

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:34 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<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm (Musqueam), S<sup>k</sup>wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əłəm (Kwikwetlem) 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 Council Composition

#### Student Union Representatives

Archeology .....	Clara Wilmot
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies .....	
Bachelor of Environment.....	Bradley Sarandi
Behavioral Neuroscience .....	Manroop Gill
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 .....	Winnie Wu
Gerontology Student Union.....	
Global Asia Studies Student Union.....	
Health Science.....	
History .....	Alan Saunderson
Humanities .....	Sara Wong
Interactive Arts and Technology .....	Jeremy Felix
International Studies .....	Alea Mohamed

Labour Studies .....	Justin Chen
Linguistics .....	Brianne Limb
Mathematics .....	Ben Tischler
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 ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> ) .....	Helen Pahou
Psychology .....	Tiffany Liu
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) ( <i>Chair</i> ) .....	Zaid Lari
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) .....	Akum Sidhu
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) .....	Lauren Robson
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**

Operations Organizer .....	Ayesha Khan
Board Organizer .....	Gabriel Goodman
Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator .....	Sarah Edmunds
Administrative Assistant .....	Christina Kachkarova
Administrative Assistant .....	Somayeh Naseri

**3.3 Regrets**

Physics .....	Manuel Rojas
Environmental Science .....	Caitlin Heide
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology .....	Joshua Ham
First Nations Students Association (FNSA) .....	Lauren Robson

**3.4 Absents**

Behavioral Neuroscience .....	Manroop Gill
World Literature .....	Ksydal Henry
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) .....	Juanita Julius Ndyamukama
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) .....	Akum Sidhu

**4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS**

**4.1 MOTION COUNCIL-2021-03-03:01**

**Kyle/Helen**

*Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Manuel Rojas, Caitlin Heide, Josh Ham, and Lauren Robson.*

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- Amend to include regrets from Josh Ham and Lauren Robson.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-03-03:02**

**Sandra/Kylee**

*Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.*

**CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Add Discussion Item 11.5 Team Name Change Working Group.
- Remove Item 9.1 SFSS Budget Consultation.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6.1 COUNCIL Minutes – MOTION COUNCIL 2021-03-03:03**

**Helen/Ryan**

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

- Council 2021-02-03

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

### 7.1 Council Liaison

- SAAC Representative provided updates regarding changes in the responsibilities of the Board Chair such as ensuring the Agenda, in 12pt Times New Roman Font, is sent in advance and liaising with SFSS Staff. He mentioned that the SFSS had recently celebrated Black History Month.
- SAAC Representative discussed Board Meeting Policy Amendments and the development plan regarding Issues Policies. He mentioned that the Member Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) was working on ensuring that club executives disclosed any conflict of interest as well as working on the prevention of online sexual harassment. SAAC Representative mentioned that the MSAC was working on what a potential return to campus would look like in the Fall.

### 7.2 Board Liaison

- VP Student Life provided updates regarding Board meetings on February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- During the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board discussed the possibility of having video conferencing equipment in the SUB to increase accessibility. The Board also discussed ablution rooms in the SUB.
- VP Student Life highlighted that the Women of the Year Award Nomination period had been extended to Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- VP Student Life mentioned that the newly introduced Black History Month Issues Policies are clear on what the SFSS supports and opposes to ensure that future Boards also celebrate Black History Month
- February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting notes :  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JQxFePWF2io0n\\_2v5\\_xdaLx549YTnxNgp0tgjU\\_53wQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JQxFePWF2io0n_2v5_xdaLx549YTnxNgp0tgjU_53wQ/edit)
- February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting notes: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PAJ3AKLrLDS-Wblrih\\_GzoAIAprnYBDArGYaKTO9eGw/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PAJ3AKLrLDS-Wblrih_GzoAIAprnYBDArGYaKTO9eGw/edit)

## 8. REPORTS FROM BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

### 8.1 President

- President highlighted progress on the Gondola Campaign. The timeline for this is unclear as she mentioned that there is not firm date as to when the Burnaby City Council is meeting. After the Burnaby City Council meeting, the issue would go to the Mayor's Council.
- President mentioned that Collective Agreement bartering is currently still ongoing.
- President discussed upcoming Lobby days where the SFSS would be speaking with different MLAs and MPs. One of the goals for Lobby days is to meet with the New Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to look at how universities are funded.
- President mentioned that the Operations Transition Steering Committee would be having their first meeting soon.

