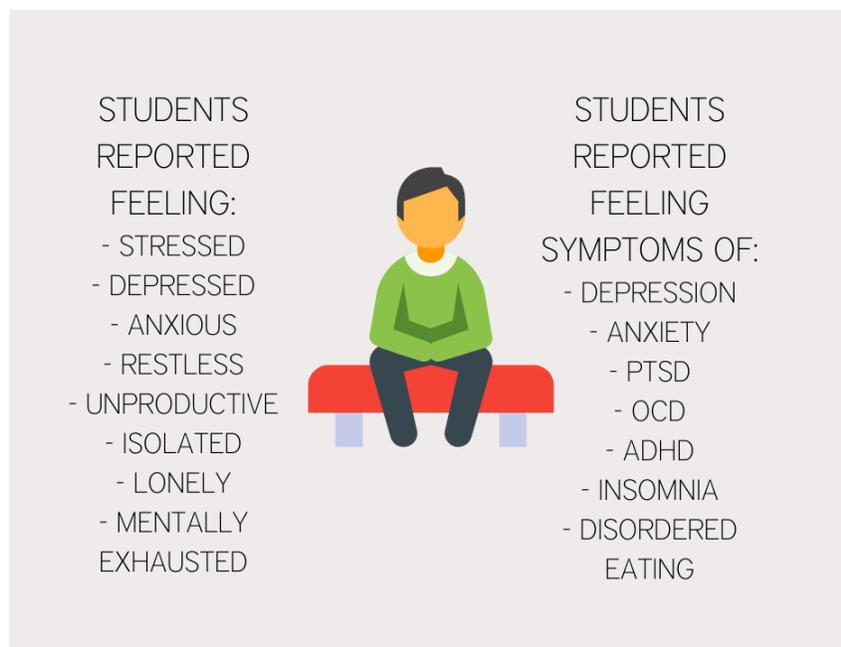
⁸ Case, D.E., & Davidson, R.C., "Accessible Online Learning," *New Directions for Student Services* 134, (2011): 47-58. doi: 10.1002/ss.394

Mental Health Support

The financial and academic challenges students face because of the COVID-19 pandemic further compound the existing mental health challenges they face coping with a pandemic and more social isolation than most Canadians have ever known. Social isolation is linked with many adverse health effects, including mental illnesses such as depression⁹. Experts have noted that we are still in the active trauma phase of the pandemic, but residual stress, financial pressure, and learning how to re-engage with the world will lead to more severe mental health impacts once social distancing measures lift, especially for those already suffering from mental health issues¹⁰.

While SFU has provided mental health and wellness resources for students during the pandemic, including those jointly provided with the SFSS like My SSP and through the Studentcare health benefits, students are still struggling. In the Survey, 48.9% of respondents reported that they are experiencing mental health issues due to COVID-19, with many commenting that they were already experiencing mental health challenges that have worsened over the last two months. Students that had recovered from or were previously managing mental health illnesses such as anxiety, depression, obsessive compulsive disorder and eating disorders are now finding themselves in precarious positions. Furthermore, 17.6% of students reported that instructors have conducted themselves in a way that is not considerate of student health and wellbeing.

While 75.4% of students are aware of the mental health resources available to them through the SFSS and SFU, just under 10% of these students have accessed these services. Survey comments indicate that students are not fully aware of what these services offer. Some students even revealed that they experienced delays and/or inadequate service from My SSP. Others commented that no matter the mental health and wellness services offered by SFU, without fundamental changes to the grading system and student success support from instructors, the pressure of post-secondary education will negatively impact mental health and wellbeing.



⁹ Novotney, A., "The Risks of Social Isolation," *Monitor on Psychology* 50, no. 5, (2019): 32, <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2019/05/ce-corner-isolation>

¹⁰ Connolly, A., "Mental Health Effects of The Coronavirus Pandemic Will Be 'Severe,' Expert Warns," *Global News*, last modified May 10, 2020, <https://globalnews.ca/news/6922614/coronavirus-mental-health-impacts/>

Recommendations

The following recommendations are organised by theme: financial relief, academic accommodations, and mental health support. The SFSS encourages SFU to gather further feedback on the options presented before making any major decisions.

The SFSS is asking SFU for the following:

1. Further financial relief for students, including:
 - a. suspending late enrolment penalties, and other fees and fines,
 - b. decreasing tuition fees to reflect the change in educational quality,
 - c. freezing tuition costs in the coming year for both domestic and international students, and
 - d. extending the General Emergency Assistance Program into the summer semester.
2. More academic accommodations, including:
 - a. requiring asynchronous course delivery for courses, recognizing the challenge of working from home,
 - b. prohibiting the use of invigilation software, room scans, and other practices that violate students' privacy,
 - c. providing greater academic accommodations for students with disabilities (including mental health disabilities), and
 - d. extending pass/fail grading options through the summer semester.
3. Improved mental health support, including:
 - a. increasing promotion and sharing of the mental health resources available to students,
 - b. encouraging course instructors to be accommodating, compassionate and lenient with students, and
 - c. improving the process for checking in with and responding to students who may be in distress.

Conclusion

Students are currently facing many challenges, including negative financial, academic and mental health impacts. Many are appreciative to have been given a platform to share their thoughts. According to the Survey, 89.3% of SFU undergraduate students believe that SFU should consult more with students before making big decisions on topics such as grading options and instructor requirements. However, there were many positive comments in the survey commending the work that SFU and the SFSS has done to support students, including specific professors that have made the transition to remote learning during the pandemic easier. We must all work together to improve the lives of students during this unprecedented time.

Please contact the SFSS President, Osob Mohamed, at president@sfss.ca with any questions or concerns about this report or the survey mentioned in this report.



Briefing note: Living Personal Truth Award

Presented by: Sylvia Ceacero, E.D.

To: SFSS Board of Directors

Meeting date: March 18th 2020

Background:

The Living Personal Truths Award Fund was established in 2004.

There are 2 components to the Fund: an annual award and an endowment (definition below).

Award:

The goal of the award is to promote greater understanding of sexual orientation and gender diversity issues within the SFU larger community.

The award provides \$400 annually [2014-2019] and other amounts earlier than 2014, to a student in any faculty who has demonstrated a significant contribution to reducing discrimination and / or increase awareness of sexual orientation and gender diversity. Applications must include a letter and resume from the student and a supporting letter from an individual who can attest to the accomplishment.

The current balance, at the time of writing, in the fund is \$6,725.

Endowment:

The SFSS has been contributing \$1,600 annually to the fund since 2014 (except in 2015).

The balance in the holding account is \$8,355 at the time of this writing. The intention was to have a total fund of \$20,000 from which a \$1,000 award could be given to a student annually.

The fund has received funds from other donors.

On March 2, I met with Karolin Koing, Manager, Donor Relations and Nicole Tellis, Development Coordinator, Annual Awards to discuss the potential of an enhanced contribution to the Living Personal Truths Fund. Recognizing the importance of the award's subject matter as well as the continued support SFSS provides students of the LGBTQIAS+ community and the SFU community at large, I would like to recommend the following:

Motion:

Be it resolved to authorize the Executive Director to contribute \$11,645 from line item 898/31 – Bursary contribution, to the Living Personal Truths Fund; thus, bringing the endowment fund to \$20,000 in 2020.

Definition:

Endowment definition: “An endowment fund is an investment fund established by a foundation that makes consistent withdrawals from invested capital [pooled capital]. The capital in endowment funds, often used by universities, nonprofit organizations, churches and hospitals, is generally utilized for specific needs [such as awards / bursaries] or to further a company's operating process.”

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Board Policies (REVIEW of 2015 Policy Manual)

Board Policies, Rules and Standing Orders Definitions

1. "Board Policies" consists of the rules and standing orders of the Society as enacted by the Board.
2. "Rules" are authoritative statements or guides for conduct and action that outlines what the Society is what to do or not do in a specific situation.
3. "Standing Orders" are the rules that governs the authority of standing committees, adhoc committees, and working groups of the society. They describe who sits on what committee or working groups, the type of business and how meetings are called and conducted.

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Rules

R-1: Establishment and Revision of Society Policies

Society Policies

1. The Board of Directors has exclusive authority of the regulation of the Society as it relates to supervising and managing the internal affairs of the Society between meetings of the membership including Board policies, Issues Policies, Administrative Policies and any other such policy enacted by the Board. The Board of Directors does not have authority over Council policies.
2. ~~Society Policies are intended to establish the reciprocal responsibilities each part of the organization has to every other.~~
3. A motion to establish or amend a policy or shall be:
 - a. given two (2) weeks notice of motion,
 - b. posted on the SFSS website,
 - c. circulated to the Council email list, and
 - d. if necessary, referred brought to the Constitution and Governance Committee for a recommendation and report on:
 - i. its impact and effects, and
 - ii. its compatibility with the constitution, bylaws, and policies.
4. A policy shall only be adopted or amended by a:
 - a. 2/3^{rds} majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of the Board where that policy is a rule,
 - b. simple majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Board of Directors where that policy is a standing order, administrative policy, ~~or~~ issues policy, or any other policy of the Society, with the exception of Council Policies.

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5. Suspension of a policy shall be for a definite time period and purpose, to be specified in the motion to suspend, and shall require a 2/3^{rds} majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - a. ~~Any suspension of R-1 or any of its parts does not suspend its requirements as they apply to rules.~~ Any suspension of R-1 or any of its parts shall not suspend or impact any other Rule or Standing Order adopted by the Board.
6. All amendments, and additions to Board Policies shall be recorded under that rule, or standing order.
7. All suspensions of Board policies ie. Rules or Standing Orders shall be recorded in Appendix 2: Suspensions and Deletion History.
8. This rule applies to all policies of the society under the authority of the board.

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Council Policies

1. ~~Council policies regulate the conduct of Council business to ensure that it is conducted fairly and efficiently. They also regulate the relationship between Council and any advisory committees that are struck in accordance with bylaw 2.~~
2. The Council is an advisory body of the Society as established in the bylaws of the Society that shall serve as the primary medium for discussion of issues of importance to members of Council and shall advise the Board as necessary, and may strike advisory committees, establish their terms of reference, and appoint their members, at its discretion.
3. Council has the exclusive power to establish, revise, and repeal Council policies as it relates to Council business.
4. Council policies shall have the right to a section of the Society website to house all council policies and procedures and other relevant information to Council.
5. A motion to establish or amend a Council policy shall be:
 - a. given three (3) weeks notice of motion, and
 - b. referred to the constitution and Policy Review Committee for a recommendation and for a report on its impact and effects, and its compatibility with the constitution, bylaws, and policies.
6. A Council policy shall only be adopted or amended by a 2/3^{rds} majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Council.
7. Suspension of a Council policy shall be for a definite time period and purpose, to be specified in the motion to suspend, and shall require a 2/3^{rds} majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Council.
8. The Board of Directors shall respect and recognize the authority of any policies established by Council, as it relates to its powers as outlined in the Society By-laws, to effectively serve as an advisory body of the Board of Directors.

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Adopted: BOD 2002-07-15,
Amended: BOD 2015-01-07, BOD 2008-11-17,
BOD 2005-10-05.

R-2: Executive Officer Duties, Responsibilities, and Stipend Requirements

Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers

1. Executive officers shall attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee ~~called during the month.~~
2. Executive officers shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and Council ~~called during the month.~~
3. Executive Officers shall attend all General Meetings of the Society -.
4. Executive Officers are expected to chair at least one standing committee of the Society, and to actively participate in one other committee of the Society, other than the Executive Committee, or to which the Society nominates or appoints.
5. ~~Executive Officers shall be expected to work 30 hours of work per week on average on behalf of the society.~~
6. ~~Executive Officers shall report on the work done in their portfolios at weekly executive committee meetings~~
7. Executive Officers shall post and keep office hours ~~in-person or electronically.~~
8. Executive Officers shall provide a semesterly written report by the 30th day of the first month of the following semester, detailing work completed and projects undertaken for the benefit of the Society. Exit reports shall take the place of work reports for the Spring Semester.
9. ~~Executive Officers shall maintain and update the procedures manual for their respective positions.~~
10. ~~Notwithstanding the above, during the months of April, August, and December it is understood that the duties and responsibilities of Executive Officers may be reduced by a maximum of one-half (1/2) of the required hours (60 hours), and that this reduction in activity shall not affect stipend allocations.~~

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Stipend Eligibility

10. The eligibility of an executive officer for full stipend is determined by fulfilling each of the requirements contained in the above section, R-6: Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers.
11. ~~At the first meeting of each semester, executive officers must offer proof of registration or proof of payment of the student society fee to the Board of Directors in order to be considered a member in good standing.~~

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12. In the event of an illness, executive officers may be excused for a maximum of thirty (30) hours per one-year term of office.
- a. Officers elected on a temporary basis may be excused for a maximum of ten (10) hours per semester.
 - b. Excused hours in any pay period must be fulfilled within the subsequent month.
13. Directors must fulfill all the requirements of bylaw 6.I, return keys, and settle all their outstanding debts to the Society to be eligible to receive their final stipend.
14. Failure to submit an exit report within ten (10) business days following the end of their term will result in a \$150 deduction per week from the final stipend, unless extenuating circumstances exist.
- a. Executive officers who have been re-elected to a subsequent term on the Board of Directors will have all further stipends withheld until such time as an exit report has been submitted.

Stipends for Executive Officers

15. In recognition of the time Executive Officers volunteer the Society provides a stipend of \$1750.00 per month.

Amended: BOD 2013-07-18, BOD 2010-11-29,
 BOD 2009-10-19, BOD 2009-07-29,
 BOD 2009-04-22, BOD 2008-09-29,
 BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2004-05-01,
 BOD 2005-08-10

R-3: Faculty Representative and At-Large Board of Directors Duties, Responsibilities & Stipend Requirements

Duties and Responsibilities of Faculty Representative and At-Large Representatives

1. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors and Council called during the month.
2. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall attend all general meetings of the Society called during the month.
3. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives will be expected to assist with projects and campaigns and facilitate communications between the Society and its members.
4. Faculty representatives will be expected to participate in the work of the Society, including but not limited to:
 - a. informing students in their faculty of the Society's activities,
 - b. forwarding issues of importance from their faculty to the Board of Directors,
 - c. making efforts to attend departmental student union and faculty student union general meetings, and

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- d. reporting the activities of the Society to unions within their faculty as necessary or, if requested.
- 5. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall be members of and actively participate in at least two standing committees of the Society.
- 6. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall complete sixty (60) hours of work on behalf of the Society per month, and shall submit a monthly timesheet to the VP Finance confirming these hours.
- 7. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall post and keep office hours in-person or electronically.
- 8. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall provide a semesterly written report by the 30th day of the first month of the following semester, detailing work completed and projects undertaken for the benefit of the Society. Exit reports shall take the place of work reports for the month of Spring semester.
- 9. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall maintain and update the procedures manual for their respective positions.
- 10. Notwithstanding the above, during the months of April, August, and December, it is understood that the duties and responsibilities of Faculty representatives and at-large representatives may be reduced by a maximum of one-half (1/2) of the required hours (30 hours), and that this reduction in activity shall not affect stipend allocations.

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Stipend eligibility for Faculty Representative and At-Large Representatives

- 11. The eligibility of faculty representatives and at-large representatives for full stipend is determined by fulfilling each of the requirements of this policy.
- 12. At the first meeting of each semester, each faculty representative and at-large representatives must offer proof of registration or proof of payment of the Student Society fee to the Board of Directors in order to be considered a member in good standing.
- 13. In the event of illness, faculty representatives and at-large representatives may be excused by a maximum of fifteen (15) hours per one-year term of office.
- 14. Officers elected on a temporary basis may be excused for a maximum of five (5) hours per semester.
- 15. Excused hours in any pay period must be fulfilled within the subsequent month.

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Stipend for Faculty Representative and At-Large Representatives

- 16. In recognition of the time that faculty representatives and at-large representatives volunteer to the Society, each faculty representative and at-large representative shall receive a stipend of \$875 per month.
- 17. Notwithstanding the above, if Faculty representatives and at-large representatives work above and beyond the scope of their duties with the

prior permission of the Board of Directors, they may collect a stipend of \$1166 instead of \$875.

Amended: BOD 2013-07-19, BOD 2009-07-09
BOD 2009-04-22, BOD 2008-09-29
BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2005-08-10
BOD 2009-10-19, BOD 2004-05-01

R-4: Council Representatives Duties, Responsibilities, and Stipend Requirements

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Definition

1. "Council representative" shall refer to a department representative and a constituency group representative as defined in the bylaws.

Duties and Responsibilities of Council Representatives

2. Council Representatives are encouraged and expected to participate in the work of the Society, including but not limited to:
 - a. informing students in their departments of Society activities;
 - b. forwarding to the Board of Directors issues that are of concerns to the members of their department student union or constituency group;
 - c. assisting with projects and campaigns; and
 - d. facilitating communication between the Society and its members.
3. Council representatives shall:
 - a. post a reliable means by which students may contact them in their common rooms or departments, as well as at the general office of the Society;
 - b. provide a report of their activities at the request of the Board of Directors or their department student union or constituency group; and
 - c. attend all Council meetings, general meetings of the Society, and no less than 75% of the general membership meetings called by the department student union or constituency group called during the semester
4. Council representatives are strongly encouraged to be a member of the committees and working groups of the Society

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Stipend Eligibility for Department Council Representatives

5. Stipends are awarded on a per-meeting basis.
6. In recognition of the time Council Representatives volunteer the Society provides a stipend of \$35.00 per scheduled meeting attended from May 1, 2008.

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Amended: BOD 2008-06-23, BOD 2008-04-16
BOD 2005-12-07, BOD 2003-03-19

R-5: Society Affiliations

- ~~1. The Society cannot enter into a binding contract with an extra-university student association or federation from March 20th, 2009 to March 19th, 2014, as voted by referendum of the membership of the Simon Fraser Student Society.*~~
- ~~2. No meeting of the Board of Directors can vote to reinstate or acquire members in an extra-university student association or other similar body, from March 20th, 2009 until March 19th, 2014, as voted by referendum of the membership of the Simon Fraser Student Society.~~
- ~~3. The Simon Fraser Student Society will remain independent of any extra-university association or similar body from March 20th, 2009 until March 19th, 2014, as voted by referendum of the membership of the Simon Fraser Student Society.~~
- ~~4. As such, it is a violation of this policy for any Board of Directors member to collect signatures on a petition for a referendum concerning membership in an external national or provincial student organization.~~

R-6: Ethical Standards of Conduct for Members of Board of Directors and its Committees

1. Proper operation of a democratic student organization requires that students elected to the Board of Directors, or appointed by the Board of Directors to a Society or University committee, be duly responsible to the membership. To this end, it is imperative that:
 - a. Society decisions and policy be made through the proper channels of the Society's structure, and
 - b. elected and appointed positions not be used for personal gain.
2. Members of the Board of Directors and Society committees shall:
 - a. maintain the highest ideals of honour and integrity while serving on the Board of Directors or a committee,
 - b. avoid any situations that could cause any person to believe that they may have brought bias or partiality to a question before the Board of Directors or its committees,
 - c. avoid any situation that could impair their judgment in the performance of their elected duties while in office,
 - d. carry out their duties with impartiality and equity of service to students,
 - e. declare to the Board of Directors at the first opportunity their interests, or known interests of any close relatives, acquaintances, or business partners, in any enterprise which proposes to transact business with the Society,
 - i. leave the meeting during any discussion or vote on a subject where such an interest exists,
 - f. not use information designated confidential for the personal gain of ~~himself/herself/ziirself~~ ~~themselves~~ or any other person, and

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- g. not communicate information designated confidential to anyone not entitled to access that information.

Amended: BOD 2003-03-19

R-7: Society Records and Property

1. Any documents or materials received or obtained by members of the Board of Directors or its committees in the course of fulfilling their duties, shall be considered the property of the Society and must be returned to the Society upon vacating their position, including, but not limited to:
 - a. keys,
 - b. correspondence,
 - c. office supplies,
 - d. hardware,
 - e. software,
 - f. equipment received or obtained by the members of the Board of Directors or its committees in the course of fulfilling their duties.
2. Failure to return Society property shall be considered theft.
3. The means of access to the aforesaid materials shall also be considered the property of the Society.
 - a. Such means of access must be returned to the Society upon vacating a position on the Board.

Amended: BOD 2010-07-07, BOD 2003-03-19

R-8: Board of Directors Meetings

Duration

1. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be limited in duration to three hours, which shall be calculated from the time when quorum has been achieved.
2. Where necessary, the Board may extend a meeting past three hours on a majority vote of the Board at any particular meeting.

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Quorum

2. Once a meeting of the Board of Directors becomes quorate, that meeting shall be considered quorate until such time that a question of quorum is raised.
3. A question of quorum shall be treated as a point of order, as defined by Robert's Rules of Order.
4. All students who are members in good standing shall have full speaking privileges at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

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Speaking Privileges

5. All students who are members in good standing shall have speaking privileges at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

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6. All Society staff shall have speaking privileges at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
7. Board members shall always be given priority on the speaking list before a student guest or Society staff speaks at a Board meeting.

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Chair

5. The President shall be the Chair of the Board of Directors, and shall Chair all Board meetings unless otherwise voted on by the Board at a particular meeting, or for the duration of a semester.

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Vice Chair

6. The Board shall, by a simple majority vote, appoint a Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.
7. The Vice Chair shall convene and chair a Board meeting in the absence or at the discretion of the Chair of the Board.
8. The Vice Chair shall support the duties of the Chair, including but not limited:
 - a. Communicating with Committee Chairs and Committee Vice Chairs on behalf of the Chair.
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External Chair

9. The Board of Directors may, by simple majority vote, appoint a person to chair the Board of Director meetings from amongst its seated members, or it may appoint an external chair in a manner consistent with the bylaws.
10. An external chair shall receive a \$75 honorarium for each meeting that he/she/ze they chair.
11. The external chairperson shall continue to chair Board of Directors meetings during in camera sessions.
12. The external chairperson is bound by all rules governing in camera sessions.

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Agenda

9. The order and items of business for meetings of the Board of Directors are:
 - a. ~~Appointment of the Chair~~
 - b. ~~Adoption of the Agenda~~
 - e. ~~Guest Speaker~~
 - d. ~~Adoption of the Minutes~~
 - e. ~~Matters Arising from the Minutes~~
 - f. ~~Appointments/Resignations~~
 - g. ~~Unfinished Business~~
 - h. ~~Reports from Executive and Department Representatives~~
 - i. ~~Reports from Committees, Representatives, and Delegates~~
 - j. ~~New Business~~
 - k. ~~Notices of Motion~~

~~l. Announcements~~

~~m. Attachments~~

n. Call to Order

o. Territorial Acknowledgment

p. Roll Call of Attendance

q. Adoption of the Agenda

r. Adoption of the Minutes

s. Old Business

t. Reports from Committees

u. New Business

v. Notices of Motion

w. 30 Minute Q&A Period

x. Announcements

y. Attachments

z. Adjournment

10. Agenda items for regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and supporting documents must be submitted to the Chair, President, and Minute Taker Administrative Assistant. The Agenda for Board of Directors meetings must be distributed to Board members no later than three business days before a Board of Directors Meeting, no later than noon, three business days before a Board of Directors meeting.
11. Board of Directors packages will be available electronically on the Society website two business days prior to regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

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Location

12. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Harbour Centre campus over the course of any administration.
13. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Surrey campus over the course of any administration.
14. The agenda, time, and location of regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings shall be published on the Society website prior to these meetings. The agenda, time, and location of emergency Board of Directors meetings shall be published on the Society's website if possible.

Adopted: BOD 2003-03-19

Amended: BOD 2014-08-26, BOD 2008-07-14,

BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2005-03-16

R-9: In Camera Sessions

1. Board of Directors and its committees may by simple majority vote to move items for discussion in camera, only where deliberations involve:
- SFSS HR matters,
 - open contract negotiations or competitive processes,

- c. a litigation process in which the Society is involved,
 - d. discussions involving advice subject to solicitor-client privilege, such as legal counsel, where the Society wishes to maintain that privilege, and
 - e. subject matter that relates to, or is subject to the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA).
2. In camera items are strictly confidential and members present are bound by the Societies Act and are not to disclose the proceedings of in camera sessions.
 3. ~~In camera sessions are reserved for discussions of staff relations (in accordance with the relevant collective agreements or contracts), legal matters, or other matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.~~
 4. Only members of the Board of Directors and its committees, and invited third parties as may be required are allowed to remain in the meeting.
 5. No motions may be moved during in-camera sessions.
 6. ~~For the purpose of adequately preparing for in-camera sessions of the Board of Directors or its committees not relating to labour issues, members of the Board of Directors or its committees who plan on bringing forward in-camera items for discussion shall provide a representative member with any documentation relating to the in-camera session.~~
 - a. ~~The member shall then send an electronic mail message to the appropriate committee list alerting the committee that the representative member has said documentation.~~
 - b. ~~The documentation will be available for review by the committee one hour prior to the meeting where the issue will be discussed in camera.~~
 7. Directors are bound by the proscription of not disclosing the contents of any documents relating to in camera sessions.

Amended: BOD 2005-05-18, BOD 2003-03-19

R-10: Remuneration of Elected Representatives

Definitions

1. "Regulation" refers to any rule, standing order, administrative policy, issue policy, or Council policy.
2. "Remuneration motion" refers to any motion to create or amend any regulation which shall set or change the amount of a stipend or other remuneration paid to a member of the Board of Directors or Council, or which shall establish or change any other form of remuneration available to them.
3. Any remuneration motion shall be referred to the ~~Remuneration Advisory Committee~~ Finance and Administrative Services Committee for a report.

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4. The Board of Directors and Council will not consider any remuneration motion except as recommended by the Remuneration Advisory Committee Finance and Administrative Services Committee.

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Applicability

5. This rule is applicable notwithstanding rules 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.
6. For clarity, amendments to any regulation contemplated by this section are only those portions of motions fitting the definition of 'remuneration motion.'
7. For clarity, any part of any remuneration motion that does not fit the definition of 'remuneration motion' is not subject to this rule and is instead subject to rules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as applicable.
8. The Committee shall provide a period for student comment on proposed changes to the remuneration paid to the Board of Directors or Council, with the following stipulations:
 - a. Notification of the comment period shall be published on the Society's website and in the student newspaper no less than four (4) weeks prior to the Committee providing a recommendation to the Board of Directors or Council.
 - b. Notification shall include an invitation for students to attend a special meeting of the Committee held primarily to hear student comment. This meeting shall be held no less than two (2) weeks after the comment period has commenced and no less than one (1) week before the comment period ends.
 - c. No more than two (2) weeks of the comment period shall take place during the months of August, December, or April.

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Adopted: BOD 2009-04-30

R-11: Elections and Referenda

Campaigns

- i. No campaigning shall occur until the Chief Electoral Officer officially opens the campaign period

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2. No Society, faculty student union, department student union, constituency group, or club mailing list or database information shall be used to distribute campaign materials.
3. No campaign materials or activities, irrespective of where or how those campaign materials are distributed or activities held, shall attack the person of any other candidate.
4. Campaigning is not permitted during the voting period.

Referenda

5. The Chief Electoral Officer must approve referenda campaigns.
6. Only one 'for' campaign and one 'against' campaign will be approved.

Debates

7. The Independent Electoral Commission shall organize and promote at least one all-candidates debate during the campaign period at each of the Surrey and Burnaby campuses, and, if possible, at the Vancouver campus.

Campaign materials

8. All campaign materials must:
 - a. indicate their authoring candidate or campaign, and
 - b. be approved by the Independent Electoral Commission.
9. No campaign materials may be posted in the Women's Centre, Out on Campus office, Food and Beverage Spaces, or in the Society Office Spaces.
10. With the exception of referenda questions, Society resources, including the time of staff and Board members, may not be used for the purposes of campaigning.

Campaign Expenses

11. The campaign budgets of any candidate may not exceed \$50.
 - a. The Society will reimburse this cost following the election.
12. The budget for any referendum campaign shall be \$300 for the cost of printed materials.
 - a. The Society will reimburse this cost following the election.

Campaign Infractions and Appeals

13. The Independent Electoral Commission shall adjudicate all disputes regarding any breach of election, by-election, and referendum bylaws and policies by candidates or campaigns on the basis of those bylaws and policies.
14. Complaints must be communicated to the Independent Electoral Commission in writing.

~~15. Where an infraction is discovered by the Independent Electoral Commission or where a complaint is lodged, the Independent Electoral Commission shall:~~

- ~~a. begin the adjudication process within one business day of receiving a complaint, and~~
- ~~b. invite the candidate(s) or campaign in question to speak on their own behalf.~~

~~16. The Independent Electoral Commission shall:~~

- ~~a. determine, on the basis of the evidence provided, whether or not an infraction was committed;~~
- ~~b. determine the penalties for any infractions;~~
- ~~c. communicate its decision to the candidate(s) or campaign in writing within two business days of the hearing, and~~
- ~~d. include that written record within its election report.~~

Appeals

~~17. A complainant may appeal a decision of the Independent Electoral Commission to the Independent Electoral Commission where:~~

- ~~a. an intention to appeal a decision is provided to the Chief Electoral Officer, in writing, within two business days of the original decision, and~~
- ~~b. new evidence is available.~~

~~18. The Independent Electoral Commission shall have the right to reject an appeal application that is deemed frivolous or invalid.~~

Voting

Ballots

~~19. The Independent Electoral Commission shall be responsible for designing the ballots.~~

Online Voting

~~20. Links to electronic ballots must be sent to all eligible student voters by email, and posted on all Society web-based communication tools, as well as the Independent Electoral Commission website.~~

Tabulation of Votes

~~21. Online votes shall be tabulated as soon as possible.~~

~~22. The unofficial results shall be promptly announced in a public location and posted on the Independent Electoral Commission website.~~

~~23. The Independent Electoral Commission may approve a maximum of three (3) scrutineers by lottery to observe the tabulation of the vote on behalf of all candidates.~~

Election Reporting

- ~~24. The Chief Electoral Officer shall submit a written report of the official election results and referenda outcomes to the Board of Directors for ratification.~~
- ~~25. Any outstanding appeals to the Independent Elections Commission must be submitted and resolved prior to the ratification of election results.~~
- ~~26. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide a written report of the official election results and referenda outcomes to the Finance Office before the start of the following semester.~~
- ~~27. The Chief Electoral Officer shall create and present a comprehensive election report to the incoming Board within the first month of his/her/zir taking office:
 - a. The report shall contain:
 - i. the official results of the election and referendum questions,
 - ii. a financial statement outlining the cost of the election,
 - iii. a summary of all relevant issues arising from the election,
 - iv. suggestions for improvement of future elections, and
 - v. any other relevant information deemed necessary~~

~~Approved: BOD 2009-09~~

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~~Amended: BOD 2014-10-15, BOD 2010-09-20~~

R-12: Independent Electoral Commission

- ~~1. A full Independent Electoral Commission must be established no later than two (2) weeks before nominations are called for a general election or by-election.~~
- ~~2. The Society shall provide an office for the Independent Electoral Commission.~~

Appointments

- ~~3. Calls for candidates to all Independent Electoral Commission positions must be advertised at least on:
 - a. the Independent Electoral Commission website and include,
 - b. in the student newspaper,
 - c. as posters on SFU approved bulletin boards on all three campuses,
 - d. on all available Society web-based communications tools.~~
- ~~4. All advertisements for candidates to the Independent Electoral Commission must:
 - a. include the duration of the appointment,
 - b. include the nature and scope of the work, and
 - c. include the date and time of the Council meeting during which the applicants will be interviewed, and
 - d. be posted at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the first Council meeting during which interviews will be held.~~

Chief Electoral Officer

5. Council will make a binding recommendation to the Board of Directors to appoint a Chief Electoral Officer to a one-year term commencing on December 1st of every calendar year.
6. All applicants shall be interviewed at a Board of Directors meeting during or prior to a Board of Directors meeting at which the Chief Electoral Officer will be appointed.
7. The Board shall appoint a Chief Electoral Officer by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
8. The Board shall appoint a replacement in the same manner in the event the Chief Electoral Officer vacates his/her/zir position prior to the end of his/her/zir term.

Commissioners

9. The Chief Electoral Officer shall make a binding recommendation to Board to appoint commissioners for a term lasting from two weeks prior to an election to the approval of the final election results by the Board.

Responsibilities

Chief Electoral Officer

10. Coordinates the elections, by-elections, and referenda of the Society.
11. Faculty Student Unions, Department Student Unions, Clubs, and Society recognized constituency groups may request that the Chief Electoral Officer coordinate their elections.
12. The Chief Electoral Officer may do so subject to Board approval, though not while coordinating the elections, by-elections, and referenda of the Society.
13. The Chief Electoral Officer may accept an honorarium from these groups under these circumstances.
14. The Chief Electoral Officer, in consultation with the Communications Coordinator, must ensure that the Independent Electoral Commission website is kept up to date.
15. The Chief Electoral Officer will maintain and ensure the distribution of the Elections Handbook to all candidates and campaigns.

Commissioners

16. Commissioners shall support the Chief Electoral Officer in the organization and conduct of an election, by-election, or referendum of the Society.

Stipends and Resources

Chief Electoral Officer

- ~~17. In recognition of services rendered, the Chief Electoral Officer shall receive a stipend.
 - a. It may be for up to one hundred fifty (150) volunteer hours during any election period.~~
- ~~18. The Board may increase the maximum number of volunteer hours eligible for stipend allotment following a request by the Chief Electoral Officer.~~
- ~~19. The stipend of the Chief Electoral Officer shall be disbursed semi-monthly.~~
- ~~20. The stipend of the Chief Electoral Officer shall be calculated at an hourly rate equivalent to that of the executive members of the Board of Directors~~
- ~~21. Should the Chief Electoral Officer fail to fulfill his/her/zir duties, the commissioners may, by majority vote, recommend a deduction of the stipend of the Chief Electoral Officer to the VP Finance.~~
- ~~22. The Chief Electoral Officer may appeal any deduction to his/her/zir stipend to the Stipend Appeals Committee.~~
- ~~23. The Society shall provide the Chief Electoral Officer with a cell phone during election, by-election, and referenda periods~~

Commissioners

24. In recognition of services rendered, commissioners shall receive a stipend:
 - a. It may be for up to sixty (60) volunteer hours during any election period.
25. The Board may increase the maximum number of volunteer hours eligible for stipend allotment following a request by the Chief Electoral Officer.
26. Commissioner stipends shall disbursed semi-monthly
27. Commissioner stipends shall be calculated at an hourly rate equivalent to that of the faculty and at-large representatives of the Board of Directors.
28. Should any Commissioner fail to fulfill his/her/zir duties, the Chief Electoral Officer may make a binding recommendation that the VP Finance deduct a portion of that commissioner's stipend.
29. A Commissioner may appeal any such deduction to the Stipend Appeals Committee.

Approved: BOD 2011-04-06.

Amended: BOD 2015-01-07, BOD 2014-10-15.

R-13: Transition and Final Stipend Eligibility

Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers, Faculty Representatives, and At-Large Representatives upon the Completion of their Term

1. Final stipend eligibility requires executive officers, faculty representatives, and at-large representatives, hereinafter referred to as directors, to have completed all requirements contained in these society bylaws.
2. Final stipend eligibility requires directors to have fulfilled the requirements contained in these rules and settled all outstanding debts to the Society within ten (10) business days following the end of their term.
3. Final stipend eligibility requires directors to have submitted an exit report detailing their activities during their term in office, within ten (10) business days following the end of their term.
4. The exit report of the VP Student Services shall, in accordance with the bylaws and policies, comprise a section as draft for inclusion in the Annual Report presented at the next AGM.

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Final Stipend Eligibility

5. Failure to fulfill the requirements contained in these regulations shall be governed by rules 6 and 7.
6. Failure to fulfill the requirements of this regulation within ten (10) business days following the end of the Board of Directors term in office will result in a \$1500 deduction per ten (10) business days, and up to twenty (20) business days, from the final stipend, unless extenuating circumstances exist. In the case of extenuating circumstances, cases shall be taken to the Stipend Appeals Committee.

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7. Directors who have been re-elected to a subsequent term on Board will have all further stipends withheld until an exit report has been submitted. The requirements of rule 11 shall be waived if the material is pertinent to the new position.
8. Failure to fulfill the requirements of this regulation within twenty (20) business days shall result in:
 - a. the entirety of the stipend being withheld,
 - b. becoming a member in poor standing of the Society, and
 - c. being assessed a fine of \$25 per business day to a maximum of \$750.
9. Standing shall be reversed only upon fulfilling requirements of this regulation.
10. Stipends shall not be issued until the requirements of this regulation have been fulfilled.

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Final Stipend for Directors

11. In recognition of the time Directors volunteer, the Society provides a final stipend in the amounts stipulated in the rules pertaining to stipend for directors 6 and 7.

Enforcement of this Policy

12. Enforcement of this regulation shall be the responsibility of the incoming VP Finance.
13. The incoming President shall ensure that the VP Finance complies with the terms of this Rule.

Approved: BOD 2011-04-06

STANDING ORDERS

SO-1: Society Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees and Working Groups

Establishment and Dissolution of Society Committees and Working Groups

- i. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, delegative its authority to standing committees, ad-hoc committees, and working groups.
 - a. Standing committees are established and empowered by the Board of Directors to consider and take action on routine duties and responsibilities relating to the Society on a regular and ongoing basis.
 - b. Ad-hoc committees are established and empowered by the Board of Directors to consider and take action on specific duties and responsibilities relating to the Society that arise regularly, but infrequently.
 - c. Working groups are established and empowered by the Board of Directors or its committees to consider and take action on specific tasks or issues on an as-needed basis. A working group is constituted for a limited duration and will be dissolved once its purpose has been served.
1. The Board may, at its discretion, delegate its authority and/or empower committees between Board meetings, to make decisions, within their jurisdiction, to standing committees, ad-hoc committees, and working groups.
 - a. The Board will establish a standing or ad-hoc committee by including a Standing Order establishing its terms in the Board Policies.
 - b. The Board will dissolve a standing or ad-hoc committee by repealing a Standing Order consisting of its terms from the Board Policies.
 - c. The Board or a Board Committee will establish a working group amongst itself by a majority vote.

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Standing and Ad-hoc Committees

2. The Board of Directors establishes the standing orders that comprise the terms of reference for all standing and ad-hoc committees. Committees have the authority to act in accordance with their terms of reference, but must seek the direction and approval of the Board of Directors on any matters of serious concern or significance to the membership of the Society.
3. **Unless otherwise specified in the standing order** establishing the committee, standing and ad-hoc committees are chaired by an executive officer.
 - a. The duties of the Chair include:
 - i. convening regular meetings,

- ii. informing committee members of meeting times and locations,
 - iii. preparing agendas,
 - iv. distributing any documents or materials to committee members,
 - v. submitting attendance to the VP Finance, and
 - vi. reporting on committee activities to the to the Board of Directors
- b. The duties of the Vice-Chair include:
- i. convening meetings in the absence or at the discretion of the Chair,
 - ii. any other duties as may be assigned by the Chair
4. Composition of committee membership is specified by the committee's terms of reference. Unless otherwise specified by the standing order establishing the committee, only members in good standing may be appointed to a voting seat on a ~~standing~~ committee.
- a. Duties of committee members include:
- i. attending all meetings of the committee,
 - ii. representing to the best of their abilities the interests of the Society, and
 - iii. performing any duties assigned as part of the committee's mandate.
5. Unless otherwise specified in the standing order establishing the committee, members of standing and ad-hoc committees shall be elected/~~impeached~~ removed by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.
6. Unless otherwise specified in the standing order establishing the committee, quorum for all standing and ad-hoc committees shall be a majority of the seats filled.
7. ~~Unless otherwise specified in the standing order establishing the committee, all committee members, with the exception of persons employed by the Society, are voting members.~~
8. For the purposes of the standing orders, 'student at-large' shall refer to a student who does not hold a position on the Board of Directors and who is a member in good standing of the Society. ~~Council members~~ "Councillor" shall refer to those members who sit as members of Council and are not members of the Board of Directors of the Society.

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Sub-Committees

- 9. Standing or Ad-hoc Board committees may, if its terms of reference allow, strike subcommittees and adopt its own terms of reference for the subcommittee, establishing its mandate, authority, and jurisdiction - and may delegate tasks to sub-committees for recommendation to the Committee.
- 10. Sub-committees are established by a majority vote.

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ii. The Standing or Ad-hoc Board committees select the chair of a sub-committee from among its members who shall convene meetings, prepare agendas, distribute documents to sub-committee members, and report subcommittee activities and recommendations back to the standing or ad-hoc committees.

Working Groups

9. The Board of Directors, or standing or ad-hoc committees establish working groups, as well as their mandates, authority, and jurisdiction by motion.
10. The Board of Directors, or standing or ad-hoc committees select the chair of a working group from among its members who shall convene meetings, prepare agendas, distribute documents to working group members, and report working group activities and recommendations back to the standing or ad-hoc committees.
 - a. ~~Duties of the chair include:~~
 - i. ~~convening regular meetings,~~
 - ii. ~~informing committee members of meeting times and locations,~~
 - iii. ~~preparing agendas,~~
 - iv. ~~distributing any documents or materials to working group members,~~
 - v. ~~submitting attendance to the VP Finance, and~~
 - vi. ~~reporting working group activities to its committee or the Board of Directors.~~
11. Composition of working groups is open to all members in good standing of the Society.
 - a. Duties of working group members include:
 - i. attending all meetings of the working group,
 - ii. representing to the best of their abilities the interests of the Society, and
 - iii. performing any duties assigned as part of the working group's mandate.
12. Meeting times and locations of all standing committees, ad-hoc committees, and working groups shall be published on the Society's website and social media, ~~in a conspicuous place~~ and in person in the vicinity of the Society's General Office/Student Center prior to these meetings.
13. Information about student-at-large vacancies on the Society's committees shall be published on the Society's website prior to these meetings.

~~Amended: BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2006-03-10,
BOD 2006-02-24, BOD 2002-03-27.~~

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SO-2: Appointments and Resignations to and from Committees

1. All candidates for positions on committees nominated by the Board of Directors must apply for those positions to Board of Directors via a protocol established by the Board.
2. Unless otherwise specified by the committee's terms of reference, the Board of Directors appoints its members for a term of office expiring April 30th each year.
3. Resignations from committees are to be delivered to the President who shall report them to the subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors.
4. Any member of a committee who, without prior authorization by the committee chair, is absent from two consecutive meetings of the committee shall be deemed to have abandoned their position on the committee
 - a. The Chair shall declare that position vacant forthwith.

Amended: BOD 2002-03-27

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Standing Committees

SO-3: Advocacy Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Advocacy Committee as a standing committee.
2. This Committee shall generally coordinate the advocacy and university relations work of the Society.

Composition

3. Chairperson: VP External Relations
4. [Ex-officio] President
5. VP University Relations
6. VP Student Life
7. Two non-executive members of the Board
8. Four members of Council, a maximum of two from the Board, nominated by Council
9. Two students at-large
10. One representative selected by and from the student members of the Board of Governors
11. One representative selected by and from the student members of Senate
12. One representative selected by and from the Women's Centre Collective
13. One representative selected by and from the Out on Campus Collective
14. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator
15. The Board of Directors shall attempt to ensure that at least one member of the committee is also a student member of the Senate Committee on University Priorities.

Terms of Reference

16. Identify and prioritize issues of concern to students.
17. Develop and coordinate strategies to address those concerns.

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- ~~18. Establish working groups to implement campaigns and take actions to address those concerns.~~
- ~~19. Ensure that Society members are informed of these issues, and the steps taken to address them.~~
- ~~20. Prepare the annual budget for the Advocacy Committee for consideration by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.~~
- ~~21. Review the progress of business through Senate, the Board of Governors, the Senate Committee on University Priorities, and the SFU Community Trust.~~
- ~~22. Assist the VP University Relations in recruiting students to sit on university committees and holding these students accountable for their work.~~

*Amended: BOD-2011-06-07, BOD-2011-06-07;
BOD-2008-04-16, BOD-2005-04-27;
BOD-2003-11-05.*

SO-X: External and Community Affairs Committee

3. The Board of Directors shall maintain the External and Community Affairs Committee as a standing committee.
4. This Committee shall generally coordinate the advocacy work regarding federal, provincial, and municipal advocacy and lobbying campaigns and member facing student information campaigns.

Composition

16. Chairperson: VP External Relations
17. Five Board members
18. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
19. Up to 7 At-Large members
20. [Non-voting] All constituency group representatives on Council
21. [Non-voting] Executive Director
22. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

Terms of Reference

1. Identify and prioritize issues of concern to students external to the University community.
2. Develop and coordinate strategies to address those concerns.
3. Establish working groups to implement campaigns and take actions to address those concerns.
4. Ensure that the Society members are informed of these issues, and the steps taken to address them.
5. Review the progress of business from the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments or other decision-making bodies external to the University.
6. Creating information campaigns directed towards the Society membership regarding External and Community advocacy.
7. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

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SO-X: University and Academic Affairs Committee

5. The Board of Directors shall maintain the University and Academic Affairs Committee as a standing committee.
6. This Committee shall generally coordinate work regarding university advocacy campaigns and member-facing student information campaigns.

Composition

23. Chairperson: VP University Relations
24. Five Board members
25. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
26. Up to 7 At-Large members
27. [Non-voting] All undergraduate student representatives sitting on the University Board of Governors or Senate
28. [Non-voting] All constituency group representatives on Council
29. [Non-voting] Executive Director
30. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

Terms of Reference

9. Identify and prioritize issues of concern to students.
10. Develop and coordinate strategies to address those concerns.
11. Establish working groups to implement campaigns and take actions to address those concerns.
12. Ensure that the Society members are informed of these issues, and the steps taken to address them.
13. Review the progress of business from the Senate, the Board of Governors, Senate Committees, and other Committees, Assemblies or decision-making bodies of the University.
14. Creating information campaigns directed towards the Society membership regarding University advocacy.
15. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

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SO-4: Commercial Services Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Commercial Services Committee as a standing committee.
2. This Committee shall serve to oversee the Society's commercial services, which shall include all food, beverage and retail services, and other revenue generating departments and operations as determined by the Board of Directors and shall not unreasonably limit the normal duties and responsibilities of the Student Society Food and Beverage Services Manager.

Composition

3. Chairperson: member of the Board of Directors
4. [Ex-officio] President
5. VP Finance
6. Five members of the Board of Directors
7. Three Council members
8. Two students at-large
9. [Non-voting] One representative selected by and from non-management Food and Beverage staff
10. [Non-voting] Financial Coordinator
11. [Non-voting] Communications Coordinator
12. [Non-voting] Student Society Food and Beverage Services Manager
13. [Non-voting] Pub Events and Promotions Coordinator

Terms of Reference

14. Receive regular reports and recommendations from the managers of the Society's commercial services.
15. Set goals, make decisions, and give direction with respect to the operation, administration, and management of the Society's commercial services, as well as make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
16. Review the performance and operations of the Society's commercial services, ensuring the needs of the Society's members are satisfied in so far as financial operational realities permit, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
17. Coordinate the preparation of the annual operating budget and the annual capital budget of the Society's commercial services for consideration by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
18. Review and propose any amendments or adjustments to the annual operating budget or annual capital budget of the Society's commercial services for consideration by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
19. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature regarding the operations of the Society's commercial services shall be held in camera.

20. The Chair is required to call a meeting of the Commercial Services Committee a minimum of once a semester.

Amended: BOD 2013-07-18, BOD 2010-11-29,
BOD 2008-07-14, BOD 2008-04-16,
BOD 2004-03-19.

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SO-5: Constitution and Policy Review Governance Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Constitution and Policy Review Governance Committee as a standing committee.

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Composition

2. Chairperson: Executive Officer
3. [Ex-officio] President
4. Four Board of Directors members
5. ~~Two students at-large~~
6. Two representatives from Council Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
7. [Non-Voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

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Terms of Reference

8. Review proposals and make recommendations to amend, add and delete sections of the Society's constitution, bylaws, and policies.
9. Review appeals or questions regarding the interpretation and application of the Society's constitution, bylaws, and policies, except those specifically reserved for other committees of the Society.
10. Inform the Board of any legislative changes that impact the activities of the SFSS.
11. The committee shall meet in person or electronically as required and at the call of the Chair. The Chair may call a meeting where a notice of three working days has been provided.
12. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

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Relevant Policies

13. The members of the committee should be familiar with the following: SFSS Constitution & By-Laws and the SFSS Strategic Plan, Societies Act of British Columbia, SFSS Elections and Referenda Policies, SFSS Board Policies, SFSS Administrative Policies, SFSS Issues Policies or any other policies of the society.

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Amended: BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2006-02-24,
BOD 2003-07-30.

SO-6: Executive Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Executive Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: President, or another Executive Officer as designated by the Board
3. ~~VP Student Service~~
4. ~~VP Finance~~
5. ~~VP Student Life~~
6. All currently sitting Executive Officers
7. [Non-Voting] all currently sitting Non-Executive Board members
6. ~~VP External Relations~~
7. ~~VP University Relations~~
8. [Non-voting] Executive Director (Operations and HR manager, Organizing Director)

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Terms of Reference

12. Generally coordinate and manage the day-to-day activities of the Society.
13. Report to the Board of Directors as required on the activities of Society committees as well as other matters of importance.
14. Discuss and report on the work done in executive members specific portfolios since the last meeting.
15. Recommend actions for consideration by the Board of Directors and its committees.
16. Conduct the business of the Board between Board meetings where three working days have been provided.
17. Ensure the timely implementation of all directives of the Board of Directors.
18. Between the last quorate Board of Directors meeting of each semester, and the first quorate meeting of each subsequent semester, be enabled to spend up to \$20,000, make appointments to committees, and carry out the day-to-day operations of the Society.
19. The committee shall meet weekly, in person or electronically, at the call of the Chair. The Chair may call a meeting where a notice of two working days has been provided.
20. The committee chair must call an executive meeting within 24 hours upon a petition signed by three(3) of the executive committee members and give notice of at least 1 working day.
21. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

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Amended: BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2005-07-27,
BOD 2002-03-27.

SO-7: Finance and Administrative Services Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Finance and Administrative Services Committee (FASC) as a standing committee. This committee shall oversee the financial and internal administrative matters of the Society.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP Finance
3. [Ex-officio] President
4. Four Board of Directors members, two of whom must be an Executive Officer
5. ~~Two Council members~~ Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
6. Two students at-large
7. [Non-voting] Financial Coordinator
8. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator
9. [Non-voting] Executive Director

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Terms of Reference

10. This committee shall not unreasonably limit the normal duties and responsibilities of the VP Finance.
11. Coordinate the preparation of the annual operating budget and the annual capital budget of the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
12. Provide Board with formal recommendations and reports relating the audit of the Society such as the appointment of the external auditor, the annual financial statements, and the auditor's unobstructed access to information and personnel.
13. Responsible for the presentation of semesterly financial statements to the Board.
14. Coordinate the preparation of the annual operating budget and the annual capital budget of the Society's services
12. Review and propose any amendments or adjustments to the annual operating budget or annual capital budget of the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
13. Administer the budget of the Society, including the approval of any financial disbursements or discretionary spending approved within the Society's budget, where authority to do so and is not delegated elsewhere in this policy manual provided.
14. Monitor and oversee all funds, investments, and other financial assets and liabilities maintained by the Society, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.

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15. Monitor and oversee all other financial aspects of the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
16. Make decisions and give direction with respect to the internal administrative procedures and practices of the Society, including the administration of all internal services and activities of a non-commercial nature.
17. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature regarding financial or administrative matters of the Society shall be held in-camera.
18. Oversee the processes of the audit of the Society, including the appointment of the external auditor, the annual financial statements, and the auditor's unobstructed access to information and personnel.
19. Hear and rule on any appeals of decisions made by the Student Union Organizer or the General Office Coordinators regarding club or student union creation, dissolution, suspension, grant approvals or any other decision.
20. Consider business referred to it, regarding remuneration motions, by the Board of Directors or Council, and shall make one or more recommendations on each such matter to the Board of Directors, or Council, or both, as appropriate whereby the rule on "Remuneration of Elected Representatives" will apply
21. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

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Amended: BOD 2013-02-20, BOD 2011-07-06,
BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2002-03-27.

SO-8: Joint Services Committee

1. — The Simon Fraser Student Society and the SFU Student Services shall maintain the Joint Services Committee as a standing committee.

Terms of Reference

2. — The Committee shall coordinate services and events that are jointly administered by the Society and Student Services, as defined in the letter of agreement originally signed July 14, 2003.

Adopted: BOD 2004-03-27.

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SO-9: Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee

- 1. Board of Directors shall maintain the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee as a standing committee.

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Definitions

- 2. "Disability" is defined as a long-term or episodic physical, mental, intellectual, sensory or communication needs, visible or invisible, which in interaction with barriers may hinder a person's full and effective participation in society on an equal equitable basis with others.
- 3. "Barriers" are defined as attitudinal, environment, and organizational structures and practices that prevent a student with a disability from participating in activities, accessing services, and being accepted by others, as much as students without disabilities.
- 4. "Accessibility" is defined as countering and eliminating barriers by providing specific accommodations; changing attitudes, environments, structures and processes; and implementing practices of universal design.

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Composition

- 5. Chairperson: VP Finance Student Services or another director as designated by the Board; or, on recommendation of the Committee, another member of the Committee
- 6. President (Ex-Officio)
- 7. VP Student Services
- 8. One member of the Four Board of Directors members
- 9. Two students nominated by and from the membership of Students United for Disability Support or in the event that SUDS is not active in any given semester two students recommended by Council or by SFU's Centre for Disabilities minimum 2, up to 4 at-large members
- 10. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
- 11. One at-large student member (not a member of the Board of Directors). Notwithstanding Standing Order 1 (Society Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees and Working Groups), said membership shall be appointed by Council.
- 8. [Non-Voting] Student Union Organizer
- 9. [Non-Voting] General Office Coordinator
- 10. [Non-Voting] HI-FIVE Representative

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Selection

- 11. The selection of students At-Large members and Councillors for this Committee shall be prioritized to students with lived experiences.

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Terms of Reference

12. Review and monitor usage of the Student Society Accessibility Fund as per AP-22 Accessibility Fund
13. Make decisions and give approval to accessibility related capital expenses such as technological aides as well as approve other accessibility related projects as described in Definitions in the administrative policy Accessibility Fund.
14. Review and make recommendations to amend, add and, delete sections of policy relating to issues of accessibility and the Accessibility Fund.
15. Review and make recommendations regarding the SFSS Accessibility Policy.
16. Shall seek engagement with the community of members with disabilities, and engagement with SFU regarding the supports made available to students with disabilities
17. Research, maintain, and approve a list of priced accessibility services to be made available in the General Office.
18. The Committee shall meet at least once per semester or as required.
19. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature shall be held in camera.
20. To promote wellness on campus wherever possible in conjunction with SFU Health and Counselling and the Centre for Disabilities.
21. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

~~Adopted: BOD 2005-06-29;
BOD 2013-07-18, BOD 2009-03-25;
BOD 2008-02-20, BOD 2005-11-16.~~

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SO-10: Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee

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1. ~~The Board of Directors shall maintain the Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee as a standing committee.~~

Composition

2. ~~Chairperson: President (ex-officio)~~
3. ~~VP University Relations, who shall also act as alternate chair in the President's absence.~~
4. ~~VP Student Services~~
5. ~~VP Finance~~
6. ~~One Board of Directors Member~~
7. ~~Two Representatives selected by and from the members of Council.~~
8. ~~[Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator~~
9. ~~[Non-voting] Representative chosen by the Health Plan Broker~~
10. ~~Quorum and Compensation~~
11. ~~Quorum shall be three voting members of the Committee excluding the resident/Chairperson.~~
12. ~~Members of the Committee who are representatives of Council but not members of the Board of Directors will be compensated an honorarium equivalent to the pro-rated Directors' hourly rate per [Rule 7.1.f and 7.3.3] of each Committee meeting, paid from the Extended Health and Dental Plan Reserve Fund.~~

Terms of Reference and Mandate

13. ~~The Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee has two unique governing roles:
 - a. ~~The committee shall receive written appeals from members about Extended Health and Dental Plan membership, claims coverage, and plan administration.~~
 - b. ~~The committee shall reply in writing to written complaints from the membership.~~~~
14. ~~The committee shall conduct hearings to address member appeals. The meetings shall be closed when an individual member's coverage is under appeal:
 - a. ~~No public record shall be kept of the proceedings.~~~~
15. ~~The committee shall rule on appeals:
 - a. ~~All decisions made by the committee that arise from the resolution of appeals and complaints shall be recorded for audit purposes in accordance with the requirements of privacy legislation.~~~~
16. ~~The committee chair shall communicate the committee's decisions to complainants in writing.~~
17. ~~The committee shall also be responsible for recommending an annual budget for the management, promotion or maintenance of the Extended Health and Dental Plan to the Finance and Administrative Services~~

Committee, and for administering the Extended Health and Dental Plan Reserve Fund, as set out in the Health Plan department budget.

18. The Extended Health and Dental Plan Reserve Fund budget shall be reviewed twice a year, during the regular and revision budget processes.
19. The Committee may authorize expenditures from within the Extended Health and Dental Plan Reserve Fund budget.
20. All financial decisions made by the committee shall be recorded for audit purposes in accordance with the requirements of privacy legislation.

Appeals

21. The Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee, in its role as appeal hearing body, is an internal administrative body, governed by the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. Within this framework, it is free to develop procedures and practices to conduct hearings.
22. Discussions concerning procedures and practices for conducting hearings may be recorded for future reference.
23. Members of the committee are prohibited from disclosing any information about an appeal, any deliberations of the committee, and any decisions of the committee.
24. For all eligible appeals, the Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee shall:
 - a. determine whether an appellant who is not eligible for coverage based on the standard eligibility for enrolment criteria will be allowed to enrol in the Extended Health and/or Dental plan;
 - b. determine whether an appellant who is eligible for coverage based on the standard eligibility for enrolment criteria and who does not have comparable coverage will be allowed to cease coverage of the Extended Health and/or Dental plan;
 - c. determine whether an appellant has demonstrated extraordinary financial need (e.g. the appellant recently lost a source of income, or was denied previously communicated funding), and, if so, whether they can cease coverage or apply for a subsidy;
 - d. determine whether an appellant can cease coverage based on a case wherein their personal security and wellbeing may be endangered by the release of personal information, and, if so, whether they can cease coverage, and
 - e. determine whether an appellant can cease coverage where the appellant failed to meet the plan deadlines due to documented physical incapacity due to illness, work schedule, or residential constraints.

Adopted: BOD 2009-03-11.

Amended: BOD 2010-03-03.

SO-11: Surrey Campus Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Surrey Campus Committee as a standing committee. The Surrey Campus Committee is to connect the Board with undergraduate students and create opportunities for increased student engagement at the Surrey campus and recommends improvement of the undergraduate experience at the Surrey campus.

Definitions

2. In this standing order, "SFU Surrey student" means a student who is enrolled in at least one course during the current or previous semester located primarily at SFU Surrey.

Composition

3. Chairperson: ~~Chief Officer~~ Board member
4. President [Ex-Officio]
5. At least 2 and up to 4 Board members in addition to the Chair
6. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
7. Up to 6 At-Large members that are enrolled in a major or minor based on Surrey campus, are taking at least one of their courses at the Surrey campus, or are an Executive member of a Surrey campus-based club.
8. ~~Surrey Affairs Officer~~
9. ~~Campus Life Officer~~
10. ~~Promotions and Outreach Officer~~
11. ~~Eight Officers~~
12. ~~[Non-voting] One Board of Directors liaison~~
13. [Non-voting] Surrey Campus Coordinator

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Terms of Reference

11. Provide an opportunity for discussion of issues of concern to SFU Surrey students.
12. Advise the Board of Directors on all issues of concern to SFU Surrey students.
13. Recommend actions for consideration to the Board of Directors.
14. Encourage the participation of SFU Surrey students in all aspects of the Society's operations.
15. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the University, in liaison with the VP University Relations.
16. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the external community, in liaison with the VP External Relations.
17. Coordinate campus-wide activities in liaison with active Department Student Unions.
18. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

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Election of Members

18. The department student union representatives shall be elected by and from among the members of the department student union who are SFU Surrey students.
19. The representatives of each cohort-based program shall be elected by and from among the students enrolled in that program.
 - a. The committee shall be conducted the election in accordance with the special rules of order to be specified by the Committee.
20. The students at-large shall be elected by and from among SFU Surrey students.
 - a. The committee shall be conducted the election in accordance with the special rules of order to be specified by the Committee.
21. The representatives from the faculty of arts shall be elected by and from among Surrey students who are enrolled in at least one arts course at SFU Surrey.

Removal of Members

22. The department student union representatives may be removed from office in accordance with procedures that may be adopted by the department student union.
23. The representatives of each cohort-based program may be removed from office by a two-thirds ($2/3$) vote of the students enrolled in that program. Such a vote shall be conducted at a meeting that shall be called by the committee upon the request of any ten (10) students enrolled in that program.
24. The students at-large may be removed from office by a two-thirds ($2/3$) vote of the SFU Surrey students. Such a vote shall be conducted at a meeting that shall be called by the committee upon the request of any fifteen (15) SFU Surrey students.

Term of Office

25. The term of office of department student union representatives shall be in accordance with procedures that may be adopted by the departmental student union.
26. The term of office of representatives of cohort-based programs and students at-large shall be determined by a special rule of order of the committee.

Chairperson

27. Notwithstanding other standing orders, the chairperson shall be elected by and from among the voting members of the committee.
28. Temporary chairs shall be appointed by voting members and shall be from among non-voting SFU Surrey students.

Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules

29.— In accordance with

Robert's Rules of Order, the Committee may adopt special rules of order and standing rules to regularize its business

30. The Surrey Campus Coordinator shall maintain the official copy of the Committee's Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules;

a. A copy shall be made available on the SFSS website.

31. The Surrey Campus Committee Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules, and any changes to them, shall be sent to the Board of Directors for ratification.

Funding

32. Subject to budgetary considerations, the committee shall receive, at minimum, funding calculated according to the model of department student unions, and may have both a core account and a trust account with the Society.

33. For the purpose of this section, the membership of the committee shall be deemed to consist of all SFU Surrey students.

Amended: BOD-2008-06-23, BOD-2008-04-16;
BOD-2008-02-20, BOD-2007-06-02;
BOD-2008-02-06, AGM-2007-10-10;
BOD-2006-03-10;

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SO-X: Vancouver Campus Committee

2. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Vancouver Campus Committee as a standing committee. The Vancouver Campus Committee is to connect the Board with undergraduate students and create opportunities for increased student engagement at the Vancouver campus and recommends improvement of the undergraduate experience at the Surrey campus.

Definitions

3. In this standing order, "SFU Vancouver student" means a student who is enrolled in at least one course during the current or previous semester located primarily at SFU Vancouver.

Composition

14. Chairperson: Board member
15. President [Ex-Officio]
16. At least 2 and up to 4 Board members in addition to the Chair
17. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
18. Up to 6 At-Large members that are enrolled in a major or minor based on Vancouver campus, are taking at least one of their courses at the Vancouver

Terms of Reference

16. Provide an opportunity for discussion of issues of concern to SFU Vancouver students.
17. Advise the Board of Directors on all issues of concern to SFU Vancouver students.
18. Recommend actions for consideration to the Board of Directors.
19. Encourage the participation of SFU Vancouver students in all aspects of the Society's operations.
20. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the University, in liaison with the VP University Relations.
19. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the external community, in liaison with the VP External Relations.
20. Coordinate campus-wide activities in liaison with active Department Student Unions.
21. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

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SO-12: Remuneration Advisory Committee

1. Standing Committee The Society shall maintain the Remuneration Advisory Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. President (Ex-Officio)
3. One member of the Board of Directors
4. Two members of Council who are not members of the Board of Directors, appointed by Council
5. Two members of the Society who are not members of the Board of Directors or Council, one appointed by the Board of Directors and one appointed by Council
6. Members of the Society who are also staff shall not serve on the Committee
7. Members of the Committee may be impeached by a simple majority vote of the body that appointed them to the Committee
8. The Committee shall elect a chair from among its members
9. Quorum is four (4) members of the Committee, such that at least one member appointed pursuant to 2(c), and one member appointed pursuant to 2(d) are present

Terms of Reference

10. The Committee shall consider business referred to it by the Board of Directors or Council.
11. The Committee shall consider all matters related to the remuneration paid to members of the Board of Directors and Council and shall make one or more recommendations on each such matter to the Board of Directors, or Council, or both, as appropriate.
 - a. Such a recommendation may relate to any matter related to the issue of remuneration including, but not limited to:
 - i. the value of remuneration provided;
 - ii. the form of remuneration provided; and
 - iii. the schedule for the provision of remuneration
12. The Committee may consider any information it considers pertinent when developing a recommendation to the Board of Directors or Council.

Adopted: BOD-2008-04-30

Amended: BOD-2009-03-25

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SO-13: Faculty and At-Large Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Faculty and At Large Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. All faculty representatives and at-large directors
3. [ex-officio] President
4. [Non-voting] One executive officer
5. [Non-voting] Student Union Organizer

Terms of Reference

6. Coordinate the activities of the faculty representatives and at-large directors within their portfolios and delegated duties as described in policy.
7. Report to the Board of Directors as required on the activities of the faculty representatives and at-large directors.
8. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

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Chairperson

8. There shall be a rotating chair, the first of which will be the executive officer on the Committee.

~~Adopted: BOD 2010-03-03.~~

~~Amended: BOD 2013-02-20.~~

SO-14: Build SFU Student Advisory Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Build SFU Student Advisory Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP University Relations or another member of the Board of Directors
3. Two Council members
4. Six Students-at-Large
5. [Non-voting] Build SFU General Manager
6. [Non-voting] Build SFU Consultation Coordinator

Terms of Reference

7. Organize consultations with the general membership.
8. Implement communications and promotions to the general membership.
9. Make recommendations to the Board of Directors about the project.

Adopted: BOD-07-04-2013

SO-15: Granting Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Granting Committee as a standing committee. This Committee shall generally oversee club, departmental student union, and constituency group granting.

Composition

2. Chairperson: A member of the Board of Directors
3. [Ex-Officio] President
4. VP Student Life
5. Two Board of Directors Members
6. Two Council Members
7. Two students At-Large
8. [Non-voting] Two General Office Coordinators
9. [Non-voting] Student Union Organizer

Terms of Reference

10. Grant club requests greater than those provided for under AP-12.5h
11. Grant Departmental Student Union requests greater than those provided for under AP-16.4.c in AP-16.5.c
12. Approve requests by Constituency Groups for funding greater than that provided for in AP-17.6.c
13. Hear requests for Special Event Funding made under AP-28.1c
14. Hear appeals of decision made by the General Office Coordinators under AP-12.8.b
15. Hear appeals of decisions made by the Student Union Organizer under AP-12.8.b
16. Hear appeals of decisions made by the Student Union Organizer under AP-17.7
17. Budget
18. In conjunction with the general office coordinators, prepare the annual budget for the club core and grant line items.
19. In conjunction with the Student Union Organizer, prepare the annual budget for the department student union core and grant line items.
20. In conjunction with the Student Union Organizer, prepare the annual budget for constituency groups covered under AP-17.

Adopted: BOD-2011-07-06.
Amended BOD-2013-06-27.

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SO-16: Events and Promotions Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Events and Promotions Committee as a standing committee. The committee shall generally oversee the events and promotions of the Society.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP Student Life
3. [Ex-Officio] President
4. ~~Four~~ Five Board of Directors Members
5. ~~Two~~ Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
6. ~~Four Students At-Large~~ Up to 7 At-Large members
7. [Non-voting] Communications Coordinator Events Coordinator
8. ~~[Non-voting] FBS Promotions Coordinator~~

Terms of Reference

9. Develop and coordinate events on behalf of the Board of Directors.
10. ~~Develop and coordinate the promotional materials and promotional campaigns of the Society and its services.~~
11. ~~Develop and coordinate Board events in the Highland Pub and promotions of the SFSS Food and Beverage Services.~~
12. ~~Develop and coordinate Board events in the Highland Pub and promotions of the SFSS Food and Beverage Services.~~
13. The committee may strike working groups to aid in the organization of any events and promotions.
14. Upon request the committee may assist clubs, department student unions and constituency groups in the planning of events
15. Prepare the annual budget for events of the Board of Directors for consideration by the Finance and Administration Services Committee
16. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

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Adopted: BOD 2011-07-06.

Amended: BOD 2013-07-18.

SO-X: First Year Engagement Committee

2. The Board of Directors shall maintain the First Year Engagement Committee as a standing committee.

Definitions

6. "First Year" is defined as a student in their first or second semester at the University.

Composition

7. [ex-officio] President
8. [Chairperson] 1 Board member
9. At least 2 and up to 4 Board members
10. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council (first year preferred)
11. Up to 6 first year at-large members

Terms of Reference

9. Coordinate activities and engagement events and initiatives, such as community building events.
10. Coordinate first year advocacy activities and projects.
11. **This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.**
 - a. **The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.**

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Ad-Hoc Committees

SO-X: Nominating Committee

3. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Nominating Committee as an ad-hoc committee.

Composition

12. [ex-officio] President
13. [Chairperson] Board member
14. 2 Board members
15. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

Terms of Reference

12. Provide the Board with formal recommendations with formal recommendations and reports relating to the appointment of at-large members to Board committees, in consultation with all Board Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.
13. Work with the VP Student Life to provide the Board with formal recommendations and reports relating to the appointment of Council representatives to Board Committees, in consultation with all Board Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

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The Nominating Committee did not exist in the 2015 Policy Manual. I added this with reference to the current policy manual

SO-17: Labour Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain a Labour Committee as an ad-hoc committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: Executive Officer
3. President (ex-officio)
4. Three Board members, two of whom are on the Executive Committee

Terms of Reference

5. To fulfill the duties and responsibilities set out in ~~Article 41 of the CUPE 3338~~ the collective agreement.
6. To negotiate collective agreements with CUPE 3338.

Remuneration

7. In recognition of the time the Labour Committee representatives volunteer, the Society shall provide a stipend of \$14.58 per hour. This stipend is separate from the executive officer and faculty and at-large representatives stipend. This stipend shall only be paid for time spent in collective bargaining as set out in this standing order.

Chairperson

8. The Board of Directors shall appoint the chairperson of the Labour Committee from the members of the Labour Committee.
9. The President is not be eligible to be a Chairperson
10. The chair of the Labour Committee shall maintain a confidential e-mail list containing only the official e-mail addresses of the members of the Labour Committee.
11. The Labour Committee meetings shall be in camera with no minutes or records kept except in the case of Collective Agreement negotiations with CUPE 3338, during which the employer may keep wherein bargaining notes.
12. The Board of Directors is encouraged to appoint members to the committee based on merit; when possible, directors are encouraged to appoint non-executive officers to the committee.

~~Amended: BOD 2009-04-30, BOD 2008-06-09,
BOD 2008-04-30, BOD 2004-06-04.~~

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SO-18: Stipend Appeals Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain a Stipend Appeals Committee as an ad-hoc committee.
2. The election and impeachment of members of the committee, with the exception of the President, shall be by a 2/3rds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Members may only be impeached with cause.

Composition

3. Chairperson: The Board of Directors shall elect a chairperson from amongst its own members
4. President (ex-officio)
5. Three students at-large
6. The Chairperson shall not be an Executive Officer

Quorum

7. Quorum shall be the Chair plus three other members of the Committee.
8. Terms of Reference
9. The committee is an internal administrative body governed by the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. Within this framework, it is free to develop procedures and practices to conduct hearings and is not constrained by strict rules of procedure and evidence.
10. The VP Finance shall have primary responsibility over stipends, except that the President shall have responsibility over the VP Finance's stipend.
11. The President shall have the primary responsibility over excuses and leaves of absence.
12. Any decision taken by the VP Finance or the President regarding stipends, excuses, or leaves of absence may be appealed to the committee by the affected party. Appeals shall be in writing, and delivered to the committee chair within twenty (20) working days. In extenuating circumstances, the committee chair may extend the time limit for an appellant to dispute the findings of the VP Finance or the President.
13. Upon receiving any such appeal, the chair shall convene a meeting of the committee within fifteen working days. The appeal shall be deemed to have been allowed by the committee if the chair fails to convene a meeting as required.
14. The neutrality of any member of the committee scheduled to hear a case may be challenged and will be determined by the chair.
15. If the neutrality of the chair is challenged, the other members of the committee will determine it.
16. A member of the committee who's own stipend is under consideration shall not be deemed neutral.

17. The Committee is responsible for interpreting any policy under consideration.
18. The deliberations of the Committee shall be closed with no record kept.
19. The Chair of the Committee shall vote only in case of a tie. No members of the Committee shall abstain.
20. The Chair shall communicate the decision of the SAC, in writing, to the affected parties within five working days of the hearing. The decision shall include reasons. The appeal shall be deemed to have been allowed by the Committee if the Chair fails to communicate the decision as required.

Appeals

21. Appeals of decisions of the SAC shall be made to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Board of Directors. Board of Directors may, by a 2/3rds majority vote, overturn any decision of the SAC.

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SO-19: Student Space Oversight Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Student Space Oversight Committee as an ad-hoc committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP University Relations
3. [Ex-officio] President
4. VP Finance
5. VP Student Services
6. Two Board of Directors members
7. Two students-at-large
8. Two Council members
9. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

Terms of Reference

10. Review proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for consultation and deliberation in a timely manner on all matters pertaining to the evaluation, design, development, alteration, renovation or assignment of Society space, including:
 - a. project concepts and initial scope of work proposals;
 - b. engagement of professional consultants;
 - c. evaluation of planning proposals;
 - d. research and design studies and proposals, including interior design;
 - e. financial management and planning of the Space Expansion Fund;
 - f. initial selection of tenants of society space, and
 - g. timely implementation of the Society space directives of the Board of Directors.
11. Organize and conduct consultations with all parties affected by space planning, including the general membership.
12. Receive regular reports from SFSS representatives on joint committees of the Society and other external organizations on the progress of work.
13. Maintain oversight on planning and implementation of internal renovations and new construction either directly or through a selected board member, depending on scope of work.
14. Review proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on all matters affecting Society space negotiations with external parties including lease and maintenance items.

Adopted: BOD-2008-07-14
Amended: BOD-2010-03-31

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Board Policies (REVIEW of 2015 Policy Manual)

Board Policies, Rules and Standing Orders Definitions

1. "Board Policies" consists of the rules and standing orders of the Society as enacted by the Board.
2. "Rules" are authoritative statements or guides for conduct and action that outlines what the Society is what to do or not do in a specific situation.
3. "Standing Orders" are the rules that governs the authority of standing committees, adhoc committees, and working groups of the society. They describe who sits on what committee or working groups, the type of business and how meetings are called and conducted.

Rules

R-1: Establishment and Revision of Society Policies

Society Policies

1. The Board of Directors has exclusive authority of the regulation of the Society as it relates to supervising and managing the internal affairs of the Society between meetings of the membership including Board policies, Issues Policies, Administrative Policies and any other such policy enacted by the Board. The Board of Directors does not have authority over Council policies.
2. A motion to establish or amend a policy or shall be:
 - a. given two (2) weeks notice of motion,
 - b. posted on the SFSS website,
 - c. circulated to the Council email list, and
 - d. if necessary, brought to the-Governance Committee for a recommendation and report on:
 - i. its impact and effects, and
 - ii. its compatibility with the constitution, bylaws, and policies.
3. A policy shall only be adopted or amended by a:
 - a. 2/3^{rds} majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of the Board where that policy is a rule,
 - b. simple majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Board of Directors where that policy is a standing order, administrative policy, ~~or~~ issues policy, or any other policy of the Society, with the exception of Council Policies.
4. Suspension of a policy shall be for a definite time period and purpose, to be specified in the motion to suspend, and shall require a 2/3^{rds} majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - a. Any suspension of R-1 or any of its parts shall not suspend or impact any other Rule or Standing Order adopted by the Board.
6. All amendments, and additions to Board Policies shall be recorded under that rule, or standing order.
7. All suspensions of Board policies ie. Rules or Standing Orders shall be recorded in Appendix 2: Suspensions and Deletion History.

8. This rule applies to all policies of the society under the authority of the board.

Council Policies

1. The Council is an advisory body of the Society as established in the bylaws of the Society that shall serve as the primary medium for discussion of issues of importance to members of Council and shall advise the Board as necessary, and may strike advisory committees, establish their terms of reference, and appoint their members, at its discretion.
2. Council has the exclusive power to establish, revise, and repeal Council policies as it relates to Council business.
3. Council policies shall have the right to a section of the Society website to house all council policies and procedures and other relevant information to Council.
4. The Board of Directors shall respect and recognize the authority of any policies established by Council, as it relates to its powers as outlined in the Society By-laws, to effectively serve as an advisory body of the Board of Directors.

R-2: Executive Officer Duties, Responsibilities, and Stipend Requirements

Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers

1. Executive officers shall attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee.
2. Executive officers shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and Council.
3. Executive Officers shall attend all General Meetings of the Society -.
4. Executive Officers are expected to chair at least one standing committee of the Society, and to actively participate in one other committee of the Society, other than the Executive Committee, or to which the Society nominates or appoints.
5. Executive Officers shall report on the work done in their portfolios at weekly executive committee meetings
6. Executive Officers shall post and keep office hours in-person or electronically.
7. Executive Officers shall provide a semesterly written report by the 30th day of the first month of the following semester, detailing work completed and projects undertaken for the benefit of the Society. Exit reports shall take the place of work reports for the Spring Semester.

Stipend Eligibility

10. The eligibility of an executive officer for full stipend is determined by fulfilling each of the requirements contained in the above section, R-6: Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers.
13. Directors must fulfill all the requirements of bylaw 6.1, return keys, and settle all their outstanding debts to the Society to be eligible to receive their final stipend.
14. Failure to submit an exit report within ten (10) business days following the end of their term will result in a \$150 deduction per week from the final stipend, unless extenuating circumstances exist.
 - a. Executive officers who have been re-elected to a subsequent term on the Board of Directors will have all further stipends withheld until such time as an exit report has been submitted.

Stipends for Executive Officers

15. In recognition of the time Executive Officers volunteer the Society provides a stipend of \$1750.00 per month.

R-3: Faculty Representative and At-Large Board of Directors Duties, Responsibilities & Stipend Requirements

Duties and Responsibilities of Faculty Representative and At-Large Representatives

1. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors and Council called during the month.
2. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall attend all general meetings of the Society called during the month.
3. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives will be expected to assist with projects and campaigns and facilitate communications between the Society and its members.

4. Faculty representatives will be expected to participate in the work of the Society, including but not limited to:
 - a. informing students in their faculty of the Society's activities,
 - b. forwarding issues of importance from their faculty to the Board of Directors,
 - c. making efforts to attend departmental student union and faculty student union general meetings, and
 - d. reporting the activities of the Society to unions within their faculty as necessary or, if requested.
5. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall be members of and actively participate in at least two standing committees of the Society.
6. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall post and keep office hours in-person or electronically.
8. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall provide a semesterly written report by the 30th day of the first month of the following semester, detailing work completed and projects undertaken for the benefit of the Society. Exit reports shall take the place of work reports for the month of Spring semester.

Stipend for Faculty Representative and At-Large Representatives

16. In recognition of the time that faculty representatives and at-large representatives volunteer to the Society, each faculty representative and at-large representative shall receive a stipend of \$875 per month.
17. Notwithstanding the above, if Faculty representatives and at-large representatives work above and beyond the scope of their duties with the prior permission of the Board of Directors, they may collect a stipend of \$1 166 instead of \$875.

R-4: Council Stipend Requirements

Stipend Eligibility for ~~Department~~ Council Representatives

5. Stipends are awarded on a per-meeting basis.
6. In recognition of the time Council Representatives volunteer the Society provides a stipend of \$35.00 per scheduled meeting attended ~~from May 1, 2008~~.

R-6: Ethical Standards of Conduct for Members of Board of Directors and its Committees

1. Proper operation of a democratic student organization requires that students elected to the Board of Directors, or appointed by the Board of Directors to a Society or University committee, be duly responsible to the membership. To this end, it is imperative that:
 - a. Society decisions and policy be made through the proper channels of the Society's structure, and
 - b. elected and appointed positions not be used for personal gain.
2. Members of the Board of Directors and Society committees shall:
 - a. maintain the highest ideals of honour and integrity while serving on the Board of Directors or a committee,
 - b. avoid any situations that could cause any person to believe that they may have brought bias or partiality to a question before the Board of Directors or its committees,

- c. avoid any situation that could impair their judgment in the performance of their elected duties while in office,
- d. carry out their duties with impartiality and equity of service to students,
- e. declare to the Board of Directors at the first opportunity their interests, or known interests of any close relatives, acquaintances, or business partners, in any enterprise which proposes to transact business with the Society,
 - i. leave the meeting during any discussion or vote on a subject where such an interest exists,
- f. not use information designated confidential for the personal gain of themselves or any other person, and
- g. not communicate information designated confidential to anyone not entitled to access that information.

R-7: Society Records and Property

1. Any documents or materials received or obtained by members of the Board of Directors or its committees in the course of fulfilling their duties, shall be considered the property of the Society and must be returned to the Society upon vacating their position, including, but not limited to:
 - a. keys,
 - b. correspondence,
 - c. office supplies,
 - d. hardware,
 - e. software,
 - f. equipment received or obtained by the members of the Board of Directors or its committees in the course of fulfilling their duties.
2. Failure to return Society property shall be considered theft.
3. The means of access to the aforesaid materials shall also be considered the property of the Society.
 - a. Such means of access must be returned to the Society upon vacating a position on the Board.

R-8: Board of Directors Meetings

Duration

1. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be limited in duration to three hours, which shall be calculated from the time when quorum has been achieved.
2. Where necessary, the Board may extend a meeting past three hours on a majority vote of the Board at any particular meeting.

Quorum

2. Once a meeting of the Board of Directors becomes quorate, that meeting shall be considered quorate until such time that a question of quorum is raised.
3. A question of quorum shall be treated as a point of order, as defined by Robert's Rules of Order.

Speaking Privileges

4. All students who are members in good standing shall have speaking privileges at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
5. All Society staff shall have speaking privileges at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

6. Board members shall always be given priority on the speaking list before a student guest or Society staff speaks at a Board meeting.

Chair

5. The President shall be the Chair of the Board of Directors, and shall Chair all Board meetings unless otherwise voted on by the Board at a particular meeting, or for the duration of a semester.

Vice Chair

6. The Board shall, by a simple majority vote, appoint a Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.
7. The Vice Chair shall convene and chair a Board meeting in the absence or at the discretion of the Chair of the Board.
8. The Vice Chair shall support the duties of the Chair, including but not limited:
 - a. Communicating with Committee Chairs and Committee Vice Chairs on behalf of the Chair.
 - b.

External Chair

9. The Board of Directors may appoint an external chair in a manner consistent with the bylaws.
10. An external chair shall receive a \$75 honorarium for each meeting that they chair.
11. The external chair shall continue to chair Board of Directors meetings during in camera sessions.
12. The external chair is bound by all rules governing in camera sessions.

Agenda

9. The order and items of business for meetings of the Board of Directors are:
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Territorial Acknowledgment
 - c. Roll Call of Attendance
 - d. Adoption of the Agenda
 - e. Adoption of the Minutes
 - f. Old Business
 - g. Reports from Committees
 - h. New Business
 - i. Notices of Motion
 - j. 30 Minute Q&A Period
 - k. Announcements
 - l. Attachments
 - m. Adjournment
10. Agenda items for regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and supporting documents must be submitted to the Chair, President, and Administrative Assistant. The Agenda for Board of Directors meetings must be distributed to Board members no later than three business days before a Board of Directors Meeting.
11. Board of Directors packages will be available electronically on the Society website two business days prior to regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

Location

12. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Harbour Centre campus over the course of any administration.
13. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Surrey campus over the course of any administration.
14. The agenda, time, and location of regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings shall be published on the Society website prior to these meetings. The agenda, time, and location of emergency Board of Directors meetings shall be published on the Society's website if possible.

R-9: In Camera Sessions

1. Board of Directors and its committees may by simple majority vote to move items for discussion in camera, only where deliberations involve:
 - a. SFSS HR matters,
 - b. open contract negotiations or competitive processes,
 - c. a litigation process in which the Society is involved,
 - d. discussions involving advice subject to solicitor-client privilege, such as legal counsel, where the Society wishes to maintain that privilege, and
 - e. subject matter that relates to, or is subject to the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA).
2. In camera items are strictly confidential and members present are bound by the Societies Act and are not to disclose the proceedings of in camera sessions.
3. Only members of the Board of Directors and its committees, and invited third parties as may be required are allowed to remain in the meeting.
4. No motions may be moved during in-camera sessions.
5. Directors are bound by the proscription of not disclosing the contents of any documents relating to in camera sessions.

R-10: Remuneration of Elected Representatives

Definitions

1. "Regulation" refers to any rule, standing order, administrative policy, issue policy, or Council policy.
2. "Remuneration motion" refers to any motion to create or amend any regulation which shall set or change the amount of a stipend or other remuneration paid to a member of the Board of Directors or Council, or which shall establish or change any other form of remuneration available to them.
3. Any remuneration motion shall be referred to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee for a report.
4. The Board of Directors and Council will not consider any remuneration motion except as recommended by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.

Applicability

5. The Committee shall provide a period for student comment on proposed changes to the remuneration paid to the Board of Directors or Council, with the following stipulations:
 - a. Notification of the comment period shall be published on the Society's website no less than four (4) weeks prior to the Committee providing a recommendation to the Board of Directors or Council.

- b. Notification shall include an invitation for students to attend a special meeting of the Committee held primarily to hear student comment. This meeting shall be held no less than two (2) weeks after the comment period has commenced and no less than one (1) week before the comment period ends.
- c. No more than two (2) weeks of the comment period shall take place during the months of August, December, or April.

R-13: Transition and Final Stipend Eligibility

Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers, Faculty Representatives, and At-Large Representatives upon the Completion of their Term

1. Final stipend eligibility requires executive officers, faculty representatives, and at-large representatives, hereinafter referred to as directors, to have completed all requirements contained in these society bylaws.
2. Final stipend eligibility requires directors to have fulfilled the requirements contained in these rules and settled all outstanding debts to the Society within ten (10) business days following the end of their term.
3. Final stipend eligibility requires directors to have submitted an exit report detailing their activities during their term in office, within ten (10) business days following the end of their term.
4. The exit report of the VP Student Services shall, in accordance with the bylaws and policies, comprise a section as draft for inclusion in the Annual Report presented at the next AGM.

Final Stipend Eligibility

5. Failure to fulfill the requirements of this regulation within ten (10) business days following the end of the Board of Directors term in office will result in a \$300 deduction per ten (10) business days, and up to twenty (20) business days, from the final stipend, unless extenuating circumstances exist.
8. Failure to fulfill the requirements of this regulation within twenty (20) business days shall result in:
 - a. the entirety of the stipend being withheld,
 - b. becoming a member in poor standing of the Society.
9. Standing shall be reversed only upon fulfilling requirements of this regulation.
10. Stipends shall not be issued until the requirements of this regulation have been fulfilled.

Final Stipend for Directors

11. In recognition of the time Directors volunteer, the Society provides a final stipend in the amounts stipulated in the rules pertaining to stipend for directors.

Enforcement of this Policy

12. Enforcement of this regulation shall be the responsibility of the incoming VP Finance.
13. The incoming President shall ensure that the VP Finance complies with the terms of this Rule.

STANDING ORDERS

SO-1: Society Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees and Working Groups

Establishment and Dissolution of Society Committees and Working Groups

1. The Board may, at its discretion, delegate its authority and/or empower committees between Board meetings, to make decisions, within their jurisdiction, to standing committees, ad-hoc committees, and working groups.
 - a. The Board will establish a standing or ad-hoc committee by including a Standing Order establishing its terms in the Board Policies.
 - b. The Board will dissolve a standing or ad-hoc committee by repealing a Standing Order consisting of its terms from the Board Policies.
 - c. The Board or a Board Committee will establish a working group amongst itself by a majority vote.

Standing and Ad-hoc Committees

2. The Board of Directors establishes the standing orders that comprise the terms of reference for all standing and ad-hoc committees. Committees have the authority to act in accordance with their terms of reference, but must seek the direction and approval of the Board of Directors on any matters of serious concern or significance to the membership of the Society.
3. **Unless otherwise specified in the standing order** establishing the committee, standing and ad-hoc committees are chaired by an executive officer.
 - a. The duties of the Chair include:
 - i. convening regular meetings,
 - ii. informing committee members of meeting times and locations,
 - iii. preparing agendas,
 - iv. distributing any documents or materials to committee members,
 - v. submitting attendance to the VP Finance, and
 - vi. reporting on committee activities to the to the Board of Directors
 - b. The duties of the Vice-Chair include:
 - i. convening meetings in the absence or at the discretion of the Chair,
 - ii. any other duties as may be assigned by the Chair
4. Composition of committee membership is specified by the committee's terms of reference. Unless otherwise specified by the standing order establishing the committee, only members in good standing may be appointed to a voting seat on a ~~standing~~ committee.
 - a. Duties of committee members include:
 - i. attending all meetings of the committee,
 - ii. representing to the best of their abilities the interests of the Society, and
 - iii. performing any duties assigned as part of the committee's mandate.
5. Unless otherwise specified in the standing order establishing the committee, members of standing and ad-hoc committees shall be elected/removed by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.
6. Unless otherwise specified in the standing order establishing the committee, quorum for all standing and ad-hoc committees shall be a majority of the seats filled.

7. For the purposes of the standing orders, 'student at-large' shall refer to a student who does not hold a position on the Board of Directors and who is a member in good standing of the Society. "Councillor" shall refer to those members who sit as members of Council and are not members of the Board of Directors of the Society.

Sub-Committees

9. Standing or Ad-hoc Board committees may, if its terms of reference allow, strike subcommittees and adopt its own terms of reference for the subcommittee, establishing its mandate, authority, and jurisdiction - and may delegate tasks to sub-committees for recommendation to the Committee.
10. Sub-committees are established by a majority vote.
11. The Standing or Ad-hoc Board committees select the chair of a sub-committee from among its members who shall convene meetings, prepare agendas, distribute documents to sub-committee members, and report subcommittee activities and recommendations back to the standing or ad-hoc committees.

Working Groups

9. The Board of Directors, or standing or ad-hoc committees establish working groups, as well as their mandates, authority, and jurisdiction by motion.
10. The Board of Directors, or standing or ad-hoc committees select the chair of a working group from among its members who shall convene meetings, prepare agendas, distribute documents to working group members, and report working group activities and recommendations back to the standing or ad-hoc committees.
11. Composition of working groups is open to all members in good standing of the Society.
 - a. Duties of working group members include:
 - i. attending all meetings of the working group,
 - ii. representing to the best of their abilities the interests of the Society, and
 - iii. performing any duties assigned as part of the working group's mandate.
12. Meeting times and locations of all standing committees, ad-hoc committees, and working groups shall be published on the Society's website and social media, and in person in the vicinity of the Society's General Office/Student Center prior to these meetings.
13. Information about student-at-large vacancies on the Society's committees shall be published on the Society's website prior to these meetings.

SO-2: Appointments and Resignations to and from Committees

1. All candidates for positions on committees nominated by the Board of Directors must apply for those positions to Board of Directors via a protocol established by the Board.
2. Unless otherwise specified by the committee's terms of reference, the Board of Directors appoints its members for a term of office expiring April 30th each year.
3. Resignations from committees are to be delivered to the President who shall report them to the subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors.
4. Any member of a committee who, without prior authorization by the committee chair, is absent from two consecutive meetings of the committee shall be deemed to have abandoned their position on the committee
 - a. The Chair shall declare that position vacant forthwith.

Standing Committees

SO-X: External and Community Affairs Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the External and Community Affairs Committee as a standing committee.
2. This Committee shall generally coordinate the advocacy work regarding federal, provincial, and municipal advocacy and lobbying campaigns and member facing student information campaigns.

Composition

3. Chairperson: VP External Relations
4. Five Board members
5. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
6. Up to 7 At-Large members
7. [Non-voting] All constituency group representatives on Council
8. [Non-voting] Executive Director
9. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

Terms of Reference

1. Identify and prioritize issues of concern to students external to the University community.
2. Develop and coordinate strategies to address those concerns.
3. Establish working groups to implement campaigns and take actions to address those concerns.
4. Ensure that the Society members are informed of these issues, and the steps taken to address them.
5. Review the progress of business from the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments or other decision-making bodies external to the University.
6. Creating information campaigns directed towards the Society membership regarding External and Community advocacy.
7. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

SO-X: University and Academic Affairs Committee

3. The Board of Directors shall maintain the University and Academic Affairs Committee as a standing committee.
4. This Committee shall generally coordinate work regarding university advocacy campaigns and member-facing student information campaigns.

Composition

10. Chairperson: VP University Relations
11. Five Board members
12. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
13. Up to 7 At-Large members
14. [Non-voting] All undergraduate student representatives sitting on the University Board of Governors or Senate
15. [Non-voting] All constituency group representatives on Council
16. [Non-voting] Executive Director
17. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

Terms of Reference

9. Identify and prioritize issues of concern to students.
10. Develop and coordinate strategies to address those concerns.
11. Establish working groups to implement campaigns and take actions to address those concerns.
12. Ensure that the Society members are informed of these issues, and the steps taken to address them.
13. Review the progress of business from the Senate, the Board of Governors, Senate Committees, and other Committees, Assemblies or decision-making bodies of the University.
14. Creating information campaigns directed towards the Society membership regarding University advocacy.
15. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

SO-5: Governance Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Governance Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: Executive Officer
3. [Ex-officio] President
4. Four Board of Directors members
5. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
6. [Non-Voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

Terms of Reference

8. Review proposals and make recommendations to amend, add and delete sections of the Society's constitution, bylaws, and policies.
9. Review appeals or questions regarding the interpretation and application of the Society's constitution, bylaws, and policies, except those specifically reserved for other committees of the Society.
10. Inform the Board of any legislative changes that impact the activities of the SFSS.
11. The committee shall meet in person or electronically as required and at the call of the Chair. The Chair may call a meeting where a notice of three working days has been provided.
12. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

Relevant Policies

13. The members of the committee should be familiar with the following: SFSS Constitution & By-Laws and the SFSS Strategic Plan, Societies Act of British Columbia, SFSS Elections and Referenda Policies, SFSS Board Policies, SFSS Administrative Policies, SFSS Issues Policies or any other policies of the society.

SO-6: Executive Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Executive Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: President, or another Executive Officer as designated by the Board
3. All currently sitting Executive Officers
4. [Non-Voting] all currently sitting Non-Executive Board members
6. [Non-voting] Executive Director (Operations and HR manager, Organizing Director)

Terms of Reference

12. Generally coordinate and manage the day-to-day activities of the Society.
13. Report to the Board of Directors as required on the activities of Society committees as well as other matters of importance.
14. Discuss and report on the work done in executive members specific portfolios since the last meeting.
15. Recommend actions for consideration by the Board of Directors and its committees.
16. Conduct the business of the Board between Board meetings where three working days have been provided.
17. Ensure the timely implementation of all directives of the Board of Directors.
18. Between the last quorate Board of Directors meeting of each semester, and the first quorate meeting of each subsequent semester, be enabled to spend up to \$20,000, make appointments to committees, and carry out the day-to-day operations of the Society.
19. The committee shall meet weekly, in person or electronically, at the call of the Chair. The Chair may call a meeting where a notice of two working days has been provided.
20. The committee chair must call an executive meeting within 24 hours upon a petition signed by three (3) of the executive committee members and give notice of at least 1 working day.
21. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

SO-7: Finance and Administrative Services Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Finance and Administrative Services Committee (FASC) as a standing committee. This committee shall oversee the financial and internal administrative matters of the Society.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP Finance
3. [Ex-officio] President
4. Four Board of Directors members, two of whom must be an Executive Officer
5. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
6. Two students at-large
7. [Non-voting] Financial Coordinator
8. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator
9. [Non-voting] Executive Director

Terms of Reference

10. This committee shall not unreasonably limit the normal duties and responsibilities of the VP Finance.
11. Coordinate the preparation of the annual operating budget and the annual capital budget of the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
12. Provide Board with formal recommendations and reports relating the audit of the Society such as the appointment of the external auditor, the annual financial statements, and the auditor's unobstructed access to information and personnel.
13. Responsible for the presentation of semesterly financial statements to the Board.
14. Coordinate the preparation of the annual operating budget and the annual capital budget of the Society's services
12. Review and propose any amendments or adjustments to the annual operating budget or annual capital budget of the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
13. Administer the budget of the Society, including the approval of any financial disbursements or discretionary spending approved within the Society's budget, where authority to do so and is not delegated elsewhere in this policy manual provided.
14. Monitor and oversee all funds, investments, and other financial assets and liabilities maintained by the Society, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
15. Monitor and oversee all other financial aspects of the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
16. Make decisions and give direction with respect to the internal administrative procedures and practices of the Society, including the administration of all internal services and activities of a non-commercial nature.
17. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature regarding financial or administrative matters of the Society shall be held in-camera.
18. Oversee the processes of the audit of the Society, including the appointment of the external auditor, the annual financial statements, and the auditor's unobstructed access to information and personnel.
19. Hear and rule on any appeals of decisions made by the Student Union Organizer or the General Office Coordinators regarding club or student union creation, dissolution, suspension, grant approvals or any other decision.
20. Consider business referred to it, regarding remuneration motions, by the Board of Directors or Council, and shall make one or more recommendations on each such matter to the Board of Directors, or Council, or both, as appropriate whereby the rule on "Remuneration of Elected Representatives" will apply
21. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

SO-9: Accessibility Advisory Committee

1. Board of Directors shall maintain the Accessibility Advisory Committee as a standing committee.

Definitions

2. "Disability" is defined as a long-term or episodic physical, mental, intellectual, sensory or communication needs, visible or invisible, which in interaction with barriers may hinder a person's full and effective participation in society on an equitable basis with others.
3. "Barriers" are defined as attitudinal, environment, and organizational structures and practices that prevent a student with a disability from participating in activities, accessing services, and being accepted by others, as much as students without disabilities.
4. "Accessibility" is defined as countering and eliminating barriers by providing specific accommodations; changing attitudes, environments, structures and processes; and implementing practices of universal design.

Composition

5. Chairperson: VP FStudent Services or another director as designated by the Board; or, on recommendation of the Committee, another member of the Committee
6. President (Ex-Officio)
7. Four Board of Directors members
- ~~8.~~ minimum 2, up to 4 at-large members
9. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council

Selection

11. The selection of students At-Large members and Councillors for this Committee shall be prioritized to students with lived experiences.

Terms of Reference

12. Review and monitor usage of the Student Society Accessibility Fund.
13. Make decisions and give approval to accessibility related capital expenses such as technological aides as well as approve other accessibility related projects.
14. Review and make recommendations to amend, add and, delete sections of policy relating to issues of accessibility and the Accessibility Fund.
15. Review and make recommendations regarding the SFSS Accessibility Policy.
16. Shall seek engagement with the community of members with disabilities, and engagement with SFU regarding the supports made available to students with disabilities
17. Research, maintain, and approve a list of priced accessibility services to be made available in the General Office.
18. The Committee shall meet at least once per semester or as required.
19. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature shall be held in camera.
20. To promote wellness on campus wherever possible in conjunction with SFU Health and Counselling and the Centre for Disabilities.
21. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.

a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

SO-11: Surrey Campus Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Surrey Campus Committee as a standing committee. The Surrey Campus Committee is to connect the Board with undergraduate students and create opportunities for increased student engagement at the Surrey campus and recommends improvement of the undergraduate experience at the Surrey campus.

Definitions

2. In this standing order, "SFU Surrey student" means a student who is enrolled in at least one course during the current or previous semester located primarily at SFU Surrey.

Composition

3. Chairperson: Board member
4. President [Ex-Officio]
5. At least 2 and up to 4 Board members in addition to the Chair
6. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
7. Up to 6 At-Large members that are enrolled in a major or minor based on Surrey campus, are taking at least one of their courses at the Surrey campus, or are an Executive member of a Surrey campus-based club.
8. [Non-voting] Surrey Campus Coordinator

Terms of Reference

11. Provide an opportunity for discussion of issues of concern to SFU Surrey students.
12. Advise the Board of Directors on all issues of concern to SFU Surrey students.
13. Recommend actions for consideration to the Board of Directors.
14. Encourage the participation of SFU Surrey students in all aspects of the Society's operations.
15. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the University, in liaison with the VP University Relations.
16. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the external community, in liaison with the VP External Relations.
17. Coordinate campus-wide activities in liaison with active Department Student Unions.
18. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

SO-X: Vancouver Campus Committee

2. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Vancouver Campus Committee as a standing committee. The Vancouver Campus Committee is to connect the Board with undergraduate students and create opportunities for increased student engagement at the Vancouver campus and recommends improvement of the undergraduate experience at the Surrey campus.

Definitions

3. In this standing order, "SFU Vancouver student" means a student who is enrolled in at least one course during the current or previous semester located primarily at SFU Vancouver.

Composition

9. Chairperson: Board member
10. President [Ex-Officio]
11. At least 2 and up to 4 Board members in addition to the Chair
12. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
13. Up to 6 At-Large members that are enrolled in a major or minor based on Vancouver campus, are taking at least one of their courses at the Vancouver

Terms of Reference

16. Provide an opportunity for discussion of issues of concern to SFU Vancouver students.
17. Advise the Board of Directors on all issues of concern to SFU Vancouver students.
18. Recommend actions for consideration to the Board of Directors.
19. Encourage the participation of SFU Vancouver students in all aspects of the Society's operations.
20. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the University, in liaison with the VP University Relations.
19. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the external community, in liaison with the VP External Relations.
20. Coordinate campus-wide activities in liaison with active Department Student Unions.
21. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

SO-13: Faculty and At-Large Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Faculty and At Large Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. All faculty representatives and at-large directors
3. [ex-officio] President
4. [Non-voting] One executive officer
5. [Non-voting] Student Union Organizer

Terms of Reference

6. Coordinate the activities of the faculty representatives and at-large directors within their portfolios and delegated duties as described in policy.
7. Report to the Board of Directors as required on the activities of the faculty representatives and at-large directors.
8. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

Chairperson

8. There shall be a rotating chair, the first of which will be the executive officer on the Committee.

SO-16: Events Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Events Committee as a standing committee. The committee shall generally oversee the of the Society.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP Student Life
3. [Ex-Officio] President
4. Five Board of Directors Members
5. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council
- ~~6.~~ Up to 7 At-Large members
7. [Non-voting] Events Coordinator

Terms of Reference

9. Develop and coordinate events on behalf of the Board of Directors.
10. The committee may strike working groups to aid in the organization of any events and promotions.
11. Upon request the committee may assist clubs, department student unions and constituency groups in the planning of events
12. Prepare the annual budget for events of the Board of Directors for consideration by the Finance and Administration Services Committee
13. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

SO-X: First Year Engagement Committee

2. The Board of Directors shall maintain the First Year Engagement Committee as a standing committee.

Definitions

6. "First Year" is defined as a student in their first or second semester at the University.

Composition

7. [ex-officio] President
8. [Chairperson] 1 Board member
9. At least 2 and up to 4 Board members
10. Up to 1 Councillor on the recommendation of Council (first year preferred)
11. Up to 6 first year at-large members

Terms of Reference

9. Coordinate activities and engagement events and initiatives, such as community building events.
10. Coordinate first year advocacy activities and projects.
11. This Committee may strike sub-committees when necessary, and sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
 - a. The Committee shall establish Working Groups wherever possible, and use Sub-Committees sparingly.

Ad-Hoc Committees

SO-X: Nominating Committee

3. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Nominating Committee as an ad-hoc committee.

Composition

12. [ex-officio] President
13. [Chairperson] Board member
14. 2 Board members
15. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

Terms of Reference

12. Provide the Board with formal recommendations with formal recommendations and reports relating to the appointment of at-large members to Board committees, in consultation with all Board Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.
13. Work with the VP Student Life to provide the Board with formal recommendations and reports relating to the appointment of Council representatives to Board Committees, in consultation with all Board Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

SO-17: Labour Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain a Labour Committee as an ad-hoc committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: Executive Officer
3. President (ex-officio)
4. Three Board members, two of whom are on the Executive Committee

Terms of Reference

5. To fulfill the duties and responsibilities set out in ~~Article 41 of the CUPE 5936~~ the collective agreement.
6. To negotiate collective agreements with CUPE 3338.

Remuneration

7. In recognition of the time the Labour Committee representatives volunteer, the Society shall provide a stipend of \$14.58 per hour. This stipend is separate from the executive officer and faculty and at-large representatives stipend. This stipend shall only be paid for time spent in collective bargaining as set out in this standing order.

Chairperson

8. The Board of Directors shall appoint the chairperson of the Labour Committee from the members of the Labour Committee.
 9. The President is not be eligible to be a Chairperson
 10. The chair of the Labour Committee shall maintain a confidential e-mail list containing only the official e-mail addresses of the members of the Labour Committee.
 11. The Labour Committee meetings shall be in camera with no minutes or records kept except in the case of Collective Agreement negotiations with CUPE 3338, during which the employer may keep wherein bargaining notes.
 12. The Board of Directors is encouraged to appoint members to the committee based on merit; when possible, directors are encouraged to appoint anon-executive officers to the committee.
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Rules

R-1: Establishment and Revision of Policies

Society Policies

1. Policies are intended to establish the reciprocal responsibilities each part of the organization has to every other.
2. A motion to establish or amend a policy shall be:
 - a. given two (2) weeks notice of motion,
 - b. posted on the SFSS website,
 - c. circulated to the Council email list, and
 - d. referred to the Constitution and Policy Review Committee for a recommendation and report on:
 - i. its impact and effects, and
 - ii. its compatibility with the constitution, bylaws, and policies.
3. A policy shall only be adopted or amended by a:
 - a. $2/3^{\text{rds}}$ majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of the Board where that policy is a rule,
 - b. simple majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Board of Directors where that policy is a standing order, administrative policy, or issue policy
4. Suspension of a policy shall be for a definite time period and purpose, to be specified in the motion to suspend, and shall require a $2/3^{\text{rds}}$ majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - a. Any suspension of R-1 or any of its parts does not suspend its requirements as they apply to rules.

Council Policies

1. Council policies regulate the conduct of Council business to ensure that it is conducted fairly and efficiently. They also regulate the relationship between Council and any advisory committees that are struck in accordance with bylaw 2.
2. Council has the exclusive power to establish, revise, and repeal Council policies.
3. A motion to establish or amend a Council policy shall be:
 - a. given three (3) weeks notice of motion, and
 - b. referred to the constitution and Policy Review Committee for a recommendation and for a report on its impact and effects, and its compatibility with the constitution, bylaws, and policies.
4. A Council policy shall only be adopted or amended by a $2/3^{\text{rds}}$ majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Council.
5. Suspension of a Council policy shall be for a definite time period and purpose, to be specified in the motion to suspend, and shall require a $2/3^{\text{rds}}$ majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Council.

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Amended: BOD 2015-01-07, BOD 2008-11-17,
BOD 2005-10-05.

R-2: Executive Officer Duties, Responsibilities, and Stipend Requirements

Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers

1. Executive officers shall attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee called during the month.
2. Executive officers shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and Council called during the month.
3. Executive Officers shall attend all General Meetings of the Society called during the month.
4. Executive Officers are expected to chair at least one standing committee of the Society, and to actively participate in one other committee of the Society, other than the Executive Committee, or to which the Society nominates or appoints.
5. Executive Officers shall complete 120 hours of work on behalf of the Society per month and shall submit a semi-monthly timesheet to the VP Finance confirming these hours. The President shall approve the timesheet of the VP Finance.
6. Executive Officers shall post and keep office hours
7. Executive Officers shall provide a semesterly written report by the 30th day of the first month of the following semester, detailing work completed and projects undertaken for the benefit of the Society. Exit reports shall take the place of work reports for the Spring Semester.
8. Executive Officers shall maintain and update the procedures manual for their respective positions.
9. Notwithstanding the above, during the months of April, August, and December it is understood that the duties and responsibilities of Executive Officers may be reduced by a maximum of one-half (1/2) of the required hours (60 hours), and that this reduction in activity shall not affect stipend allocations.

Stipend Eligibility

10. The eligibility of an executive officer for full stipend is determined by fulfilling each of the requirements contained in the above section, R-6: Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers.
11. At the first meeting of each semester, executive officers must offer proof of registration or proof of payment of the student society fee to the Board of Directors in order to be considered a member in good standing.
12. In the event of an illness, executive officers may be excused for a maximum of thirty (30) hours per one-year term of office.
 - a. Officers elected on a temporary basis may be excused for a maximum of ten (10) hours per semester.
 - b. Excused hours in any pay period must be fulfilled within the subsequent month.

13. Directors must fulfill all the requirements of bylaw 6.1, return keys, and settle all their outstanding debts to the Society to be eligible to receive their final stipend.
14. Failure to submit an exit report within ten (10) business days following the end of their term will result in a \$150 deduction per week from the final stipend, unless extenuating circumstances exist.
 - a. Executive officers who have been re-elected to a subsequent term on the Board of Directors will have all further stipends withheld until such time as an exit report has been submitted.

Stipends for Executive Officers

15. In recognition of the time Executive Officers volunteer the Society provides a stipend of \$1750.00 per month.

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BOD 2009-10-19, BOD 2009-07-29,
BOD 2009-04-22, BOD 2008-09-29,
BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2004-05-01,
BOD 2005-08-10

R-3: Faculty Representative and At-Large Board of Directors Duties, Responsibilities & Stipend Requirements

Duties and Responsibilities of Faculty Representative and At-Large Representatives

1. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors and Council called during the month.
2. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall attend all general meetings of the Society called during the month.
3. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives will be expected to assist with projects and campaigns, and facilitating communications between the Society and its members.
4. Faculty representatives will be expected to participate in the work of the Society, including but not limited to:
 - a. informing students in their faculty of the Society's activities,
 - b. forwarding issues of importance from their faculty to the Board of Directors,
 - c. making efforts to attend departmental student union general meetings, and
 - d. reporting the activities of the Society to unions within their faculty if requested.
5. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall be members of and actively participate in at least two standing committees of the Society.
6. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall complete sixty (60) hours of work on behalf of the Society per month, and shall submit a monthly timesheet to the VP Finance confirming these hours.
7. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall post and keep office hours.

8. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall provide a semesterly written report by the 30th day of the first month of the following semester, detailing work completed and projects undertaken for the benefit of the Society. Exit reports shall take the place of work reports for the month of Spring semester
9. Faculty representatives and at-large representatives shall maintain and update the procedures manual for their respective positions.
10. Notwithstanding the above, during the months of April, August, and December, it is understood that the duties and responsibilities of Faculty representatives and at-large representatives may be reduced by a maximum of one-half (1/2) of the required hours (30 hours), and that this reduction in activity shall not affect stipend allocations.

Stipend eligibility for Faculty Representative and At-Large Representatives

11. The eligibility of faculty representatives and at-large representatives for full stipend is determined by fulfilling each of the requirements of this policy.
12. At the first meeting of each semester, each faculty representatives and at-large representatives must offer proof of registration or proof of payment of the Student Society fee to the Board of Directors in order to be considered a member in good standing.
13. In the event of illness, faculty representatives and at-large representatives may be excused by a maximum of fifteen (15) hours per one-year term of office.
14. Officers elected on a temporary basis may be excused for a maximum of five (5) hours per semester.
15. Excused hours in any pay period must be fulfilled within the subsequent month.

Stipend for Faculty Representative and At-Large Representatives

16. In recognition of the time that faculty representatives and at-large representatives volunteer to the Society, each faculty representative and at-large representative shall receive a stipend of \$875 per month.
17. Notwithstanding the above, if Faculty representatives and at-large representatives work above and beyond the scope of their duties with the prior permission of the Board of Directors, they may collect a stipend of \$1 166 instead of \$875.

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BOD 2009-04-22, BOD 2008-09-29
BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2005-08-10
BOD 2009-10-19, BOD 2004-05-01

R-4: Council Representatives Duties, Responsibilities, and Stipend Requirements

Definition

1. “Council representative” shall refer to a department representative and a constituency group representative as defined in the bylaws.

Duties and Responsibilities of Council Representatives

2. Council Representatives are encouraged and expected to participate in the work of the Society, including but not limited to:
 - a. informing students in their departments of Society activities,
 - b. forwarding to the Board of Directors issues that are of concerns to the members of their department student union or constituency group,
 - c. assisting with projects and campaigns, and
 - d. facilitating communication between the Society and its members.
3. Council representatives shall:
 - a. post a reliable means by which students may contact them in their common rooms or departments, as well as at the general office of the Society,
 - b. provide a report of their activities at the request of the Board of Directors or their department student union or constituency group, and
 - c. attend all Council meetings, general meetings of the Society, and no less than 75% of the general membership meetings called by the department student union or constituency group called during the semester
4. Council representatives are strongly encouraged to be a member of the committees and working groups of the Society

Stipend Eligibility for Department Representatives

5. Stipends are awarded on a per-meeting basis.
6. In recognition of the time Council Representatives volunteer the Society provides a stipend of \$35.00 per scheduled meeting attended from May 1, 2008.

Amended: BOD 2008-06-23, BOD 2008-04-16
BOD 2005-12-07, BOD 2003-03-19

R-5: Society Affiliations

1. The Society cannot enter into a binding contract with an extra-university student association or federation from March 20th, 2009 to March 19th, 2014, as voted by referendum of the membership of the Simon Fraser Student Society.*
2. No meeting of the Board of Directors can vote to reinstate or acquire members in an extra university student association or other similar body, from March 20th, 2009 until March 19th, 2014, as voted by referendum of the membership of the Simon Fraser Student Society.
3. The Simon Fraser Student Society will remain independent of any extra-university association or similar body from March 20th, 2009 until March 19th, 2014, as voted by referendum of the membership of the Simon Fraser Student Society.
4. As such, it is a violation of this policy for any Board of Directors member to collect signatures on a petition for a referendum concerning membership in an external national or provincial student organization.

Adopted: BOD 2009-04-22

R-6: Ethical Standards of Conduct for Members of Board of Directors and its Committees

1. Proper operation of a democratic student organization requires that students elected to the Board of Directors or appointed by the Board of Directors to a Society or University committee be duly responsible to the membership. To this end, it is imperative that:
 - a. Society decisions and policy be made through the proper channels of the Society's structure, and
 - b. elected and appointed positions not be used for personal gain.
2. Members of the Board of Directors and Society committees shall:
 - a. maintain the highest ideals of honour and integrity while serving on the Board of Directors or a committee,
 - b. avoid any situations that could cause any person to believe that they may have brought bias or partiality to a question before the Board of Directors or its committees,
 - c. avoid any situation that could impair their judgment in the performance of their elected duties while in office,
 - d. carry out their duties with impartiality and equality of service to students,
 - e. declare to the Board of Directors at the first opportunity their interests, or known interests of any close relatives, acquaintances, or business partners, in any enterprise which proposes to transact business with the Society,
 - i. leave the meeting during any discussion or vote on a subject where such an interest exists,
 - f. not use information designated confidential for the personal gain of himself/herself/herself or any other person, and
 - g. not communicate information designated confidential to anyone not entitled to access that information.

Amended: BOD 2003-03-19

R-7: Society Records and Property

1. Any documents or materials received or obtained by members of the Board of Directors or its committees in the course of fulfilling their duties, shall be considered the property of the Society and must be returned to the Society upon vacating their position, including, but not limited to:
 - a. keys,
 - b. correspondence,
 - c. office supplies,
 - d. hardware,
 - e. software,
 - f. equipment received or obtained by the members of the Board of Directors or its committees in the course of fulfilling their duties.
2. Failure to return Society property shall be considered theft.

3. The means of access to the aforesaid materials shall also be considered the property of the Society.
 - a. Such means of access must be returned to the Society upon vacating a position on the Board.

Amended: BOD 2010-07-07, BOD 2003-03-19

R-8: Board of Directors Meetings

Duration

1. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be limited in duration to three hours, which shall be calculated from the time when quorum has been achieved.

Quorum

2. Once a meeting of the Board of Directors becomes quorate, that meeting shall be considered quorate until such time that a question of quorum is raised.
3. A question of quorum shall be treated as a point of order, as defined by Robert's Rules of Order.
4. All students who are members in good standing shall have full speaking privileges at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

External Chair

5. The Board of Directors may, by simple majority vote, appoint a person to chair the Board of Director meetings from amongst its seated members, or it may appoint a chairperson external in a manner consistent with the bylaws.
6. An external chair shall receive a \$75 honorarium for each meeting that he/she/ze chairs.
7. The external chairperson shall continue to chair Board of Directors meetings during in camera sessions.
8. The external chairperson is bound by all rules governing in camera sessions.

Agenda

9. The order and items of business for meetings of the Board of Directors are:
 - a. Appointment of the Chair
 - b. Adoption of the Agenda
 - c. Guest Speaker
 - d. Adoption of the Minutes
 - e. Matters Arising from the Minutes
 - f. Appointments/Resignations
 - g. Unfinished Business
 - h. Reports from Executive and Department Representatives
 - i. Reports from Committees, Representatives, and Delegates
 - j. New Business
 - k. Notices of Motion
 - l. Announcements
 - m. Attachments

n. Adjournment

10. Agenda items for regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and supporting documents must be submitted to the Chair, President, and Minute Taker no later than noon, three business days before a Board of Directors meeting.
11. Board of Directors packages will be available electronically on the Society website two business days prior to regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

Location

12. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Harbour Centre campus over the course of any administration.
13. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Surrey campus over the course of any administration.
14. The agenda, time, and location of regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings shall be published on the Society website prior to these meetings. The agenda, time, and location of emergency Board of Directors meetings shall be published on the Society's website if possible.

Adopted: BOD 2003-03-19

Amended: BOD 2014-08-26, BOD 2008-07-14,
BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2005-03-16**R-9: In Camera Sessions**

1. Board of Directors and its committees may by simple majority vote move items for discussion in camera.
2. In camera items are strictly confidential and members present are bound by the Society Act not to disclose the proceedings of in camera sessions.
3. In camera sessions are reserved for discussions of staff relations (in accordance with the relevant collective agreements or contracts), legal matters, or other matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.
4. Only members of the Board of Directors and its committees, and invited third parties as may be required are allowed to remain in the meeting.
5. No motions may be moved during in camera sessions.
6. For the purpose of adequately preparing for in camera sessions of the Board of Directors or its committees not relating to labour issues, members of the Board of Directors or its committees who plan on bringing forward in camera items for discussion shall provide a representative member with any documentation relating to the in camera session.
 - a. The member shall then send an electronic mail message to the appropriate committee list alerting the committee that the representative member has said documentation.
 - b. The documentation will be available for review by the committee one hour prior to the meeting where the issue will be discussed in camera.
7. Directors are bound by the proscription of not disclosing the contents of any documents relating to in camera sessions.

Amended: BOD 2005-05-18, BOD 2003-03-19

R-10: Remuneration of Elected Representatives

Definitions

1. “Regulation” refers to any rule, standing order, administrative policy, issue policy, or Council policy.
2. “Remuneration motion” refers to any motion to create or amend any regulation which shall set or change the amount of a stipend or other remuneration paid to a member of the Board of Directors or Council, or which shall establish or change any other form of remuneration available to them.
3. Any remuneration motion shall be referred to the Remuneration Advisory Committee for a report.
4. The Board of Directors and Council will not consider any remuneration motion except as recommended by the Remuneration Advisory Committee.

Applicability

5. This rule is applicable notwithstanding rules 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.
6. For clarity, amendments to any regulation contemplated by this section are only those portions of motions fitting the definition of ‘remuneration motion.’
7. For clarity, any part of any remuneration motion that does not fit the definition of ‘remuneration motion’ is not subject to this rule and is instead subject to rules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as applicable.
8. The Committee shall provide a period for student comment on proposed changes to the remuneration paid to the Board of Directors or Council, with the following stipulations:
 - a. Notification of the comment period shall be published on the Society's website and in the student newspaper no less than four (4) weeks prior to the Committee providing a recommendation to the Board of Directors or Council.
 - b. Notification shall include an invitation for students to attend a special meeting of the Committee held primarily to hear student comment. This meeting shall be held no less than two (2) weeks after the comment period has commenced and no less than one (1) week before the comment period ends.
 - c. No more than two (2) weeks of the comment period shall take place during the months of August, December, or April.

Adopted: BOD 2009-04-30

R-11: Elections and Referenda

Campaigns

1. No campaigning shall occur until the Chief Electoral Officer officially opens the campaign period.

2. No Society, faculty student union, department student union, constituency group, or club mailing list or database information shall be used to distribute campaign materials.
3. No campaign materials or activities, irrespective of where or how those campaign materials are distributed or activities held, shall attack the person of any other candidate.
4. Campaigning is not permitted during the voting period.

Referenda

5. The Chief Electoral Officer must approve referenda campaigns.
6. Only one 'for' campaign and one 'against' campaign will be approved.

Debates

7. The Independent Electoral Commission shall organize and promote at least one all-candidates debate during the campaign period at each of the Surrey and Burnaby campuses, and, if possible, at the Vancouver campus.

Campaign materials

8. All campaign materials must:
 - a. indicate their authoring candidate or campaign, and
 - b. be approved by the Independent Electoral Commission.
9. No campaign materials may be posted in the Women's Centre, Out on Campus office, Food and Beverage Spaces, or in the Society Office Spaces.
10. With the exception of referenda questions, Society resources, including the time of staff and Board members, may not be used for the purposes of campaigning.

Campaign Expenses

11. The campaign budgets of any candidate may not exceed \$50.
 - a. The Society will reimburse this cost following the election.
12. The budget for any referendum campaign shall be \$300 for the cost of printed materials.
 - a. The Society will reimburse this cost following the election.

Campaign Infractions and Appeals

13. The Independent Electoral Commission shall adjudicate all disputes regarding any breach of election, by-election, and referendum bylaws and policies by candidates or campaigns on the basis of those bylaws and policies.
14. Complaints must be communicated to the Independent Electoral Commission in writing.
15. Where an infraction is discovered by the Independent Electoral Commission or where a complaint is lodged, the Independent Electoral Commission shall:
 - a. begin the adjudication process within one business day of receiving a complaint, and
 - b. invite the candidate(s) or campaign in question to speak on their own behalf.

16. The Independent Electoral Commission shall:
 - a. determine, on the basis of the evidence provided, whether or not an infraction was committed,
 - b. determine the penalties for any infractions,
 - c. communicate its decision to the candidate(s) or campaign in writing within two business days of the hearing, and
 - d. include that written record within its election report.

Appeals

17. A complainant may appeal a decision of the Independent Electoral Commission to the Independent Electoral Commission where:
 - a. an intention to appeal a decision is provided to the Chief Electoral Officer, in writing, within two business days of the original decision, and
 - b. new evidence is available.
18. The Independent Electoral Commission shall have the right to reject an appeal application that is deemed frivolous or invalid.

Voting

Ballots

19. The Independent Electoral Commission shall be responsible for designing the ballots.

Online Voting

20. Links to electronic ballots must be sent to all eligible student voters by email, and posted on all Society web-based communication tools, as well as the Independent Electoral Commission website.

Tabulation of Votes

21. Online votes shall be tabulated as soon as possible.
22. The unofficial results shall be promptly announced in a public location and posted on the Independent Electoral Commission website.
23. The Independent Electoral Commission may approve a maximum of three (3) scrutineers by lottery to observe the tabulation of the vote on behalf of all candidates.

Election Reporting

24. The Chief Electoral Officer shall submit a written report of the official election results and referenda outcomes to the Board of Directors for ratification.
25. Any outstanding appeals to the Independent Elections Commission must be submitted and resolved prior to the ratification of election results.
26. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide a written report of the official election results and referenda outcomes to the Finance Office before the start of the following semester.

27. The Chief Electoral Officer shall create and present a comprehensive election report to the incoming Board within the first month of his/her/zir taking office.
 - a. The report shall contain:
 - i. the official results of the election and referendum questions,
 - ii. a financial statement outlining the cost of the election,
 - iii. a summary of all relevant issues arising from the election,
 - iv. suggestions for improvement of future elections, and
 - v. any other relevant information deemed necessary

Approved: BOD 2009-09

Deleted BOD 2010-09-20

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R-12: Independent Electoral Commission

1. A full Independent Electoral Commission must be established no later than two (2) weeks before nominations are called for a general election or by-election.
2. The Society shall provide an office for the Independent Electoral Commission.

Appointments

3. Calls for candidates to all Independent Electoral Commission positions must be advertised at least on:
 - a. the Independent Electoral Commission website and include,
 - b. in the student newspaper,
 - c. as posters on SFU approved bulletin boards on all three campuses,
 - d. on all available Society web-based communications tools.
4. All advertisements for candidates to the Independent Electoral Commission must:
 - a. include the duration of the appointment,
 - b. include the nature and scope of the work, and
 - c. include the date and time of the Council meeting during which the applicants will be interviewed, and
 - d. be posted at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the first Council meeting during which interviews will be held.

Chief Electoral Officer

5. Council will make a binding recommendation to the Board of Directors to appoint a Chief Electoral Officer to a one-year term commencing on December 1st of every calendar year.
6. All applicants shall be interviewed at a Board of Directors meeting during or prior to a Board of Directors meeting at which the Chief Electoral Officer will be appointed.
7. The Board shall appoint a Chief Electoral Officer by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
8. The Board shall appoint a replacement in the same manner in the event the Chief Electoral Officer vacates his/her/zir position prior to the end of his/her/zir term.

Commissioners

9. The Chief Electoral Officer shall make a binding recommendation to Board to appoint commissioners for a term lasting from two weeks prior to an election to the approval of the final election results by the Board.

Responsibilities

Chief Electoral Officer

10. Coordinates the elections, by-elections, and referenda of the Society.
11. Faculty Student Unions, Department Student Unions, Clubs, and Society recognized constituency groups may request that the Chief Electoral Officer coordinate their elections.
12. The Chief Electoral Officer may do so subject to Board approval, though not while coordinating the elections, by-elections, and referenda of the Society.
13. The Chief Electoral Officer may accept an honorarium from these groups under these circumstances.
14. The Chief Electoral Officer, in consultation with the Communications Coordinator, must ensure that the Independent Electoral Commission website is kept up to date.
15. The Chief Electoral Officer will maintain and ensure the distribution of the Elections Handbook to all candidates and campaigns.

Commissioners

16. Commissioners shall support the Chief Electoral Officer in the organization and conduct of an election, by-election, or referendum of the Society.

Stipends and Resources

Chief Electoral Officer

17. In recognition of services rendered, the Chief Electoral Officer shall receive a stipend.
 - a. It may be for up to one hundred fifty (150) volunteer hours during any election period.
18. The Board may increase the maximum number of volunteer hours eligible for stipend allotment following a request by the Chief Electoral Officer.
19. The stipend of the Chief Electoral Officer shall be disbursed semi-monthly.
20. The stipend of the Chief Electoral Officer shall be calculated at an hourly rate equivalent to that of the executive members of the Board of Directors
21. Should the Chief Electoral Officer fail to fulfill his/her/zir duties, the commissioners may, by majority vote, recommend a deduction of the stipend of the Chief Electoral Officer to the VP Finance.
22. The Chief Electoral Officer may appeal any deduction to his/her/zir stipend to the Stipend Appeals Committee.
23. The Society shall provide the Chief Electoral Officer with a cell phone during election, by-election, and referenda periods.

Commissioners

24. In recognition of services rendered, commissioners shall receive a stipend.
 - a. It may be for up to sixty (60) volunteer hours during any election period.
25. The Board may increase the maximum number of volunteer hours eligible for stipend allotment following a request by the Chief Electoral Officer.
26. Commissioner stipends shall be disbursed semi-monthly
27. Commissioner stipends shall be calculated at an hourly rate equivalent to that of the faculty and at-large representatives of the Board of Directors.
28. Should any Commissioner fail to fulfill his/her/his duties, the Chief Electoral Officer may make a binding recommendation that the VP Finance deduct a portion of that commissioner's stipend.
29. A Commissioner may appeal any such deduction to the Stipend Appeals Committee.

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Amended: BOD 2015-01-07, BOD 2014-10-15.

R-13: Transition and Final Stipend Eligibility

Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers, Faculty Representatives, and At-Large Representatives upon the Completion of their Term

1. Final stipend eligibility requires executive officers, faculty representatives, and at-large representatives, hereinafter referred to as directors, to have completed all requirements contained in these bylaws.
2. Final stipend eligibility requires directors to have fulfilled the requirements contained in these rules and settled all outstanding debts to the Society within ten (10) business days following the end of their term.
3. Final stipend eligibility requires directors to have submitted an exit report detailing their activities during their term in office, within ten (10) business days following the end of their term.
4. The exit report of the VP Student Services shall, in accordance with the bylaws and policies, comprise of a section for inclusion in the Annual Report presented at the next AGM.

Final Stipend Eligibility

5. Failure to fulfill the requirements contained in these regulations shall be governed by rules 6 and 7.
6. Failure to fulfill the requirements of this regulation within ten (10) business days following the end of the Board of Directors term in office will result in a \$150 deduction per ten (10) business days, and up to twenty (20) business days, from the final stipend, unless extenuating circumstances exist. In the case of extenuating circumstances, cases shall be taken to the Stipend Appeals Committee.
7. Directors who have been re-elected to a subsequent term on Board will have all further stipends withheld until an exit report has been submitted. The

- requirements of rule 11 shall be waived if the material is pertinent to the new position.
8. Failure to fulfill the requirements of this regulation within twenty (20) business days shall result in:
 - a. the entirety of the stipend being withheld,
 - b. becoming a member in poor standing of the Society, and
 - c. being assessed a fine of \$25 per business day to a maximum of \$750.
 9. Standing shall be reversed only upon fulfilling requirements of this regulation.
 10. Stipends shall not be issued until the requirements of this regulation have been fulfilled.

Final Stipend for Directors

11. In recognition of the time Directors volunteer, the Society provides a final stipend in the amounts stipulated in rules 6 and 7.

Enforcement of this Policy

12. Enforcement of this regulation shall be the responsibility of the incoming VP Finance.
13. The incoming President shall ensure that the VP Finance complies with the terms of this Rule.

Approved: BOD 2011-04-06

STANDING ORDERS

SO-1: Society Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees and Working Groups

Establishment of Society Committees and Working Groups

1. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, delegate its authority to standing committees, ad-hoc committees, and working groups.
 - a. Standing committees are established and empowered by the Board of Directors to consider and take action on routine duties and responsibilities relating to the Society on a regular and ongoing basis.
 - b. Ad-hoc committees are established and empowered by the Board of Directors to consider and take action on specific duties and responsibilities relating to the Society that arise regularly, but infrequently.
 - c. Working groups are established and empowered by the Board of Directors or its committees to consider and take action on specific tasks or issues on an as-needed basis. A working group is constituted for a limited duration and will be dissolved once its purpose has been served.

Standing and Ad-hoc Committees

2. The Board of Directors establishes the standing orders that comprise the terms of reference for all standing and ad-hoc committees. Committees have the authority to act in accordance with their terms of reference, but must seek the direction and approval of the Board of Directors on any matters of serious concern or significance to the membership of the Society.
3. Unless otherwise specified in the standing order establishing the committee, standing and ad-hoc committees are chaired by an executive officer.
 - a. The duties of the Chair include:
 - i. convening regular meetings,
 - ii. informing committee members of meeting times and locations,
 - iii. preparing agendas,
 - iv. distributing any documents or materials to committee members,
 - v. submitting attendance to the VP Finance, and
 - vi. reporting on committee activities to the Executive Committee and to Board of Directors.
4. Composition of committee membership is specified by the committee's terms of reference. Unless otherwise specified by the standing order establishing the committee, only members in good standing may be appointed to a voting seat on a standing committee.
 - a. Duties of committee members include:
 - i. attending all meetings of the committee,
 - ii. representing to the best of their abilities the interests of the Society, and

- iii. performing any duties assigned as part of the committee's mandate.
5. Unless otherwise specified in the standing order establishing the committee, members of standing and ad-hoc committees shall be elected/impeached by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.
6. Unless otherwise specified in the standing order establishing the committee, quorum for all standing and ad-hoc committees shall be a majority of the seats filled.
7. Unless otherwise specified in the standing order establishing the committee, all committee members, with the exception of persons employed by the Society, are voting members.
8. For the purposes of the standing orders, 'student at-large' shall refer to a student who does not hold a position on the Board of Directors and who is a member in good standing of the Society. Council members shall refer to those members who sit as members of Council and are not members of the Board of Directors of the Society.

Working Groups

9. The Board of Directors, or standing or ad-hoc committees establish working groups, as well as their mandates, authority, and jurisdiction by motion.
10. The Board of Directors, or standing or ad-hoc committees select the chair of a working group from among its members.
 - a. Duties of the chair include:
 - i. convening regular meetings,
 - ii. informing committee members of meeting times and locations,
 - iii. preparing agendas,
 - iv. distributing any documents or materials to working group members,
 - v. submitting attendance to the VP Finance, and
 - vi. reporting working group activities to its committee or the Board of Directors.
11. Composition of working groups is open to all members in good standing of the Society.
 - a. Duties of working group members include:
 - i. attending all meetings of the working group,
 - ii. representing to the best of their abilities the interests of the Society, and
 - iii. performing any duties assigned as part of the working group's mandate.
12. Meeting times and locations of all standing committees, ad-hoc committees, and working groups shall be published on the Society's website in a conspicuous place, and in the vicinity of the Society's General Office prior to these meetings.
13. Information about student-at-large vacancies on the Society's committees shall be published on the Society's website prior to these meetings.

Amended: BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2006-03-10,
BOD 2006-02-24, BOD 2002-03-27.

SO-2: Appointments and Resignations to and from Committees

1. All candidates for positions on committees nominated by the Board of Directors must apply for those positions to Board of Directors.
2. Unless otherwise specified by the committee's terms of reference, the Board of Directors appoints its member for a term of office expiring April 30th each year.
3. Resignations from committees are to be delivered to the President who shall report them to the subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors.
4. Any member of a committee who, without prior authorization by the committee chair, is absent from two consecutive meetings of the committee shall be deemed to have abandoned their position on the committee
 - a. The Chair shall declare that position vacant forthwith.

Amended: BOD 2002-03-27

Standing Committees**SO-3: Advocacy Committee**

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Advocacy Committee as a standing committee.
2. This Committee shall generally coordinate the advocacy and university relations work of the Society.

Composition

3. Chairperson: VP External Relations
4. [Ex-officio] President
5. VP University Relations
6. VP Student Life
7. Two non-executive members of the Board
8. Four members of Council, a maximum of two from the Board, nominated by Council
9. Two students at-large
10. One representative selected by and from the student members of the Board of Governors
11. One representative selected by and from the student members of Senate
12. One representative selected by and from the Women's Centre Collective
13. One representative selected by and from the Out on Campus Collective
14. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator
15. The Board of Directors shall attempt to ensure that at least one member of the committee is also a student member of the Senate Committee on University Priorities.

Terms of Reference

16. Identify and prioritize issues of concern to students.
17. Develop and coordinate strategies to address those concerns.

18. Establish working groups to implement campaigns and take actions to address those concerns.
19. Ensure that Society members are informed of these issues, and the steps taken to address them.
20. Prepare the annual budget for the Advocacy Committee for consideration by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
21. Review the progress of business through Senate, the Board of Governors, the Senate Committee on University Priorities, and the SFU Community Trust.
22. Assist the VP University Relations in recruiting students to sit on university committees and holding these students accountable for their work.

Amended: BOD 2011-06-07, BOD 2011-06-07,
 BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2005-04-27,
 BOD 2003-11-05.

SO-4: Commercial Services Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Commercial Services Committee as a standing committee.
2. This Committee shall serve to oversee the Society's commercial services, which shall include all food, beverage and retail services, and other revenue generating departments and operations as determined by the Board of Directors and shall not unreasonably limit the normal duties and responsibilities of the Student Society Food and Beverage Services Manager.

Composition

3. Chairperson: member of the Board of Directors
4. [Ex-officio] President
5. VP Finance
6. Five members of the Board of Directors
7. Three Council members
8. Two students at-large
9. [Non-voting] One representative selected by and from non-management Food and Beverage staff
10. [Non-voting] Financial Coordinator
11. [Non-voting] Communications Coordinator
12. [Non-voting] Student Society Food and Beverage Services Manager
13. [Non-voting] Pub Events and Promotions Coordinator

Terms of Reference

14. Receive regular reports and recommendations from the managers of the Society's commercial services.
15. Set goals, make decisions, and give direction with respect to the operation, administration, and management of the Society's commercial services, as well as make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
16. Review the performance and operations of the Society's commercial services, ensuring the needs of the Society's members are satisfied in so far as financial and

- operational realities permit, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
17. Coordinate the preparation of the annual operating budget and the annual capital budget of the Society's commercial services for consideration by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
 18. Review and propose any amendments or adjustments to the annual operating budget or annual capital budget of the Society's commercial services for consideration by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
 19. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature regarding the operations of the Society's commercial services shall be held in camera.
 20. The Chair is required to call a meeting of the Commercial Services Committee a minimum of once a semester.

Amended: BOD 2013-07-18, BOD 2010-11-29,
BOD 2008-07-14, BOD 2008-04-16,
BOD 2004-05-19.

SO-5: Constitution and Policy Review Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Constitution and Policy Review Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: Executive Officer
3. [Ex-officio] President
4. Four Board of Directors members
5. Two students at-large
6. Two representatives from Council
7. [Non-Voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

Terms of Reference

8. Review proposals and make recommendations to amend, add and delete sections of the Society's constitution, bylaws, and policies.
9. Review appeals or questions regarding the interpretation and application of the Society's constitution, bylaws, and policies, except those specifically reserved for other committees of the Society.

Amended: BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2006-02-24,
BOD 2003-07-30.

SO-6: Executive Committee

1. Standing Committee Board of Directors shall maintain the Executive Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: President
3. VP Student Service
4. VP Finance
5. VP Student Life

6. VP External Relations
7. VP University Relations
8. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator [2008-05-01]
9. [Non-voting] Communications Coordinator [2008-05-01]
10. [Non-voting] Student Union Organizer
11. Quorum Quorum shall be four Executive Officers, two of whom must be signing officers.

Terms of Reference

12. Generally coordinate the day-to-day activities of the Society.
13. Report to Board of Directors as required on the activities of Society committees as well as other matters of importance.
14. Recommend actions for consideration by Board of Directors and its committees.
15. Ensure the timely implementation of all directives of Board of Directors.
16. Between the last quorate Board of Directors meeting of each semester, and the first quorate meeting of each subsequent semester, be enabled to spend up to \$20,000, make appointments to committees, and carry out the day-to-day operations of the Society.

Amended: BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2005-07-27,
BOD 2002-03-27.

SO-7: Finance and Administrative Services Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Finance and Administrative Services Committee (FASC) as a standing committee. This committee shall oversee the financial and internal administrative matters of the Society.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP Finance
3. [Ex-officio] President
4. Four Board of Directors members, two of whom must be an Executive Officer
5. Two Council members
6. Two students at-large
7. [Non-voting] Financial Coordinator
8. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator
9. [Non-voting] Executive Director

Terms of Reference

10. This committee shall not unreasonably limit the normal duties and responsibilities of the VP Finance.
11. Coordinate the preparation of the annual operating budget and the annual capital budget of the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.

12. Review and propose any amendments or adjustments to the annual operating budget or annual capital budget of the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
13. Administer the budget of the Society, including the approval of any financial disbursements or discretionary spending approved within the Society's budget, where authority to do so is not delegate elsewhere in this policy manual provided.
14. Monitor and oversee all funds, investments, and other financial assets and liabilities maintained by the Society, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
15. Monitor and oversee all other financial aspects of the Society and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary.
16. Make decisions and give direction with respect to the internal administrative procedures and practices of the Society, including the administration of all internal services and activities of a non-commercial nature.
17. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature regarding financial or administrative matters of the Society shall be held in camera.

Amended: BOD 2013-02-20, BOD 2011-07-06,
BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2002-03-27.

SO-8: Joint Services Committee

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society and the SFU Student Services shall maintain the Joint Services Committee as a standing committee.

Terms of Reference

2. The Committee shall coordinate services and events that are jointly administered by the Society and Student Services, as defined in the letter of agreement originally signed July 14, 2003.

Adopted: BOD 2004-03-27.
Name Changed: 2010-07-07.

SO-9: Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee

1. Board of Directors shall maintain the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP Finance
3. President (Ex-Officio)
4. VP Student Services
5. One member of the Board of Directors
6. Two students nominated by and from the membership of Students United for Disability Support or in the event that SUDS is not active in any given semester two students recommended by Council or by SFU's Centre for Disabilities
7. One at-large student member (not a member of the Board of Directors).
Notwithstanding Standing Order 1 (Society Standing Committees, Ad-hoc

Committees and Working Groups), said membership shall be appointed by Council.

8. [Non-Voting] Student Union Organizer
9. [Non-Voting] General Office Coordinator
10. [Non-Voting] HI-FIVE Representative

Terms of Reference

11. Review and monitor usage of the Student Society Accessibility Fund as per AP-22 Accessibility Fund
12. Make decisions and give approval to accessibility related capital expenses such as technological aides as well as approve other accessibility related projects as described in Definitions in the administrative policy Accessibility Fund
13. Review and make recommendations to amend, add and, delete sections of policy relating to issues of accessibility and the Accessibility Fund.
14. Research, maintain, and approve a list of priced accessibility services to be made available in the General Office.
15. Hear appeals of decisions taken by the Student Union Resource Office, the General Office, and the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
16. The Committee shall meet at least once per semester or as required.
17. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature shall be held in camera.
18. To promote wellness on campus wherever possible in conjunction with SFU Health and Counselling and the Centre for Disabilities

Adopted: BOD 2005-06-29.
BOD 2013-07-18, BOD 2009-03-25,
BOD 2008-02-20, BOD 2005-11-16.

SO-10: Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: President (ex-officio)
3. VP University Relations, who shall also act as alternate chair in the President's absence.
4. VP Student Services
5. VP Finance
6. One Board of Directors Member
7. Two Representatives selected by and from the members of Council.
8. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator
9. [Non-voting] Representative chosen by the Health Plan Broker
10. Quorum and Compensation
11. Quorum shall be three voting members of the Committee excluding the resident/Chairperson.
12. Members of the Committee who are representatives of Council but not members of the Board of Directors will be compensated an honorarium equivalent to the pro-

rated Directors' hourly rate per [Rule 7.1.f and 7.3.3] of each Committee meeting, paid from the Extended Health and Dental Plan Reserve Fund.

Terms of Reference and Mandate

13. The Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee has two unique governing roles.
 - a. The committee shall receive written appeals from members about Extended Health and Dental Plan membership, claims coverage, and plan administration.
 - b. The committee shall reply in writing to written complaints from the membership.
14. The committee shall conduct hearings to address member appeals. The meetings shall be closed when an individual member's coverage is under appeal.
 - a. No public record shall be kept of the proceedings.
15. The committee shall rule on appeals.
 - a. All decisions made by the committee that arise from the resolution of appeals and complaints shall be recorded for audit purposes in accordance with the requirements of privacy legislation.
16. The committee chair shall communicate the committee's decisions to complainants in writing.
17. The committee shall also be responsible for recommending an annual budget for the management, promotion or maintenance of the Extended Health and Dental Plan to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee, and for administering the Extended Health and Dental Plan Reserve Fund, as set out in the Health Plan department budget.
18. The Extended Health and Dental Plan Reserve Fund budget shall be reviewed twice a year, during the regular and revision budget processes.
19. The Committee may authorize expenditures from within the Extended Health and Dental Plan Reserve Fund budget.
20. All financial decisions made by the committee shall be recorded for audit purposes in accordance with the requirements of privacy legislation.

Appeals

21. The Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee, in its role as appeal hearing body, is an internal administrative body, governed by the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. Within this framework, it is free to develop procedures and practices to conduct hearings.
22. Discussions concerning procedures and practices for conducting hearings may be recorded for future reference.
23. Members of the committee are prohibited from disclosing any information about an appeal, any deliberations of the committee, and any decisions of the committee.
24. For all eligible appeals, the Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee shall:
 - a. determine whether an appellant who is not eligible for coverage based on the standard eligibility for enrolment criteria will be allowed to enrol in the Extended Health and/or Dental plan,

- b. determine whether an appellant who is eligible for coverage based on the standard eligibility for enrolment criteria and who does not have comparable coverage will be allowed to cease coverage of the Extended Health and/or Dental plan,
- c. determine whether an appellant has demonstrated extraordinary financial need (e.g. the appellant recently lost a source of income, or was denied previously communicated funding), and, if so, whether they can cease coverage or apply for a subsidy,
- d. determine whether an appellant can cease coverage based on a case wherein their personal security and wellbeing may be endangered by the release of personal information, and, if so, whether they can cease coverage, and
- e. determine whether an appellant can cease coverage where the appellant failed to meet the plan deadlines due to documented physical incapacity due to illness, work schedule, or residential constraints.

Adopted: BOD 2009-03-11.

Amended: BOD 2010-03-03.

SO-11: Surrey Campus Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Surrey Campus Committee as a standing committee.

Definitions

2. In this standing order, “SFU Surrey student” means a student who is enrolled in at least one course during the current or previous semester located primarily at SFU Surrey.

Composition

3. Chairperson: Chief Officer
4. Surrey Affairs Officer
5. Campus Life Officer
6. Promotions and Outreach Officer
7. Eight Officers
8. [Non-voting] One Board of Directors liaison
9. [Non-voting] Surrey Campus Coordinator
10. [Ex-officio] President.

Terms of Reference

11. Provide an opportunity for discussion of issues of concern to SFU Surrey students.
12. Advise the Board of Directors on all issues of concern to SFU Surrey students.
13. Recommend actions for consideration to the Board of Directors.
14. Encourage the participation of SFU Surrey students in all aspects of the Society’s operations.
15. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the University, in liaison with the VP University Relations.

16. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the external community, in liaison with the VP External Relations.
17. Coordinate campus-wide activities in liaison with active Department Student Unions.

Election of Members

18. The department student union representatives shall be elected by and from among the members of the department student union who are SFU Surrey students.
19. The representatives of each cohort-based program shall be elected by and from among the students enrolled in that program.
 - a. The committee shall be conducted the election in accordance with the special rules of order to be specified by the Committee.
20. The students at-large shall be elected by and from among SFU Surrey students.
 - a. The committee shall be conducted the election in accordance with the special rules of order to be specified by the Committee.
21. The representatives from the faculty of arts shall be elected by and from among Surrey students who are enrolled in at least one arts course at SFU Surrey.

Removal of Members

22. The department student union representatives may be removed from office in accordance with procedures that may be adopted by the department student union.
23. The representatives of each cohort-based program may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the students enrolled in that program. Such a vote shall be conducted at a meeting that shall be called by the committee upon the request of any ten (10) students enrolled in that program.
24. The students at-large may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the SFU Surrey students. Such a vote shall be conducted at a meeting that shall be called by the committee upon the request of any fifteen (15) SFU Surrey students.

Term of Office

25. The term of office of department student union representatives shall be in accordance with procedures that may be adopted by the departmental student union.
26. The term of office of representatives of cohort-based programs and students at-large shall be determined by a special rule of order of the committee.

Chairperson

27. Notwithstanding other standing orders, the chairperson shall be elected by and from among the voting members of the committee.
28. Temporary chairs shall be appointed by voting members and shall be from among non-voting SFU Surrey students.

Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules

29. In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, the Committee may adopt special rules of order and standing rules to regularize its business.

30. The Surrey Campus Coordinator shall maintain the official copy of the Committee's Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules.
 - a. A copy shall be made available on the SFSS website.
31. The Surrey Campus Committee Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules, and any changes to them, shall be sent to the Board of Directors for ratification.

Funding

32. Subject to budgetary considerations, the committee shall receive, at minimum, funding calculated according to the model of department student unions, and may have both a core account and a trust account with the Society.
33. For the purpose of this section, the membership of the committee shall be deemed to consist of all SFU Surrey students.

Amended: BOD 2008-06-23, BOD 2008-04-16,
 BOD 2008-02-20, BOD 2007-06-02,
 BOD 2008-02-06, AGM 2007-10-10,
 BOD 2006-03-10.

SO-12: Remuneration Advisory Committee

1. Standing Committee The Society shall maintain the Remuneration Advisory Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. President (Ex-Officio)
3. One member of the Board of Directors
4. Two members of Council who are not members of the Board of Directors, appointed by Council
5. Two members of the Society who are not members of the Board of Directors or Council, one appointed by the Board of Directors and one appointed by Council
6. Members of the Society who are also staff shall not serve on the Committee
7. Members of the Committee may be impeached by a simple majority vote of the body that appointed them to the Committee
8. The Committee shall elect a chair from among its members
9. Quorum is four (4) members of the Committee, such that at least one member appointed pursuant to 2(c), and one member appointed pursuant to 2(d) are present

Terms of Reference

10. The Committee shall consider business referred to it by the Board of Directors or Council.
11. The Committee shall consider all matters related to the remuneration paid to members of the Board of Directors and Council and shall make one or more recommendations on each such matter to the Board of Directors, or Council, or both, as appropriate.
 - a. Such a recommendation may relate to any matter related to the issue of remuneration including, but not limited to:

- i. the value of remuneration provided,
 - ii. the form of remuneration provided, and
 - iii. the schedule for the provision of remuneration
12. The Committee may consider any information it considers pertinent when developing a recommendation to the Board of Directors or Council.

Adopted: BOD 2008-04-30

Amended: BOD 2009-03-25

SO-13: Faculty and At-Large Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Faculty and At Large Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. All faculty representatives and at-large directors
3. [ex-officio] President
4. [Non-voting] One executive officer
5. [Non-voting] Student Union Organizer

Terms of Reference

6. Coordinate the activities of the faculty representatives and at-large directors within their portfolios and delegated duties as described in policy.
7. Report to the Board of Directors as required on the activities of the faculty representatives and at-large directors.

Chairperson

8. There shall be a rotating chair, the first of which will be the executive officer on the Committee.

Adopted: BOD 2010-03-03.

Amended: BOD 2013-02-20.

SO-14: Build SFU Student Advisory Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Build SFU Student Advisory Committee as a standing committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP University Relations or another member of the Board of Directors
3. Two Council members
4. Six Students-at-Large
5. [Non-voting] Build SFU General Manager
6. [Non-voting] Build SFU Consultation Coordinator

Terms of Reference

7. Organize consultations with the general membership.
8. Implement communications and promotions to the general membership.
9. Make recommendations to the Board of Directors about the project.

Adopted: BOD 07-04-2013

SO-15: Granting Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Granting Committee as a standing committee. This Committee shall generally oversee club, departmental student union, and constituency group granting.

Composition

2. Chairperson: A member of the Board of Directors
3. [Ex-Officio] President
4. VP Student Life
5. Two Board of Directors Members
6. Two Council Members
7. Two students At-Large
8. [Non-voting] Two General Office Coordinators
9. [Non-voting] Student Union Organizer

Terms of Reference

10. Grant club requests greater than those provided for under AP-12.5h
11. Grant Departmental Student Union requests greater than those provided for under AP-16.4.c in AP-16.5.c
12. Approve requests by Constituency Groups for funding greater than that provided for in AP-17.6.c
13. Hear requests for Special Event Funding made under AP-28.1c
14. Hear appeals of decision made by the General Office Coordinators under AP-12.8.b
15. Hear appeals of decisions made by the Student Union Organizer under AP-12.8.b
16. Hear appeals of decisions made by the Student Union Organizer under AP-17.7
17. Budget
18. In conjunction with the general office coordinators, prepare the annual budget for the club core and grant line items.
19. In conjunction with the Student Union Organizer, prepare the annual budget for the department student union core and grant line items.
20. In conjunction with the Student Union Organizer, prepare the annual budget for constituency groups covered under AP-17.

Adopted: BOD 2011-07-06.
Amended BOD 2013-06-27.

SO-16: Events and Promotions Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Events and Promotions Committee as a standing committee. The committee shall generally oversee the events and promotions of the Society.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP Student Life

3. [Ex-Officio] President
4. Four Board of Directors Members
5. Two Council Members
6. Four Students At-Large
7. [Non-voting] Communications Coordinator
8. [Non-voting] FBS Promotions Coordinator

Terms of Reference

9. Develop and coordinate events on behalf of the Board of Directors.
10. Develop and coordinate the promotional materials and promotional campaigns of the Society and its services.
11. Develop and coordinate Board events in the Highland Pub and promotions of the SFSS Food and Beverage Services.
12. Develop and coordinate Board events in the Highland Pub and promotions of the SFSS Food and Beverage Services
13. The committee may strike working groups to aid in the organization of any events and promotions.
14. Upon request the committee may assist clubs, department student unions and constituency groups in the planning of events
15. Prepare the annual budget for events of the Board of Directors for consideration by the Finance and Administration Services Committee

Adopted: BOD 2011-07-06.
Amended: BOD 2013-07-18.

Ad-Hoc Committees

SO-17: Labour Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain a Labour Committee as an ad-hoc committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: Executive Officer
3. President (ex-officio)
4. Three Board members, two of whom are on the Executive Committee

Terms of Reference

5. To fulfill the duties and responsibilities set out in Article 41 of the CUPE 5936 collective agreement.
6. To negotiate collective agreements with CUPE 3338.

Remuneration

7. In recognition of the time the Labour Committee representatives volunteer, the Society shall provide a stipend of \$14.58 per hour. This stipend is separate from the executive officer and faculty and at-large representatives stipend. This

stipend shall only be paid for time spent in collective bargaining as set out in this standing order.

Chairperson

8. The Board of Directors shall appoint the chairperson of the Labour Committee from the members of the Labour Committee.
9. The President is not be eligible to be a Chairperson
10. The chair of the Labour Committee shall maintain a confidential e-mail list containing only the official e-mail addresses of the members of the Labour Committee.
11. The Labour Committee meetings shall be in camera with no minutes or records kept except in the case of Collective Agreement negotiations with CUPE 3338, during which the employer may keep wherein bargaining notes.
12. The Board of Directors is encouraged to appoint members to the committee based on merit; when possible, directors are encouraged to appoint a non-executive officers to the committee.

Amended: BOD 2009-04-30, BOD 2008-06-09,
 BOD 2008-04-30, BOD 2004-06-04.

SO-18: Stipend Appeals Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain a Stipend Appeals Committee as an ad-hoc committee.
2. The election and impeachment of members of the committee, with the exception of the President, shall be by a 2/3rds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Members may only be impeached with cause.

Composition

3. Chairperson: The Board of Directors shall elect a chairperson from amongst its own members
4. President (ex-officio)
5. Three students at-large
6. The Chairperson shall not be an Executive Officer

Quorum

7. Quorum shall be the Chair plus three other members of the Committee.
8. Terms of Reference
9. The committee is an internal administrative body governed by the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. Within this framework, it is free to develop procedures and practices to conduct hearings and is not constrained by strict rules of procedure and evidence.
10. The VP Finance shall have primary responsibility over stipends, except that the President shall have responsibility over the VP Finance's stipend.
11. The President shall have the primary responsibility over excuses and leaves of absence.

12. Any decision taken by the VP Finance or the President regarding stipends, excuses, or leaves of absence may be appealed to the committee by the affected party. Appeals shall be in writing, and delivered to the committee chair within twenty (20) working days. In extenuating circumstances, the committee chair may extend the time limit for an appellant to dispute the findings of the VP Finance or the President.
13. Upon receiving any such appeal, the chair shall convene a meeting of the committee within fifteen working days. The appeal shall be deemed to have been allowed by the committee if the chair fails to convene a meeting as required.
14. The neutrality of any member of the committee scheduled to hear a case may be challenged and will be determined by the chair.
15. If the neutrality of the chair is challenged, the other members of the committee will determine it.
16. A member of the committee who's own stipend is under consideration shall not be deemed neutral.
17. The Committee is responsible for interpreting any policy under consideration.
18. The deliberations of the Committee shall be closed with no record kept.
19. The Chair of the Committee shall vote only in case of a tie. No members of the Committee shall abstain.
20. The Chair shall communicate the decision of the SAC, in writing, to the affected parties within five working days of the hearing. The decision shall include reasons. The appeal shall be deemed to have been allowed by the Committee if the Chair fails to communicate the decision as required.

Appeals

21. Appeals of decisions of the SAC shall be made to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Board of Directors. Board of Directors may, by a 2/3rds majority vote, overturn any decision of the SAC.

Amended: BOD 2004-06-02

SO-19: Student Space Oversight Committee

1. The Board of Directors shall maintain the Student Space Oversight Committee as an ad-hoc committee.

Composition

2. Chairperson: VP University Relations
3. [Ex-officio] President
4. VP Finance
5. VP Student Services
6. Two Board of Directors members
7. Two students-at-large
8. Two Council members
9. [Non-voting] Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator

Terms of Reference

10. Review proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for consultation and deliberation in a timely manner on all matters pertaining to the evaluation, design, development, alteration, renovation or assignment of Society space, including:
 - a. project concepts and initial scope of work proposals,
 - b. engagement of professional consultants,
 - c. evaluation of planning proposals,
 - d. research and design studies and proposals, including interior design,
 - e. financial management and planning of the Space Expansion Fund,
 - f. initial selection of tenants of society space, and
 - g. timely implementation of the Society space directives of the Board of Directors.
11. Organize and conduct consultations with all parties affected by space planning, including the general membership.
12. Receive regular reports from SFSS representatives on joint committees of the Society and other external organizations on the progress of work.
13. Maintain oversight on planning and implementation of internal renovations and new construction either directly or through a selected board member, depending on scope of work.
14. Review proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on all matters affecting Society space negotiations with external parties including lease and maintenance items.

Adopted: BOD 2008-07-14
Amended BOD 2010-03-31

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

AP-1: Regrets, Leave, and Resignation

1. Leaves of absence approved by the President or VP Finance shall be reported to the Board of Directors.
2. Notices of resignation from the Board of Directors shall be directed to the President and accepted at the subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors.

Resignation of Directors (as per bylaws)

3. In order to comply with the provisions of the bylaws, which requires that each director of the Society to be registered as a student in at least two (2) of the three (3) semesters comprising his/her/zir tenure of office, each person who is elected or appointed to be a director of the Society shall submit to the Society and to the University Registrar his/her/zir written consent for the University Registrar to, at any time during their tenure of office, produce a report on their registration status in each of the (3) three semesters comprising their tenure of office, and to make this information available to the Executive Director of the Society and to any member of the Society upon request. They shall give this consent no later than the first day of their tenure of office as a Director and they shall not withdraw this consent until the last day of their tenure of office.
 - a. Any person not giving such consent shall be deemed unregistered for classes for the purposes of bylaw 5.1.
4. For the purposes of this policy, a report on a registration status shall list whether the subject of the report is currently registered in a course or program at the University, and for each of the previous semesters in their term of office, if the subject was so registered in that semester.
5. The Executive Director of the Society will, no later than one week before the first scheduled meeting of Council in each semester, and as soon as possible after the University's last class withdrawal date for each semester, obtain from the University Registrar reports on registration status of each director of the Society.
6. The Executive Director of the Society will, in the case of a director elected in a by-election or appointed by Council or by ordinary resolution to be a director, obtain from the University Registrar a report on the registration status of that person on, or as soon as possible after, the first day of the tenure of office of the director.
7. As soon as possible after obtaining the reports on registration status, the Executive Director of the Society shall distribute to the members of the Student Council those reports along with a list of any directors who have paid their society fee for that semester directly to the Society, and a list of any directors who owe to the Society any fee, fine, or penalty levied by the Society in accordance with the bylaws and policies of the Society.

8. Upon the receipt of registration and fee-payment reports produced under this policy, Council shall review the report and shall advise the Board if they agree with the findings in those reports as they relate to the application of the bylaws.
9. If Council disagrees with any information provided to it under this policy, it shall provide clear and concise reasons to the Society of the nature of its disagreement with the report and the Society shall pursue those issues and a report on the issue will be provided to Council as soon as possible.
10. For the purposes of administering the bylaws, except as given otherwise in this policy, the Society shall consider each director to be a member in good standing until such time as Council has agreed with the content of the report indicating that the director is not a member in good standing.
 - a. Once Council has agreed with the content of a report indicating that a director is not a member in good standing, the Society shall deem that person to not to be a member in good standing, and they shall cease to be a director of the Society according to the bylaws.

Leave of Absence

11. Requests by members of the Board of Directors for leaves of absence shall be directed to the President for approval. In the event that the President requests a leave of absence, it shall be directed to the VP Finance for approval.
12. All requests for leaves of absence shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the reasons for seeking it.
13. In the event that a request for a leave of absence is denied, the President or VP Finance shall provide written reasons for his/her/zir decision.
14. No more than two (2) months leave of absence shall be granted within a one-year term of office.
15. Members of the Board of Directors who have not paid Society fees for the semester for which they are requesting a leave of absence shall have these fees deducted from their first month's stipend in the semester they return.

Regrets

16. 'Regret' is a term that refers to a written document submitted as a request to be excused from attending a meeting where attendance would otherwise be required.
17. Regrets must be submitted to the chair of the Board of Directors or the committee, as well as the Minute Taker, and must:
 - a. include the specific extent of that absence,
 - b. include the reason for that absence, and
 - c. be submitted at least one (1) hours in advance of the meeting in question.
18. Acceptable reasons for the submission of regrets include, but are not limited:
 - a. bereavement,
 - b. illness,
 - c. an academic or employment specific conflict, and
 - d. a personal or family emergency.

19. Regrets are deemed acceptable or not by simple majority vote of the organizational unit to which they have been submitted.
20. Where such regrets are deemed unacceptable, an explanation must be provided in writing to the submitter.

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BOD 2008-02-25, BOD 2007-04-25,
BOD 2003-01-08.

AP-2: Access to Society Space

1. This policy determines and restricts access to all space controlled by the Society.

Key Control

2. Apart from this policy, access designations may be granted by motion of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors, as well as by the President or the VP Student Services when meetings of either of these bodies are not in progress.
3. Only the President, the VP Student Services, and the General Office coordinating staff are authorized to order University keys for Society spaces.
4. The Food and Beverage Services General Manager and the Executive Director are authorized to provide access to Food and Beverage Service areas for Food and Beverage Services Employees.
5. Supervisory staff may request keys for those employees under their supervision in the spaces in which they work.
6. Directors and employees of the Society may sign keys out for short-term use for up to 4 hours without deposit.
7. A deposit of ten dollars (\$10) will be required for periods of longer than 4 hours, which may be deducted from a person's paycheque or stipend.
8. If a key is lost, a replacement fee will be charged as billed by SFU.
9. Members or guests authorized by an executive officer, general office coordinator, or staff member may sign keys out for short-term use if personal identification is provided and a deposit of ten dollars (\$10) is paid prior to the release of the key.
10. If a key is lost, a replacement fee will be charged as billed by SFU.
11. All keys must be returned immediately upon request.
12. Final stipend payments to directors will be withheld until all keys are returned to the Society.

Entitlement to Key Access

13. Only authorized persons may enter Society spaces within the scope of this policy. Other persons may only enter if a person so entitled attends or an executive officer (or specific officer) has granted them specific permission.
14. All directors, permanent employees, replacement employees, and term employees shall have access to their respective areas of work.
15. The Executive Director shall have access to all Food and Beverage space, the General Office, and the Finance Office.

16. The Food and Beverage General Manager shall have access to all Food and Beverage space, the General Office, and the Finance Office.
17. The Retail Service Coordinator shall have access to the Copy Centre, and the Copy Centre Storage areas.
18. The General Office coordinating staff shall have access to the General Office and to the North Storage facility.
19. The Financial Coordinators shall have access to the Financial Storage facility.
20. The Surrey Campus Coordinator shall have access to the Surrey Common Room.
21. Only those authorized by the Women's Centre Collective shall have access to the Women's Centre Office and shall require SFU Security to provide access.
22. All Directors shall have access to the Board of Directors Office.
23. Executive Committee members shall have access to the Executive Conference Room and the General Office.
24. The President shall have access to all Society space.
25. The VP Finance shall have access to the Financial Office.
26. The Surrey Campus Liaison shall have access to the Surrey Board of Directors Office and the Surrey Common Room.
27. All Officers of the Surrey Campus Committee, as defined in the standing orders, shall have access to the Surrey Common Room.
28. The Chief, Campus Life, Surrey Affairs, and Promotions and Outreach Officers shall have access to the Surrey Board of Directors Office.
29. Food and Beverage Service employees shall have access to areas authorized by the Food and Beverage Manager or the Senior Organizational Advisor.
30. The Women's Centre staff shall have access to the Women's Centre Lounge.
31. The Out on Campus Coordinator shall have access to the Out on Campus Lounge. Only Out on Campus staff members shall have access to the Out on Campus office.
32. Only trained volunteers and Centre staff will be given the punch code lock combination for the Out on Campus Lounge door. The Out on Campus Collective shall authorize semester access to the lounge door lock combination for volunteers, and for others on an as-needed basis.

Open Access

33. All members shall have access to the General Office during hours of operation.
34. All members shall have access to the Copy Centre during hours of operation.
35. All members shall have access to the Surrey Campus Lounge during hours of operation.
36. All members shall have access to the Rotunda lounge.
37. All self-identified female SFU community members shall have access to the Women's Centre Lounge.
38. All Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning- (LGBTQ-) friendly members shall have access to the Out on Campus Lounge when a trained office volunteer or an Out on Campus staff person is present to maintain a safe space.

Restricted Access

39. Only commissioners of the Independent Elector Commission may have access to the Commission Office during Society nomination, campaigning, and voting periods and for a period of 3 (three) weeks following the final day of voting. During this period, no one shall have access to the Commission Office unless a member of the IEC is present.
40. Society directors or their agents may have access to leased space according to the terms of signed lease agreements. Leaseholders are responsible for establishing access to spaces under their control.
41. The President and Executive Director shall have access to all Society spaces in emergency situations and as necessary when scheduled maintenance is to be performed.

Scheduled Access

42. The Society General Office shall schedule Society events on request from Society clubs and department student union signing officers in Council Chambers, the Arcade, Society Conference Rooms, and the Atrium Cafeteria on a first-come, first-served basis. Clubs and department student unions will be held responsible for damage or loss of property in the Society spaces booked for their events.
43. The Society General Office shall schedule events on request from other third parties in the Council Chambers, the Arcade, Society Conference Rooms, and the Atrium Cafeteria on a first-come, first-served basis. Those booking space will be held personally responsible for damage or loss of property in the Society spaces booked.
44. General Office coordinating staff may authorize access to Society spaces for use outside of regular office hours of operation.

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BOD 2010-04-28, BOD 2009-07-08,
BOD 2007-02-28, BOD 2003-12-03.

AP-3: Activity Fee

1. The Student Activity Fee shall be non-refundable.
2. Simon Fraser University students aged sixty years or more at the commencement of the summer semester, and who are Canadian citizens or who hold permanent resident status in Canada, are honorary members in good standing of the Society and are exempt from the Student Activity Fee.
3. Students only taking audit courses shall be exempt from the Student Activity Fee.
4. The following groups of students shall only be charged half the regular Student Activity Fee:
 - a. Students in off-campus programs; the term 'off-campus program' is defined as a program housed outside the SFU Burnaby, SFU Vancouver, SFU Surrey, and Great Northern Way campuses,
 - b. Students taking three or fewer course hours for credit,
 - c. Students taking Summer Session courses only, and

- d. Students taking Intersession courses only.
5. The Finance and Administrative Services Committee shall request and review a report from the University once a semester that indicates:
 - a. the total value of the Student Activity Fee that was collected,
 - b. the number of students, broken down by category and by part- and full-time status who are exempt from paying the Student Activity Fee or who are only charged half the fee, and
 - c. the number of students, broken down by part time and full-time status, enrolled in courses at the SFU Program in Kamloops, and the total value of the fees collected from them.
6. As the Society receives fees from the University they shall be apportioned among the Society and affiliate organizations for which fees are collected.
7. Society members who are studying at another institution as part of a formal exchange program continue to be assessed and pay Society fees at Simon Fraser University. Students from another institution who are taking course work or conducting research under a formal exchange program shall not be assessed Society fees.
8. Except for those members whose fee status is stated otherwise in this policy, all members of the Society shall be assessed the full Society fee in any semester they are registered according to the bylaws.

Amended: BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2008-02-25,
 BOD 2008-02-06, AGM 2007-10-10,
 BOD 2005-05-15, BOD 2001-02-28.

AP-4: Advertising on Campus

1. If excessive or inappropriate advertising occurs, those responsible will be subject to any or all of the following:
 - a. a written reprimand,
 - b. the removal of posters, and
 - c. the suspension of their privileges to use space.
2. General Office staff shall make the determination of what constitutes excessive or inappropriate advertising.
 - a. All appeals to any such determination shall be directed to the Board of Directors.
3. This policy shall not apply to campaign materials for University or Student Society elections or referenda.

Amended: BOD 2003-08-27

AP-5: Anti-Racism

1. The Society recognizes racism as a form of discrimination that deprives the community of full participation by its members.
2. The Society supports an environment that protects and promotes the dignity, worth, and human rights of every person, and it encourages mutual respect and cooperation among individuals. T

3. The Society:
 - a. acknowledges the challenge of becoming responsive to the needs of a pluralistic community,
 - b. affirms that the racial, ethno-cultural, linguistic, and religious diversity of its members and employees is a source of enrichment and strength for the organization and the University, and
 - c. commits to eliminating barriers that racial, ethno-cultural, linguistic, and religious groups encounter in the course of their efforts to participate in education and employment opportunities.
4. The Society is committed to:
 - a. promoting an inclusive environment where racial equality is fundamental to its goals and philosophy,
 - b. creating an understanding that race relations issues must not be trivialized or marginalized,
 - c. cultivating a mutual acceptance of cultural diversity among its members and employees,
 - d. taking into account the anticipated impact on the diverse membership when creating new programs, policies, and services,
 - e. working with its employees to ensure that collective agreements and employment practices reflect the Society's commitment to effectively dealing with issues of racism,
 - f. organizing campaigns for the purpose of increasing awareness about racism with the goal of creating a learning environment in which all members of the community can fully participate,
 - g. lobbying the University to develop policies and procedures to effectively deal with issues of racism, including:
 - i. an on-going review and evaluation of University curricula, programs, policies, hiring practices, services, and methods of service delivery with the goal of removing inequities and biases,
 - ii. a recognition that curricula must present a global view of the community, which includes the experiences and achievements of diverse cultural groups,
 - iii. recognition of the value and importance of first language(s) and educational experiences of First Nations students,
 - iv. continued support of English as a Second Language programs,
 - v. training, guidance and support for members, faculty, administration, and staff, to enhance cross-cultural understanding, mutual respect, unlearning racism, and acceptance of cultural diversity, and
 - vi. support for an Ethnic Relations Officer and appropriate counselling services for people of colour and First Nations people.

Adopted: BOD 2001-02-28

AP-6: Conference Room, Council Chambers and Atrium Bookings

Audio-Visual Equipment

1. Student groups may borrow audio-visual equipment for student activities, except that students who require equipment for class projects shall arrange to borrow it through their departments.
2. For audio-visual equipment set-up involving an audio-visual technician, or for equipment that is to be used off-campus, borrowers shall complete an Instructional Media Centre Work Order to be signed by a General Office coordinator.
3. Where there will be a charge for a student group with no Society budget or trust account, a deposit or pre-payment shall be required.
4. Rooms may be booked by submitting an appropriate form and attaching the name and contact information of two people.
5. The walls which separate the Society's conference rooms may only be opened or closed by a trained employee or trained directors of the Society. Between Friday 4:00 pm and Monday 10:00 am, all the walls be opened. Between Monday and Thursday after 4:00 pm the wall configurations will be set and may not be moved.
6. Groups booking the Society's conference rooms, the Atrium and the Council Chambers must return the room to the original set-up as laid out by posted diagrams. Groups who do not complete this requirement may have their booking privileges revoked or restricted for up to one semester. Any cost incurred on behalf of an event will be forwarded to the group.
7. Non-paying groups may make up to 2 conference room bookings. Any subsequent booking may only be made at the end of the current bookings. Groups may book the Council Chambers on a semester basis.
8. Furniture may not be removed from any conference room, the Atrium or the Council Chambers of the Society, unless given prior permission by a General Office employee. All applicable work orders must be forwarded to the General Office for prior approval.
9. The General Office reserves the right to require a deposit from groups who are hosting events involving food in conference rooms, the Atrium and Council Chambers. The deposit to will be returned upon a clean inspection by a General Office.
10. The conference rooms, the Atrium and the Council Chambers are not available for booking between the last working day in December and the first school day of the Spring semester.
11. Any group or individual booking conference rooms, Council Chambers or the Atrium for the purpose of review or exam preparatory sessions relating to University courses may charge:
 - a. a maximum of \$5 per student for admission to the session, and
 - b. a maximum of the cost of producing the materials for the materials provided at the session.
 - c. Materials so produced may cost no more than:

- i. the price of printing at the SFSS Copy Centre,
- ii. \$1.00 per data or audio compact disc, and
- iii. \$4.00 per data or video DVD.

Amended: BOD 2005-06-25, BOD 2003-11-05.

AP-7: Budget

1. The fiscal year for the Society shall be from May 1st to April 30th.
2. The Board of Directors shall, in consultation with Council and on the recommendation of the VP Finance and the Finance and Administrative Services Committee, set an annual budget for the Society each spring semester preceding the commencement of each new fiscal year. The Finance and Administrative Services committee shall review the Society's annual budget (6) six months into each fiscal year, taking into account the actual revenues and expenditures to date, and make recommendations to Board of Directors as necessary.
3. The Board of Directors shall ensure that the annual budget of the Society, to the best of its ability, reasonably and accurately reflects the projected levels of revenues and expenditures in all areas and departments (including all commercial service areas) of the Society for the new fiscal year in a consolidated and comprehensive manner.
4. Internal budgets for all departments and areas of the Society shall be, at a minimum, broken down by semester, except that internal budgets for commercial service departments shall be broken down by month.
5. The annual operating budget of the Society shall maintain, at a minimum, a net surplus or return to members' equity (unrestricted fund balance) in the General Fund in an amount equal to or greater than 5% of the Society's net student activity fee revenue for that fiscal year. This requirement shall remain in force and effect until such time as the members' equity (unrestricted fund balance) of the Society, as indicated by the audited financial statements of the Society, is equal to or greater than the equivalent of 3 months of the Society's General Fund net annual operating expenditures.
6. Department and area coordinators and/or managers shall be responsible for monitoring their departments' or areas' budgets monthly and by semester. No expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted shall be permitted without the specific authorization of Board of Directors. Projected Expenditures for an event or campaign of the Society must not exceed the amount remaining in the relevant line item(s).
7. The Society's Finance Office shall maintain and prepare monthly statements of revenues and expenditures for each internal department and area no later than the 15th day of the following month. Department and area coordinators and/or managers shall review and regularly monitor such statements.
8. Changes to amounts allocated to line items within department budgets require the approval of the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.

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 BOD 2013-12-04, BOD 2011-10-19,

BOD 2008-11-17, BOD 2008-04-16,
BOD 2004-12-15, BOD 2002-05-15.

AP-8: Cheque Requisitions

1. The Board of Directors, or an appropriate Society committee shall by resolution authorize all Society expenses.
2. One person cannot submit both a cheque requisition request and approval.
3. A General Office coordinator or the Surrey Campus Coordinator must pre-approve all club cheque requisitions.
4. The Student Union Organiser or the Surrey Campus Coordinator must pre-approve all department student union cheque requisitions.
5. The Chair of a standing committee must request cheque requisitions for committee-approved donations.
6. The VP Finance shall approve cheque requisitions for donations by the Board of Directors or Council.
7. A duly authorized cheque requisition and documentation satisfactory to the Society's auditor must be supplied to the Finance Office before a cheque is issued or payment is made with the use of the Society credit card.
8. An Executive Officer must give final approval to all cheque requisitions.
9. Section 2 shall not apply to the Food and Beverage Services.

Amended: BOD 2010-04-14, BOD 2005-08-10,
BOD 2005-03-02, BOD 2003-04-16.

AP-9: Childcare Expenses

1. Members of Council, the Board of Directors, and Society committees and working groups shall be entitled to reimbursement of childcare expenses that result from their involvement in meetings of the Society.
2. Childcare expenses shall be reimbursed up to:
 - a. five dollars (\$5) per hour per child to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100) per semester for Council representatives and students at-large,
 - b. two-hundred-fifty dollars (\$250) per semester for faculty and at-L;arge members of the Board of Directors,
 - c. and to a maximum of two thousand dollars (\$2 000) per semester for executive officers.
3. Applications for reimbursement shall be made to the Finance Office and shall be accompanied by supporting documentation satisfactory to the Society.

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AGM 2007-10-10, BOD 2004-09-22,
BOD 2002-05-15.

AP-10: Clubs

Definitions and Purposes

1. Clubs are organized student groups that have a mandate to pursue interdisciplinary, social, or activist goals.

2. Clubs shall not duplicate departmental student unions.

Membership Criteria

3. Club membership shall be open to all members of the University community.
4. Each club shall consist of a minimum of ten members in good standing of the Society or of the Graduate Student Society.
5. A student member must provide their name, student number, status of membership in-good-standing in the Society or the Graduate Student Society, and signature or appropriate electronic verification to become valid members of the club.
6. Each club must have at least two (2) executive officers that are members in good standing of the Society or of the Graduate Student Society.

Registration Criteria

7. To be eligible to be registered as a club, groups must follow the requirements of this policy and other Societies policies where applicable.
 - a. The General Office Coordinators of the SFSS may disallow a club's registration, subject to an appeal to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee (FASC).
8. To be eligible for initial registration the club shall submit to the General Office using the provided club forms:
 - a. a membership list,
 - b. a minimum of two (2) club members serving as Executive Officers and signing officers, and
 - c. a Club Liability Disclaimer signed by two executive officers 19 years of age or older.
9. To remain eligible for registration the club shall submit to the General Office each semester using the provided club forms:
 - a. an updated membership list.
 - b. a list of current Executive Committee members and signing officers,
 - c. a Club Liability Disclaimer signed by two club executive officers 19 years of age or older, and
 - d. a written copy of any changes to the Constitution duly made in the previous semester.
10. To be eligible for initial or continuing registration of a club, clubs must send a representative to attend the Club Orientation Meeting held by the General Office at the beginning of each semester.

Constitutions

11. Clubs must use the default constitution provided by the General Office unless there are specific requirements that must be met, subject to the approval of the General Office Coordinators. Constitutions shall include:
 - a. a statement of the aim(s) and purposes of the club,
 - b. procedures for holding meetings of its membership,

- c. the composition of an election procedure for an Executive Committee (or equivalent), and
- d. a clause that requires the transfer of all assets to the Society upon dissolution of the club.

Club Structure and Operation

- 12. Clubs shall receive a core operating grant from the Society, and maintain a core operating fund account
- 13. Clubs may maintain a Society trust account.
- 14. Subject to budgetary constraints, clubs shall receive said operating grant based on their membership of members in good standing of the Society or the Graduate Student Society on a sliding scale. Allotment shall be made at the discretion of the General Office Coordinators.
- 15. The Club core operating grant shall be used to cover costs reasonably related to each club's mandate.
- 16. Unused core operating grants shall revert back to the Society at the end of each semester.
- 17. Unused funds held in trust accounts of clubs shall carry forward semester to semester unless a club becomes inactive, in which case all funds shall revert to the Society's club line item after a minimum of two years of inactivity.
- 18. Clubs may collect membership fees.
 - a. Membership fees shall be held by the Society in the respective trust fund account.
- 19. Clubs may seek additional funding for special events and projects by requesting a grant via a proposal.
- 20. The General Office coordinators will grant requests under \$500. The Granting Committee must approve all requests over \$500. The grant will be awarded based on the merits of the event or project and at the discretion the General Office coordinators and/or the Granting Committee.
- 21. Clubs that met the registration criteria in the previous semester may be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$20 in expenses in advance of the distribution of semester operating grant allocations to assist in preparations for Clubs Days. Such allocations will be debited against the operating grant, and clubs must repay any over-expenditure.
- 22. Clubs may maintain an external bank account, however, the signing officers must sign a Club Liability Disclaimer and advise all club members of the nature of the disclaimer.

Financial Accountability

- 23. Any request for reimbursement shall be made by a signing officer of the club and shall be supported by documentation satisfactory to the Society.
- 24. Reimbursement of amounts of less than \$50 may be paid out in cash.
- 25. Reimbursement of amounts of more than \$50 shall be by cheque.

26. Operating grants and special event funding shall not be spent on alcohol, unless the event is open to all members of the SFU community who are of legal drinking age.
 - a. Minutes of the meeting proposing the event are submitted to the general office, and at least one club executive signs the appropriate liability forms.
27. Operating grants and special event funding shall not be used to provide stipends or donated to off-campus organizations.
28. Clubs with a negative trust or core account balance may not register until the debt owing to the Society is repaid.

Recognition of Society Sponsorship

29. All club publications and promotional materials must include the phrase “Sponsored by the Simon Fraser Student Society” in a prominent location.

Administrative Authority and Appeals Process

30. The General Office Coordinators shall have administrative authority over club operations, and may suspend the activities, disallow registration, or impose requirements upon any club, particularly if a club is found to have violated any Society bylaw or policy.
31. Decisions of the General Officer Coordinators may be appealed, in writing, to the Granting Committee.

Amended: BOD 2011-07-06, BOD 2010-01-10,
BOD 2008-10-27, BOD 2008-04-30,
BOD 2008-02-20, BOD 2005-11-16,
BOD 2003-12-03.

AP-11: Vending Program in Council Chambers

1. Vending rates shall be set by the Society and are subject to change without notice.
2. Fees shall be paid in full two (2) weeks in advance.
3. One (1) week notice of cancellation shall be required for a refund.
4. A list of goods for sale shall be provided to the Society and the sale of goods shall be at the discretion of the Society, with a fixed cost assigned to all items.
5. Vendors shall obtain, and provide proof to the Society, of Fraser health permits and other operating licenses required by law, in addition to Commercial General Liability Coverage and Personal Injury Liability in the amount of \$2 000 000.
6. A fee may be charged by the Society for the provision of vending tables.
7. No tables shall be placed in front of any doorway, fire equipment, elevator, locker, alarm, or vending machine.
8. No part of any equipment or materials shall be attached to any University fixture.
9. Any extension cords shall be taped securely to the floor.
10. Lit candles shall not be permitted.
11. Equipment shall not be left in the area when not in use or outside of the time booked.
12. If equipment or other materials remain in the area outside of the time booked, and need to be removed or disposed of, the Society will not be held responsible.

13. The cost of repairs for any damage to property will be charged to the vendor. The Society will not be held responsible for any equipment or materials that are left in the area, outside of the time booked, and may remove any such items as required.
14. Violation of this policy, or of any other Society, University, or government rule, shall be grounds for termination of any vending permit, and eviction of the vendor without refund of the vending fee.
15. Any group or individual looking to advertise or sell commercial services or products in excess of the Society's advertising policy must notify the General Office for proper application of the vendor program and procedure.

Adopted: BOD 2010-03-17.

AP-12: Per Diem Allowance

1. A per diem allowance shall be paid to Directors or other representatives who are appointed or delegated to represent the Society at meetings or conferences, or to conduct Society business off-campus.
2. A per diem allowance will be paid:
 - a. when representatives must attend meetings or tend to Society business for full day periods, or a minimum of 6 hours, or
 - b. where the combined time of traveling to and from the meeting and meeting duration amount to 6 hours or more.
3. Each representative shall be paid a per diem allowance according to the following criteria:
 - a. Thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each day on which travel to or from the meeting is required and on which no meeting is convened
 - b. Thirty-five dollars (\$35) per day, where no meals are provided by the hosting organization
 - c. Fifteen dollars (\$15) per day, when at least one full meal per day is provided by the hosting organization
4. Per Diem allowances shall be paid in advance of the event.

Amended BOD 2010-07-07, BOD 2002-05-15.

AP-13: Corporate Affiliation

1. Any type of affiliation or purchasing agreement between the Society and a corporation or commercial operation shall be subject to the following guidelines:
 - a. Roaming canvassing on campus shall not be permitted.
 - b. Society membership lists shall not be made available.
 - c. The interests of existing Society programs, goods, and services shall be given first priority when considering new programs, goods, and services,
 - d. Any contract shall contain a cancellation clause allowing for the termination of said contract without penalty to the Society in the event that this policy is breached.
2. The Society shall endeavour not to be affiliated with or purchase from corporations or commercial operations that:

- a. follow unfair labour or business practices, including but not limited to the violation of fundamental human rights, and practices leading to increased poverty, abuse, violent or non-violent oppression, or unsafe working or living environments for individuals or groups,
 - b. directly or indirectly damage the natural or human environments, or
 - c. sell, promote, or advertise goods or services that promote violence or discrimination as set out in the British Columbia Human Rights Code.
3. Where practicable, preference shall be given to corporations or commercial operations that:
 - a. are Canadian owned and operated,
 - b. have a unionized work force, and
 - c. have a proven record of conducting business in accordance with this policy.

Adopted: BOD 2001-02-28.

Amended: BOD 2008-11-17.

AP-14: Department Student Unions

1. Society funds may be used to cover event costs when a union is a sponsor and the event is intended for purposes that are of collective benefit to the membership.
2. To be eligible for Society funding, a union must be active. To be considered active, the union must have a constitution filed with the Student Union Resource Office and approved by the Student Union Organizer.
3. The union must submit to that Student Union Resource Office each semester:
 - a. the minutes of all properly constituted general meetings conducted in the semester for which the request is made,
 - b. advanced electronic notice of all meetings held in accordance with the union constitution, and
 - c. a list of current Executive Committee members (or other contact persons), signing officers and department representative(s).
4. In the event that a union remains inactive for four consecutive semesters all assets shall revert to the Society.
5. At least one executive officer must attend training with the SFSS Organiser before core fund can be released
6. Net core funds remaining from active semesters shall carry forward semester to semester, except that all unused core funds shall revert to the Society at the end of each fiscal year.
7. The signatures of two Union officers are required to release any Society funds.
8. Unions may establish trust accounts for securing funds other than SFSS core or grant allocations.
9. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement within 30 days of incurring an expense and must be accompanied by supporting minutes from a properly constituted quorate meeting.

Allocation of Maximum Core Budgets

10. Unions that become 'active' in the first month of semester will be eligible for the full core amount.
11. Unions that become active in the second month will be entitled to 3/4 of the funding.
12. Unions that become active in the third month will be entitled to 1/2 of the funding.
13. Unions that become active in the final month of the semester will be entitled to 1/4 of the funding.

Maximum core budget limits

14. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions whose membership is equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 200 shall receive a core budget of \$300/semester.
15. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 200, but less than an annual FTE of 301 shall receive a core budget of \$450/semester.
16. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 300, but less than an annual FTE of 501 shall receive a core budget of \$600/semester.
17. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 500, but less than an annual FTE of 750 shall receive a core budget of \$750/semester.
18. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 750, but less than an annual FTE of 1000 shall receive a core budget of \$900/semester.
19. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 1000, but less than an annual FTE of 1500 shall receive a core budget of \$1050/semester.
20. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 1500, but less than an annual FTE of 2000 shall receive a core budget of \$1200/semester.
21. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 2000, shall receive a core budget of \$1350/semester.

Use of Core Funding

22. Core funding may not be used for:
 - a. printing not done at the Society Copy Centre,
 - b. Donation to another organization, and
 - c. other restrictions as determined from time to time by the Student Union Organiser or the Granting Committee.
23. Society services should be used wherever possible.
 - a. Where SFSS services cannot be used, unions may apply to the Student Union Organiser or the Granting Committee to use non-SFSS services.

Grant Funding

24. Loans or supplementary grants may be provided to assist Unions with their activities, with the following stipulations:
25. Some core funds must be committed to every undertaking for which grant funding is requested.
26. No grant funds will be provided for strictly social events, except when the Student Union Organizer is conducting an organizing drive on behalf of the Union.
27. There must be active Union involvement in the project/event.
28. Grant funds shall not be used for fund-raising events.
29. Grant funds shall not be donated to off-campus organizations.
30. Grant funds shall not be spent on alcohol
31. Printing shall be done at the SFSS Copy Centre
32. SFSS Services should be used whenever possible. Where SFSS services cannot be used, Unions may apply to the Student Union Organizer or the Granting Committee to use external services.
33. Other restrictions as determined from time to time by the Student Union Organizer or Granting Committee.
34. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement within 30 days of incurring an expense and must be accompanied by supporting minutes from a properly constituted quorate meeting.
35. The Student Union Organizer may approve single requests of up to \$1,000, provided that the total annual grant allocation per union or caucus does not exceed \$2700 of the grant budget.
36. The Granting Committee may approve requests greater than \$1000 or requests that would bring the total annual grant funding to a union or caucus in excess of 8 percent of the grant line item.
37. Requests for loans or supplementary grants shall be made in advance of any activity, and shall be supported by documentation satisfactory to the Society.
38. Core funds may be withheld until any outstanding loan has been recovered
39. Decisions of the Student Union Organizer may be appealed, in writing, to the Granting Committee
40. The Board of Directors may suspend the activities of any Union found to have violated any Society By-law, Rule, Standing Order or Administrative Policy.
41. All trust accounts must be established with the SFSS except under extenuating circumstances with the following stipulations:
42. SFSS Student Union Organizer may be one of the trustees
43. Departmental Student Union must disclose bank account numbers to the SFSS Student Union Organizer
44. Monthly bank financial statement must be submitted to the SFSS Student Union Organizer
45. Semesterly financial report must be submitted to the VP Finance and Student Union Organizer

46. If specifically provided in the organization's Constitution or policies, a Union may permit voting by teleconference or videoconference.
47. A Union may not allow for proxy voting or for voting in meetings via text messages or email.

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BOD 2008-09-01, BOD 2008-07-14,
BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2008-02-06,
AGM 2007-10-10, BOD 2007-03-28,
BOD 2004-10-20, BOD 2004-10-16,
BOD 2005-04-27, BOD 2005-03-16,
BOD 2005-07-13, BOD 2004-05-19,
BOD 2011-07-06.

AP-15: Constituency Groups

1. Society funds may be used to cover event costs when a constituency group is a sponsor and the event is intended for purposes that are of collective benefit to the membership.
2. This policy will not apply to Women's Centre Constituency Group, Out On Campus Constituency Group, and First Nations Student Association Constituency Group.
3. To be eligible for Society funding, a constituency group must be active.
 - a. To be considered active, the constituency group must have a constitution filed with the Student Union Resource Office.
4. Each semester, constituency groups must submit to Student Union Resource Office:
 - a. the minutes of at least one properly constituted general meeting conducted in the semester for which the request is made, and
 - b. a list of current Executive Committee members (or other contact persons), signing officers, and constituency representatives to Council.
5. In the event that a constituency group remains inactive for four (4) consecutive semesters all assets shall revert to the Society.
6. Subject to budgetary constraints, active constituency groups shall receive a core budget of \$450/semester.
7. Active constituency groups are entitled to spend core funds at their discretion and to be reimbursed for expenditures from core funds with the approval of their membership.
8. Net core funds remaining from active semesters shall carry forward semester to semester, except that all unused core funds shall revert to the Society at the end of each fiscal year.
9. The signatures of two signing officers of the constituency groups are required to release any Society funds.
10. Constituency groups may establish trust accounts for securing funds other than Society core or grant allocations.

11. Loans or supplementary grants may be provided to assist Constituency Groups with their activities, except that grant funds will not be approved for funding purely social events.
12. The Student Union Organizer may approve requests of up to \$1 000.
13. The Granting Committee may approve requests greater than \$1 000.
14. Requests for loans or supplementary grants shall be made in advance of any activity, and shall be supported by documentation satisfactory to the Society.
15. Core funds may be withheld until any outstanding loan has been recovered.
16. Decisions of the Student Union Organizer may be appealed, in writing, to the Granting Committee.
17. The Board of Directors may suspend the activities of any Constituency Group found to have violated any Society bylaw or policy.

Amended: BOD 2013-07-18, BOD 2011-07-06,
BOD 2003-04-16.

AP-16: Direction to Society Employees

1. Department representatives shall not give direction to Society employees.
2. The Executive Committee and the Commercial Services Committee shall give direction to the Society Food and Beverage Services Manager, which shall be communicated through the President or VP Finance. Only the Society Food and Beverage Services Manager (or her/his designate) shall give direction to employees who work in the Society's commercial service areas.
3. The Executive Committee, in consultation with the employees concerned, shall set employee workload priorities. However, this shall not preclude Executive Officers from giving direction to employees as needed to ensure that the duties associated with their portfolios are fulfilled, and to ensure that the Society's day-to-day operations are carried out.

Amended: BOD 2003-04-16.

AP-17: Employment, Board of Directors Members

1. No member of the Board of Directors shall be employed by the Society during, or for a period of two years following her/his/zir term of office.
2. An employee may not be an elected student member of the Board of Directors, but employees may become and maintain membership in the Simon Fraser Student Society.

Amended: BOD 2014-08-26, BOD 2003-04-16.

AP-18: Accessibility Fund

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this policy, 'activities' shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Simon Fraser Student Society elections,
 - b. the production and distribution of printed materials,
 - c. department student union meetings and events,
 - d. club meetings and events,

- e. meetings of the society, and
 - f. events of the society.
2. Furthermore, 'activities' may include events related to student life, where barriers exist that prevent them from participating.

Purpose

3. The Accessibility Fund shall be used for the purposes of increasing the accessibility of and removing barriers to participation in Student Society or other campus related activities for students with all forms of disabilities.
4. Expenditures related to the education and promotion of mental health and wellness as it relates to student life may be submitted for review and approval to the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee

Responsibility

5. Organizers and facilitators of activities shall be responsible for ensuring that their event is accessible.
6. The VP Student Services shall be responsible for ensuring that the fund is meeting the needs of students with disabilities to the greatest extent possible by liaising with Students United for Disability Support (SUDDS), departments of the Society, and the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee (AFAC).

Procedure

7. Organizers and facilitators of activities shall be responsible for booking accessibility services, but shall be limited to services approved by the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee.
8. Accommodations shall be provided to active members by contacting the General Office or the VP Student Services.
9. Accommodation shall be provided, subject to verification of status of registration with the Centre for Students with Disabilities, as consented to by the requesting member.
10. Those students not registered with the Centre for Students with Disabilities or not consenting to a check of their status with the Centre for Students with Disabilities will provide sufficient documentation for an external assessment.
11. Requests from students who are not registered with the Centre for Students with Disabilities shall be referred directly to the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee.
12. Invoices for accessibility services shall be sent to the General Office for processing.
13. The General Office shall maintain a list of accessibility service providers, to be made available for activity organizers and facilitators.

Interpretation

14. All matters concerning the interpretation of the present policy shall be referred to the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee.

Amended: BOD 2013-07-08, BOD 2005-09-21,
BOD 2005-06-29.

AP-19: Management Consultant

1. The Board of Directors shall employ the services of a management consultant to fulfill the following duties:
 - a. Collective bargaining with CUPE 5396 and CUPE 3338
 - b. Functions related to particular sessions of collective bargaining such as mediation or arbitration
 - c. Aid with ongoing labour relations in the workplace including grievance proceedings
 - d. Maintenance of records related to collective bargaining
 - e. Legal referrals
2. The management consultant shall not be an employee of the Society.
3. No member of the Board of Directors shall be employed in the position of management consultant.
4. The management consultant shall be required to attend:
 - a. negotiations with CUPE 5396 and CUPE 3338,
 - b. mediation sessions with CUPE 5396 and CUPE 3338,
 - c. arbitration, and
 - d. court hearings.
5. The President shall be the Executive Officer primarily responsible for maintaining contact between Board of Directors and the management consultant. The President shall report to the Board of Directors on the activities of the management consultant on a regular basis.
6. The President shall require the management consultant to submit to her/him a monthly log of hours worked.
7. The President shall request, and the VP Finance shall approve, monthly remittances to the management consultant.
8. The President shall be responsible for determining an appropriate budget for the management consultant for recommendation to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
9. Any executive officer may request that the President require the management consultant to attend a given meeting.
10. Upon taking office, the President shall immediately contact and meet with the management consultant.
11. The management consultant shall meet with the Executive Committee at least once per semester.

Amended: BOD 2003-04-16.

AP-20: Minutes

1. Minutes of meetings of Board of Directors shall include:
 - a. a summary of Committee discussion, including any comments that participants ask to be recorded, and
 - b. a record of motions passed, direction given, and action taken.

2. Minutes of meetings of Society committees shall be in report format, approved by the Committee, and submitted to the Resource Office for their inclusion in the Board of Directors package and shall include:
 - a. a summary of Committee discussion, including any comments that participants ask to be recorded, and
 - b. a record of motions passed, direction given, and action taken.
3. Minutes shall not be kept for working groups.
 - a. Working groups may keep a written record of discussion to be included in minutes of the committee out of which the working group was created.

Minute Preparation

4. Minutes for meetings of Council, the Board of Directors, and all Society committee meetings (except joint committees with SFU Graduate Student Society and those with the University) shall be completed and submitted to the chair of each committee within fourteen (14) days of the meeting.
5. Notwithstanding the other requirements of this policy, minutes for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be ready for inclusion in the agenda package for the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting as required by the policies.

Storage

6. Upon adoption, a single copy of the minutes of the Board of Director, Society committee, and Council meetings shall be signed by the committee chair and one other member of the Board of Directors present at the meeting and kept on record in the Finance Office. They shall be stored in binder format.
7. In the event that the committee chair is not a member of the Board of Directors, the signature of an additional member of the Board present at the meeting will be required.
8. In the event that two members of the Board of Directors were not present at the meeting or are unable to sign the minutes, this requirement shall be voided.
9. A lack of signatures on minutes shall not render decisions made at that meeting invalid
10. Notwithstanding the other clauses of this policy, Council shall adopt the minutes of Council and Council committees
11. Minutes shall be posted on the Society's website after their adoption by the Board.
12. Notwithstanding the other clauses of this policy, Council minutes shall be posted on the Society website after their adoption Council.
13. Council committee minutes shall be posted as attachments to the minutes of the Council meeting at which they were adopted.

Implementation

14. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Amended: BOD 2009-06-10, 2008-02-02,
BOD 2007-03-28, BOD 2005-08-10,
BOD 2004-09-22, BOD 2004-07-28.

AP-21: Credit Card Purchases

1. Only a Financial Office Coordinator and the Food and Beverage General Manager can carry corporate credit cards in his or her name.
2. Other employees or members of the Board of Directors may use the corporate credit card for the purchase of airline tickets and other authorized business expenditures.
3. In every case of credit card usage, the individual charging on the account will be held personally responsible in the event that the charge is deemed personal or unauthorized.
4. Authorized uses of the credit card include:
 - a. airline or rail tickets at coach class or lower rates for properly authorized business trips,
 - b. lodging and meal charges that do not exceed the authorized reimbursement rate for persons traveling on official Society business,
 - c. properly authorized expenditures for which a credit card is the only allowed method of payment, such as monthly internet access, or where it is deemed more expedient to use the credit card, and
 - d. business telephone calls.
5. Receipts should be compiled and submitted with an expense report on a weekly basis to the Financial Office.
6. Unauthorized uses of the credit card include:
 - a. personal or non-business expenditures of any kind, and
 - b. expenditures that have not been properly authorized.

Approved BOD 2010-04-14.

AP-22: Personal Information

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society shall comply with the Personal Information Protection Act (hereinafter referred to as the Act.). This includes the Board of Directors, staff, departments, committees, working groups, departmental student unions, clubs, and constituency groups of the Society.
2. Personal information as defined by the Act is “information about an identifiable individual and includes employee personal information but does not include (a) work contact information, or (b) work product information”.
3. Personal information shall not be disclosed to outside persons or organizations, except as required by law, without the consent of the individual. Personal information shall not be sold to other persons or organizations.
4. Personal information shall not be included on the agenda or supporting documentation of meetings of the Society's Board of Directors, Student Council, committees or working groups without the consent of the individual. Such consent shall include an understanding that such documents are publicly available to the Society's membership.
5. The following, or similar language shall be included in or posted clearly by all sign up sheets, petitions, and any other forms or documents designed to collect personal information for the Society and its branches: “This form has been created in

- compliance with the Personal Information Protection Act. The personal information you provide will be used solely for _____ [fill in purpose here]. By providing it, you give the Simon Fraser Student Society [or name of department] consent to use this information in this way only. This information will be kept confidential and will not be sold or traded to any other organization. If you do not consent to this, please refrain from providing us with your information.”
6. The President and the VP Finance jointly serve as Privacy Officers for the Society and shall be responsible for:
 - a. familiarizing themselves with the Act and the legal requirements that it places on the Society,
 - b. coordinating the education of the Society's staff, Board of Directors, Student Council, committees, working groups, and the executive officers of the Society's departmental student unions, clubs, and constituency groups concerning their obligations and responsibilities under the Act and this policy,
 - c. ensuring that all forms, petitions, and other documents that are used to collect personal information clearly note the purposes for which such information shall be collected,
 - d. receiving and responding to all personal information protection requests and complaints, and
 - e. ensuring that the Society maintains appropriate controls over all personal information that is under the control of the organization, and
 - f. ensuring that the Society destroys personal information that may no longer be used or disclosed.
 7. All completed forms used to collect personal information shall be kept in a locked filing cabinet or box. Any electronic files containing information gathered from said forms shall be stored on a password-protected computer.
 8. Each office and/or department of the Student Society shall develop a retention and destruction schedule that will be kept on file with the Society's Privacy Officers.
 9. Any decision of the Privacy Officers may be appealed to the Executive Committee. The Society will make every reasonable effort to resolve disputes without the need to involve the Privacy Commissioner under the Act.

Adopted: BOD 2005-03-02.
Amended: BOD 2005-09-21.

AP-23: Special Funding Request Policy

1. To be eligible for special funding from the Society all applicants must fill out an administrative funding package a minimum of two weeks prior to the funding approval date.
2. Requests for advocacy-related events will be presented to the chair of the Advocacy Committee.
 - a. Requests must specify a line item from the Advocacy Budget.
3. This policy does not apply to funding requests from working groups to the Advocacy Committee.

4. Donations from the Advocacy Committee shall be limited to a maximum of \$200.
5. Priority in funding shall be given to on-campus, student events.
6. Funding for campaigns and events initiated by organizations external to the Society or by organizations of which the Society is a member shall be limited to 10% of the donations line item each fiscal year.
7. All other requests for special event funding will be presented to the chair of the Finance and Administrative Services Committee for a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
8. All requests for department student union funding must be made through the Student Union Organizer.
9. Total projected expenditures for an event must not exceed the amount remaining in the relevant line item(s).
10. A representative of the applicant(s) must be available to attend all relevant meetings.
11. Groups may seek funding from only one of the following:
 - a. the Board of Directors,
 - b. a Society committee,
 - c. Out on Campus, or
 - d. The Women's Centre.

Amended: BOD 2005-11-16, BOD 2004-12-15,
BOD 2003-09-10.

AP-24: Stipends

1. There shall be no advances on Board of Directors or other stipends.
2. The Resource Office shall provide the VP Finance (or designate) with an attendance list of the meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees after the last Board of Directors meeting of the month.
3. The VP Finance (or designate) shall provide the Financial Office staff with a stipend list of Society members eligible to receive a stipend including the amount payable by the payroll processing date as indicated below.
4. Remuneration to the executive officers shall be in the form of semi-monthly payments. Payroll processing will occur on the first business day after the 15th and the first business day of the following month.
 - a. Payments through Board of Director's respective financial institutions will occur within two business days following the processing date.
5. Remuneration of faculty and at-large representatives shall be in the form of monthly payments. Payroll processing will occur on the first business day of the following month.
 - a. Payments through the Board of Director's respective financial institutions will occur within two business days following the processing date.
6. Payments may be made at the discretion of the VP Finance up to the full stipend amount at any time during the months of April, August, and December, provided the required hours of work have been met.

7. The VP Finance shall withhold from a member's stipend an amount equal to any outstanding sums of money owed to the Society.
8. Stipends shall not be paid for months where the timesheet or work report is submitted more than one month late, unless the Board has authorized a prior exception.

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BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2008-02-06,
BOD 2007-10-10, BOD 2005-11-16,
BOD 2005-01-05, BOD 2003-04-16.

AP-25: Executive Officer Cell Phone Allowance

Executive officers shall receive a reimbursement for charges

1. The VP Finance shall oversee the reimbursements.
 - a. The President shall oversee the VP Finance's reimbursements.

Cell Phone Allowance

2. Cell phone reimbursements rates are as follows:
 - a. up to \$30.00 per month where there is a land line in the Officer's office, and
 - b. up to \$60.00 per month where there is no land line in the Officer's office.
3. Reimbursement requests must be accompanied by the Officer's corresponding monthly service bill.
4. Reimbursement will cease if the Officer's corresponding monthly service bill is not received by the VP Finance.
 - a. Reimbursement may also be discontinued if a Financial Coordinator is notified in writing by the VP Finance or the recipient of the reimbursement.
5. The Society's corporate credit card may not be used to pay for officer's cell phones.

Amended: BOD 2013-07-18, BOD 2003-04-19.

AP-26: Vendors Program

1. Vending rates shall be set by the Society and are subject to change without notice.
2. Fees shall be paid in full one (1) week in advance.
3. Two (2) working days notice of cancellation shall be required for a refund.
4. A list of goods for sale shall be provided to the Society and the sale of goods shall be at the discretion of the Society.
5. Vendors shall obtain, and provide proof to the Society if requested, any permit or license required by law.
6. A fee may be charged by the Society for the provision of vending tables.
7. Any racks supplied by the vendor shall be freestanding and stable.
8. No tables or racks shall be erected in front of any doorway, fire equipment, elevator, locker, alarm, or vending machine.

9. No tables or racks shall be erected in front of the University Art Gallery or in a location that would obstruct the ramp below the University's Audio-Visual Services department.
10. No part of any display shall be attached to any University fixture.
11. Any extension cord shall be taped securely to the floor.
12. Lit candles shall not be permitted.
13. Equipment shall not be left in the vending area on weekends.
14. The vendor's refund policy shall be clearly displayed.
15. Product distribution and placement of promotional materials shall remain at the location designated by the Society.
16. Vending set-up shall be restricted to a table length of eight (8) feet by six (6) feet.
17. Further space may be available upon payment of an additional fee.
18. Violation of this policy, or of any other Society, University, or government rule, shall be grounds for termination of any vending permit, and eviction of the vendor without refund of the vending fee.
19. Any group or individual looking to advertise or sell commercial services or products in excess of the Society's advertising policy must notify the General Office for proper application of the vendor program and procedure.

Amended: BOD 2003-08-27.

AP-27: Annual and Special General Meetings, Preparation, Staffing, and Procedures

1. In addition to the procedures and obligations set out in Society bylaws and policies, the following preparatory guidelines shall apply to the planning and procedures of annual and special general meetings.

The Board of Directors

2. The Board of Directors shall:
 - a. fulfill all duties with regards to annual and special general meetings as detailed in society bylaws and policy rules.
 - b. determine the date and time of all annual and special general meetings in a manner compliant with the bylaws, and immediately informing the Resource Office of all event logistics,
 - c. encourage the general membership to attend and participate in the general meetings,
 - d. designate a chair for the meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting, and immediately informing the Resource Office,
 - e. assist in the set up of the meeting, under the coordination of the VP Student Services,
 - f. assist with registration of members and acting as floor captains for the duration of the meeting for vote and quorum counts, under the coordination of the VP Student Services,

- g. ensure that all contributions to the annual report are submitted to the VP Student Services at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date (in the case of an AGM), and
 - h. ensure that staff members are consulted to adjust hours and priorities accordingly.
3. The VP Student Services shall coordinate:
- a. the compilation of the annual report of the Board for consideration at the annual general meeting (Bylaw 4.4.d),
 - b. the roles and responsibilities of the members of the Board of Directors in preparing for the meeting,
 - c. the roles and responsibilities of the members of the Board of Directors during the meeting and ensuring that registration and floor captain needs are adequately staffed,
 - d. the monitoring of attendance at meetings,
 - e. the monitoring of vote and quorum counts, and reporting those counts to the chair,
 - f. the booking a meeting room and any audio-visual equipment, appropriate for the needs of the meeting as established by the Board of Directors.
 - g. the provision of microphones for speakers from the floor (if necessary), and
 - h. accommodating students with special needs.

Staff

4. The Communications Coordinator shall:
- a. comply with the provisions of the bylaws regarding serving notice of meeting,
 - b. layout, design, edit, and print the Society's annual report,
 - c. compile and print the agenda, and
 - d. liaise with the Ombuds Office regarding the report presentation and production.
5. The Minute Taker shall:
- a. procure a membership list(s),
 - b. compile the previous meetings' minutes for inclusion in the annual report,
 - c. assist the VP Student Services with his/her/zir duties described in this policy,
 - d. ensure that the chair receives an agenda and all other written materials at least 24 hours before the meeting, and is kept informed of expected attendance, the course of proceedings, the length of presentations, and any room changes, and
 - e. ensure that the full text of any proposed bylaw changes is available to all members at the meeting.
6. The Student Union Organizer shall:
- a. send written or electronic memoranda to all active unions in accordance with the bylaws, and

- b. assist the Resource Office in the staffing the meeting and any preparations as necessary.

Amended: BOD 2005-04-27.

AP-28: Satellite Campus and Committee Liaisons

1. The Board of Directors shall select one liaison from amongst its members for:
 - a. SFU Surrey,
 - b. SFU Vancouver, and
 - c. SFSS Burnaby Residence.
2. Each liaison shall:
 - a. Attend the meetings of the respective satellite Campus Committee,
 - b. report the activities and concerns of the satellite Campus Committee regularly to the Board of Directors, and
 - c. maintain and update a living document with relevant information pertaining to their liaison portfolio.
3. Liaisons shall only be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors upon recommendation from the respective Campus Committee.

Adopted: BOD 2006-03-10.

Amended: BOD 2009-05-26, BOD 2008-08-04.

AP-29: Sustainability

1. The Society recognizes that wasteful activities cause significant detrimental impacts locally and globally, and that by taking steps to reduce the amount of waste generated by the Society it is contributing to the improvement of SFU.
2. The Society will endeavour to reduce waste wherever possible. This shall include, but shall not be limited to, the:
 - a. pre- and post-consumer food waste,
 - b. paper used for meeting packages,
 - c. energy used in all building spaces,
 - d. disposable packaging materials by all services,
 - e. recycling of paper, plastic, glass, and batteries.
3. The Society shall endeavour to develop sustainable practices wherever possible. This shall include, but shall not be limited to:
 - a. creating a composting program that services all of the Food and Beverage Services,
 - b. using non-chlorine bleached, recycled paper for all printed materials for meeting packages,
 - c. having any new construction project be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified,
 - d. using biodegradable packages for all of the vendors' take out orders and for all catering orders, and
 - e. lobbying the University to adopt policies and practices that support, promote and reflect sustainable practices.

Adopted: BOD 2006-04-27

AP-30: Extended Health and Dental Plan Fees

1. Preamble: Members of the Simon Fraser Student Society agreed in referendum (March 19, 2009) to a fee increase of no more than one-hundred-ninety-eight dollars (\$198) for an Extended Health and Dental Plan.

Current Members

2. Current Members who are automatically enrolled will be assessed these fees once a year in the fall semester:
 - a. The Extended Health Plan Fee is seventy-eight dollars (\$78.28).
 - b. The Dental Plan fee is one-hundred-six dollars (\$106.56).
 - c. The University reserves the right to collect a 1% surcharge on these fees.
3. From both the Extended Health Plan and the Dental Plan fees, the Society will receive two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per member, per fee, for the Health Plan Reserve Fund.

New and Returning Members

4. As the university accepts spring and summer new enrolments, and some members opt to forgo enrolment in some semesters, the following will apply to new and returning members:
 - a. Members beginning their studies at SFU in the spring semester, or those returning after a hiatus in the fall semester, will be automatically assessed a pro-rated fee for eight (8) months of coverage.
 - b. Members beginning their studies at SFU in the Summer Semester, or those returning after a hiatus in the fall and spring semesters, will have the option to enrol in the health plan voluntarily through the Health Plan broker for a pro-rated fee for four (4) months coverage.
 - c. Notwithstanding the above, all members will be assessed the full year fee in the fall semester.

Eligibility and Ineligibility

5. Enrolment in the Extended Health and Dental Plan is subject to the following requirements:
 - a. All members registered in a designated “on-campus” programs at SFU at Burnaby or Surrey and Vancouver campuses, and taking a minimum of three-credits, as well as enrolled in the Co-op Program, and registered at and paying fees to SFU, while on foreign exchange will be automatically enrolled in the Extended Health and Dental Plan.
 - b. Students who are registered in a designated “off-campus” program at SFU, and those taking only distance education classes will not be automatically enrolled in the Health Plan but can opt-in through the Health Plan Broker during the change of coverage period.

Change of Coverage

6. During a time agreed to by the University, the Student Society, and the Health Plan Broker, and only in the first month of each semester, there will be a set time for the change of coverage period.
7. Members with comparable coverage may opt-out of either the extended health and/or the dental plan during the change of coverage period by providing proof of coverage to the Health Plan Broker, or by providing proof of coverage to the Ombudsperson who would then provide a letter to the Broker.
8. Members not automatically enrolled may choose to opt-in to the extended health and/or dental plans through the Health Plan Broker, with payment and proof of eligibility, during the change of coverage period.
9. Members who wish to enrol their spouse or dependents may do so by providing the Health Plan Broker with payment, proof of eligibility, and information necessary for additional dependents to be enrolled in the plan(s), during the change of coverage period.

Liaisons

10. For the purpose of maintaining communication with all parties involved, the following duties are assigned:
 - a. The President and VP Student Services will serve as the liaisons to the Health Plan Broker.
 - b. The President and VP University Relations will serve as the liaisons regarding matters of the Health Plan to the University
 - c. The VP Student Services and the Communications Coordinator are responsible for the promotion of the Health Plan(s) and change of coverage period.

Adopted: BOD 2009-04-22.

AP-31: Space Expansion Fund Levy

1. The Space Expansion Fund Levy is non-refundable.
2. The Levy shall be collected within the same restrictions as the Student Activity Fee.
3. The Space Expansion Fund may only be spent on the renovation, operating expenditures, repair, maintenance, and creation of student space on campus under the jurisdiction of the Simon Fraser Student Society.

Adopted: BOD 2009-04-22.

AP-32: Recognition of the Simon Fraser Residence Hall Association

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society recognizes the Simon Fraser Residence Hall Association (RHA) as a representative body of undergraduate students living on residence at Simon Fraser University.
2. Upon incorporation of the RHA the SFSS will revisit this policy.

Adopted: BOD 2009-05-26.

AP-33: Recognition of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society recognizes the Simon Fraser Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) as a representative body of undergraduate student athletes at Simon Fraser University.

Adopted: BOD 2013-02-20.

