## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 2:32 PM

## 2. TERRITORIALACKNOWLEDGMENT

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>əỷ əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel íl witulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əλ əm (Kwikwetlem) and qicə ỷ(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 (Chair)	Osob Mohamed
VP External Relations	Samad Raza
VP Finance	Corbett Gildersleve
VP Student Services	Matthew Provost
VP Student Life	Jennifer Chou
VP University Relations (Vice Chair)	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
Administrative Assistant	.Kristin Kokkov

#### 3.3 Guests

The Peak News Writer	Paige Riding
Council/Board Liaison	Ryan Vansickle
Student	
Student	Marie Haddad
Council Chair	Zaid Lari

#### 3.4 Regrets

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Faculty Representative	(Business)	Mehtaab Gill



Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences)......Sude Guvendik

## 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### 4.1 MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:01

#### **Corbett/Haider**

*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.* **CARRIED AS AMENDED** 

#### 4.1.1. MOTION BOD 2020 06-26:01-01 Gabe/Nafoni

Be it resolved to add regrets from Sude Guvendik and Mehtaab Gill to the agenda. Be it further resolved to strike the motion "Student Union Donations" and add it as a discussion item.

Be it further resolved to add the discussion items "Fall U-PASS" and "SFU Health and Counselling Services Collaboration".

Be it further resolved to add the motions "Communications Working Group on the Society Website and Social Media", "First Year Engagement Committee Appointment", and "SFU Athletics New Sporting Team Name" to the agenda.

Be it further resolved to add the section "Report from the Council/Board Liaison" before the New Business.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **5. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS**

#### 5.1 MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:02

#### Haider/Corbett

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Mehtaab Gill (prior engagements) and Sude Guvendik (academic obligation).

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#### 6.1 Board Minutes – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:03 Gabe/Corbett

#### Gabe/Corbett

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

• BOARD 2020-06-12

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 6.2 Committee Minutes – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:04 Corbett/Nafoni

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- GOV 2020-05-21
- GOV 2020-05-28
- UAA 2020-06-02
- EVENTS 2020-03-11



- EXEC 2020-02-19
- EXEC 2020-03-13
- EXEC 2020-03-25
- EXEC 2020-05-12
- EXEC 2020-05-26
- EXEC 2020-06-09

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 7. REPORT FROM COUNCIL/BOARD LIAISON

- Council/Board Liaison brought out that it is helpful for the councillors if the Board members attend the Council meetings and the councillors can connect with the Board directly.
- It was further brought out that the councillors have received the information and invitations to committees.
  - In addition, the Council will select people for Council's internal committees soon.
- At the last meeting, the Council voted in support of the name change petition that the SAAC put forward.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

## 8.1 BIPOC Committee Appointment – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:05

#### Samad/Haider

*Be it resolved to appoint Matthew Provost and Balqees Jama as Co-Chairs of the BIPOC Committee.* 

Be it further resolved to appoint said members Anuki Karunajeewa, Nafoni Modi, WeiChun Kua, and Monique Leslie as members of the BIPOC Committee for the 2020-21 term.

#### CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.1. BIPOC Committee Appointment – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:05-01 Balqees/Gabe

*Be it resolved to include Monique Leslie, VP SOCA, to the list of members.* **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

## 8.2 FoodHub Project – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:06

#### Samad/Haider

*Be it resolved to approve the Food hub project from the ERSE working group as attached in the Briefing note.* 

*Be it further resolved to allocate Forum Chambers for the food hub, and allocate \$5,000 from an appropriate line item to be decided by the VP Finance.* 

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Refer to the attachment.
- Emergency Response Student Engagement working group works on solutions to help and engage students.
  - One of the projects of this working group is the FoodHub program.
  - The SFU civic engagement coordinator has been working on starting the food services program and the SFSS is partnering with her.



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- She was looking for a place where she could operate and asked the SFSS for help.
- It was proposed to allocate the Forum Chambers to this project.
- In addition, \$5000 was suggested to put forward to help the project so that it could go forward for several months.
- The aim is to start the program on July  $22^{nd}$ .
- There was a question if there is going to be a progress report every two months or after the program is finished.
  - It was explained that all the reporting data will be collected to see how many students are using this program, and how long it is necessary to keep the program going.
  - SFU will create the form and the SFSS will collect the data.
    - All the information is confidential, and privacy is protected.
- There was a suggestion to organise the food program in front of the library, because there is a lot of open space there.
  - It was brought out that because of the construction, things are moving around, and it is unpredictable which space is open at a certain time.
  - In addition, there is a request to have a sink at the space.
- It was brought out that there are discussions with the Surrey campus and if the project is going to take off, it can be extended to other campuses as well.

#### 8.3 Second Amendment to Partial Surrender of Lease for MBC – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:07 Corbett/Haider

Whereas it is necessary to amend the Partial Surrender of Lease for space in the Maggie Benston Centre (MBC) to extend the Outside Surrender Date (as defined in the Second Amendment to Partial Surrender of Lease agreement) from June 1, 2020, to October 1, 2020;

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors authorizes Osob Mohamed, President, and Marc Fontaine, General Manager, Build SFU, to execute the Second Amendment to Partial Surrender of Lease dated June 12, 2020.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Refer to the attachment.
- The initial agreement said that the SFSS has to move out by June 1<sup>st</sup>, now the deadline is extended to October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- It was explained that until the SFSS receives the certificate of occupancy, it is not possible to move out of the MBC.

#### 8.4 HR and Personnel Committee Appointment – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:08 Corbett/Balgees

Be it resolved to appoint Osob Mohamed as Chair of the HR and Personnel Committee. Be it further resolved to appoint Matthew Provost, Corbett Gildersleve and Balqees Jama as members of the HR and Personnel Committee.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- This is the new committee that was embedded in the new policy documents.
- The committee will be overseeing all personnel matters and will be acting as the labour committee for the purpose of Collective Agreement.
  - Ensures accountability, transparency, inclusion, and democratic participation in executing the responsibilities of the committee.

#### 8.5 Member Services Advisory Committee – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:09 Gabe/Matthew

Be it resolved to appoint Phum Luckkid as Chair of the Member Services Advisory Committee. Be it further resolved to appoint Jennifer Chou, Matthew Provost, Corbett Gildersleve, and Gabe Liosis as members of the Member Services Advisory Committee.

#### CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- Phum Luckkid motivated for the chair.
- Jennifer Chou, Matthew Provost, Corbett Gildersleve, and Gabe Liosis motivated to be the member of the committee.
- The committee is looking over clubs' policies and student unions.

#### 8.5.1. Member Services Advisory Committee – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:09-01 Osob/Balqees

Be it resolved to strike X and replace it with Phum Luckkid. Be it further resolved to strike Y and replace it with Jennifer Chou, Matthew Provost, Corbett Gildersleve, and Gabe Liosis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8.6 Communications Working Group on the Society Website and Social Media – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:10

#### Gabe/Jennifer

Whereas, many Board members have expressed interest in revamping the SFSS website to make it more engaging and accessible for our membership.

Whereas, the Accessibility Advisory Committee has previously suggested a website accessibility project, and this years' website budget was increased in anticipation for such a project.

Whereas, the SFSS usually establishes a working group every year consisting of Board members and staff every year to look over the website.

Be it resolved to establish a "Communications Working Group on the Society Website and Social Media" to undertake a website revamp project.

Be it further resolved to appoint Gabe Liosis, Matthew Provost, Phum Luckkid, Balqees Jama, Haider Masood, Jennifer Chou, and WeiChun Kua as members of this Working Group, to work alongside the Communications Coordinator and any other staff from the Communications Department.

Be it further resolved that this Working Group consult student groups as part of this project, including, but not limited to: the SFSS Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Council Public Outreach Committee, SFU DNA, Student Unions, and Clubs.

#### CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- It was brought out that many students think that the information on the SFSS website should be organised and made easier to navigate.
  - It was added that the communication's budget for the website has been increased this year to make the website more accessible.
- The aim of the working group would be to look at what changes should be made, and how it would look like.
  - The working group would work with the Accessibility Advisory Committee,
    - the Council Public Outreach Committee, SFU DNA, student unions, and clubs.
- It was pointed out that the website should be the main place where students should be able to access information and policies, and it should be easy to navigate.
  - $\circ$  Right now, some links on the website are dead, or the information is outdated.



- It was pointed out that the website has been developed before a couple of times and it is going to take a lot of work and money to add additional features, and the working group will be involved with this for the rest of the year.
- Gabe Liosis, Matthew Provost, Phum Luckkid, Balqees Jama, Haider Masood, Jennifer Chou, and WeiChun Kua expressed interest in being members of the working group.

## 8.6.1. Communications Working Group on the Society Website and Social Media – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:10-01

#### Gabe/Haider

Be it resolved to replace X with Gabe Liosis, Matthew Provost, Phum Luckkid, Balqees Jama, Haider Masood, Jennifer Chou, and WeiChun Kua. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 8.7 First Year Engagement Committee Appointment– MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:11 Haider/Matthew

Be it resolved to appoint Haider Masood as Chair of the First Year Engagement Committee. Be it further resolved to appoint Sude Guvendik as a member of the First Year Engagement Committee.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

• It was explained that Sude Guvendik was the chair before, but she wanted to step down and become a regular member of the committee.

#### 8.8 New Sporting Team Name – MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:12

#### Balqees/Anuki

Whereas SFU athletes are calling for a new sporting team name that is not the 'Clan' due to racial insensitivity with it being affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan,

Whereas SFU athletes were surveyed and 77% of athletes were in support of SFU initiating a process to change the name since 2017,

Whereas SFU and SFSS have made a commitment to supporting Black lives and must actively take steps to dismantle systemic racism,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Board endorse the petition calling on SFU to change the team name from the 'Clan' to one that is appropriate after student consultation.

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Board sign a letter drafted by Councillors, including the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Councillor, in line with the petition's concerns and calls.

Be it further resolved that the Board actively work with BIPOC athletes and students in organizing a campaign to support their calls for the athletic team name change.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- It was brought out that there is a petition going around asking to change the name from Clan to something more appropriate.
  - The student organisers have reach out the SFSS asking for support.
  - The motion is supporting the campaign that is already started.
- It was pointed out that the SFSS is supporting the anti-racism on campus and the Board will continue to work with the university in moving forward to changing the name.
- It was pointed out that this conversation has been going on for many years and students are not feeling comfortable with the name.
  - KKK is active in Canada and it was suggested that the Black students should be consulted as well.



• It was added that there have been indications that the SFU will plan to make a committed to changing the name.

\*Break at 3:32 PM, meeting resumes at 3:42 PM\*

## 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS (1)

#### 9.1 Greek Life Organizations

- There are several student organisations that have Greek life associated with them.
  - They are professional fraternities organisations where students can get together and help with the career.
  - In order to receive funding, the organisation needs to be a club within the SFSS.
  - However, there have been conversations about whether the SFSS can recognise Greek Life organisations as clubs, because of the perceived threat of the things that are associated with social sororities and fraternities.
- There is a question, should the SFSS recognize them as a SFSS club?
- It was pointed out that most fraternities have strict no-hazing policy this was the concerns in terms of liability for the SFSS.
  - Professional fraternities and the social fraternities have different types of liability insurance.
- It was suggested to start with the professional fraternities and grant them a club status.
  If it goes well, the conversations can move on to social fraternities.
- It was agreed that professional fraternities' function like clubs.
- It was also pointed out that when it comes to social organisations, the students who are in those organisations, are still the SFSS students and the SFSS should watch out for them.
- It was pointed out that there often are stereotypes associated with them, and the SFSS could explore that they are incorporated to the SFSS in a safe way.

#### 9.2 AGM Chair Appointment

- The AGM is being planned and the event will take place in the end of October.
- The question, who is going to be the chair.
  - In the past year a parliamentarian has been brought in, however this year, since the AGM is going to be online, it was suggested that the chair should be the president of the SFSS.
  - If the membership wants someone else, this can be done organised as well.

#### 9.3 SFSS Just Recovery Brief on Canada's COVID-19 Response to the House of Commons

- Refer to the attachment.
  - Last week, the brief was submitted to the House of Commons in line with the Just Recovery.

#### 9.4 SFSS In Support of Vancouver City Council Motion B4. A Call for Race-Based and Socio-Demographic Data in B.C.

- At the Vancouver City Council meeting there was a motion calling for the collection of race-based and socio-demographic data in BC.
  - A lot of Black community organisers have been calling for this.
  - BIPOC members are vocalizing their lived experience.



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- The SFSS spoke in support of the motion at the meeting expressing the support that the BIPOC and racialized communities co-own the research and should have access to the data.
- The motion was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 9.5 Student Union Donations

- It was brought out that there are some student unions asking to donate their core funding to various charities.
- It was pointed out that the rules are that the student unions can use their trust funds (the funds that they have raised on their own) as they wish.
  - $\circ$   $\,$  The core funding should be used for internal things and the activities of the student union.
  - They cannot use it as a donation for external organisations.
  - The Board could amend or repeal this policy.
    - This could be done by suspending the policy for a certain amount of time and let the student unions donate the core funding and see how the unions are using their funding.
  - It was pointed out that the core funding is under the control of the SFSS and there is a legal responsibility for the SFSS.
    - It would be an issue if the student union benefits from the donation.
      - There are no methods to monitor this.
  - Another option would be to suspend the policy, but to restrict the places of donation by giving a list of accepted donation locations.
- It was pointed out that some student unions are agreeable to a list of approved organisations.
- It was suggested that the student unions could have a request of donations and the board could approve it.
- There was a suggestion to have a motion put forward at that meeting.

#### 10. AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA 10.1 MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:13

#### Balgees/Corbett

Be it resolved to amend the agenda to include the motion about Student Union Donations.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 10.2 Student Union Donations - MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:14

#### Balqees/WeiChun

Whereas student unions have reached out with the desire to donate to Black Lives Matter-focused causes with core funds,

Whereas the use of these funds for supporting events and other activities is reduced due to COVID-19 and social distancing,

Whereas the SFSS Board of Directors at the June 12th board meeting approved a \$3,000 donation to the Black in BC Community Emergency Support Fund for COVID-19,

Whereas the SFSS has released a statement on June 1st, 2020 in support of Black Lives Matter and Indigenous peoples and encouraged students to support Black-led initiatives and organizations,



Be it resolved to suspend MGP-4 4.14.a until August 1st, 2020 to allow student unions to donate core funding to Black-led causes and organizations and/or Indigenous-led causes and organizations.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 11. DISCUSSION ITEMS (2)

#### 11.1 Fall U-PASS

- The U-Pass service has been suspended and the U-Pass Advisory Committee is discussing the U-Pass question.
  - It was pointed out that it is necessary to decide what the SFSS is going to do is it going back to the contract or not.
    - It was suggested to have a survey asking how many students would use it.
    - It was also suggested to send the survey to GSS as well, because both student unions have to be on board for the contract.
- It was pointed out that the Summer term was in isolation, but now that the BC is reopening, the students may need the U-Pass.
  - However, it was brought out that several students have reached out and asking about opting out of the U-Pass.
- It was suggested to have a transit fund or reimbursement system, so that the students who need to use the public transport, could have funding.
- It was clarified that the U-Pass is suspended until August 1<sup>st</sup>, but with 30 days notice it can be reinstated.
- It was pointed out that in autumn things are reopening and students might want to travel and work.
  - However, it was pointed out that most classes are online, and students need not to travel so much.
- It was suggested to consult students and also ask the TransLink to increase the exempt limit or make a separate contract for the GSS.

#### 11.2 SFU Health and Counselling Services Collaboration

- SFU Health and Counselling Services has suggested that they can work with the SFSS to increase the awareness mental health services and how they work.
  - They can provide awareness training to the Board.
  - And provide information and resources to support the Board to promote wellbeing and provide guidelines to make the services more inclusive.
- It was pointed out that students need these services at the moment, but they do not necessarily know what is available.
- It was brought out that a lot of Black and indigenous students do not feel that these services are accessible.
- It was brought out that there are resources also outside of the campus and these should be made available to the students.
- It was suggested to have mental health developing sessions for the Board.
- It was decided that there will be the meeting with the Health and Counselling Services, and this will be brought back to the Board.

#### **11.3 SFU Athletics Team Name**

• This was discussed already under the motion.



- The motion was passed that the SFSS commits to support the change of name.
  It was asked to send out emails and put pressure on the SFU.
- The conversation will be continued.

## 12. GUESTS 30 MIN Q&A

• No questions

## 13. ATTACHMENTS

- BN Second Amendment to Partial Surrender of Lease for MBC.pdf
- BN Food Hub Program and Space Allocation Proposal Samad Raza.pdf
- SFSS Brief on Canada's COVID-19 Response to House of Commons.pdf
- Vancouver City Council Motion.pdf

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**14.1 MOTION BOD 2020-06-26:15 Matthew/Haider**  *Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 PM.* **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 



## BRIEFING NOTE

SECOND AMENDMENT TO PARTIAL SURRENDER OF LEASE FOR MBC

## Issue

The amended Partial Surrender of Lease agreement between SFSS and SFU states that the SFSS must have moved out of the MBC by June 1, 2020. Due to the continued delay in SUB construction, this date needs to be changed through a second amendment to the agreement.

## BACKGROUND

SFSS leases space in the MBC from SFU. In order to fund the early development costs of the SUB, the SFSS and SFU signed a Partial Surrender of Lease Agreement in 2015 wherein SFSS agreed to vacate part of its leased MBC space upon completion of the SUB. In exchange for the surrender, SFU compensated SFSS \$3.5 million.

Subsequently, the SFSS and SFU signed a separate agreement in 2017 in which the SFSS surrendered other MBC space including the pub, coffee shop, and food court. Only a few rooms in MBC will remain leased to the SFSS once we move out of MBC and into the SUB including Forum Chambers and The Undergrounds.

## CURRENT STATUS

The SFSS is unable to move out of the MBC until such time as the SUB receives a Certificate of Occupancy and achieves Substantial Completion. Therefore, a second amendment to the Partial Surrender of Lease is needed to extend the deadline by which the SFSS must move out of the MBC.

According to the general contractor, the SUB should achieve a Certificate of Occupancy in June or July 2020 and Substantial Completion in July 2020. The SFSS is planning to move into the SUB in August 2020.

## Key Considerations

1. The SFSS will have until October 1, 2020, to move out of MBC.



#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors authorize the execution of the Second Amendment to Partial Surrender of Lease agreement dated June 12, 2020. A motion is proposed below:

#### Second Amendment to Partial Surrender of Lease for MBC

Whereas it is necessary to amend the Partial Surrender of Lease for space in the Maggie Benston Centre (MBC) to extend the Outside Surrender Date (as defined in the Second Amendment to Partial Surrender of Lease agreement) from June 1, 2020, to October 1, 2020;

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors authorizes Osob Mohamed, President, and Marc Fontaine, General Manager, Build SFU, to execute the Second Amendment to Partial Surrender of Lease dated June 12, 2020.