### 8.2 VP Finance

- VP Finance briefly discussed ongoing work on the COVID-19 Emergency Funding System for the current semester and the Participatory Budget.

### 8.3 VP External Relations

- VP External Relations discussed ongoing projects such as meeting with the New Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to discuss funding and an international student fees cap. He briefly discussed certain concerns the SFSS was working on lobbying. On a Federal level, VP External Relations mentioned TMX, Student Loans, Just Recovery, and food security concerns. Provincially, the main priorities concern MSP, Race Based Data Collection, and others.

## 9. NEWBUSINESS

### 9.1 Student Union Space Campaign Letter – MOTION COUNCIL 2021-03-03:04

**Kyle/Alan**

*Whereas Council passed a motion at it's November 18th meeting pledging to support the Environmental Science and Bachelor of Environment Student Unions following their eviction from their shared common room,*

*Whereas Council passed Motion 2020-12-09:04 at it's January 6th meeting to launch a campaign titled #StudentsDeserveSpace,*

*Whereas Motion 2020-12-09:04 called upon Council to write, sign and deliver a joint letter to the respective faculties and departments of Councillors who voted in favour,*

*Whereas the designated Council working group has drafted and shared the letter with Councillors for review,*

*Be it resolved that Council as a body approve the final draft of the attached Space Campaign Letter,*

*Be it further resolved that Councillors who voted in favour of Motion 2020-12-09:04 sign and approve the contents of the attached letter,*

*Be it further resolved that the approved draft of the Space Campaign Letter, along with the appended signatures, be distributed by signing Councillors to their respective Department or Faculty administration*

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Chair mentioned that he is currently missing signatures from the following DSUs/FSUs:
  - Business, Criminology, Data Science,
  - Environmental Science, Labour Studies,
  - Mechatronics, Operational Research, Philosophy.
- Chair mentioned that counselors must take this letter to their DSU to give to their Faculty and/or Department. He highlighted that Council would support DSUs and FSUs in negotiations with their respective Faculty/Department.

### 9.2 Board University and Academic Affairs Committee Seat-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-03-03:05

**Serena/Ryan**

*Whereas multiple of the SFSS Board Committees reserve one seat for an appointed Councilor to occupy,*

*Whereas the Council seat on the University and Academic Affairs Committee is vacant,*

*Be it resolved that Council recommend that Serena Bains be appointed to the Board University and Academic Affairs Committee.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- DNA Representative nominated themselves.

## 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 10.1 SFSS IEC

- Vice Chair mentioned that she was not able to vote during the election this year as she did not receive a ballot. When she contacted IEC, she did not receive a response. She contacted SFU IT to check if there was an issue with her email which SFU IT determined there was not. She later asked for a clarification of eligibility – eligibility should be enrollment in at least one undergraduate course and payment of fees. Vice Chair clarified that the only fee she had not paid at that moment was her CO-OP fee which was due after election season.
- Vice Chair highlighted that the SFSS relies on SFU to provide data surrounding whether students have paid their fees which the SFSS receives on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. She highlighted that this could change. She also highlighted that the IEC should be responsive to the SFSS membership.
- Vice Chair mentioned that voting in SFSS elections should be accessible, and that the SFSS should be aware of what SFU uses to assess student eligibility.
- VP Finance mentioned that he had not paid his fees and was still able to vote.
- SAAC Representative mentioned that this issue might have affected quorum. He highlighted the need to ensure that this issue is fixed before DSU elections.
- President mentioned that the IEC hiring and training process this year was like that used in 2019/2020 as outlined in the Elections and Referenda policy. She highlighted that the Board approves the IEC but does not contact or hire the IEC.
- Faculty Representative (Science) mentioned that other students on CO-OP had a similar issue.
- Vice Chair highlighted that since this year resulted in double the number of students as usual applying for CO-OP, many students might have missed out on voting.
- President mentioned that some CO-OP students voted and did not have issues.
- VP Finance said he would do an internal check with Sarah Edmunds to see why this issue is happening.

### 10.2 Burnaby Mountain Gondola Updates

- President mentioned that TransLink had recently announced that Route 1 is preferred. She mentioned that while there is wide support, Forest Grove residents are in opposition due to concerns with the Gondola passing over their neighbourhood as well as privacy and noise. TransLink mentioned that they will be compensated but can not commit to this until the Gondola is approved by Burnaby City Council.
- President mentioned that while the date for the Burnaby City Council is undefined, the speakers from SFU are as follows: SFU President Joy Johnson, SFSS President, and GSS External Director.
- President highlighted the importance of amplifying student voices and encouraged DSUs/FSUs to make videos discussing how the Gondola would benefit them with at least one video per DSU/FSU. The ESS Representative committed to making a video.

### 10.3 Council General Election Requirements

- Faculty Representative (Science) mentioned that the Term for Councillors is May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>. He highlighted the need for a discussion with the Executives of DSUs/FSUs so as to not violate Bylaws.

- VP Finance mentioned that the next steps for the Transition Steering Committee involve meeting with the Board Organizer and Orientation Support Staff.
- SAAC Representative raised concerns about the possibility of longer Council meetings, previous discussion had mentioned a 3-hour meeting, and concerns about compensation for Council Members.

*\* Osob Mohamed left the meeting at 5:56 PM\**

#### **10.4 Student Cybersecurity**

- Postponed to meeting on March 17th.

#### **10.5 Team Name Change Working Group**

- SAAC Representative mentioned that the Working Group will be seeking community input from staff, alumni, and students soon.
- Faculty Representative (Science) asked for SAAC Representative to clarify if the Working Group had reached out to the Black Students who started the name change campaign. SAAC Representative said he would personally reach out to Faculty Representative (Science) to discuss due to limited time remaining.

## **11. ATTACHMENTS**

### **11.1 Draft Space Campaign Letter**

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **12.1 Board Management Portal Consultation**

- Board Organizer Gabriel Goodman mentioned that there will be upcoming changes with the Agenda and Minutes and how they are distributed. They mentioned that in the next two weeks, there will be a total of 5 possible programs evaluated. They encouraged Councillors to get involved with the process.

### **12.2 Next Council meeting is March 17th**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

### **13.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-03-03:06**

**Kylee/Kyle**

*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 PM.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



Dear Faculty Deans, and Department Chairs,

It has come to the attention of the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) Council that on November 9th 2020, the Environmental Science Student Union (EVSCSU) and Bachelor of Environment Student Unions (BESU) were notified of their impending eviction from their shared TASC 7470 common room<sup>1 2</sup> — having to move out by January. This was done without prior consultation, and amidst the COVID-19 pandemic when students are not on campus to defend their space. The last minute notice did not allow for enough time either, considering logistics and impediments as a result of Covid 19.

**As of writing this letter, most Student Unions do not have any written agreements to ensure student space is protected<sup>3</sup>. In addition, there is a lack of consultation between Student Unions and their respective departments.**

A recent example of the lack of consultation between students and their respective departments was the eviction of the Political Science (PSSU), History (HSU) and Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (GSWS) Student Unions from their common room space in 2018. The eviction was created for the purpose of opening a new teaching assistant's office on the sixth floor of the AQ.

