

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 10:37 AM

## 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>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íl̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əłəm (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 External and Community Affairs Committee Composition

VP External Relations ( <i>Chair</i> ).....	Samad Raza
Board of Directors Representative .....	Anuki Karunajeewa
Board of Directors Representative .....	Harry Preet Singh
Board of Directors Representative.....	Sude Guvendik
Board of Directors Representative.....	WeiChun Kua
At-Large Representative .....	Balqees Jama
Student At-Large.....	Iulia Zgreaban
Student At-Large.....	Helen Sofia Pahou
Student At-Large.....	Simran Dhadda
Student At-Large.....	<i>Vacant</i>
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### 3.2 Society Staff

Campaigns, Research, & Policy Coordinator .....	Sarah Edmunds
Transition Manager.....	Lawrence Jones

### 3.3 Regrets

Student At-Large.....	Helen Sofia Pahou
At-Large Representative .....	Balqees Jama
Board of Directors Representative .....	Harry Preet Singh

## 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 4.1 MOTION ECAC 2020-11-30:01

**Samad/Simran**

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

**CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Add section 5.1 Ratification of regrets to add regrets from Helen, Balqees, and Harry.

## 5. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

### 5.1 MOTION ECAC 2020-11-30-02

**Iulia/Anuki**

*Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Helen Sofia Pahou, Balqees Jama, and Harry Preet Singh.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 6.1 ECAC Minutes-MOTION ECAC 2020-11-30:03

**Anuki/Simran**

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

- ECAC 2020-07-20
- ECAC 2020-08-17
- ECAC 2020-09-29

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. UPDATES

### 7.1 Letter to the Minister of Advance Education and John Horgan

- No response from letter sent by the Chair.
- (Before this meeting ended, at 12:03, the Chair read an email he'd just received from the MLA/Minister, acknowledging receipt of an email request to meet and inviting next steps. The Chair reiterated that he will be updating the Committee with new developments.)

*\* Sude Guvendik Joined the meeting at 11:45 AM due to connection difficulty.*

### 7.2 Operating Grants, Meeting with Katrina Chen

- Proposed meeting with the new Provincial Minister, recently appointed, will take the case that students are facing financial difficulties.
- There will be a new letter sent late this week or early next week.
- Members expressed interest in attending. The goal is to meet as soon as possible.

### 7.3 Post Graduate Work Permit Meeting with Terry Beech

- Recent grads face issues with Grad Work Permit.
- Permits issued only once a lifetime for one or two years, and to get Permanent Residency you need to work for one year.
- COVID has meant many grads can't complete their work time.
  - 1: Make the permit renewable.
  - 2: Make all work time, including research work, count toward PR requirements.
- Terry Beech agreed and now SFSS is working with GSS to contact the Minister via letter to seek these changes.

### 7.4 Spring Upass

- Board had an in-camera session re: Spring Upass, and a motion is being written based on a review of recent stats from Translink.
  - Q: What are the stats? The data is still confidential at this point, internal to the

Board. There will be a full motion at the next Board meeting.

## 8. DISCUSSION

### 8.1 New Minister of Advance Education

- As referred previously, there will be a meeting shortly.

### 8.2 Gondola Open House

- There are two Open Houses for the next stage of the Gondola project, seeking feedback on the 3 proposed routes.
- Tues, Dec 1 is the second and last of the two meetings (one was held the weekend just preceding).
- There is a survey going out but it's very restricted for comment, and members may want to attend the live session to ask questions and provide feedback.
  - This may well be the last live session.
- Members may contact staff or the Chair for further details re: attendance, some members expressed interest.
- Other committees have had a great deal of involvement in the issue too, previously.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

### 9.1 MOTION ECAC 2020-11-30:04

**Sude/Iulia**

*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 PM.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**