

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 10:06 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^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), S^kw^xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selíłwíłh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^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 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 Dhadha
Student At-Large.....	<i>Vacant</i>
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3.2 Society Staff

Board Organizer.....	Gabriel Goodman
Campaigns, Research, & Policy Coordinator.....	Sarah Edmunds
Administrative Assistant.....	Joseph An

3.3 Absents

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

3.3 Regrets

At-Large Representative	Balqees Jama
Board of Directors Representative.....	Sude Guvendik

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3.4 MOTION ECAC 2021-02-22:01

Julia/Simran

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Add section 4 Ratification of regrets for Balqees and Sude

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

4.1 MOTION ECAC 2021-02-22:02

Weichun/Julia

Be it resolved to receive and file regrets from Balqees Jama and Sude Guvendik.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 ECAC Minutes-MOTION ECAC 2021-02-22:03

Anuki/Simran

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

- ECAC 2020-11-30

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. DISCUSSION

6.1 Online Activism Burnout Workshop (Julia).

- Julia and Jennifer were planning to host an event on how to deal with online activism burnout.
 - 20-30 minute interactive presentation followed by 15-20 minute Q&A, planning for early March. Have to find a speaker.
 - Planning to have someone from Black Vancouver but there was no response so currently finding activists online.
 - Anuki have some people that she can recommend. Other recommendations are welcome and members also will help with advertisement for the event.

6.2 Lobby Days Topics and Date

- Provincial Lobby List
 - International Tuition Affordability – Met with Anne Kang to talk about this and will put it in the lobby days to talk about it.
 - International Student MSP – Will try to make it eliminated for international students for affordability purposes.
 - Sexual Violence and Misconduct Prevention – Lobbied by ABCS, and the committee is in contact with ABCS and wants to work together. SFSS has separate lobby for this as well.
 - Increase Funding for Operating Rent – Consultate with various organizations to lobby and make emphasis on how important this is.
 - Accessibility Through Legislation – Came out of consultation from the government in 2019 as introduction to accessibility legislation as BC has no such legislation. Currently haven't heard anything about the bill and isn't progressing so SFSS is trying follow-up on this.
 - Research Based Data Collection – Will be put in lobby and ask for it to be pushed through as COVID-19 has impacted marginalized communities.

- Abolish Police and Redirect Funds – SFSS is trying to push government formed committee called Special Committee on Reforming Police Act to abolish police rather than them only focusing on reviewing role of police within mental health, wellness and harm reduction initiatives.
 - Discussing with Defund Network may be helpful.
- Sarah will work on a report with more details for each topic that MLAs will be provided with for the actual meeting.
- Dates for Provincial lobbying will be during March 22nd to March 31st.
- Members let Samad know which topics are of interest to them.
 - Yulia on Sexual Violence and Misconduct Prevention.
 - Other members will email Samad and Sarah will put it in spreadsheet.
- Federal Lobby List
 - Federal lobby will also be in March 22nd to March 31st.
 - Burnaby Mountain Tank Farm Safety
 - Mountain TMX Farm Safety and Support for Refugees attending Secondary Institution –Peter Julian from New Westminster is supportive of TMX and Refugees topic and we can connect with him again.
 - Elimination of Interest on Student Loans – SFSS met with Jagmeet Singh to discuss this topic and is currently pushing this topic. SFSS is also working with BCFS on Interest Knock Out Campaign. Currently just pushing interest but potentially to push loan forgiveness in the future.
 - Public Transport Funding – UPass and general TransLink affordability.
 - National Housing Strategy – Government strategy to make housing more affordable. SFSS is working with an organization in Quebec to deliver a survey in March on student housing.
 - Food Security – Food security an issue for many students still and will need to be advocated for.
 - Professor Ataman Avdan is knowledgeable in food security topic and will be a good person to speak on this topic. Anuki will contact.
 - Embark can be contacted for help as well.
 - <https://sfss.ca/services/food-bank-program/>
 - Just Recovery – How Canada can become more fair towards recovery such as not giving tax breaks for corporations.
 - Samad will be present in all the meetings and government Reps and some committees may join as well.
 - Sarah will try to finish all the lobbying reports by March 12th.

7. ATTACHMENTS

7.1 02-09-21 - Emails to Ministers & MPs

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 MOTION ECAC 2021-02-22:04

Julia/Weichun

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emails to Provincial Ministers and MLAs

How to use this document: copy + paste each email blurb under each topic heading, and add in who you are addressing the email to + feel free to add a personal introduction, and to also cc me (Sarah). You may want to use a mail merge app (it's not directly built into Gmail) to make emailing quicker.

You can use the following for the email subject line: "Simon Fraser Student Society Meeting Request". Remember to use their formal title, if applicable, in the email opening.

The following "email list" document outlines the topics that we have "assigned" to different Ministers and MLAs.

For Ministers/MLAs who are listed under more than 1 topic: select the issue of greatest importance to that particular person or whichever subject area has fewer emails. Then, add the following sentence (modify as appropriate) between the last two sentences: "Additionally, the SFSS would be interested in speaking to you about the issue of [insert name of other topic here]. Please contact Samad Raza, SFSS VP External Relations, at vpexternal@sfss.ca for more information about the SFSS' position on this topic."

International Student Tuition Affordability

The Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) is a student-led non-profit organisation that represents over 25,000 undergraduate students across the three campuses of Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Burnaby, Vancouver and Surrey, British Columbia. Our mission is to support students in reaching their full potential by providing resources that represent, connect and benefit our membership.

International students attending post-secondary school in British Columbia face increasing tuition fees that are not currently capped by the Tuition Limit Policy that applies to domestic students. Tuition and ancillary fees can rise by as much as twenty percent yearly, leaving international students increasingly vulnerable to financial instability and unpredictability. Furthermore, without the proper notice and time frame of these fee increases, students may face the risk of being removed from their courses and the country. The SFSS would greatly appreciate meeting with you to discuss ways international student tuition in British Columbia can be fairer and more transparent. We are able to meet via video conference from March ___ to March ___, 2021.

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International Student MSP

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While the SFSS applauds the Province for extending public healthcare coverage to international students beginning in 2019, we are concerned that increasing the monthly cost of this coverage puts an unfair burden on international post-secondary students. International students already face many barriers including navigating Canadian financial systems, entering the labour market, and lacking support systems, and having to opt-out and enroll in both an extended healthcare plan and government healthcare plan can be a large challenge for students already facing these barriers. The SFSS would greatly appreciate

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Sexual Violence and Misconduct Prevention Working Group Support

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In 2016, the provincial legislature passed Bill 23, *The Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy Act*, which provided a mandate for post-secondary institutions to establish and implement a sexual violence and misconduct policy. However, new reporting and resource requirements that place a financial burden on smaller institutions, coupled with a lack of oversight and accountability procedures provided in the *Act*, create a gap in effectiveness of this legislation between schools in B.C. The SFSS would greatly appreciate meeting with you to discuss mechanisms to improve the efficacy of the *Act*. We are able to meet via video conference from March ___ to March ___, 2021.

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Increase Funding for Operating Grants

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Post-secondary institutions have been facing stagnant and even decreasing annual provincial operating grants over the last few decades. In 1979, nearly 90% of operating revenue for B.C. post-secondary institutions came from federal or provincial sources, compared to just 47.4% from both levels of government in 2018. In 2015, tuition revenue surpassed provincial funding as the main source of operating revenue for SFU, putting an unsustainable financial burden on students. The SFSS would greatly appreciate meeting with you to discuss the possibility of increasing operating grants and re-evaluating the funding model. We are able to meet via video conference from March ___ to March ___, 2021.

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Accessibility through Legislation

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In comparison to other Canadian provinces, British Columbia is lacking accessibility legislation that would make the province more inclusive for people with disabilities. The SFSS had the opportunity to provide comments during the Province's Accessibility through Legislation consultation, and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss future policies, guidelines or regulations to promote and legislate accessibility measures across British Columbia, particularly within post-secondary institutions. We are able to meet via video conference from March ___ to March ___, 2021.

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Race-Based Data Collection

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The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated how health issues disproportionately impact marginalized and racialized communities and those who experience systemic barriers to healthcare access and treatment. The SFSS supports Vancouver City Council in asking the Province to take action on health inequities by mandating the collection, use and analysis of disaggregated, socio-demographic and race-based data in health and social service sectors; and ensuring that the collection of data is led by critical race researchers who identify as having racialized identities and experiences to ensure that the data collection measures meaningfully contribute to building a culturally safe health care system and is not used for any other purposes. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet via video conference from March ___ to March ___, 2021 to discuss this issue further.

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Abolish Police and Redirect Funds

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The SFSS is pleased that the Legislative Assembly appointed the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act in 2020 to review the role of police with regards to mental health and wellness, harm reduction, and addictions, and to examine systemic racism within B.C.'s police agencies. The SFSS supports abolishment of police forces under provincial jurisdiction and the reallocation of funds to finance community-based social and health services that address the root cause of public health and safety issues and prioritize Black and Indigenous peoples' safety, as supported by both academic and community research. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak to you about the future of policing in British Columbia. We are able to meet via video conference from March ___ to March ___, 2021.

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