AP-34: Conference Funding

1. The Society shall maintain a Travel/Conference Fund that shall be administered by the Society's Student Union Organiser Office.
2. Between May first and April 30th each year, each Society member shall be limited to two travel awards of up to \$100 in total.
3. Travel/Conference awards may be used for the following expenses:
 - a. conference registration fees,
 - b. admission and related fees,
 - c. commercial accommodation, and
 - d. out-of-town transportation costs to and from the conference.
4. Travel and Conference funding is for extra curricular conferences, and cannot be used for work placement or coop placements, field schools, or employment-related travel.
5. Applications shall be made in advance of the conference to the Student Union Organiser Office on the appropriate form, and shall be accompanied by a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the members' union that clearly indicates endorsement of the application.
 - a. Applications must be approved by a vote of the member's union in the same fiscal year in which the conference is held.
6. Applications shall be approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Funding Allocations

7. Unions whose combined membership is equivalent to or less than an annual Fulltime Equivalent Enrollment (FTE) of 200 shall be granted up to \$800 in travel/conference funding subject to budgetary constraints.
8. Unions whose combined membership is greater than an annual FTE of 200 but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 300 shall be granted up to \$900 in travel/conference funding subject to budgetary constraints.
9. Unions whose combined membership is greater than an annual FTE of 300 but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 500 shall be granted up to \$1000 in travel/conference funding subject to budgetary constraints.
10. Unions whose combined membership is greater than an annual FTE of 500 but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 750 shall be granted up to \$1100 in travel/conference funding subject to budgetary constraints.
11. Unions whose combined membership is greater than an annual FTE of 750 but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 1000 shall be granted up to \$1200 in travel/conference funding subject to budgetary constraints.

12. Unions whose combined membership is greater than an annual FTE of 1000 but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 1500 shall be granted up to \$1300 in travel/conference funding subject to budgetary constraints.
13. Unions whose combined membership is greater than an annual FTE of 1500 but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 2000 shall be granted up to \$1400 in travel/conference funding subject to budgetary constraints.
14. Unions whose combined membership is greater than an annual FTE of 2000 shall be granted up to \$1500 in travel/conference funding subject to budgetary constraints.
15. Reimbursement for travel/conference expenses shall be made after the conference has occurred, and after a cheque requisition supported by original receipts has been submitted to the Student Union Organiser Office.
16. Application for reimbursement must be made no later than the last day of the fiscal year.
17. Any approved assistance that remains unclaimed by the end of the first month following the end of the fiscal year shall be forfeited.

Amended: BOD 2013-12-04, BOD 2008-04-16,
BOD 2008-02-06, AGM 2007-10-10
BOD 2007-06-20, BOD 2004-05-19.
Suspended: BOD 2009-04-22.

AP-35: Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy

Intent

1. This policy statement applies to all workers, including permanent, temporary, casual, contract, and student workers. It shall apply to any persons conducting business on society premises. This policy shall also include interpersonal and electronic communications such as email.
2. This policy applies to all activities which take place on the Simon Fraser Student Society premises, or which are connected to the workplace, and during any employment-related duties or activities, including conferences, training sessions, travel, and social functions.

The Definition of Bullying and Harassment

3. Workplace bullying and harassment can be defined as unwanted conduct, comments, actions, or gestures that affect an employee's dignity, psychological or physical health and wellbeing. It can be any form of offensive or abusive treatment or behaviour that creates an intimidating, hostile, or abusive work environment and may result from the actions of one individual towards another, or from the behaviour of a group.
4. Bullying and harassment are often characterized through insulting, hurtful, hostile, vindictive, cruel, or malicious behaviours that undermine, disrupt, or negatively impact another's ability to do his/her/zir job, and results in a harmful work environment for the employee.

5. Examples of conduct or comments that might constitute bullying and harassment include, but are not limited to, verbal aggression or insults, calling someone derogatory names, harmful hazing or initiation practices, vandalizing personal belongings, and spreading malicious rumours.
6. Bullying and harassment excludes any reasonable action taken by an employer or supervisor relating to the management and direction of workers or the place of employment.

Bullying and Harassment Are Prohibited

7. The Simon Fraser Student Society will not tolerate harassment or bullying in the workplace. Any person that experiences harassment or bullying shall be encouraged to report the activity to their immediate supervisor, manager, or the Executive Director. All complaints shall be taken seriously, and investigated appropriately. Any one that submits a report or complaint of harassment or bullying shall not be subject to any form of reprisal or retaliation as a result of the complaint.
8. The Simon Fraser Student Society shall apply disciplinary actions in accordance with the principles of progressive discipline for any and all incidents of harassment or bullying.

Roles and Responsibilities

9. Management shall:
 - a. promote a respectful and safe working environment,
 - b. ensure employee adherence to the Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy,
 - c. investigate complaints of bullying and/or harassment promptly while respecting the organizational grievance procedures,
 - d. maintain a confidential file for complaints of harassment or bullying, investigations completed and actions taken,
 - e. report the incident to police where appropriate, and
 - f. apply appropriate disciplinary action where appropriate.
10. Employees shall:
 - a. treat others with respect, and contribute to a respectful and safe work environment,
 - b. report all acts of bullying to management,
 - c. participate fully and in good faith, in any resolutions process or formal complaint and investigation process where they have been identified as having potentially relevant information,
 - d. report any incidents which may be in violation of this policy, and
 - e. respect the rights to personal dignity, privacy, and confidentiality pertaining to this policy

Adopted: BOD 2013-12-04.

ISSUES POLICIES

IP-1: Deregulation of Tuition Fees

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society opposes the deregulation of tuition fees for students pursuing post-secondary education

Adopted: BOD 2003-03-19.

IP-2: Students with Disabilities

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society believes that students with disabilities have the right to full participation in the university environment. Further, the Simon Fraser Student Society supports equal access for students with disabilities, including freedom of choice of lifestyle, education, housing and employment as full and equal members of the university community.

Adopted: BOD 2003-03-19.

IP-3: Differential Tuition Fees

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society opposes differential tuition fees for students pursuing post-secondary education.

Adopted: BOD 2003-03-19.

IP-4: Plagiarism Detection Software

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society is opposed to any mandatory submission of student work to plagiarism detection software.
2. The Simon Fraser Student Society is opposed to any use of Turnitin.com™ software at Simon Fraser University.
3. The Student Society believes that the university should terminate any agreements with Turnitin.com™, and should not enter into any further agreements with Turnitin.com™.

Adopted: BOD 2003-03-19.

IP-5: Institutionally-Administered Loans

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society is opposed to the use of institutionally administered private student loans at Simon Fraser University, or elsewhere in Canada.
2. The Student Society is opposed to any partnerships between Simon Fraser University and the First Student Loan Company, or any other for-profit student loan provider.

Adopted: BOD 2003-03-19.

IP-6: The British Columbia Grants Program

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society supports the reinstatement of the B.C. Grants Program of at least \$4 000 a year for all low-income students.

Adopted: BOD 2008-06-23.

IP-7: Funding Cuts

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society is opposed to Provincial Government cuts to post-secondary funding, especially when expected funding targets have already been communicated, to the core operating budgets and individual full-time equivalence grants.

Adopted: BOD 2008-06-23.

IP-8: The Coalition for Student Loan Fairness

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society supports the Coalition for Student Loan Fairness' Eight-Point Plan for reducing student debt.
2. Adopted: BOD 06-23-08

IP-9: Flat Tuition Fees

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society opposes a flat tuition fee regardless of enrolled credit hours for all Undergraduate students.

Adopted: BOD 2009-06-10.

IP-10: Promotion of Public Transportation

1. Simon Fraser Student Society supports accessible, publicly funded quality transportation, especially improvements to transportation to all SFU campuses.
2. Simon Fraser Student Society supports the expansion of the Universal Transit Pass program to include all public post-secondary institutions in British Columbia.
3. Simon Fraser Student Society supports a publicly funded proposal to build a gondola system connecting SFU's Burnaby Mountain Campus with the Production Way-University Skytrain Station.

Adopted BOD: 2009-08-12.

IP-11: Student and Society Spaces

Department Student Common Rooms

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society believes that every Department should provide a departmental student union common room space for the use of its students.
2. The Simon Fraser Student Society believes that common rooms set aside for departmental student unions should be exempt from all food service contracts the University holds, or will enter.

Quality Student Lounge Space

3. The Simon Fraser Student Society believes it is the University's job to provide safe, clean, and functional student and lounge space for students at all SFU Campus locations.

Quality University Space

4. The Simon Fraser Student Society believes that the University must maintain all teaching facilities in a good state of repair.

5. The Simon Fraser Student Society believes that every attempt should be made to keep learning facilities accessible, equipped with modern teaching aids, and provide electrical outlets for student use.
6. The Simon Fraser Student Society believes that the University should maintain water fountains in good repair.

Independent Student Society Governance of Leased Space

7. The Simon Fraser Student Society asserts that space under its lease with the University is independently managed by the Society.
8. Student Society Claim for Jurisdiction over MBC 3000 The Simon Fraser Student Society asserts that the space occupied by 'Student Central' in the Maggie Benston Centre should be operated and maintained by the Simon Fraser Student Society.

Adopted BOD: 2009-08-12.

Council Policies

CP-1: Excuses, Resignation

1. 'Excuse' refers to a protective mechanism that ought to be employed only in the event that unforeseen, extenuating circumstances prevent a member of Council from attending a meeting at which they otherwise would have been present.
2. Requests by Council members for excuses from meetings of Council shall be directed to the VP Student Life for approval. Such requests must be received no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting, except for unforeseen circumstances. In the event that the VP Student Life requests an excuse it shall be directed to the VP Finance to present at Council for the approval of Council.
3. All requests for excuses shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the reasons for seeking it.
4. In the event that a request for an excuse is denied, the VP Student Life or VP Finance shall provide written reasons for their decision.
5. Leaves of absence and excuses approved or denied by the VP Student Life shall be reported to Council.
 - a. Decisions of the VP Student Life may be appealed to Council.
6. Notices of resignation from Council shall be directed to the VP Student Life and reported at the subsequent meeting of Council. Notices of resignation shall also be sent to the representative's departmental student union or constituency group.

Amended: BOD 2008-04-16, BOD 2008-02-06,
AGM 2007-10-10, FOR 2006-01-19.

CP-2: Council Funding

1. Council shall maintain the Funding Advisory Committee as a standing committee.
2. The Council Funding Advisory Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members of Council, including no more than three (3) Board members.
3. The Student Union Organizer shall be a non-voting member of the Committee.
4. The Committee shall elect its own chairperson.
5. The Council Funding Advisory Committee shall consider funding requests from organizations for funding from Council, and shall submit recommendations to Council regarding such requests.
6. Debate at Council on a funding request shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes, unless Council, by a two-thirds (2/3) super-majority vote, chooses to extend debate on the matter.

Amended: FOR 2005-04-06

CP-3: Council Chair

1. Council may, by simple majority vote, appoint a person to chair Council meetings, for a term of up to one semester, from amongst its seated members, or it may appoint a chairperson external to it.

2. An external chair shall receive a \$75 honorarium per meeting chaired. The external chairperson shall continue to chair Council meetings during in camera sessions and is bound by all rules governing in camera sessions.
3. In the event that no chair has been appointed by Council, the VP Student Life shall be deemed to be Chairperson pro term and shall have the authority to enforce Bylaw 16.3.

Amended: FOR 2006-01-18, FOR 2005-07-06

CP-4: Council Committee for Director Status Review

1. Council shall maintain a standing committee for the purpose of reviewing the registration status of the directors of the Society.
2. The composition of this committee shall be all members of the Council except the directors of the Society.
3. The authority to review information provided to council regarding the standing of directors of the Society, to concur with that information, and to advise the Society of any reason why Council does not concur with such information is delegated to the committee.
4. Any director or member of the Society who is not a member of the committee shall have full speaking privileges at meetings of the committee.
5. The quorum for the committee shall be a majority of the seats filled but shall in no case be fewer than three (3). If there are not enough members of the Committee to allow it to reach a quorum, then this policy shall be suspended and the powers delegated to the committee shall revert to Council until the committee can reach quorum.
6. The chair of Council is the chair of the committee unless the chair is a director of the Society, in which case, the committee shall elect a chair from among its members.
7. If the committee is in receipt of information regarding the status of any Director of the Society which indicates that the person should cease to be a Director of the Society, the chair of the Committee shall inform the person of:
 8. The fact that their standing as a Director is questioned.
 9. The information in the report indicating that the person should cease to be a Director of the Society.
 10. The date and time of the meeting of the committee to review their standing as a Director.
 11. The fact that the person is entitled to make submissions to the committee on their standing as a Director.
12. If the committee is without a chair, any member of the committee may issue such notice.
13. Meetings of the committee may be requisitioned in writing by at least one-half (1/2) of the members of the committee and the chair of the committee must call a meeting of it within nine (9) working days of the receipt of such a requisition. In the absence of a chair of the committee, the members of the committee requisitioning a meeting may organize the meeting themselves, so long as the

- requirements of notice specified in this policy are met and so long as the Society's rules of order are obeyed.
14. A meeting of the committee may occur concurrently with or immediately after a meeting of Council and such a meeting shall not require additional notice beyond that for the Council meeting. Any other meeting shall require at least one (1) week's notice to be given to the Committee and to any person whose status as a director of the Society is to be reviewed at the meeting.

Adopted: FOR 2007-06-05

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Surrey Campus Committee Special Rules of Order

Responsibilities of Officers:

Chief Officer

1. Convene regular meetings
2. Chair Committee meetings
3. Inform committee members of meeting times and locations
4. Prepare meeting agendas
5. Distribute relevant documents or materials to committee members
6. Represent the committee to any external bodies
7. Be an ex-officio member on all Surrey Campus Committee sub-committees

Surrey Affairs Officer

8. Act as a liaison between the Committee and the Surrey Campus Administration
9. Sit on the Surrey Joint Operations Advisory Group

Campus Life Officer

10. Chair the Committee's Events Committee
11. Coordinate the planning and execution of Committee events
12. Work with the Surrey Campus Coordinator to budget for the fiscal year

Promotions and Outreach Officer

13. Chair the Committee's Promotions and Outreach Committee
14. Encourage student participation with the Committee and the campus
15. Maintain and update social networking mediums promoting the Surrey Campus Committee
16. Maintain the volunteer contact list for the Surrey Campus Committee
17. Work with the Surrey Campus Coordinator to budget for the fiscal year

Officer

18. Sit on at least one Committee subcommittee
19. Encourage student participation with the Committee and the campus
20. Liaise with the student body

Terms of Office

21. Term of office shall be May 1st to April 30th, inclusive.

Elections

22. Nominations for all positions shall open at 12:00pm on Monday of week nine in the Spring Semester

23. Nominations for all positions shall close at 12:00pm on Monday of week ten in the Spring Semester
24. Campaigning shall commence at 12:00pm on Monday of week ten in the Spring Semester
25. Campaigning shall end at 12:00pm on Monday of week eleven in the Spring Semester
26. Polling shall occur on the Tuesday and Wednesday of week eleven of the Spring semester.

By-Elections

27. Shall be conducted at a General Assembly Meeting of the Committee where every SFU Surrey Student has a vote.
28. Two weeks notice is to be given of the positions available by means of posters in conspicuous areas around campus.

Campaigning

29. Campaigning shall begin after the close of nominations and end at the beginning of polling not withstanding posters or banners.
30. Campaign expenses shall be limited to twenty dollars per candidate.
31. Campaign literature and activities shall not be libelous, inflammatory, in bad taste, or discriminatory.
32. All campaign materials must be printed at the Surrey Society office and be approved by the Surrey Campus Coordinator.
33. Campaigning shall consist of but shall not be limited to activities such as:

Posters

34. Conducted in accordance to campus rules all posters shall:
35. Be posted only on corkboards.
36. Have at most one poster from each candidate for each corkboard.
37. Be attached only with push pins or thumb tacks.

Banners

38. Conducted in accordance to campus rules all banners shall be hung and placed in approved locations.
39. Leaflets
40. Shall only be handed to individuals and not left in public areas
41. Classroom Speaking
42. Shall only be done with the approval of the instructor of the class.
43. Email
44. Shall not be solicited.

Polling

45. Polling shall preferably be overseen by the Independent Electoral Commission, otherwise it will be overseen by the Surrey Campus Coordinator.

46. The ballots will be printed with each candidates name for each position the names will be placed in a random order on each ballot to be designed by the Surrey Campus Coordinator.
47. If there is only one candidate running for a position the ballot will have a yes or no vote for the position. If the minority of votes is yes, the position will remain vacant.
48. Polling shall be conducted in the most conspicuous location at the Surrey Campus.

Attendance

49. Non-withstanding SO-2, regrets shall be sent to the Chair and presented to the Committee for ratification
50. If any member is absent from two consecutive meetings of the committee without ratified regrets, he shall be deemed to have abandoned their position on the committee and the Chair shall declare that position vacant forthwith.
51. Acceptable regrets shall be considered for events such as academic commitment, health or family commitment.
52. Leaves of absence can be granted by the committee for a period of up to four months per term.
53. The Officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the SFU Surrey students present at a quorate meeting. Such a vote shall be conducted at a meeting that shall be called by the Committee upon the request of any fifteen (15) SFU Surrey students.

Subcommittees

54. The Surrey Campus Committee shall maintain the following subcommittees:
 - a. Joint Operations Advisory Group
 - b. The Committee and the SFU Surrey Administration shall maintain the Joint Operations Advisory Group as an ad-hoc committee
 - c. The Terms of Reference shall be jointly adopted and maintained by the Joint Operations Advisory Group.

Events

55. This sub-committee shall organize, budget, and execute the events of the Surrey Campus Committee.

Composition

56. Chairperson: Campus Life Officer
57. [ex-officio] Chief Officer
58. Four Officers of the Surrey Campus Committee
59. Two students at-large
60. [non-voting] Surrey Campus Coordinator

Terms of Reference

61. Plan all Surrey Campus Committee events for the year.
62. Prepare a budget of the events for consideration by the Surrey Campus Committee.

63. Work with the Promotions and Outreach Sub Committee to advertise events and raise awareness of the Surrey Campus Committee

Promotions and Outreach Sub-Committee

64. This Sub-Committee shall deal with the promotion of Surrey Campus Committee and its events.

Composition

65. Chairperson: Promotions and Outreach Officer
66. [ex-officio] Chief Officer
67. Two Officers of the Surrey Campus Committee
68. Two students at-large
69. [non-voting] Surrey Campus Coordinator

Terms of Reference

70. Promote Surrey Campus Committee Events
71. Gather and maintain a volunteer base for the Surrey Campus Committee
72. Coordinate and execute promotions and outreach programs for the Surrey Campus Committee with a special effort to reach out to first year students
73. Provide Surrey Campus Committee presence at University functions when possible

Approved BOD 2010-14-04.

Appendix 2: Deletions History

Rules

1. R-6: Executive Officers Duties, Responsibilities & Stipend Requirements
 - a. BOD 2010-11-20
 - b. All references to exit reports and other requirements upon expiry of term.
Note: intention is to develop new policy on these items and on Board transitions.
2. R-7: Faculty Representative and At-Large Board of Directors Duties, Responsibilities & Stipend Requirements
 - a. BOD 2010-11-20
 - b. All references to exit reports and other requirements upon expiry of term.
Note: intention is to develop new policy on these items and on Board transitions
3. R-9: Honorary Forum Members
 - a. Deleted BOD 2005-12-07
4. R-17: Elections and Referendum Policy
 - a. Deleted BOD 2010-09-20
 - b. Replaced with complete re-write BOD 2010-09-20
5. R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5
 - a. Deleted BOD 2015-01-07 (Amalgamated into R-1)

Standing Orders

6. SO-8: Graduate Issues Committee
 - a. Deleted AGM 2007-10-10, BOD 2008-02-06, BOD 2008-04-16
7. SO-13: Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals Committee
 - a. Deleted AGM 2007-10-10, BOD 2008-02-06, BOD 2008-04-16
8. SO-15: Graduate Benefit Plan Reserve Fund Committee
 - a. Deleted AGM 2007-10-10, BOD 2008-02-06, BOD 2008-04-16-08
9. SO-17: Residence Committee
 - a. Deleted BOD 2009-05-26
10. SO-18: Build SFU Project Committee
 - a. Deleted BOD 2013-07-04

Administrative Policies

1. AP-8: Canadian Federation of Students, National and BC Component Meetings
 - a. REF 2008-03-19, BOD 2008-04-16
2. AP-19: Elections
 - a. Replaced with Rule 17: BOD 2010-09-20
3. AP-21: Graduate Student Lounge
 - a. Deleted AGM 2007-10-10, BOD 2008-02-06, BOD 2008-04-16
4. AP-27: Referendum Campaigns
 - a. Amended BOD 2003-04-16, BOD 2008-04-30, BOD 2009-08-26
5. AP-35: Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals
 - a. Adopted BOD 2006-04-21, Deleted AGM 2007-10-10, BOD 2008-02-06, BOD 2008-04-16
6. AP-37: Newsletter
 - a. Adopted: 2008-04-16, Deleted: BOD 2014-08-05
7. AP-9: Payment by Check
 - a. Deleted: BOD 2015-01-07

Appendix 3: Suspensions History

1. R-3: Establishment and Revision of Administrative Policies
 - a. BOD 2009-07-08
 - b. Meeting only re: AP-2 approval
2. R-6: Executive Officers Duties, Responsibilities & Stipend Requirements
 - a. BOD 2009-05-26
 - b. Clauses 1.f & 2.a for 3 weeks commencing May 26, 2009, repeated 3 week suspension commencing July 8, 2009; amended and in force BOD 2009-07-29
3. R-7: Faculty and At-Large Representatives Board of Directors Duties, Responsibilities & Stipend Requirements
 - a. BOD 2009-05-26 Clauses 1.e & 2.a for 3 weeks commencing May 26, 2009, Repeated 3 week suspension commencing July 8, 2009; amended and in force BOD 2009-07-29
4. R-16: Remuneration of Elected Representatives

- a. BOD 2009-04-22
 - b. For the 2009-04-22 meeting only
5. R-17: Elections and Referenda
 - a. BOD 2009-04-22
 - b. For the 2009-04-22 meeting only; BOD 2011-02-22, section (c) and amended © to \$600 only for 2011-01 Referendum period.
6. SO-16: Remuneration Advisory Committee
 - a. BOD 2009-05-26
 - b. 3 weeks commencing May 26, 2009
 - c. Repeated 3 week suspension commencing July 8, 2009
7. AP 2: Access, Society Offices
 - a. BOD 2009-05-29
 - b. Clause 1.e to be reviewed by July 1, 2009, amended and in force BOD 2009-07-08
8. AP-7: Budget
 - a. BOD 2009-04-22
 - b. Section 5 only, pending Constitution and Policy Review Committee review
9. AP-13: Conference Funding
 - a. BOD 2009-04-22-09
 - b. For the 2009-2010 fiscal year
10. AP-14: Per Diem for Conferences and Meetings
 - a. BOD 2009-04-22
 - b. Pending Constitution and Policy Review Committee review.
 - c. Amended substantially BOD 2010-07-07
11. AP-19: Elections
 - a. BOD 2009-04-22
 - b. Section 1.b only pending Constitution and Policy Review Committee review; repealed BOD 2009-08-26
12. AP-30: Stipends
 - a. BOD 2009-05-26
 - b. Clauses 3 & 4, for 3 weeks commencing May 26, 2009,
 - c. Repeated 3 week suspension commencing July 8, 2009;
 - d. Amended and in force BOD 2009-07-29

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INFORMATION NOTE

BOARD POLICIES AND GOVERNANCE RESTRUCTURING INFORMATION NOTE

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BACKGROUND

At the first Board meeting of this term, the Board of Directors mandated the Governance Committee to do a review of our current governance structures, and make a recommendation on new governance structures to adopt. As part of that motion, the Board expressed its desire to revert back to some of the principles of the Policy Manual used back in 2015.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE REVIEW

The Governance Committee met on Thursday, May 21st, and delegated certain tasks to Committee members. As such, Corbett (VP Finance) and I have begun thoroughly reviewing the 2015 Policy Manual and removing what is outdated or no longer works for us. As well, we have made multiple additions where we felt they were necessary.

Attached to this meeting agenda, I have included three documents: (1) **The original 2015 Policy Manual** (for your consideration), (2) **the 2015 Policy Manual with additions, suggestions and deletions** directly imposed on the document in order to show what changes we made to the original document, and (3) **The Draft Board Policy Manual**, which shows the policies we wish to bring to the Board for approval in its draft state.

The 2015 Policy Manual was composed of three sections: (1) Rules, (2) Standing Orders, and (3) Administrative Policies. As of present, Corbett and I have finished reviewing the Rules and Standing Orders - with the Administrative Policies to be reviewed and brought to the Governance Committee at a later date (most likely for next Governance Committee meeting).

SUMMARY OF CHANGES MADE TO 2015 POLICY MANUAL

Please see below a summary of the changes made to the Rules and Standing Orders from their original states (please note that the numbering of the Rules and Standing Orders will all be fixed to be consistent and linear once we create a finalized draft):

- **Added: Definitions of “Rules” and “Standing Orders”**
- **Rules**
 - R-1: Establishment and Revision of Policies (amend)
 - R-2: Executive Officer Duties, Responsibilities, and Stipend (amend)
 - R-3: Faculty Representative and At-Large Board of Directors Duties, Responsibilities & Stipend Requirements (amend)
 - R-4: Council ~~Representatives Duties, Responsibilities, and Stipend Requirements~~ (amend)
 - R-5: Society Affiliations (remove)
 - R-6: Ethical Standards of Conduct for Members of Board of Directors and its Committees (amend)
 - R-7: Society Records and Property (keep)
 - R-8: Board of Directors Meetings (amend)
 - R-9: In Camera Sessions (keep)
 - R-10: Remuneration of Elected Representative (Amend)
 - R-11: Elections and Referenda (put seperate policy)
 - R-12 (put seperate policy)
 - R-13: Transition and Final Stipend Eligibility (keep)
- **Standing Orders - (Committee stuff)**
 - SO-1: Society Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees and Working Groups (amend)
 - SO-2: Appointments and Resignations to and from Committees (amend)
 - **Standing Committees**
 - SO-3: Advocacy Committee (amend)
 - SO-X: External and Community Affairs Committee (added)
 - SO-X: University and Academic Affairs Committee (added)
 - SO-4: Commercial Services Committee (remove)
 - SO-5: ~~Constitution and Policy Review~~ Governance Committee (amend)
 - SO-6: Executive Committee (amend)
 - SO-7: Finance and Administrative Services Committee (amend)
 - SO-8: Joint Services Committee (remove)
 - SO-9: Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee (amend)
 - SO-10: Extended Health and Dental Plan Committee (removed)
 - SO-11: Surrey Campus Committee (amend)
 - SO-X: Vancouver Campus Committee (added)
 - SO-12: Remuneration Advisory Committee (remove and re-allocate)
 - SO-13: Faculty and At-Large Committee (keep)

- Commented [1]: R-1
- added wording clarifying the purpose of policies and the jurisdiction of policies
- change name of the committee mentioned to current Governance Committee.
-amended R-1(4)(a) ... [1]
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- split back into UAA and ECA committees
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- SO-14: Build SFU Student Advisory Committee (remove)
- SO-15: Granting Committee (remove)
- SO-16: Events and Promotions Committee (amend)
- SO-X: First Year Engagement Committee (added)
- Ad-Hoc Committees
 - SO-X: Nominating Committee (added)
 - SO-17: Labour Committee (keep)
 - SO-18: Stipend Appeals Committee (remove)
 - SO-19: Student Space Oversight Committee (remove)
- Administrative Policies (Still Under Review)
- Appendix: Guidelines for Board Committees and Directors Using Budgets Under Coordinator Departments (added)

- Commented [24]: SO-14
remove
- Commented [25]: SO-15
- removed, not relevant
- reallocated some duties of this Committee to FASC
- Commented [26]: SO-16
- changed name to mirror current committee TOR
- changed a lot here to mirror current TOR
- Commented [27]: SO-X (FYEC)
- added
- numbering will be adjusted when final draft is completed
- added based on current TOR for FYEC
- Commented [28]: SO-X (Nominating Cmte)
- added
- numbering will be adjusted when final draft is completed
- added based on current TOR for Nominating Committee
- Commented [29]: SO-18/19
remove, not practiced anymore
- Commented [30]: SO-18/19
remove, not practiced anymore
- Commented [31]: Appendix: Guidelines for Board Committees and Directors Using Budgets Under Coordinator Departments
maintained from current policy manual.

GOVERNANCE MODELS

As part of the Governance Review, we have been looking at different governance models to implement in place of our Carver Model. Overall, most other Student Unions do not follow the principles of the Carver Model. Instead, they have a structure in which their executives manage the day to day operations of the society alongside an approval process by Board and operational oversight delegated to committees, with support from and supervision of staff. In most cases, the day to day HR work is delegated to a senior staff member in charge of HR who is supervised by the President and/or the Executive committee. This is the general theme we followed when reviewing the 2015 Policy Manual.

NEXT STEPS

At this week's Governance Meeting, I would like to have a thorough discussion about the changes made to the Rules and Standing Orders, to determine what needs to be changed before the Draft Policy Manual is recommended to the Board of Directors. Corbett and I will also continue to work on the Administrative Policies, and present that at the next Governance Committee meeting.

Please remember that the documents sent are just drafts and that they are not final in any way. We will continue to make edits/changes during the following week(s).

Thanks everyone, looking forward to having discussion on this!

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R-1

- added wording clarifying the purpose of policies and the jurisdiction of policies
- change name of the committee mentioned to current Governance Committee.
- amended R-1(4)(a)
- clarified the process of amending R-1 and its impact on other policies
- minor wording changes
- removed majority of council policies, as that is not within the jurisdiction of the board

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R-2

- removed clauses about the number of hours board directors must complete
- other minor wording changes

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R-3

- removed portion about excused illness R-3(12)
- removed R-3(10)
- removed R-3(12) on proof of registration
- a few minor changes in wording.

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R-4

- changed title
- removed majority of this Rule
- kept portion on councillor stipend eligibility R-4(5) and R-4(6).

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R-5

- no longer relevant

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R-6

- minor wording changes

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R-8

- addition regarding length of board meetings
- removed a portion of "Quorum" portion and created a new section called "Speaking Privileges"
- created three separate sections on Chair, Vice Chair, and External Chair.
- amended the order of business at Board meetings
- changed timeline for sending agenda to board members

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R-10

- changed wording from Remuneration Advisory Committee to Finance and Administrative

Services Committee.

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SO-1

- clarifying the process of establishing and dissolving committees and working groups
- modified duties on the chair slightly
- added process for establishing sub-committees
- added provision for a Committee Vice Chair
- small formatting changes
- minor wording changes

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SO-2

- small clarification of processes

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SO-4

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SO-5

- changed name to Governance Committee, to mirror what has been common practice for much of the recent past
- changed to mirror requirements in the TOR from the current policy manual
- added provision for establishing sub committees

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SO-6

- changed much of it to mirror the current TOR
- added provision for establishing sub-committees

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SO-7

- changed to mirror current TOR of FAC
- keeping name as FASC
- took requirements from other committees in the 2015 policies that we are not keeping and funnel them into the FASC TOR.

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SO-8

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SO-9

- changed a lot to mirror the current TOR of AFAC
- change the name to not include "fund" in the title
- added provision for establishing sub-committees.

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SO-11

- changed a lot to mirror current SCC TOR
- removed unnecessary clauses
- added provision for establishing sub-committees

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SO-X (VCC)

- added
- numbering will be adjusted when final draft is completed
- added based on current TOR for VCC

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SO-12

- removed, not relevant
- reallocated some duties of this Committee to FASC