Time and time again, SFU has shown that we as students do not have a say at our own university. As SFU continues to disregard student pushback on increasing tuition for the next two years, while evicting student spaces in the middle of a global pandemic, we believe that this reflects poorly on SFU due to their lack of communication between students and the university. It is unacceptable that students are paying higher tuition fees every year and have no guarantee of their own common room spaces. Common room spaces are essential for students to build a sense of community among their peers. When space is taken away, students have to start over, this disrupts initiatives to build community. With that said, we believe that faculties and departments have a responsibility to their students by designating a space for students to create initiatives and establish familiarity among people within their departments.

### **Why Common Space is important**

Common rooms are a central space for Student Unions to congregate, engage, inspire peers within their community. It provides a space for Student Unions to not only host events, but to store merchandise and supplies as well. A common room provides a central stable space; it feels like home. It creates a separation from the main classroom and workspace and acts as a reprieve for students in their department. It is essential that common spaces are maintained. They allow Departmental Student Union's (DSU) to have spaces within or close to their departments which is important for convenience and familiarity.



There is also the issue of proximity in regards to the location of the Student Union Building (SUB) to the DSU's department, as students will be inconvenienced by travel distance. The objective of the SUB space is different as well, as it is generally an open study and dialogue space for every student group and not specific to any DSU. Since it is an open building, there will be competition due to capacity and booking limitations. As for the Surrey campus, there is no alternative there, Student Unions will have to book a study room or find space on the main campus. Vancouver is even more restricted, having little to no space to accommodate student unions. **Furthermore, it should be up to the DSU to determine which campus is most suitable or appropriate for them to hold a student common room space.**

Common rooms exist in purpose for more specialised student groups in relation to their field of study. It is a guaranteed space which anchors the organization, that acts as an operating and storage area for DSU items; there is no permanent space for the DSU's to store equipment and merchandise safely in the SUB. DSU common room is not a lab space nor a project space, but a social space.







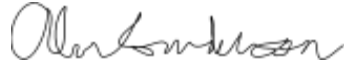

**Action Items for Faculty Deans and Department Chairs:**

1. Commit to creating dialogue and consultative networks with respective Student Unions in order to:
  - a. Prevent abrupt evictions
  - b. Preserve student space for community-building
2. Work with Student Unions to draft and enter into a collective agreement ensuring:
  - a. Adequate and accessible long-term (perpetual) common room space,
  - b. Engage in proper consultation in advance, regarding any changes to common rooms
3. Guarantee common room spaces for Student Unions at campuses where their departments are primarily located
4. Uphold the needs, opinions and voices of students throughout all outreach processes between Student Unions and their respective departments

It is imperative that common spaces for students are protected as they exist as a means for students and DSUs to create a community on campus. We implore you to open a dialogue with your respective student unions to discuss student space in your department, and begin the process of entering into an agreement to provide students the common room space they deserve.

Signed,

Simon Fraser Student Society Council

 Zaid Lari Chair Of Council, Science Undergraduate Society 	 Helen Sofia Pahou Vice-Chair of Council, Political Science Student Union 
Signature of council rep EVSCSU Council rep title	Signature of council rep BESU Council rep title
 Kimia Rezaeian SFSS Council Representative Mechatronics Systems Engineering Student Society 	 Alan Sanderson SFSS Council Representative History Student Union 

1. Save the BESU and EVSCSU Common Room:  
[https://sfss.ca/save-the-besu-and-evscsu-common-room/?fbclid=IwAR2OGc9SU6qzXLU8GjLaydaU24jLmtN8\\_Jui\\_qlqiFaX6titqO1g8w-gZnk](https://sfss.ca/save-the-besu-and-evscsu-common-room/?fbclid=IwAR2OGc9SU6qzXLU8GjLaydaU24jLmtN8_Jui_qlqiFaX6titqO1g8w-gZnk)
2. SFSS Board of Directors Letter of Support for BESU and EVSCSU:  
[https://sfss.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/BESU\\_EVSCSU\\_commonroom.pdf](https://sfss.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/BESU_EVSCSU_commonroom.pdf)
3. SFSS Student Union Common Room Analysis Report:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JmxEo6osLeLfeZlvs4I3H7UNc6KTB18Z/view>