# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 9:03AM

# 2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əýəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əλəm (Kwikwetlem) and qicəy (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 (Chair)	Gabe Liosis
VP Finance (Vice Chair).	
Ex-Officio	Osob Mohamed
VP Student Services	Matthew Provost
Faculty Representative (Science)	WeiChun Kua
Council Representative	Zaid Lari
At-Large Representative	Balqees Jama

### 3.2. Society Staff

Board Organizer	Gabriel	Goodman
Administrative Assistant	Brianna	Mau

### 3.3. Absent

Ex-Officio	Osob Mohamed
Council Representative	Zaid Lari

# 4. CONSENT AGENDA

### 4.1. CONSENT AGENDA

*Be it resolved to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent.* **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

### 4.2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA- MOTION GOV 2021-04-07:01

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented

### 4.3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-Governance Committee Minutes-MOTION GOV 2021-04-07:02

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

• GOV 2021-03-24

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## **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### 5.1. Progress of Issues Policies Development Plan (Gabe)

- Check in for where the policies are at, and if anyone needs support.
- Goal of the development plan was to have a good amount of policies passed by the last Board of Directors Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Board Members will continue to work on the policies and will have them submitted to the Board by Friday's meeting to be included as a Notice of Motion.
  - The bulk of the policy needs to be submitted, but small changes can still be made before it's officially passed at the Board.
- Roundtable: What issues policy are you working on? What's the progress on the policy? Do you need any support?
  - VP University Relations is working on a policy from UAA which centers around student affordability.
    - It is an overarching policy with subsections around tuition freeze, support for provincial funding, opposition towards privatization of post-secondary education, and call for open educational resources. This allows room for growth.
    - Working with existing wording from Tuition Freeze Now, motions from previous Boards, and OER resources.
    - Feels like he is ok on this but will reach out to others for a second opinion.
    - Suggestion was made that tuition advocacy and affordability should be its own policy because it's such a big issue.
  - VP Student Services is working on a policy on Indigenous inclusion and reconciliation.
    - This policy is long and encompassing as it recognizes governance and sovereignty and there is a historical aspect behind that.
    - Trying to make sure he is not missing anything, including context and history, and why the Board needs to support this and ensure advocacy is done.
    - Has people that he trusts looking at it right now focusing on the jargon and how things are stated. FNSA is also providing feedback.
  - VP Finance is working on the student living wage policy.
    - Working on cleaning it up and putting it into the issues policy structure.
    - Will have it done for the Notice of Motion.
  - At-Large Representative (BJ) noted that BIPOC had brainstormed about different policies.
    - She is working on the Anti-Racism policy and has been getting input from BIPOC committee.
    - They are also trying to work on one about policing and militarization.
  - Faculty Representative (Science) is working on the Climate Justice and Sustainability policy that outlines supporting divestment, Indigenous sovereignty and rights, and sustainability.
  - Another Board member is also working on a policy about ableism and accessibility. There are disability justice advocates helping with that one.
- A number of the incoming executives are helping out with these as well.





• Suggestion was made that when the policies are done, Board members should get someone to look it over for wording and grammar.

## 6. UPDATES

#### 6.1. Transition Steering Committee

#### 6.2. Governance Working Group (Gabe)

- Tasked with doing a review of Board, Administrative and Society Policies and bring it up to date and in line with the new by-laws.
- VP University Relations is taking Board policies and transforming them into Council policies.
- Mainly changes in terminology and clarifying the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Council from the Executive Committee, and also what the Council can delegate to the Executive.
- Changing Administrative policies to reflect restructuring which included changing references to an Administrative Services Department Liaison to the relevant union-excluded staff.
- Most of the changes are from the Council policies to add more detail.
  - The process for work, semester, and exit reports, and the role of VP Finance and Services.
  - Role of Executive Oversight Committee.
  - Changing "Board" to "Council" and "Administrative Services Department Liaison" with the relevant Union-excluded staff persons.
  - Some policies have been removed and put into other policy manuals.
  - Have also created a couple of rules in terms of by-laws on alternative councilors and how Executive Officers can appoint councilors to work within their offices.
- A briefing note will be submitted to the Board.
- There will be a meeting next week to finalize all the policies. If anyone is interested in coming, VP University Relations will include the Governance Committee in the calendar invite.

#### 6.3. Training & Communications Working Group (Corbett)

- There will be a meeting tomorrow and the goal is to take the ideas from discussions and actually compile them into a plan with a schedule for development sessions in the summer. Delegation will occur and the goal is to have a plan good to go for Board meeting on April 23.
- Also, have gotten feedback from Faculty and At-Large representatives on what they wish they knew and recommendations.
- Two new people have joined the working group.
- Council was sent a survey last week asking about what they wish they knew and what they think is most important in terms of training.
- Board Organizer has been looking at past orientations, presentations, checklists, and documents in preparation for orientation.
  - $\circ$  Trying to make it all coherent and figure out what is needed and when it needs to be sent out.
  - o Also working on getting information on who all the elected Councillors are.
    - Member Services Coordinator Student Unions and Groups will get in touch with Councillors that have not submitted their information yet.



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- Need to send an email to all DSUs requesting Councillor information.
- They will also start creating things to fill existing gaps in orientation.
- Nomination packages for incoming Executives should be available via the IEC, or previous Campaigns, Research and Policy Coordinator's email which President and Operations Organizer have access to.

#### 6.4. Operations Working Group (Osob)

• President did not attend, so update was skipped.

### 7. ANOUNCEMENT

#### 7.1. Next Governance Meeting: Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 at 9AM (PST) via Zoom

7.2. Last Governance Meeting

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1. MOTION GOV 2021-04-07:03 Corbett/Matthew Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50AM. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY