

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 3:01 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<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), S<sup>k</sup>wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selíłwíłh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ík<sup>w</sup>əłəm (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 Committee Composition

VP University Relations ( <i>Chair</i> ) .....	Gabe Liosis
President .....	Osob Mohamed
VP External Relations .....	Samad Raza
Faculty Representative (Science).....	WeiChun Kua
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences) .....	Nafoni Modi
Faculty Representative (Education) .....	Emerly Liu
Faculty Representative (Environment) .....	Anuki Karunajeewa
Student At Large .....	<i>Vacant</i>
Student At-Large .....	<i>Vacant</i>
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### 3.2 Society Staff

Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator .....	Sarah Edmunds
Executive Director .....	Sylvia Ceacero
Executive Assistant .....	Shaneika Blake
Administrative Assistant .....	Kristin Kokkov

### 3.3 Guests

Student Senator .....	Allan Lam
At Large Representative .....	Balqees Jama
At Large Representative .....	Phum Luckkid

### 3.4 Regrets

Faculty Representative (Education) .....	Emerly Liu
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## 4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

### 4.1 MOTION UAA 2020-06-02:01

**WeiChun/Nafoni**

*Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Emerly Liu.*

**CARRIED unanimously**

## 5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 5.1 MOTION UAA 2020-06-02:02

**Anuki/Samad**

*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.*

**CARRIED unanimously**

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 6.1 MOTION UAA 2020-06-02:03

**Nafoni/Samad**

*Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:*

- UAA 2020-05-22

**CARRIED unanimously**

- Discussion item 6.1 – the spelling of the word ‘admits’ changed to ‘amidst’.

## 7. UPDATES

### 7.1 Joint Operations Group (Osob and Gabe)

- The group is composed of members of the SFSS and the GSS, and administrators of the SFU.
  - The group discusses relevant issues of the SFSS, the GSS, and the SFU.
- The SFSS presented the findings of the Covid-19 Survey to the group:
  - Students have accumulated travel expenses,
  - Students have unreliable Wi-Fi at home,
  - Students are struggling, because they are not eligible to the funding,
  - Students are developing mental health symptoms directly related to how courses are being conducted online.
- The JOG members asked why only 10% of the membership filled in the survey.
  - It was explained that this percentage is actually high to the SFSS, because for example, the usual participation in elections is 5%.
- Concerns that were conveyed:
  - Late fee for tuition.
    - The response was that this is an incentive for students to pay and it would cause harm to the SFU if the tuition would come in late.
  - The desire for the tuition fees to be adjusted according to the decreased quality of education.
    - The SFU claims that the quality has not decreased, rather the teaching has moved online, and the methods have changed.
    - However, students claim that the quality has decreased, and the question is what the SFU is going to do about it in the face of that fact.
  - Emergency funding for summer and fall semesters – if there is going to be any.
    - \$3 million has already been distributed to the students.
      - The SFU is moving back to the bursary model of funding both for grad and undergraduate students.

- Course delivery came up – asynchronous teaching.
  - Rules about what the professors can and cannot do.
  - In fall nearly 100% courses are going to be online, except some laboratory courses.
- The SFSS members did not receive compromise at the meeting.

## **7.2 COVID-19 Coalition (Osob and Samad)**

- There is going to be a meeting tomorrow at 5 PM and it was asked everyone to join who is interested.
  - The information will be shared at the next Board meeting.
  - A petition was sent out recently and there is a lot of attention already.
    - The petition is not acknowledged by the university yet.

