1. CALL TO ORDER
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2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT
We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íl̓witulh (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem) and q̓ic̓əy̓ (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 .......................................................... Damon Tarrant
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies .......................... Evan McFee
Bachelor of Environment ...................................... Aarthi Srinivasan
Behavioral Neuroscience ...................................... Nicolas Bonilla
Biology .............................................................. Kashish Mehta
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology ......................... Charlotte Taylor-Baer
Business .................................................................. Gwen Bui
Chemistry .................................................................. Joanna Cheong
Cognitive Science .................................................. Ashran Bharosha
Communications .................................................... Ryan Vansickle
Computing Science .................................................. Evan McFee
Criminology .......................................................... Damon Tarrant
Dance ....................................................................... Liz Giardin
Data Science Student Union ........................................ Warren Ho Kin
Economics .............................................................. Sandra Pal
Education ............................................................... Jihye (Jin) Choi
Engineering Science .................................................. Liz Giardin
English ..................................................................... Chloe Homenuke
Environmental Resource ........................................... Amelia Simard
Environmental Science ............................................. Kylee Pocrnich
Film Student Union .................................................. Eunice Kwok
French ...................................................................... Monikka Tayag
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies (Vice Chair) ... Devynn Butterworth
Geography .............................................................. Alan Saunderson
Gerontology Student Union ...................................... Jocelle Refol
Global Asia Studies Student Union ............................. Estephanie Henriquez
Health Science .......................................................... Sandra Pal
History ...................................................................... Alan Saunderson
Humanities .............................................................. Alan Saunderson
Indigenous Studies Student Union (ISSU) ..................... Estephanie Henriquez

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Interactive Arts and Technology ......................................................... Jeremy Felix
International Studies Student Association (ISSA) ................................. Deanna Short
Labour Studies .................................................................................. Justin Chen
Linguistics ........................................................................................... Nosa Efemwonkieke
Mathematics ....................................................................................... Ryley McWilliams
Mechatronics System Engineering .................................................... Avneet Kaur
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry (MBB) ............................................. Gabe Liosis
Music Student Union ........................................................................... Ryan Stolys
Operations Research .......................................................................... Tony Yu
Philosophy .......................................................................................... Graham Rich
Political Science .................................................................................. Helen Pahou
Psychology .......................................................................................... Tiffany Liu
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) .................................................. Zaid Lari
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) .......................................... Akum Sidhu
Sociology and Anthropology ............................................................... Kayla Chow
Software Systems ................................................................................
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA) ............................................. Stephanie Chung
Student Athlete Advisory Committee ................................................... Paul Ursu
Sustainable Community Development .................................................
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society ................................ Mohammad Al-
Sheboul
Theatre Student Union ........................................................................ Samantha Walters
Visual Arts ............................................................................................
World Literature ..................................................................................... Sara Aristizabal
Castaneda

Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) ........................................ Constantin Lozitsky
First Nations Students Association (FNSA) .......................................... Keianna James
International Student Advocates ........................................................ Fizza Parsayan
Out on Campus Collective (OOC) .........................................................
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) ............................. Linda Kanyamuna
Women Centre Collective (WCC) ......................................................... Nisha Manhas

Affiliated Student Groups

Residence Hall’s Association (RHA) .....................................................
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) ...................................... Ryan Stolys

SFSS Executive Committee

President (Chair) .................................................................................. Gabe Liosis
VP Internal and Organizational Development .................................. Corbett Gildersleve
VP Finance and Services ................................................................. Almas Phangura
VP University and Academic Affairs ............................................... Serena Bains
VP External and Community Affairs ................................................ Matthew Provost
VP Equity and Sustainability ............................................................ Marie Haddad
VP Events and Student Affairs ......................................................... Jess Dela Cruz

3.2 Society Staff

Operations Organizer ........................................................................ Ayesha Khan
3.3 Council Alternates
English .................................................................................. Kirtana Menon
International Student Advocates (Communication Coordinator)........... Fizza Parsayan
Mechatronics System Engineering ................................................. Ryley McWilliams

3.4 Regrets
English .................................................................................. Liz Giardin
International Student Advocates ................................................. Ryley McWilliams
Mechatronics System Engineering ................................................. Ryley McWilliams

4. CONSENT AGENDA
4.1 CONSENT AGENDA
Be it resolved to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent.
CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

4.1.1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-Council Minutes-MOTION
COUNCIL 2021-06-30:01
Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:
  • Council 2021-06-16

4.1.2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-Committee Minutes-MOTION
COUNCIL 2021-06-30:02
Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:
  • EXEC 2021-06-08
  • FYEC 2021-02-02
  • HRP 2021-03-30

4.1.3. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-06-30:03
SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Ryley McWilliams for June 30, 2021 Council Meeting
Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Ryley McWilliams for June 30, 2021 Council Meeting.

4.1.4. -MOTION COUNCIL 2021-06-30:04
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal “Corbett Gildersleve”
Whereas the 2020-2021 Board of Directors allocated spaces in the SUB 1000 level to the
First Nations Student Association (FNSA), Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry
(SOCA), and the Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) on July 10th;
Whereas the President and VP Finance at the time were tasked with consulting with these
groups and drafting and enter into Letters of Agreements with these groups which included
the institutional relationship, use of space, staff costs, and other such matters;
Whereas the 2020-2021 Board received and filed the Letters of Agreement for FNSA and
SOCA on April 30th, 2021
Whereas DNA collective, the President and VP Internal and Organizational Development (on delegated authority of the VP Finance) have signed the "SFSS-DNA Institutional Relationship and Space Allocation Agreement" on May 28th, 2021;

Be it resolved that Council receive and file the "SFSS-DNA Institutional Relationship and Space Allocation Agreement".

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-06-30:05

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Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.
CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED AS AMENDED

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 SFSS's Health and Dental Plan Orientation – Studentcare  
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal “Corbett Gildersleve”

7. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 Report from Executive Committee  
SUBMITTED BY: President “Gabe Liosis”

7.2 Report from the Student Union Building (SUB) Opening Working Group  
SUBMITTED BY: President “Gabe Liosis”

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 SFU Climate Emergency Declaration Open Letter-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-06-16:06  
SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs “Serena Bains”  
ATTACHMENTS: SEND SFU Climate Emergency Declaration Open Letter  
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Whereas on October 4th, 2019, the SFSS passed a motion recognizing that we are in a climate crisis and committed to reducing our collective carbon footprint on campus, stood in solidarity with students striking for the climate globally while also requesting academic amnesty for students, and called on SFU to divest away from fossil fuels,

Whereas in order to successfully mitigate climate change, change needs to extend beyond marginalized individuals and others voluntarily limiting their own consumption through their own means (such as driving less, turning down residential heating, etc.)

Whereas mitigating climate change must also involve behaviours that lead to systemic social change, such as improvements in loose environmental regulations of industries that are harmful (to the land, water sources and more), economic incentives for the transition to carbon-neutral sources of energy, cultural shifts away from materialism, and restriction of the political power of fossil fuel companies,
Whereas SFU as an anchor institution has a responsibility to look at its direct and indirect contributions to the climate crisis and has significant social and political influence locally and internationally,

Whereas SFU has released a 2020-2025 Sustainability Plan that is woefully inadequate as it does not encompass a climate emergency declaration, taking a stance on the Trans Mountain Expansion project, promote divestment as opposed to carbon footprint reduction, ensure climate justice education mandatory for all students, ensure SFU does not receive funding from fossil fuel special interest groups, acknowledge carbon offsets as an unviable solution, demand action on scope 3 emissions, encourage standing in solidarity with direct actions for climate justice, and recommend solutions that center climate justice while also recognizing the ongoing harm the university perpetuates,

Whereas Canada declared a National Climate Emergency in 2019, and along with many student unions and climate justice student groups that have successfully lobbied universities and other institutions to declare Climate Emergency and to divest from fossil fuels thereafter, including the University of British Columbia (UBC), University of Waterloo, and Concordia University - SFU has not,

Whereas SFU declaring a climate emergency emphasizes the urgency for climate action and a proper and adequate stance to the scientifically proven climate emergency,

Whereas SFU350 is pushing SFU to declare a climate emergency with their Climate Emergency Declaration Open Letter along with concrete demands that go beyond the SFU 2020-2025 Sustainability Plan and address the systemic issues,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council endorses and signs on to the SFU350’s Climate Emergency Declaration Open Letter along with concrete demands that go beyond the SFU 2020-2025 Sustainability Plan and address the systemic issues,

Be it further resolved that Councillors who vote in favor of the motion sign onto SFU 350’s SFU Climate Emergency Declaration Open letter as individual Councillors and on behalf of their departmental student unions (DSUs), constituency groups (CGs), student unions (SUs), and student groups (SGs),

Be it further resolved that the VP Equity and Sustainability Committee is delegated to organizing actions, working with students in collaboration with the Executives and Councillors who are interested,

Be it further resolved that the SFSS affirms its commitment to actions to address the climate crisis including standing in solidarity with communities standing against pipelines, environmentally harmful extractive resource projects (such as logging of old growth forests), and to affirm it’s opposition to fossil fuel investments.

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8.2 SFSS 2021-2022 Budget-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-06-16:07
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal “Corbett Gildersleve”
ATTACHMENTS: 2021-22 Budget - Updated 5th Version
Whereas the ‘2021-22 4th Draft’ annual budget was developed in the spring term and approved by the 2020-2021 Board of Directors on April 23rd, 2021 as a preliminary budget;
Whereas the budget has been updated since then to include new costs reflected in the attached “2021-22 Budget - 5th Draft”;
Whereas Bylaw 6.13 requires Council to approve a final budget by no later than June 30th each year;

Be it resolved that Council approve the “2021-22 Budget - 5th Draft” document as the final budget for the 2021-2022 year.

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8.3 Indian Residential School Survivors and Commitments to Reconciliation-MOTION
COUNCIL 2021-06-16:08
SUBMITTED BY: VP External “Matthew Provost”
ATTACHMENTS: BN- Indian Residential School Survivors and Commitments to Reconciliation

Whereas on May 27th, 2021 Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc leadership released an official statement regarding the findings of 215 unmarked graves on the grounds of Kamloops Indian Residential School,

Whereas on June 24, 2021 Cowessess First Nation Chief Cadmus Delorme announced in a press conference that 751 unmarked graves were found on the grounds at the former Marieval Indian Residential School in Saskatchewan,

Whereas it is roughly estimated that there are currently over 1300 unmarked graves across so-called canada, and it is estimated that the number will continue to grow in the coming months and years,

Whereas the recent news of these unmarked graves of Indigenous children who attended Indian Residential Schools are currently impacting our Indigenous communities across Turtle Island mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually,

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society is committed to pushing back against colonial practices that still impact Indigenous students in post-secondary institutions and is committed to supporting Indigenous students to learn in a safe and supportive environment within SFU,

Be it resolved that the 2021-2022 SFSS Council continue to stand in solidarity with Indigenous students and communities during these times of grief.

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council task the 2021-2022 the Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour Committee as well as include Indigenous community members in drafting internal SFSS Calls to Action in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to further mandate and support reconciliation efforts to address the systemic issues that are embedded in all colonial institutions,

Be it resolved that Council continue to support and amplify Calls to Action from Indigenous communities in all capacities, including letters of supports, sharing resources, donations, and taking individual action to educate ourselves on these ongoing issues,

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council donates $6000.00 to the Indian Residential School
Survivors Society from the appropriate line item to be determined from VP Finance and Services to further support those who have been negatively impacted by the Indian residential school system that was imposed by the so-called Canadian government.

Be it further resolved that the SFSS continues to advocate and push back on acts of genocide and colonialism that has impacted Indigenous People(s) since contact, this includes but not limited to: the condemnation of the so-called Canadian government denying acts of genocide against Indigenous People(s) of Turtle Island; calling on the so-called Canadian governments to stop fighting cases that are brought against the government by Indian Residential School survivors; amplifying Indigenous students and organizers calls in our lobbying and advocacy efforts and other such actions.

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9. DISCUSSION ITEMS
9.1 September Plans - Council Member Groups
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal “Corbett Gildersleve”

9.2 Advocating for Accessible Course Practices
SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs “Serena Bains”

10. 30 MINUTES Q&A

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
11.1 [For SFSS Members] Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, July 14th, 2021, 4:30pm - 8:30pm (PST) via Zoom [Bi-weekly]

11.2 Leave of Absence
- French Councillor, July 4th - July 13th, August 8th - August 14th (Family Camping Trips)”
- President, July 17th - 25th (Personal Mental Health Leave)

12. ATTACHMENTS
12.1 SEND SFU Climate Emergency Declaration Open Letter
12.2 2021-22 Budget - Updated 5th Version
12.3 BN- Indian Residential School Survivors and Commitments to Reconciliation

13. ADJOURNMENT
13.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-06-16:09
Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at
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