Attachments:

Second Amendment to Partial Surrender of Lease

#### SECOND AMENDMENT TO PARTIAL SURRENDER OF LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT dated the 12 day of June, 2020,

**BETWEEN:** 

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**, having an address at 8888 University Drive Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6

("**SFU**")

AND:

SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY, having an address at 8888 University Drive – Maggie Bentson Centre Room 2250 Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6

("**SFSS**")

WHEREAS:

A. By a lease date June 29, 1993 (the "Lease"), between SFU, as landlord, and SFSS, as tenant, SFU leased to SFSS for a term of thirty (30) years, commencing in 1996, and with two consecutive renewal terms of thirty (30) years each, certain premises (the "Leased Premises") or area located in the Maggie Bentson Centre ("MBC") on SFU's Burnaby Campus on lands legally described as:

PID: 028-300-131 Lot 1, DLs 31, 101, 102, 141, 144, 147, 209, 210 and 211 Group 1, NWD, Plan BCP45523;

B. Since the date of the Lease, SFU and SFSS agreed to amend the area of the Leased Premises such that, as of August 29, 2017, the Leased Premises consisted of 5,706 gross assignable square meters ("**GASM**") or 3,522.6 net assignable square metres ("**NASM**") in MBC;

C. Pursuant to a partial surrender of lease agreement dated January 7, 2015 (the agreement, together with the August 27, 2019 amendment thereto, the "**Partial Surrender Agreement**"), a copy of which is attached as Schedule "A" hereto, SFSS agreed to surrender a portion of the Leased Premises comprising 1,903.27 GASM (or 1,174.86 NASM), to SFU effective September 30, 2017;

D. Pursuant to an agreement dated August 31, 2017 (the "**Second Partial Surrender Agreement**"), SFSS surrendered an additional portion of the Leased Premises comprising 3,241.88 GASM (or 2,001.2 NASM), to SFU effective September 1, 2017;

E. At the time it was signed, the Partial Surrender Agreement contemplated that the Surrender Date may be postponed on the terms and conditions set forth therein, but not beyond September 30, 2019 (the "**Outside Surrender Date**");

F. Pursuant to the amendment dated August 27, 2019, the Outside Surrender Date was extended to June 1 ,2020; and

G. SFU and SFSS wish to further extend the Outside Surrender Date, on the terms and conditions set out herein:

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 (ONE DOLLAR) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. **Definitions.** Capitalized terms used in this Agreement, including the recitals, that are defined in the Partial Surrender Agreement and not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings given to them in the Partial Surrender Agreement.
- 2. Amendment to Partial Surrender Agreement. With effect as of May 31, 2020, the Partial Surrender Agreement is amended as follows:
  - a. Section 6(a) of the Partial Surrender Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following:

"the Surrender Date will not be postponed by more than three months after an occupancy certificate has been issued for the new student union building, and in any event will not be postponed beyond October 1, 2020".

- **3. Effect of Agreement.** The Partial Surrender Agreement is supplemented and amended only as provided in this Agreement. All the provisions of the Partial Surrender Agreement, as supplemented and amended by this Agreement, remain unchanged and in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and confirmed, and time remains of the essence. The Partial Surrender Agreement and this Agreement shall henceforth be read together as if all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement were contained in the Partial Surrender Agreement.
- 4. SFSS's Representations. The SFSS represents and warrants to SFU that:
  - (a) all necessary corporate action on the part of the SFSS has been taken to authorize and approve the execution and delivery of this Agreement; and
  - (b) all of the representations and warranties of the SFSS contained in the Partial Surrender Agreement are true and correct in all material respects with the same

force and effect as if made by the SFSS on and as of the date hereof, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically relate to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct as such earlier date.

- 5. **Binding Effect.** This Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- 6. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all parties had signed the same document. All counterparts will be construed together and will constitute one and the same agreement.
- 7. Electronic Transmission. This Agreement or any counterpart may be executed by a party and delivered by facsimile or electronically in portable document format (pdf) and if so executed and delivered this Agreement or such counterpart shall for all purposes be as effective as if the party had executed and delivered the Agreement or a counterpart bearing an original signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

#### SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY

Name: Title: Name: Title:

Name: Title: Name: Title:

#### Schedule "A" Partial Surrender Agreement

(see attached)



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#### **BRIEFING NOTE**

Jun 19, 2020

#### Food Hub Program Funds and Space Allocation

#### BACKGROUND

At the first University and Academic Affairs committee (UAA) chaired by Gabe Liosis, it was decided to start a working group by the name of Emergency Response and Student Engagement (ERSE). The purpose of ERSE group is to research the problems students are facing in this state of emergency, plan and provide possible solutions to the UAA committee.

COVID-19 pandemic has affected student life in many ways, many students have lost their jobs are having difficulties paying their bill, paying tuition and having issues related to food security. Even before pandemic students were having issues related to food security, but pandemic sure has made it worse. So, we as ERSE working group would like to propose starting a food hub at Burnaby campus as a possible solution to address this problem. For past couple of weeks group has been involved in meeting with SFU civic engagement coordinator Tara Flynn, who has been working on developing food security program at SFU. Tara is hoping to start a no questioned asked food service to anyone in need and have secured partial funding from SFU for her program. She has proposed to operate twice a week from Burnaby, providing students and community around SFU area with food security. Tara has already acquired partners who are willing to supply her packed food. But, as of now Tara does not have space on campus to operate from. The program is set to start in July.

For details regrading cost and program operations please visit the link below: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DzcLqObdkiYCUy\_DytRu3si8aFy6qyqc/view?usp=sharing</u>

#### RECOMMENDATION

As Tara Flynn does not have a proper space to operate from and has also formally requested SFSS for help. We would like to recommend board to allocate Forum Chambers for this program and Request board to reserve \$5,000 for this program.

#### MOTION

#### **Food Hub Program Funds and Space Allocation**

Whereas students are facing many problems due to COVID-19 pandemic, and are having issues related to food security, starting food security program at SFU will help support students,



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Be it resolved to approve the Food hub project from the ERSE working group as attached in the Briefing note.

Be it further resolved to allocate Forum Chambers for the food hub, and allocate \$5,000 from an appropriate line item to be decided by the VP Finance.

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## Brief on Canada's COVID-19 Response

June 2020



Members of The Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology,

The Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) is reaching out to provide comments on the Federal government's COVID-19 recovery plan. The SFSS is a student-led non-profit organization 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.

We urge the Federal Government that as you take steps to ensure a long-term recovery from COVID-19, you critically consider the interrelated crises of wealth inequality, racism, and climate change, all stemming from ongoing colonial systems of oppression that we must collectively tackle at its roots. This is our chance to chart a path to a healthier, more equitable future. Do not let this chance to build back better pass us by.

Undoubtedly, the COVID-19 pandemic has put everyday people in financial uncertainty while corporations and billionaires get richer<sup>1</sup> at the expense of working-class people. This includes post-secondary students who have been hit particularly hard. From February to March 2020, the number of postsecondary students in the workforce, aged 15-29, decreased by 28%<sup>2</sup>. Students had to adapt to the extenuating circumstances of transitioning to online classes, and losing current and future employment and opportunities which led to financial instability and the inability to afford basic necessities such as food, rent, and their education at no fault of their own. Furthermore, students who have graduated or who are nearing graduation will likely face difficulty in finding employment in their field of study as Deloitte Insights forecast a deep recession which will be more detrimental than the 2008-09 global financial crisis<sup>3</sup>, reducing the value of students' education over the long term<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Billionaire Bonanza 2020." Institute for Policy Studies, May 13, 2020. https://ips-dc.org/billionairebonanza-2020/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Canada, Department of Finance. "Support for Students and Recent Graduates Impacted by COVID-19." Canada.ca. Government of Canada, May 11, 2020. https://www.canada.ca/en/department-

finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html. <sup>3</sup> Alexander, Craig. "Canada." Deloitte Insights, April 15, 2020.

https://www2.deloitte.com/us/en/insights/economy/americas/canada-economic-outlook.html. <sup>4</sup> Agopsowicz, Andrew. "The Recession Roadblock: The Long-Term Career Consequences of Graduating into

a Downturn." RBC Thought Leadership, February 13, 2020. https://thoughtleadership.rbc.com/therecession-roadblock-the-long-term-career-consequences-of-graduating-into-a-downturn/.

#### **Support All Students**

We urge the Federal Government to provide immediate and adequate financial relief to all students, including international students. In April 2020, the SFSS administered a COVID-19 survey to all undergraduate students at SFU where we asked a series of questions to better understand how the SFSS can support and advocate for students during this time. The report generated from this survey found that 35.7% of undergraduates' current financial position is preventing them from enrolling in summer semester classes<sup>5</sup>. The delay in enrollment will translate to delay in graduation for students and in doing so, accumulating more debt.

Among students aged 15-24, unemployment in Canada has reached 32%<sup>6</sup>. While we recognize 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, it is barely enough for students to live without making compromises for basic necessities. Additionally, too many students do not have access to federal support during this pandemic. International students are not eligible for this funding, and despite the introduction of the benefit, many students are still experiencing hardships. In 2016, International students' economic activities contributed \$15.5 billion to the Canadian economy and \$2.8 billion in tax revenue which translated to a \$12.8 billion contribution to Canada's GDP and supported 158,300 jobs<sup>7</sup>. It would be a great disservice to the Canadian economy if enrollment numbers of international students dropped significantly due to artificially created barriers. It is an ethical responsibility to enforce a cap on tuition increase for international students to prevent further exploitation during this crisis. We call on the Canadian government to provide immediate adequate financial relief, fund universities directly to help reduce tuition costs for Canadian students and commit to investing in free post-secondary education as part of a Just Recovery.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> "SFSS Recommendations to Support Students During the Pandemic." Simon Fraser Student Society, May 27, 2020. https://sfss.ca/sfss-recommendations-to-support-students-during-the-pandemic/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Statistics Canada, "COVID-19 and the Labour Market in April 2020," Ottawa, ON: Statistics Canada, May 8, 2020. https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-627-m/11-627-m2020034-eng.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Canada, Global Affairs. "Economic Impact of International Education in Canada – 2017 Update." GAC, February 7, 2018. https://www.international.gc.ca/education/report-rapport/impact-2017/index.aspx?lang=eng.

#### Commit to a Just Recovery for All

We urge the Canadian government to create your plans based on the Just Recovery principles that have been endorsed by over 400 organizations, including the SFSS<sup>8</sup>, and have the support of thousands of people across the country:

- Put people's health and wellbeing first, no exceptions.
- Strengthen the social safety net and provide relief directly to people.
- Prioritize the needs of workers and communities.
- Build resilience to prevent future crises.
- Build solidarity and equity across communities, generations, and borders.
- Uphold Indigenous rights and work in partnership with Indigenous peoples.

The Canadian response to COVID-19 should be based on these guiding Just Recovery principles as it is important that we do not go back to business as usual. We must centre people and communities over bailouts for corporations. The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the interconnected issues of social inequalities, mental health and on-going climate crisis that the current colonial capitalist system perpetuates<sup>9</sup> and so far has only been addressed with temporary fixes that do not address the issues at its core.

According to our student survey, almost 50% of students reported that they are experiencing mental health issues as a result of COVID-19, with many stating the pandemic exacerbated pre-existing mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, and eating disorder as they find themselves isolated and having to abruptly change their daily routines. It is the Federal Government's responsibility to ensure everyone's physical, mental, and financial health across all intersecting levels as we rebuild Canadian society during and post-COVID-19.

Along with many other students across Canada, SFSS calls on the Federal Government to act immediately to address the systemic inequities and blatant racism that disproportionately affect Black and Indigenous people. It is vital that the Canadian government immediately mandates the collection of disaggregated race-based data. Research from various parts of Canada, and the US far more extensively, highlights grave

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "We Demand a Just Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic." Just Recovery for All. Accessed June 19, 2020. https://justrecoveryforall.ca/endorsers/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Bell, Meghan. "Talk Is Cheap: On Capitalism, Mental Health and Taxing the Rich." The Tyee. The Tyee, January 27, 2020. https://thetyee.ca/Analysis/2020/01/27/Talk-Cheap-Capitalism-Bell-Mental-Health/.

systemic inequities between Black and non-Black people.<sup>10</sup> This national-scale data collection must be led by Black and Indigenous researchers to ensure that the data is being used meaningfully to address systemic racism. Another pressing step the Federal Government must take towards equity is to defund the RCMP and police. Currently, we treat police as if they are trained social and healthcare workers with guns. A system built on colonialism and exploitation cannot be reformed. We urge the federal government to reallocate funds to social services for Black and Indigenous communities that sustainably address root issues of public health and safety.

This moment is undoubtedly a wake-up call for governments and civil societies as to how fragile and unsustainable our colonial systems are. There is no option but for the status quo to be disrupted. Return to "normal" during this crisis only sets us up for another inevitable crisis. This is an opportunity for the Canadian Government to build a resilient future that everyone can fairly be a part of, prioritizing well-being and equitable systemic change with green and sustainable jobs and investing in strong community-based solutions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> UN Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on its mission to Canada*, 16 August 2017. https://www.refworld.org/docid/59c3a5ff4.html

