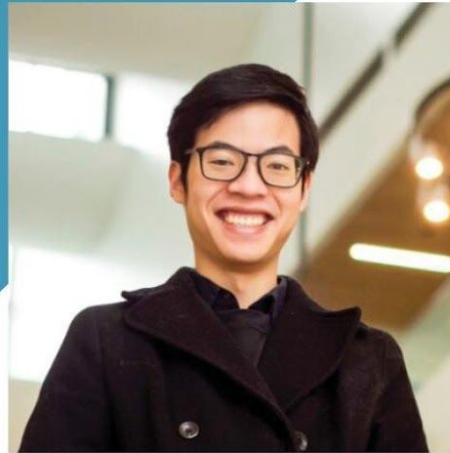


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Introduction: Hello, I my name is Phum and I am the At-Large representative. During the Fall Semester, I was predominantly focused on following through with my projects that I started from Summer. I did not seek out many new projects as I felt that the projects I had started during the summer were more consistent with my platform as well as the desires of clubs and student unions.

Clubs & Student Unions: As news about COVID-19 set in that we were going to be in this pandemic for at least another year, I have been less active in pursuing new concerns and seeking out demands of SFSS clubs as there have been little to no grievances regarding Finance and Members Services from the clubs/SU side (as there is an abundance of club funds stemming from lack of use). Most of my work as a board member will be to prepare clubs & student unions to be able to conduct their activities with minimal disruption from the SFSS.

COMPLETED PROJECTS



The following are completed projects from Summer 2020 (read the summer report for more details):

- SFSS Cultural Video
- Member Services Advisory Committee
- SFSS x Peak Frequency Virtual Concert
- Gamefest (SFSS x SFU Esports x SFU Anime) Collaboration
- SFU Student Clubs & Groups
- Core Funding for Clubs (Petty Cash)
- Core Funding Donations for DSU's
- Member Resources Project

Greek Life Organizations

Summary: During August of 2020, Greek Life Organizations on campus (Phi Delta Epsilon and Alpha Kappa Psi) had their status as a club removed by the SFSS due to demands from SFU. The primary reasoning they gave was that fraternities and sororities promote an unhealthy culture as seen in movies, TV shows, and American college campuses.

The board felt that the Greek life organizations of SFU do not fit the bill that SFU administration paints. The two that exist Phi Delta Epsilon and Alpha Kappa Psi are what's known as "Professional Greek Life Organizations" which are organizations without hazing or initiation rituals dedicated solely to professional development and function exclusively as clubs. These organizations have been around for a decade and has caused no problems for the SFSS up until SFU's push to get them out. As such the board voted for Greek Life Organizations to retain their status permanently (subject to the regulations that govern SFSS clubs).

However, the project was not completed during the summer as Council had pointed out that Phi Delta Epsilon had policies within their constitution that was inaccessible to student such as a GPA requirement for joining and a \$100 dollar fee for new members.

Results:

Since the summer Phi Delta Epsilon has amended their constitution to remove the GPA requirement and to request grant money in order to pay the \$100 dollar fee (this fee was paid because it was a requirement for participation in the international organization of PhiDE). PhiDE has since been an active club and still continue to hold events

SFSS Clubs/Student Union Focus Groups

Summary: My goal with this project was similar to the idea of having "Town Halls" where people would be invited to participate in discussions about changes that might affect them. The SFSS Board previously created a lot of change that affect Clubs & Student Unions without consultation, with these focus groups club execs would have a voice in SFSS policies that affect them.

There have been two focus groups so far:

- SFSS Club & Student Union Finance Reform
- SFSS Travel & Conference Funding Reform

Results: Since these two focus groups, there has not been a lot of interest in clubs for making more focus groups. This is mostly due to the fact that clubs have not been interacting with the SFSS due to the previous finance changes as well as the HUGE abundance of funds clubs have from COVID.

Focus groups that I wanted to conduct are much better for a different semester as things such as the room booking system, the club rooms within the SUB, and the necessity of changes to the Canvas course + funding are still uncertain due to the pandemic.

Faculty of Applied Sciences Funding

Summary: In the Summer of 2020, the SFU Faculty of Applied Sciences revoked funding of all FAS clubs and student unions. This amounted to several thousands of dollars (each club received anywhere from \$500-\$2000). Myself and the FAS Rep Harry wanted the SFSS to step in to partially pay these funds if the clubs or student unions needed the funds.

Results: The situation resolved itself as the Faculty of Applied Sciences aims to return funding to the clubs and student unions at the start of the Spring Semester. As clubs and student unions did not spend much during the Summer and Fall, they still have an abundance of money to work with.

Core Funding Sliding Scale

Summary: Student Union funding previous to this change worked in a tier based system. On the first tier DSU's get \$300 of core funding, then \$1000, then \$2000. This tier system is based on members (the more students a program has the more funding they receive).

Due to the mandatory contribution from core for filing a grant (10% of grant funding must come from core) Student Unions on the first tier ran out of core relatively quickly.

Results: For small DSU's, the core funding contribution changed from 10% to 5%. This gives DSU's twice as much for funding to spend. Tier 2 to Tier 3 DSU's did not report much trouble with receiving funding from the SFSS and so the 10% contribution remains unchanged.

Interactive Room Booking

Summary: For many millennia, clubs and student unions have complained about the room booking system. It currently works such that student groups must send Member Services an email whenever they want to book a room and Members Services responds by saying whether the room is available or unavailable. This produces delays in events as student groups don't know which rooms are available and it becomes a guessing game. The goal of this project is to provide a viewable calendar to student groups to click and book rooms easily on the SFSS portal.

Results: Sindhu and the coordinators have created this system. According to VP Finance Corbett, this system looks good and works much like the system SFU Library uses. I have not seen how this system looks but I trust that it will be much better than the current system.

SFSS A/V Cart

Summary: Working with SFU A/V produces delays in events as SFSS often acts as the middle man of communication between SFU A/V and the club. The club may request A/V and it takes many days for A/V to respond with whether they are available to set up the event or whether they cannot attend. It would be helpful for the SFSS to buy A/V equipment themselves and have clubs being able to rent A/V equipment.

Results: The coordinators have a dedicated storage room that is owned by the SFSS. A planned purchase is simple A/V equipment (consisting of microphones, projectors, speakers) for clubs to be able to use.

ON-GOING PROJECTS



AAC Bursary

Summary: This bursary would be administered and given out by the SFSS allowing students with disabilities to apply without needing to disclose their disabilities. A problem with SFU and the Centre for Accessible Learning is that in order to apply for funding they need to disclose their disability which needs to be verified by a medical doctor. This prevents students without access to competent healthcare or students wishing to not disclose their disability to receive funding.

Work on distributing this bursary has been halted due to other projects in the Accessibility Committee (Accessibility Coordinator Hiring, Psychoeducational Assessment, Level Playing Field SUB Audit) as well as another bursary conducted by the SFSS Board for Covid Relief during April. However, As the Accessibility Committee finishes the projects, we will be able to assess whether this project can be conducted by the committee

SFSS x Student Group Collaboration

Summary: SFSS x Student Group Collaboration is an ongoing project for the Events committee to sponsor events conducted by Clubs and Student Unions. SFSS Events Committee has been continuously collaborating with Clubs and DSU's almost every month for this project. During the Fall, the SFSS sponsored another Gamefest (SFU Esports & CAC) and the UPhoto Photography Workshop (by UPhoto a photography club at SFU). We continue to do collaborations.

SFU Anime Club

Summary: In September, I took an executive position at SFU Anime. I help out with planning events and attend executive meetings. Since joining I have been a part of the planning for

- Fall 2020 Icebreaker
- Virtual Halloween Party 2020
- Virtual Games Night
- SFU Anime Christmas Party

I also do miscellaneous activities for the club such as discord moderation and participating in weekly activities.

Travel & Conference Funding Overhaul

Summary: Travel & Conference Funding has been a point of grievance for Clubs and DSU's in the past as the old system was very complicated and both underutilized and overutilized. It was underutilized in that all DSU's had a lot of funding but they did not know about it as it is

utilized through email. It was overutilized in that DSU's that could use it used the maximum amount as there is not much allocated within this type of funding.

In collaboration with DSU's and the Members Services Coordinators, we have changed the funding for DSU's to be able to receive more funding but with more stringent requirements for receiving said funding. It is more accessible than the previous system as it will be conducted through the grant system.

The reason this is an ongoing project is that in order to allocate more funding, the budget must be changed in a board meeting (end of April 2021), until then the old system stays.

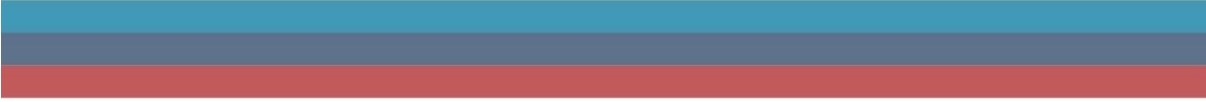
SFSS Clubs & Student Union Guide

Summary: I have been working on a guide on how to run a club with details on how to do every single exec duty from Treasurer, to Sponsorship Coordinator. The reason I am making this guide is because the SFSS cannot provide resources on general exec duties as the exec roles (outside of Treasurer and Room Bookings) are made up by the clubs themselves. The guide is nearly finished.

UNICEF SFU Gala

Summary: UNICEF SFU has reached out to me to collaborate with them on behalf of the SFSS to sponsor the Gala. It is still in the planning phase but will be an online Gala that will raise money UNICEF

PAIN POINTS



Motivation: When compared to the previous semester, I have started comparatively less in terms of projects. I feel that Clubs & DSU's are in a good position and that there is very little to do on that front. I could volunteer for projects outside the realm of Clubs & DSU's but I haven't done so due to for many reasons. Primarily, I feel that doing work as a board member is different during COVID as you don't get that in-person interaction with students. One of the reasons I ran for board is because It is rewarding to hear good feedback from students when you have done a project that has a positive impact on them, however, during COVID even though I know that my work is meaningful I haven't personally felt that impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

My recommendations for being a board member remains the same as the previous semester report, however I will add a new recommendation.

Figure out what motivates you: Through COVID I have figured out that I am a person that is motivated by hearing feedback and pleasing others. While this realization came at the cost of less productivity, I feel that this revelation will help me in deciding what projects I will start in the future and even what career I want to fulfill after graduation.