

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 10:03AM

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), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓ílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəł̓əm (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 Committee Composition

VP University Relations (<i>Chair</i>)	Gabe Liosis
VP External Relations	Samad Raza
Faculty Representative (Science).....	WeiChun Kua
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences)	Nafoni Modi
Faculty Representative (Education)	Emerly Liu
Faculty Representative (Environment)	Anuki Karunajeewa
Student At-Large	Jess Dela Cruz
Student At-Large	Pariya Zabihi
Student At-Large	Priyanka Dhesa
Student At-Large	Helen Araghi
President	Osob Mohamed

3.2 Society Staff

Transition Manager	Lawrence Jones
Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator	Sarah Edmunds

3.3 Absent

Faculty Representative (Science).....	WeiChun Kua
Student At-Large	Pariya Zabihi

3.4 Regrets

Faculty Representative (Education).....	Emerly Liu
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4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 MOTION UAA 2020-11-26:01

Gabe/Helen

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- Add Section 5 Ratification of Regrets.
- Add Discussion Item 6.2 UAA Students At-Large Vacancies.

- Add Discussion Item 6.3 Updates on Burnaby Mountain Gondola Project.
- Add Discussion Item 6.4 Health & Counselling Working Group.

5. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

5.1 MOTION UAA 2020-11-26:02

Nafoni/Jess

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Emerly Liu.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Faculty Representative (Education) woke up feeling ill.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Tuition Increase Email from Jon Driver

- Frustration and anger that despite financial burden and pandemic, SFU is still increasing tuition by 2% for domestic students & 4% for international students.
- They keep saying that they will increase the number of bursaries, but this is inaccessible to many people and a tuition freeze is the best support for students.
- SFSS sent a letter refuting SFU's points to SFU administrators and gave them four actions items.
- SFU is starting to look at removing some GPA requirements or course load requirements for bursaries to make them more accessible.
- Budget consultation
 - SFU said "No" to a one-year tuition freeze.
 - SFU said BC funding is tied to domestic students which is likely why international student tuition is higher.
 - VP Finance at SFU says it's unrealistic to lobby the BC government.
 - They aren't even open to trying.
 - SFU has a history of avoiding working with student societies.
 - Board of Governors has refused to even bring a motion forward for student societies to work on lobbying with them in the past.
 - President Johnson has said that they will be working on it and prioritizing it.
 - Other provinces have frozen tuition before so it's not impossible.
 - Students are disappointed in SFU's lack of response, especially after AGM.
 - There has not been a year without tuition increase for a long time at SFU but there are resources and data on the Tuition Freeze movement.
- COVID-19 Coalition Organizing Plans
 - The Coalition is at capacity and needs new folks involved, and there is opportunity to recruit students right now because people are more active and are listening.
 - Actions that are being planned:
 - Organizing an email campaign.
 - Currently pushing the budget consultation meetings, next one is November 30 at 2:30.
 - Critical space to ask questions and hold them accountable by asking questions.
 - COVID 19 General Assembly on Zoom to discuss the facts, use as opportunity to recruit people and figure out how people can contribute and what roles are needed ex. social media, developing graphics etc.

- Slated for exam period to generate momentum into something bigger in Spring.
- Cheat sheet that includes FAQ, memes, etc.
 - Similar to AGM cheat sheet.
 - VP University Relations will create a Google Doc for people to start contributing written content to this.
- If people are interested in joining the COVID-19 Coalition, let VP University Relations know.
 - Two Student At-Large (HA and JDC) are interested in joining.
- VP University Relations will send Tuition Freeze Now Report as well as any other information regarding past tuition movements he can find and will also send more information about the coalition.

6.2 UAA Students At-Large Vacancies

- Two seats vacant and have received three applications.
- Some members of this committee could meet for 30-45 minutes to review content and ideas in applications to decide who to recommend to the Board of Directors to appoint to this committee.
- Two Student At-Large (HA and PD) are interested in helping VP University Relations with this.

6.3 Updates on Burnaby Mountain Gondola Project

- Public engagement in October was successful, and Translink is now launching a second round of engagement to determine most preferred route out of three.
 - SFSS supports the straight route directly from Production Way based on 88% support from students.
- SFSS needs to push the upcoming Translink Survey that is live until December 14th and get more participation from students.
- VP University Relations and President are going to a General Stakeholders meeting today and will report back.
- Two open houses are coming up as well where students can go and ask questions.
 - CRPC has suggested someone from the External and Community Affairs Committee sends a representative from SFSS.

6.4 Health & Counselling Working Group

- VP University Relations been in discussion with VP Student Services who is organizing a working group to develop some advocacy efforts and projects related to student mental health, and well-being.
- Faculty Representative (Education) is also involved.
- If you're interested, let VP University Relations know.

7. ROUND TABLE UPDATES

7.1 Student Affordability Project Working Group

- Three current projects:
 - Decreasing cost of course materials and textbooks.

- VP University Relations is part of a working group out of the Library that is working on OAR.
 - The Chair of that group attended a meeting and gave information on OAR.
 - Going to bring some of this to JOG and have more discussions on increasing funding for OAR grant programs and increasing incentives to faculty who are using OAR. Also wanting to centralize collecting of data on which faculty are using OAR.
- Working on financial predictability.
 - Finalizing features of an online calculator and centralizing it on SFU's website rather than having multiple different ones under different departments and offices.
- Increasing food security.
 - Working with Senior Director of Ancillary Services to build food security framework.
 - Reviewing resources available and noting the gaps.
 - Centralizing the information to make it accessible and affordable for students.
 - CRPC will be sending the research she has already done to VP University Relations.

7.2 Emergency Response and Student Engagement Working Group

- No updates currently.
- Looking into restarting the Residence Hall Association next semester.
 - Connection with Residence and Housing dropped a bit so it may be more effective to start it up in January.
 - They are having issues accessing their bank account due to the past President still being the contact point so this needs to be solved.

7.3 Mandatory Anti-Racism Education Working Group

- No updates, currently inactive.
- Tough to find meeting times and will return in the Spring.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This is the last UAA Committee meeting of the semester.
 - When2meet to be sent to Committee Members for Spring 2021.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 MOTION UAA 2020-11-26:03

Jess/Helen

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 10:57AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY