

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:36 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^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (Kwkwetlem) and qícəy̓ (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	
Communications	
Computing Science	Ryan Vansickle
Criminology	Charlotte Taylor-Baer
Dance.....	
Data Science Student Union	Myckland Matthew
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)	
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)	
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

Transition Manager.....	Lawrence Jones
Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator	Sarah Edmunds
Operations Organizer	Ayesha Khan
Administrative Assistant	Christina Kachkarova
Administrative Assistant	Joseph An

3.3 Regrets

Interactive Arts and Technology	Bryan To
Women Centre Collective (WCC)	Nisha Manhas

3.4 Absent

Archaeology Student Society (ASS).....	Clara Wilmot
Behavioural Neuroscience Student Society (BNSS).....	Ramsha Farooqui
Gender, Sexuality and Women Studies Student Union	Devynn Butterworth
Geography Student Union.....	Nicole Hekl
Linguistics Student Union.....	Brianne Limb
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association (SASSA)	Stephanie Chung
World Literature Student Union	Ksydal Henry
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA)	Juanita Julius Ndyamukama

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

4.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-01-06:01

Ryan/Kyle

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Nisha Manhas and Bryan To.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Remove Regrets from Rollin Poe.
- Add Regrets from Nisha Manhas.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-01-06:02

Ryan/Mahek

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- Add New Business Item 7.1 FSU/DSU Space Campaign.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 COUNCIL Minutes – MOTION COUNCIL 2021-01-06:03

Kali/Manuel

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

- Council 2020-12-09

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 FSU/DSU Space Campaign – MOTION COUNCIL 2020-12-09:04

Kyle/Tiffany

Whereas student union common rooms are vital, and essential for students to thrive everywhere on campus,

Whereas the current eviction of the Environmental Science Student Union (EVSCSU) and Bachelor of Environment Student Union (BESU) from their TASC 7470 common room serves as a reminder of the on-going and real threat of student space eviction,

Whereas a joint effort between all Faculty Student Unions (FSUs) and Departmental Student Unions (DSUs) will show solidarity, power in numbers, and provide a support network for all student unions to acquire space from their department, and faculty, Be it resolved that Council formally support all FSUs and DSUs to acquire accessible and adequate common rooms on any of SFU's 3 campuses, provide any resources needed, and launch a space campaign called “#StudentsDeserveSpace”,

Be it further resolved that Council writes a joint letter in line with the briefing note attached and that Council signs as a representative body, as well all student unions voting in favour has their signatures appended, and that this letter be sent to all respective department and faculty within the University

Be it further resolved that this letter outlines that every student union deserves common room space, and in the event that a student union has common room space - that it is the priority of student unions to enter into agreements with their respective department to make sure that this space is secured and permanent.

CARRIED

In Favour (23) : BESU, Biology, Business, Criminology, Data Science, Economics, English, Environmental Science, French, Humanities, International Studies, Labour Studies, Mechatronics, MBBSU, Operational Research, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Science, Software Systems, DNA, FNSA, SAAC

Opposed (5): BPK, Earth Science, Education, Engineering, Physics

Abstain (2): Computing Science, Sustainable Engineering

- Motion to reconsider was carried unanimously.
- CSS Representative raised concerns about the availability of on campus and stated that MBBSU and CSS do not intend to split up as they share a space. Science Faculty Rep ensured that the motion is to allow for Student Unions to have access to a space and that they are free to share and if it is in their interest. The goal of the campaign is to ensure long term space for all student unions.
- Physics Representative inquired about the possibility of signing onto the letter but not sending it to the Physics department due to previous agreements with them. They currently have a good relationship with their department and this letter to impact that.
- BPK Representative stated that he does not want to send a relationship to the department as he believes the letter will not be conducive to a good relationship in the future.
- Faculty of Science Representative highlighted the importance of having a written agreement so that future Faculty members continue to have a good relationship with their DSU/FSU and ensure access to Student Union space. He mentioned that the letter is not yet crafted, but that Council will craft the letter together and then sign on.
- ESSU Representative requested a chance to go over the letter with their executive team before agreeing to sign on to the letter and voting on the motion.
- Faculty of Science Representative encouraged the Student Athlete Advisory Committee Representative to vote depending on whether he supported the general motion for DSUs, and FSUs since SAAC does not have the same space concerns.

