

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:31PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓ilwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem) and ḱícəy̓ (Katzie) Nations. Unceded means that these territories have never been handed over, sold, or given up by these nations, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Council Composition

Student Union Representatives

Archeology	
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies	
Bachelor of Environment.....	
Behavioral Neuroscience.....	Manroop Gill
Biology	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology.....	
Business.....	
Chemistry	Michelle Tong
Cognitive Science.....	Rollin Poe
Communications.....	
Computing Science.....	Ryan Vansickle
Criminology.....	Eva Delgado
Dance.....	
Data Science Student Union.....	
Earth Science	
Economics	
Education.....	Adrienne Blas
Engineering Science	Alvin David
English.....	Liz Giardin
Environmental Resource	
Environmental Science.....	Caitlin Heide
Film Student Union	
First Nations Studies Student Union	
French.....	Sharon Kim
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies	Alicia Fahrner
Geography	Evangeline Lapalme
Gerontology Student Union	
Global Asia Studies Student Union.....	
Health Science.....	
History	Allan Saunderson
Humanities.....	Lauren Thomson
Interactive Arts and Technology	Bryan To
International Studies.....	Alea Mohamed
Labour Studies.....	Justin Chen
Linguistics	Ali Vickers
Mathematics	
Mechatronics System Engineering.....	Kimia Rezaeian

Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	Kyle Newcomb
Music Student Union.....	
Operations Research.....	
Philosophy	Tony Yu
Physics.....	Manuel Rojas
Political Science (<i>Vice-Chair</i>).....	Helen Pahou
Psychology	
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) (<i>Chair</i>).....	Zaid Lari
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS).....	Simran Jir
Sociology and Anthropology	Kayla Chow
Software Systems	Quince Bielka
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA)	Anthony Kim
Sustainable Community Development.....	
Theatre Student Union	
Visual Arts.....	
World Literature	Ksydalg Henry

Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA)	Serena Bains
First Nations Student Association (FNSA)	
International Student Group (ISG).....	
Out on Campus Collective (OOC)	Victor Yin
Residence Hall's Association (RHA).....	
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).....	Ryan Stolys
Women Centre Collective (WCC)	
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA)	Ogheneofegor Obuwoma

Board of Directors

SFSS Directors (*non-voting*)

President	Osob Mohamed
VP External Relations	Samad Raza
VP Finance	Corbett Gildersleve
VP Student Services	Matthew Provost
VP Student Life	Jennifer Chou
VP University Relations.....	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 Regrets

Physics.....	Manuel Rojas
History	Allan Saunderson
World Literature	Ksydalg Henry

3.3 Absent

Behavioral Neuroscience.....	Manroop Gill
French	Sharon Kim
Linguistics	Ali Vickers
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS).....	Simran Jir

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

Excuses or regrets will be kept track of by the chair of council. Missing two meetings in a row without sending excuses (that are approved) will result in the removal from Council.

4.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-08-05:01

Quince/Alvin

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Manuel Rojas, Allan Saunderson, and Ksydal Henry.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- Add Regrets from Allan Saunderson and Ksydal Henry.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-08-05:02

Quince/Helen

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- Add New Business 9.1 Council Restructuring.
- Add Discussion Item 10.2 BIPOC Committee Report.

6. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

6.1 Council Liaison

- UPass has been by GSS and there will be more discussion with Translink regarding the continuation of the UPass.
- Social Media accounts from the Public Outreach Committee has been proposed to the Board.

6.2 Board Liaison

- There was a clarification regarding a committee that thought they had funding authorities.
- However in the terms of reference, it stated that the committee could only recommend funds be approved and could not approve the funds.
- There were at-large members who were appointed to the BIPOC committee.
- During the Member Services Committee, it was concluded that in person event grants will not be approved.
 - Due to COVID-19 and the MSC coordinator not being able to monitor social distancing during these events, the student society will not be approving these grant requests.
- SFSS Racial Profiling Incident – Last year at a debate, the police were called in suspicion of the black student. The SFSS issued a formal apology for this student and there will be new anti-racism measures in place for the future.
 - This will be further discussed at the BIPOC committee.

7. REPORTS FROM BOARD EXEC DIRECTORS

7.1 VP Student Services

- VP Student Services has been working on writing the terms of reference.
 - Working on getting more representation of Indigenous community for the SFSS.
- Working on a collaboration with SFU Health and Counselling to destigmatize mental health.
- Working on reconciliation work with the Indigenous Student Center.

- Working on a Surrey food hub for student and making sure there are proper resources on all SFU campuses.

8. PRESENTATION

8.1 SFSS By-Law Review

- Please see attachment.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Council Restructuring – MOTION COUNCIL 2020-08-05:03

Kayla/Helen

Be it resolved that the Council supports in principle the direction of Council being the legal Board of Directors in the SFSS By-Law Review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Councilors wanted some example as to how Council could be more effective with this governance restructuring.
- Abstention: 1 person.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Council Accounts Ownership

- Council Governance Committee discussed the issue of not having a written statement as to who the owners of the council related platforms belong to.
 - These platform include the Discord, Instagram, and any other third party platform
- The general consensus is that the Chair of Council will be the owner of these accounts for the duration of their Council term.
- But the Chair will be able to delegate the account ownership/responsibilities to another SFSS Council member.
- The accounts will be transferred on to the next Council Chair when the next term starts.

10.2 BIPOC Committee Report

- Out on Campus Councilor shared three petitions to the committee that he hopes that he could get support on.
 1. SFU Health Sciences department video response.
 2. Two petitions regarding the SFU athletics team name change.
- Passed a motion in the BIPOC committee to send a letter to SFU regarding changing the athletics team name change.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.1 Next meeting is August 19th, 2020

12. ATTACHMENTS

- Board Liaison Report

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-08-05:04

Kayla/Quince

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:51PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Liaison Report

07.24 - July 24

Motions

Student Union Building Second Elevator

- Approving money for an elevator for the SUB
 - Approving \$67,848 additional funding since the cost is higher than anticipated
 - Total funding for elevator: \$267,848

Ratification for Accessibility Committee Motions

- The Terms of Reference for the committee only permitted the committee to make recommendations, not approve grants
- This motion had Board approve all the motions from Accessibility Committee from the last year

Notice of motion: Amendment to SO-8: Accessibility Advisory Committee

- This would come up at the next meeting after consultation with SFSS membership
- Makes the language in Accessibility Advisory Committee clearer so that the committee can approve expenses instead of recommending it to the Board
- This allows the committee to pass motions for any accessibility grants without having to get Board approval for every grant

Appointments

BIPOC Committee

- Flourish Adeogun, Nimrit Basra, Zaina Khan, Milan Franco Orosco, and Marrie Haddad appointed to BIPOC Committee

Discussion Items

U-Pass for Fall Semester

- Meeting with Graduate Student Society (GSS) and SFU
 - GSS heavily in favour of reinstating U-Pass, they have a reimbursement process for it but this would only go til end of August
 - Letter from GSS VP External: strongly in favour of reinstating U-Pass, and SFSS and GSS can't be separate so we need to come to one single conclusion
- Still in negotiation stage with Translink

- Option: allow students outside of Metro Vancouver to opt out - around 15% of membership (exemption policy can be adjusted)
 - Need to see if the Translink system would allow this
 - Students would need to prove they're outside of Metro Vancouver - SFU will figure out how students can prove this
- Our survey had 51% for reinstating U-Pass, and 49% for suspending
- Need to make a decision within the next week
- Board members spoke in favour of reinstating the U-Pass, with an option for reimbursement for students who cannot pay for the U-Pass
 - VP Student Life - Jennifer Chou
 - Education Rep - Emerly Liu
 - VP University Relations - Gabe Liosis
 - VP Finance - Corbett Gildersleve
 - It's ultimately cheaper for students if we reinstate the U-Pass - \$42 a month with U-Pass vs \$177 a month without U-Pass
 - Survey had 51% in favour of reinstating U-Pass
 - Science Rep - WeiChun Kua
 - VP Student Services - Matthew Provost
 - FCAT Rep - Haider Masood
 - Environment Rep - Anuki Karunajeewa
 - At-Large Rep - Balqees Jama

In-person Events during COVID-19

- Member Services Committee discussed this, and we don't really want to host in-person events right now
 - If there was a grant for something like a social distancing picnic, there wouldn't be any guarantee that students will socially distance
 - Bring to Board before making an official statement
- Student safety is our priority
- Number of COVID-19 cases have increased, so Executive Committee could review the back-to-in-person-work plan


Events Committee Update

- [Financial Literacy Workshops Post-event Report](#)
- Approved money for a \$100 honorarium for photography workshops instructor
 - [Briefing note](#)
- Annual Plan started and will be a motion at the meeting next week
 - [Annual Plan](#)
- Events started and in progress:
 - Mental Health Mondays Giveaway - August
 - SFU Esports x SFU Anime x SFSS Events Games Night Collab
 - Photography workshops
 - Ice cream making workshop

- Games night (Jackbox Games - spending \$50 on a pack will be a motion at the next meeting on Friday, July 31)
- Speed Friending
- Events completed:
 - Mental Health Mondays Giveaway - July
 - SFU Peak Frequency IG Live Concert
 - Financial Literacy Workshops with Vancity (Budgeting and TFSA)

SFSS Council Instagram and Facebook Page

- Councillors from the Public Outreach Committee feel like this is essential to achieving the goals they've laid out
- May do a post or shoutout on the @sfss_sfu Instagram story and/or Facebook

Council Public Outreach Committee 

To make and report on the development of recommendations to the Council aimed at public outreach.

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 - Creating and maintaining an active Facebook and Instagram page for Council
- Some Board members spoke in favour of this
 - VP Student Life - Jennifer Chou
 - VP University Relations - Gabe Liosis
 - VP Finance - Corbett Gildersleve
 - Make sure Communications Coordinator has support from the Public Outreach Committee
 - Make sure the account is actively run by the Public Outreach Committee
 - Environment Rep - Anuki Karunajeewa
- To be brought forward at the next SFSS Board meeting as a motion
 - Need to discuss with Council as well

SFU Athletics Team Name Update

- Review process is under way
- SFU Athletics is to provide a report to SFU President Andrew Petter in August
- SFU community was concerned about SFU President Andrew Petter's comments at the last Senate meeting regarding this issue
 - “[...] But to change the name because of a racist organization could be succumbing to the hegemony of a racist organization, so it's a complex issue.”

SFSS 2019 Racial Profiling Incident

- Some SFU students pre-planned calling police and security on a Black student (now SFU alum) during the SFSS 2019 debates
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MERje2OYO68> (42:16 timestamp)
- Black members of the audience spotted this as racial profiling - nothing happened at the debates that really warranted security coming over
- Security worked with SFSS to ID the Black student even though the student didn't cause harm
 - The excuse for calling security was that only SFU students could attend the debate, which isn't really a valid excuse since only one student, the Black student, was targeted
- Shows need for anti-racism training for security and need for SFU to collect race-based data

- Some SFSS Board members spoke up about this saying they are agreeable to this and sending a letter to the individual affected
 - At-Large Rep: Balqees Jama
 - President - Osob Mohamed
 - VP Finance - Corbett Gildersleve
 - Mentioned that he, as an alumnus, asked questions at previous SFSS debates and security never got involved
 - VP University Relations - Gabe Liosis
 - Science Rep - WeiChun Kua
 - VP Student Life - Jennifer Chou
 - Asked about what SFSS can do to prevent something like this from happening again
 - Balqees' answer:
 - SFU Anti-Racism working group (including GSS, TSSU)
 - SFSS can advocate for collection of race-based data and mandatory anti-racism security training
 - Action items will be discussed at SFSS BIPOC Committee, but something could be anti-racism workshops for SFSS Board and staff
 - Encourage the union, CUPE, to have conversations around this as well
 - VP External - Samad Raza
 - VP Student Services - Matthew Provost
 - FCAT Rep - Haider Masood