

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 2:37 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^wəyəm (Musqueam), S^kwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tseil-Waututh), k^wík^wəłəm (Kwkwetlem) and qícəy (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 Committee Composition

VP University Relations (<i>Chair</i>).....	Gabe Liosis
VP Finance	Corbett Gildersleve
VP Student Services	Matthew Provost
At-Large Representative	Balqees Jama
Faculty Representative (Science).....	WeiChun Kua
Council Representative	Zaid Lari

3.2 Society Staff

Transition Manager	Lawrence Jones
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3.3 Guest

Ex-Officio	Osob Mohamed
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4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 MOTION GOV 2020-07-27:01

Corbett/Zaid

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED unanimously

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 By-Law Review

- Board Composition and Council
 - VP University Relations want to have a discussion around current the Board structures
 - Adding certain executives that would include sustainability and focus on certain groups
 - VP Finance added that it would be a good idea to expand the roles of the executive Board members

- President wants to expand the role of Council, giving the comparison to GSS
 - Moving towards Council with more power, means there would be more representation in the student body
 - However, some issues of timing of voting raises concerns
- VP Finance gave another suggestion of merging Board and Council to make a large accountability body
- Committee members stress the importance the chain of accountability in the revision of the roles of the Board and Council
- Formal outlines of the roles of councilors must be clearly stated to ensure that the role of Council can be fully effective
- VP Student Services gave his concerns about having concrete by-laws about the changes to Board and Council
 - Current Board is willing to put in the work to solidify these changes
 - Turnover for the new Board might not expand these changes
- Elections
 - If the Board decides to give Council a larger role, how would election be appropriate?
 - VP University review the IE report from the elections of the previous year; some suggestion about the IEC included:
 - Hiring the IEC earlier
 - Updating policies around voting definitions
 - Issues around lack of policies around slates
 - Infraction rules about election violations
 - VP University recognizes that the next election could potentially be online due to the pandemic, therefore it brings another set of challenges
 - VP Finance wanted to make voting more representative (proportionate)
 - VP Finance believes that we should modernize the voting system and stray away from the SFU Websurvey server
 - SFSS President gave a point about UBC AMS using the program simply voting
 - SFSS President suggested the committee connecting with AMS to get a better idea of how they run their elections

5.2 Privacy Policies

- Postponed to next meeting

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Governance Committee Meeting: Monday, August 10th, 2020, 2:30pm-4:30pm
- No meeting Monday, August 3rd, 2020 (Holiday)

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 MOTION GOV 2020-07-27:02

WeiChun/Corbett

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 PM.
CARRIED