## **7.3 Working Group on Emergency Response and Student Engagement (Samad)**

- There is a proposal to have a food service program to all SFU students.
  - Students would have to sign up for the program to get their package.
  - The service would be twice a week for three hours.
  - The organisers have applied for funding from the SFU and have partnered with United Way.
  - The organisers are asking the SFSS to provide a space for storing and dispersing food.
    - It was suggested to allocate Forum Chambers for example.
  - The committee members were invited to help out.
- There is also a plan to request the Board to allocate funding for this program.
- It was brought out that students are feeling a lot of mental pressure and there is a need for online engagement services for connecting online.
  - It was proposed that working together with the Events committee there would be games show that would engage students.
    - Question-answer session
    - Prizes
    - Game show
  - It was pointed out that there is a university group that wants to organise an online welcome day or a welcome week for the students.
    - Several university departments and student engagement offices are trying to figure out how to engage with students.
      - It was proposed to work together with different faculties and departments and organise a joint welcome program.
- There was a suggestion to have an engagement program for the whole semester, not just the welcome events.
- It was suggested to have just the SFSS' events as well, something separate from the SFU.
  - It was proposed to organise an online conference about wellbeing and mental health.
    - Have speakers from the mental health association and health and counselling services.
    - Putting out information about mental health.
    - To give out swag.
  - Last year the SFSS worked on peer to peer program and it was suggested to revise that as well.
    - It was suggested to reach out also to HiFive.

## 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 8.1 SFSS Student Town Hall

- This discussion is coming out of the motion that was passed at the Board table.
- The Townhall would be the place for students to raise concerns and get updates about what the SFSS has been doing.
  - The idea is to discuss issues that are impacting students.
  - This will be done working together with groups that support the Covid-19 Coalition.
- An avenue for live questions was proposed.
  - It was brought out that there is a webpage called Slido that allows to send questions and livestream them.
    - Slido is a website, and people do not need to download any app or program.
    - It was pointed out that the program is paid, and it was suggested to have a motion for this.
- It was proposed to livestream the townhall to Facebook and students could ask questions on Facebook live.
- It was pointed out that students are in different time zones and therefore it was suggested to have several townhalls at different times.
- It was proposed that there should be a sign up for participating the townhall, so that the Zoom link would not be posted online, but rather sent to the students who have signed up.
  - It was pointed out that the SFSS uses SFU's Zoom and there are some privacy concerns and limitations, and this has to be looked into.
    - For example, meetings cannot be recorded, and it is not possible to have webinars.
    - It was suggested to have SFSS' own account if the Zoom will be used.
- It was pointed out that it is not a good idea to have sign up for asking questions, because this adds barriers.
- It was suggested that different members of the SFSS can lead different time halls at different times so that all Board members could have an opportunity to engage in town halls.
  - It was suggested to have a panel – one representative from every organisation speaking.
- It was decided to form working group for organising the townhall.

### 8.2 Turning SFSS COVID-19 Survey Results into a Campaign

- There was a suggestion to turn the survey results into a campaign.
  - The numbers were suggested to turn into infographics that could be posted to social media.
- It was suggested to do this in conjunction with 'The SFSS During Covid-19' campaign that would include not only the survey results, but also the plans that the SFSS is going to do on behalf of the students.
  - There is a need to answer the questions why the SFSS is still collecting fees.
- It was suggested to put everything on one website where students could find information about how to get financial support and find resources.
  - There are a lot of services about what students are aware of, but do not know where to access them.

### 8.3 Beedie COVID-19 advocacy

- At the last Board meeting, a point was brought out that the Beedie students are still being charged for the courses that usually have hands-on-learning items, but now that the classes are online, and there is no hands-on-learning.

- It was suggested to collect more information about this, talk to the ombudsman, and the dean of the business school.
- It was suggested to have a survey among business students and get their feedback about this issue.
  - This is a way to reach out to the students and let them know that they can reach out to the SFSS.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Next UAA Meeting Tuesday, June 16th, 2020 at 3PM–5PM**
- **Student At Large applications have been sent to the Nominating committee**

## 10. ATTACHMENTS

- COVID-19 Survey Report.pdf
- SFSS COVID-19 Survey results full.pdf

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

**11.1 MOTION UAA 2020-06-02:05**

**Anuki/Samad**

*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 PM.*

**CARRIED unanimously**