

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 11:02AM

2. TERRITORIALACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəy̓ əm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íl wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəł̓ əm (Kwkwetlem) and q̓icə̀y̓(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

At-Large Representative (<i>Chair</i>).....	Phum Luckkid
VP Student Services.....	Matthew Provost
VP Student Life.....	Jennifer Chou
VP University Relations	Gabe Liosis
Student At-Large.....	Tony Yu
Ex-officio.....	Osob Mohamed

3.2 Society Staff

Communications Coordinator.....	Sindhu Dharmarajah
MSC-Clubs.....	Ricky Che
MSC-Clubs.....	Nancy Mah
MSC-Clubs.....	Melanie Ling
MSC-Events	Dipti Chavan
MSC-Student Unions	Anna Reva
MSC-Generalist	John Tseng
MSC-Surrey	Shelley Durante
Transition Manager	Lawrence Jones

3.3 Guest

VP Finance	Corbett Gildersleve
Future Student At-Large	Rolan Liu
Future Student At-Large.....	Abigail Pena
Future Student At-Large.....	Justin Yu

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 MOTION MSA 2020-07-27:01

Phum/Jennifer

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- Add Discussion Item 6.1 SFSS Stance on In-Person Events During COVID 19.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Terms of Reference Change – MOTION MSA 2020-07-27:02

Jennifer/Matthew

Whereas the SFSS periodically faces requests from those who would start Greek Life Organizations (GLOs, or fraternities and sororities);

Whereas, SFU Student Services administrators follow a Senate ruling forbidding the formation of these groups and are guided by this ruling and other considerations to reject any and all support for GLOs;

Whereas SFSS club policies, and insurance and liability policies would preclude support of GLOs, and ;

“Whereas U.S. legal rulings, supported by the Department of Education and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) provide clear guidance around the distinction between fraternities existing as "professional" or "social", and”

Whereas these clubs have been asked to transition to be either a fully non-GLO club or to organise outside of the SFSS club structure, due to challenges around distinguishing them from typical GLOs, and;

Whereas one of these clubs has described significant loss at this prospect,;

Be it resolved that the Member Services Committee discuss and forward to the Board of Directors for a fuller discussion and strategy to structure some form of resolution to this issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Amend the motion to replace “Whereas there are clubs with Greek sounding names, who are, in contrast to typical GLOs, professional, non-exclusive organisations that support and advance specific career development, and;” with “Whereas U.S. legal rulings, supported by the Department of Education and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) provide clear guidance around the distinction between fraternities existing as "professional" or "social", and”
- Trying to figure out how to best represent membership while not putting society at a risk for liability. This motion is a commitment to discuss this further.
- Recapped history that was discussed at the July 13th MSA meeting.
- There is no official SFU policy, but there is a written explanation, and SFU will not be changing their stance.
- If they lose the connection to larger organization, they loose the networking and resources as well.
- There is clear distinction in a U.S. jurisdiction called Title 9 which distinguishes professional and social fraternities. Professional fraternities and sororities must be co-ed, open to everyone, and allow people to be a part of another group.
- Insurance providers note that Greek life organizations pose a much higher risk to bodily injury and property damage than other clubs. Historically have had claims that have a very high payout, legal cost, and reputational damage. Have strongly suggested no association with them.
 - There have been cases where professional fraternities have been in these cases, not just social fraternities.
- Potential to write a clear policy that distinguishes a social and professional fraternity with their own set of policies and recognition of them.
 - Once the policy is set, there is no argument on the social fraternity/sororities side.
- AMS has an agreement framework where they are independent but can access resources so long as they follow the agreement.
- Issue of social fraternities claiming that they are like professional fraternities which makes it difficult to acknowledge one and not the other.
- Even if SFSS acknowledge professional fraternities, SFU and the insurance companies will not. SFU insurance also provides SFSS with a bailout for the other clubs if difficult

situations do come up but will not for Greek life organizations.

- Should reach out to AMS to learn more about their new system of treating GLOs as independent.
- Board can decide if there's room to make new policy, advocate to SFU to change their minds or come up with a different idea.
- Social fraternities and sororities have all these policies in place already based on their parent organizations, but there's no way to ensure they won't break these policies. AMS has this too, but it's often not followed either.
- This will be added to the upcoming Board agenda.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 SFSS Stance on In-Person Events During COVID 19

- Board has the same stance as April. For now, there will be no in-person events on or off campus.

6.2 Club and Student Union Funding Model

- Project that is coming out of Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
- Review and restructure the funding models for the student groups as they haven't changed in a long time.
- Half of the student unions are getting the smallest amount of funding possible which might be affecting their success.
- Either explore different models or make small changes like adjusting thresholds to help increase success.
- This will require significant amount of outreach, so will need several committees working on this.
- Methods to get feedback from clubs and student unions
 - SFSS has used surveys a lot... possibly overload of them, but they seem to be successful.
 - Small Working Group to draft a proposed road map to funding review.
 - Townhall/Focus Group
 - Ask groups a few questions directly.
- More members need more funding, but also what about clubs that are more active than others and how many people actually attend their meetings and events?
- FASC will form a working group that includes MSAC members.
- VP Student Services and VP University Relations left at 12:01PM.

6.3 MECS contract and event plans

- Process for internal contracts and signing authority for events that are bigger and in MECS event spaces.
- Events approval signing authority hasn't changed.
- Signing authority for larger events will go to the Operations Organizer. VP Finance and VP Student Services as backup. Currently it is VP Student Services for signing and Transition Manager for feedback as Operations Organizer has not been hired.

6.4 Contract checklist update

- Checklist guide for staff draft to help review contracts for coordinators who are doing the preliminary review.
- Transition Manager will take a look at the checklist today.

6.5 Requiring proof of receipt for prizes

- Concerns about clubs requesting money for prizes and if that money is actually being used to give to students or for other things.
- Need process to know that intended recipients have received the prize to keep clubs accountable.

- Currently SFSS has winner fill out a form, so maybe there can be something similar for clubs and student unions which they would attach to the cheque requisition.
- Collecting prize winner's contact information is also helpful for follow up.

6.6 Club Portal - election setup

- A group tried to use this feature, and it's not fully developed or usable.
- Can either continue to develop it or get rid of it if people aren't using it.
- Seems like it's mostly done, and just needs to be activated.
- Most clubs don't know that it exists, and they use their own voting process.
- Clubs also interview rather than vote, so this also reduces the need for this feature.

6.7 Portal Update Request Process

- Currently save minor requests from student and staff until the end of the semester and then have developers incorporate into the portal for the following semester.
- Continuous updates would use some of the maintenance budget.
- Address most pressing issues first, and then have a wish list that gets addressed all at once.
- Budget has been increased for database and maintenance project, so if there are smaller changes, the maintenance budget can be put towards that.
- Communications Coordinator will relook at the agreement and budgets and report back next meeting.

6.8 Member Resource Project

- Member Services created a guidebook on processes of running a club.
- Concluded that they will be uploaded now and reconfigured later.
- VP Finance will see if the Terms of Reference in question have been approved by Board yet.
- MSAC should also approve it as well.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 MOTION MSA 2020-07-27:03

Phum/Jennifer

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 12:40PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY