

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 11:08AM

## 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), S<sup>k</sup>w<sup>x</sup>wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selíłwíłh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əłəm (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>
Student At-Large.....	<i>Vacant</i>
Student At-Large.....	<i>Vacant</i>

### 3.2 Society Staff

Administrative Assistant.....	Brianna Mau
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### 3.3 Absent

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

## 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 4.1 MOTION ECAC 2021-04-19:01

**Balqees/Sude**

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

**CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Add Discussion Item 6.3 Submissions to the BC Police Act Review.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 5.1 ECAC Minutes-MOTION ECAC 2021-04-19:02

Iulia/Anuki

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

- ECAC 2021-02-22

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. DISCUSSION

### 6.1 ECAC Lobby Days

- Lobby Days ended last week, and it was amazing to meet all the MPs and MLAs to lobby on heavy issues that students are facing.
- Student At-Large (IZ) really enjoyed lobbying days and thinks it was a great way to end the term. It gave an opportunity to put what ECAC was talking about into practice.
- Appreciation was expressed for the document that outlined what committee members should talk about during their meetings and there was no external research needed.
  - Critique was made that it was a little unclear what demands needed to be made in some sections which made it difficult to be consistent with the document during meetings.
  - It was very clear how to reach out and set up meetings with MPs and MLAs.
- Lobby Days being online made it more difficult to organize.
- Suggestion was made that having one committee meeting before to run through what lobbying should look like would have been helpful.
- Several committee members expressed thanks to VP External Relations and Sarah, the former Campaigns, Research and Policy Coordinator, for their labour as they did prior research and for their support during the days as well.
- Faculty Representative (Environment) enjoyed her topic and recommends committee members pick something they're interested in during future Lobby Days as it helps increase drive.
- Recommendation was made to meet up with partner before individual meetings as well to communicate needs and how to work best with each other.
- Hopefully next year, the Lobby Days will be in person and will be more organized, and easier to communicate. Also, good experience to meet with MPs and MLAs in person.
- Biggest issues discussed included operating grants and a 2% cap on international tuition fees.
- Budget is being released tomorrow, so hopefully there will be something that reflects student issues.

### 6.2 Issue Policies

- Discussion brought forth by Faculty Representative (Science), but he was not in attendance.
- Issues Policy that ECAC wants to create include the 2% cap on international tuition fees, increasing operating grants, and the elimination or reduction of MSP.
- Issues Policies set the Society's stance on social, economic and political issues. They are generally pretty broad and diverse and guide the direction of advocacy.
- The ones that will be voted on at the next Board meeting all relate to ECAC.
- They put practices into writing which protects it in the future.
- There is a new eligibility for PR without having to do the Canadian Experience after graduating, but it's unclear if it's a permanent program. If it's a temporary one, it would include be a good issue to add.
- Tuition and affordability policies encompasses PR, but if the society wants to edit it or add on a new issues policy to go into more detail, that can happen in the future.

- TMX is captured in several issues policies that will be voted on at the next Board meeting as well. The policies are all very clear on what the SFSS stands for and stands against.

### **6.3 Submissions to the BC Police Act Review**

- The Legislative Assembly of BC has appointed a special committee on reforming the Police Act to examine and make recommendations on reforms related to policing under the act.
- There are folks organizing around this that do transformative justice, police abolition and police reform work.
- At-Large Representative (BJ) would like the SFSS to make a submission because equitable and safer ways to approach community safety is something we have been advocating for all year.
- At-Large Representative (BJ) will need help with creating a submission and the deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>. A lot of the language already exists from briefing notes and previous motions, and there are templates and tool kits online from organizers doing restorative justice work already.
  - Time commitment should be about two hours.
- Student At-Large (IZ) is interested in helping out and At-Large Representative (BJ) will get in touch with her after the meeting.
- The document will be open for others to add to and proofread. At-Large Representative (BJ) will share it in the Discord channel.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

### **7.1 MOTION ECAC 2021-04-19:03**

**Simran/Anuki**

*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35AM.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**