#### COUNCIL MEMBER'S MOTION

#### 4. A Call for Race-Based and Socio-Demographic Data in B.C.

Co-Submitted by: Councillor Boyle and Councillor Swanson

#### WHEREAS

- 1. It is clear from other jurisdictions, including the United States, that the COVID-19 pandemic and other health concerns disproportionately impact racialized community members and those who experience systemic, marginalizing barriers to healthcare access and treatment as well as precarious work due to economic exclusion and structural racism;
- 2. B.C. and Canada do not capture race-based data or socioeconomic data in relation to health care access, which effectively buries the disproportionate rates of occurrence, impact of illness and disease on certain groups within the larger population data, resulting in missed opportunities to address long-standing health inequities;
- 3. Canadian and international studies on social determinants of health (SDH) show that social and economic factors such as race, immigration status, income level, and housing impact people's health outcomes. Racialized people are found to experience systemic barriers in accessing needed health care services. Newcomers, despite arriving in Canada in good health, experience poorer health over time. There is also a relationship between income level and health outcomes, for example life expectancy in the Downtown Eastside Community Health Service Area is 22% (19 years) shorter than for the city overall. Collecting race-based and sociodemographic data will help us better understand and address the inequities in health care access and health outcomes in B.C. and inform the work to save lives;
- 4. As Indigenous organizations such as the <u>Yellowhead Institute</u> have emphasized, Indigenous health data may require its own strategy, led by and for Indigenous people, due to historic and present-day practices that misuse data or focus only on negative findings;
- 5. Due to ongoing anti-Black racism and a long history of structural anti-Black racism in Canada and in B.C., scholars, policy makers, scientists, and frontline practitioners have named the need for a research protocol focused on the unique demands for the ethical engagement of Black communities in research, data collection and evaluation processes. The Research, Education, Data Ethics-Protocol for Black Populations (REDE4BlackLives.com) has been developed for this purpose, and advocated for alongside the need for consistent use of transparent governance tools and processes that are customized to best respect local experiences within a collective and national context;

- 6. People impacted by marginalization such as racialized communities, migrant workers including temporary foreign workers, and people living in poverty must play an active role in co-creating research studies and sharing ownership of the data in order to ensure a justice-based approach;
- 7. B.C. has experienced a lower than average illness and casualty rates primarily because of leadership and decision making rooted in evidence based data;
- 8. Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. <u>Theresa Tam</u>, has stated that the federal health agency is working with Statistics Canada, along with the provinces and territories on efforts to collect information on the race and ethnicity of coronavirus patients. British Columbia's Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, has stated that the province is actively discussing the issue. To-date B.C. has conducted a population health survey that will allow for disaggregated data on perceived health and selfreported risk factors, symptoms and testing for COVID-19. However direct data on COVID-19 cases and fatalities is only disaggregated by age, sex and pre-existing health conditions;
- 9. Support for the collection of intersectional and race-based disaggregated data have come from racialized communities, as well as health and advocacy organizations, including but not limited to: The <u>Canadian</u> <u>Public Health Association</u>, the <u>Alliance for Healthy Communities</u>, <u>Hogan's Alley Society</u>, the <u>Federation of Black Canadians</u>, <u>Black in B.C.</u> <u>Mutual Aid</u>, the Tulayan Filipino Diaspora Society, the <u>Yellowhead</u> <u>Institute</u>, <u>Canada's federal</u>, provincial and territorial human rights <u>commissions</u>, and more.
- 10. The City of Vancouver's Racial and Ethno-Cultural Advisory Committee passed the following motion on June 4th, 2020:

THAT the City Council urges the Province of B.C. to take action on health inequities by mandating the collection, use and analysis of disaggregated, socio-demographic and race-based data in health and social service sectors; and ensuring that the collection of data is led by critical race researchers who identify as having racialized identities and experiences to ensure that the data collection measures meaningfully contribute to building a culturally safe health care system and is not used for any other purposes.

THAT the committee calls on City Council pass a motion for the City of Vancouver also to mandate the collection, use and analysis of disaggregated, socio-demographic and race-based data in health and social service sectors; and ensuring that the collection of data is led by critical race researchers who identify as having racialized identities and experiences to ensure that the data collection measures meaningfully contribute to building a culturally safe health care system and is not used for any other purposes. 11. In May 2020, <u>Manitoba</u> became the first province to track the ethnicity of COVID-19 patients in an effort to detect inequities in the toll of the pandemic. Dr. Marcia Anderson, a Cree-Anishinaabe public health doctor and vice-dean for Indigenous health at the University of Manitoba said that, "Numbers on the ethnic makeup of COVID-19 cases can help target public health messages and resources at communities in the greatest need, as well as shine light on inequalities in housing, labour market access and pre-existing health conditions." The City of Toronto, and the Province of Ontario, have followed suit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor to write to the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Health requesting that the Provincial and Federal Governments as well as local health authorities collect and report disaggregated data including race, income, disability, and other social determinants of health that will inform evidence-based health-care and social program interventions;

FURTHER THAT the data is collected with the intention of being understood as indicators of systemic and structural oppression to identify root causes of disparity and to inform action to address these root causes;

AND FURTHER THAT the data is co-owned, analyzed and interpreted with leadership from racialized communities, and that Provincial and Federal Governments establish ethical and governance guidelines and protocols specific to this data collection while taking into account the protection of privacy and human rights.

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