- Political Science Representative highlighted that the needs of different DSUs are different and that those in dire need of space should be amplified. She suggested a compromise where DSUs/FSUs with good relationships can have their representative sign on as a Councillor, and those from DSUs/FSUs in need can send letters to their specific departments.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Tuition Increase

- ESSS Representative requested updates from condemnation letter. He discussed the additional fees that students in the Engineering Faculty must pay on top of their tuition which ESSS will be encouraging their faculty to reduce. Will provide future updates.
- SFSS President stated that in discussions with the University about Tuition fees, the condemnation letter has been vital. In a recent discussion with the University, SFU stated that they are looking to increase tuition for the next 2 years at a 2% and 4% rate. While they are not looking at reducing tuition, they have agreed to look at bursary funding and acknowledged the financial struggle of students. She mentioned a discussion with the University regarding bursaries being tied to GPA and credit load and how students can still struggle financially despite having a low GPA or low credit load. This will be a continuous campaign.
- VP Finance Bursary mentioned an upcoming discussion in Senate regarding connecting bursaries to GPA and credit load and stated that he will provide future updates.

8.2 P/F Petition & DSU Online Learning Survey

- P/F petition successfully allowed for a P/F option in Spring 2020.
- Cheat sheet for P/F grading by VP Student Life:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15FJNqAbraNEqWA687EJPwhg-VqnbIPY-Zg7u0hKz-E8/edit#>
- Suggestion of survey creation about quality of online learning that would be sent out around DSUs.
- VP University Relations provided update on P/F. Currently, there is a motion submitted to Senate to bring back P/F retroactively for Fall 2020 and Fall 2021. A commitment to consistent conversation to alternative grading schemes while online learning continues is ongoing. Senate will discuss the P/F option on January 11th. Senate Committee Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) meeting on January 7th will discuss the P/F option. SCUS has previously voted against bringing back a P/F option.
- Although SFU has stated they do not want to bring back P/F, students have been adamant about wanting P/F. A current email campaign of undergraduate students demanding P/F option is ongoing, at least 30 responses. The campaign also allows students to discuss how online learning has impacted them and how P/F would improve their educational experience.
- Information about P/F email campaign here:
<https://www.facebook.com/100012810190691/videos/1105291733241156/>
- Faculty of Science Representative noted that other Universities have passed a P/F system.

8.3 Dining Hall Incident

- Chair discussed the idea of a Council response to this incident.
- SAAC asked for updates on what actions Council and the SFSS has done to address this incident.
- SFSS President provided updates regarding an SFSS response. During a meeting SFU held with the SFSS and GSS, they acknowledged the error in their statement, particularly concerning wording that stated that SFU Security always handles matters “peacefully” and is conducting an

internal assessment on what happened. The SFSS will continue to apply pressure and will provide future updates when things arise.

8.4 DearSFU Holiday Card Campaign

- While emails are easier for University Administration to ignore, physical cards are more difficult.
- https://www.instagram.com/p/CI1_MaaAasQ/
- VP Student Life lots of other University undergrads are sending cards to University Administration. The campaign is still collecting responses.

8.5 Spring Semester Meeting Times

- FNSA Representative suggested sending out a When to Meet to see if times need to be adjusted.

8.6 Council Meeting Procedures

- SAAC suggested roll call vote change due to Bylaws, as roll call votes typically take a very long time.
- VP Finances mentioned that there is consideration to improve efficiency and new By Laws in May would allow for changes.
- Council discussed whether going through roll call is worthwhile as it takes a lot of time. Several suggestions were made to hold an informal vote and discuss further in Discord.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.1 Next Council meeting January 20th

- Biweekly meetings.
- In future, Council wants to make meetings more accessible for students.
- Chair mentioned that if there is an emergency, there are ways to call a meeting including petitioning for a meeting or calling the Chair to hold a meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-01-06:05

Mahek/Kali

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY