

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:34 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), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əłəm (Kwkwetlem) and q̓icəy̓ (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 .....	Clara Wilmot
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies .....	
Bachelor of Environment .....	Bradley Sarandi
Behavioral Neuroscience.....	Ramsha Farooqui
Biology .....	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology .....	Joshua Ham
Business.....	Mohnish Farswani
Chemistry .....	Gwen Bui
Cognitive Science.....	Rollin Poe
Communications.....	
Computing Science.....	Ryan Vansickle
Criminology.....	Charlotte Taylor-Baer
Dance.....	
Data Science Student Union.....	
Earth Science .....	Alex Kristinsson
Economics .....	Sandra Pal
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.....	Kylee Pocrnich
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies .....	Devynn Butterworth
Geography .....	Nicole Hekl
Gerontology Student Union.....	
Global Asia Studies Student Union.....	
Health Science .....	
History .....	
Humanities.....	Sara Wong
Interactive Arts and Technology .....	Bryan To
International Studies.....	Alea Mohamed

Labour Studies.....	Justin Chen
Linguistics .....	Brianne Limb
Mathematics .....	
Mechatronics System Engineering .....	Kimia Rezaeian
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry .....	Kyle Newcomb
Music Student Union.....	
Operations Research .....	Ashutosh Dubal
Philosophy .....	Tony Yu
Physics.....	Manuel Rojas
Political Science (Vice-Chair).....	Helen Pahou
Psychology .....	Tiffany Liu
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) (Chair) .....	Zaid Lari
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) .....	Simran Jir
Sociology and Anthropology.....	Kayla Chow
Software Systems .....	Mahek Khan
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA) .....	Stephanie Chung
Sustainable Community Development.....	
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society .....	Maven Sera
Theatre Student Union.....	
Visual Arts.....	
World Literature .....	Ksydalg Henry

**Constituency Group Representatives**

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) .....	Serena Bains
First Nations Students Association (FNSEA).....	Kali Stierle
Out on Campus Collective (OOC) .....	Victor Yin
Residence Hall's Association (RHA).....	
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).....	Ryan Stolys
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) .....	Juanita Julius
Ndyamukama	
Women Centre Collective (WCC) .....	Nisha Manhas

**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 Society Staff**

Administrative Assistant ..... Somayeh Naseri

**3.3 Regrets**

Earth Science ..... Alex Kristinsson

**3.4 Absents**

Computing Science..... Ryan Vansickle

Earth Science ..... Alex Kristinsson

Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies ..... Devynn Butterworth

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) ..... Juanita Julius Ndyamukama

**4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS**

**4.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-11-18:01**

**Rollin/Helen**

*Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Alex Kristinsson.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-11-18:02**

**Zaid/Helen**

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

**CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Add Discussion Item 10.2 Consultation Campaign (postponed to next meeting)
- Add Discussion Item 10.3 Tuition Increase (postponed to next meeting)

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6.1 Council Minutes-MOTION COUNCIL 2020-11-18:03**

**Caitlin/Sandra**

*Be it resolved to receive and file the following minute(s):*

- 2020-05-27 COUNCIL
- 2020-07-08 COUNCIL
- 2020-07-22 COUNCIL
- 2020-09-16 COUNCIL
- 2020-09-23 COUNCIL
- 2020-09-30 COUNCIL
- 2020-10-14 COUNCIL
- 2020-10-28 COUNCIL

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Correct FNSA Rep Name in the minute draft of COUNCIL 2020-09-23

## 7. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

### 7.1 Council Liaison (Kayla)

- Nov 13th SFU Meeting about Indigenous Students and Reconciliation. FNSA was not invited to the meeting, and students were kicked out.
- Amendment on Election Policies By-law.
- Increased SFSS Emergency Funding, underutilized due to no events being held on campus.

### 7.2 Board Liaison

- Debrief Document for Oct 30 (see the link below):
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w76btkDZK1b03EydSQBn9v9FAVBMN9eT8-\\_dqmH52ew/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w76btkDZK1b03EydSQBn9v9FAVBMN9eT8-_dqmH52ew/edit)
- Ban the Bottle advocating for phasing out single use plastics in the SUB by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Further discussion needed with Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) to ensure accessibility.
- SUB will be closed until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 due to increasing COVID-2019 cases.
- Updates regarding Executive Committee General Elections regarding nomination, January 11<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, campaigning, January 25<sup>th</sup> - February 5<sup>th</sup>, and voting period, February 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>, to allow for more training to occur.
- Referenda voting timeline Feb 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, and Council Elections Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- BIPOC Committee update – After Meeting with SFU representatives, Joy Johnson released a statement regarding harm caused to Black Students due to the team name. Currently increase in hiring of Black counsellors. Collection of race-based data will occur by end of 2020/2021.
- SFSS and SFU are collaborating to ensure diversity hiring practices are inclusive for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion specialist.
- AGM Debrief – Robert’s rules information needed, need dedicated chat monitors, future will be at least partially online.
- Debrief Document for Nov 13 (see link below):
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/159Rm\\_dVmeatypS1zQESH0yTYd6HDr-UVZ\\_E118RpbxY/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/159Rm_dVmeatypS1zQESH0yTYd6HDr-UVZ_E118RpbxY/edit)
- At the Aboriginal Steering Committee Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>, FNSA was invited short notice, Indigenous students and allies were not allowed to join the meeting, systematically excluded.
- Election and Referendum policies were discussed.
- Environmental Science Student Union and Bachelor of Environment Student Union given 33 days to move out from Common Room as SFU is planning on converting the space into a lab, currently supporting students in finding a new space.
- Potential for SFSS Emergency Funding, need evaluation to provide Bursaries.
- Student Participation encouraged at the SFU Budget Information Sessions on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> (see link below):
  - <https://www.sfu.ca/finance/budget-information-sessions-2020-21.html>
- Only one accessible gender-neutral washroom in Student Union Building, possibility discussed for all gender washrooms. Further discussion needed with religious groups on campus.

## 8. REPORTS FROM BOARD EXEC DIRECTORS

### 8.1 VP External Relations

- VP External Relation has class conflict with meeting time, available to talk outside of meetings, encouraged members to reach out.
- Chair suggested that another executive can deliver the report in future to solve VP External Relations class conflict.
- Letter send to Melanie Mark and John Horgan indicating condemnation of SFU for tuition increases and financial stress placed on students. Suggestions made to increase operating funding from province and increased regulation of International student's tuition.
- Future meeting with Minister of Advanced Education to further discuss relevant issues.
- Future meeting with Katrina Chen, MLA, and Terry Beech, MP, regarding post-graduate student work permit extension requests.
- Future meeting with Migrant Student Union about immigration issues facing students.

### 8.2 VP University Relations

- VP University Relations is absent.

## 9. NEW BUISINESS

### 9.1 EVSCU/BESU Space Issue- MOTION COUNCIL 2020-11-18:04

**Helen/ Mahek**

*Whereas the School of Environmental Science has officially only given the Environmental Science Student Union on Oct. 29, 33 days until Dec. 1, to remove any personal items from the current shared common room,*

*Whereas the School of Environmental Science is planning to convert the current shared common room space into a research lab, starting January 1st,*

*Whereas the School of Environmental Science prior to this decision, did not effectively consult with any Environmental Science nor Bachelor of Environment students,*

*Whereas the Faculty of Environment has not provided any long-term options for alternative common room spaces that are sufficient for the Environmental Science and the Bachelor of Environment Student Unions needs,*

*Be it resolved that Council supports finding an alternate permanent space for the Environmental Science and the Bachelor of Environment Student Unions following their eviction, whether it is a shared common room space for both unions, or it is a separate common room space for each union*

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- On Oct 29th, executives from Environmental Science Student Union (EVSU) received an email that the School of Environmental Science will be evicting students from the EVSU and BESU Common Room space by December 1<sup>st</sup> to convert to a research lab by January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- No consultation was done with either union. Bachelor of Environmental Science Union (BESU) was informed by EVSU. BESU did not receive official notice form the School of Environmental Science as School of Environmental Science was not aware that BESU was in the space, informed that the common room was originally a temporary option as a common room, it was a lab in the past.
- As both unions are quite active, it is important to have a common room. Separate spaces are better for each DSUs need, consideration if a space might not fit both. Need a permanent space as increasing presence, through all semesters.
- Phrasing of the motion for ensuring that a Common Room can not be taken away without proper consultation.
- The School of Environmental Science extended the deadline to move out, but due to the

pandemic, members are not able to move out items.

- A statement of condemnation was created by Environmental Science and the Bachelor of Environment Student Unions with the SFSS board writing a letter of support. Requested that the SFSS Council should create a supporting letter as well.
- Earth Sciences Rep stated that they also have inadequate space.
- Previous survey suggested that majority of DSUs do not have adequate space on campus.
- Political Science Representative mentioned that a similar issue occurred for the Political Science Student Union 2 years ago without consultation, no space given.
- Suggestion raised that all councillors write an open letter to give to their department to give them a proper space.
- Comments brought up regarding SFU putting pressure on Faculty of Science to remove space from DSUs. Suggestion of formal communication with Faculty of Science and protest are required. Majority of members expressed support regarding supporting a space campaign.
- Engineering Science Representative raised concerns about a space campaign coming off as antagonistic since Engineering Student Union has a positive relationship with their Department. Comments raised to ensure that if School of Engineering Science leadership changes, there will be a need to be a guarantee for a DSU space.
- Political Science Representative suggested two different letters for DSUs with good relationships and another advocacy-based and action-based letter for DSUs that do not have support from their departments.
- Suggestion raised for policy change to mandate departments to have DSU space.
- Further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

## **9.2 Black and Indigenous Organizations Donation- MOTION COUNCIL 2020-11-18:05**

### **Kali/Caitlin**

*Whereas Council passed a motion in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and Black and Indigenous peoples who are disproportionately subject to violence due to over-policing at it's October 14th meeting,*

*Whereas Council discussed uses for its annual budget as recommended by the Council Governance Committee, and determined an amount of \$700 to be donated to charity,*

*Whereas Council has voted by poll to donate to the Vancouver Black Therapy & Advocacy Fund, and BC Assembly of Aboriginal Friendship Centres,*

*Be it resolved to allocate \$700 from line 815/20 of the Council annual budget for the donation of \$350 to the Vancouver Black Therapy & Advocacy Fund, and \$350 to the BC Assembly of Aboriginal Friendship Centres.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **9.3 Councillor Appreciation-MOTION COUNCIL 2020-11-18:06**

### **Helen/Bradley**

*Whereas in the previous years, Council has utilised its annual budget for holding an end of the term pizza party,*

*Whereas many Councillors commit their time to Board and Council committees without compensation,*

*Whereas Council discussed uses its annual budget as recommended by the Council Governance Committee and determined an amount of \$20 per Councillor to be dispersed by electronic gift card,*

*Whereas Council has decided upon the following gift card choices via an informal poll; Amazon, Starbucks, Skip the Dishes, Indigo and Steam,*

*Be it resolved to allocate up to \$880 from line 815/20 of the Council annual budget for the purchase of 44 electronic gift cards of choice for Councillor appreciation,*

*Be it further resolved that SFSS staff be directed to disperse these gift cards to Councillors through their SFU email*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. DISCUSSION

### 10.1 Board Committees

- University and Academic Affairs Committee, External and Community Affairs Committee, Vancouver Campus Committee have openings, for those who are interested contact Chair via email.
- Political Science Representative motivated for Council Representative Involvement on Board Committees.
- Update from BIPOC Committee encouraging signing on to the Emancipation Day Petition making August 1<sup>st</sup>, when Slavery was outlawed in the British Empire, a holiday.

### 10.2 Consultation campaign

- Postponed to next meeting

### 10.3 Tuition Increase

- Postponed to next meeting

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

### 11.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2020-11-18:07

**Rollin /Caitlin**

*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 PM.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**