

1. CALL TO ORDER

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2. TERRITORIALACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x̣ẉməθḳẉəỵəm (Musqueam), Sḳẉx̣ẉú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Seḷíḷẉiṭuḷh (Tsleil-Waututh), ḳẉiḳẉə̣ł̣əm (Kwikwetlem) and ǰícəỵ (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 and Academic Affairs (<i>Chair</i>)	Serena Bains
Ex-Officio	Gabe Liosis
BPK Councillor	Kashish Mehta
Chemistry Councillor	Gwen Bui
World Lit Councillor	Sara Aristizabal Castaneda
PSU Councillor.....	Tiffany Liu
Student At-Large	<i>Vacant</i>
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3.2 Society Staff

Operations Organizer	Ayesha Khan
Board Organizer	Emmanuela Droko
Administrative Assistant	Christina Kachkarova

3.3 Absent

PSU Councillor.....	Tiffany Liu
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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. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA- MOTION UAA 2021-06-25:01

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented

4.1.2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-UAA Minutes-MOTION UAA
2021-06-25:02

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- UAA 2021-04-16

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Exit Report 2020-21 UAA

- VP University and Academic Affairs led a discussion about past accomplishments of the University and Academic Affairs committee including the Food Hub project, Tuition Freeze advocacy, and other projects/campaigns.
- VP University and Academic Affairs led a brainstorming session about goals for the 2021-2022 UAA Committee.
- Discussion regarding Withdrawal under Extenuating Circumstances. Committee members suggested advocating for a more compassionate process like other universities have implemented. Suggestions included expanding the definition for Extenuating Circumstances and allowing WE for the same circumstance more than once.
- Chemistry Councilor commented on low course offerings for upper division courses upper division courses that leave students unable to take courses that would allow them to learn valuable technical skills as well as number of available seats in classes.
- Issues raised with grade transparency at SFU, particularly the lack of transparency with upscaling and down scaling letter grades. Professors and departments should be transparent about how they scale grades.
- Suggestion raised to reach out to SFU Sexual Violence Support & Prevention Office for ways to reduce sexual harassment at SFU.
- Suggestions raised about ways to make sick notes not mandatory as they strain Health and Counselling Services. Previous Board Members have worked on this issue during the 2020-21 Board Term.
- Suggestion to make research more accessible to students starting with standardizing research websites in all departments so students are able to reach out to researchers for research experience.
- Increased monetary support for international students in the form of scholarships and bursaries.
- Suggestion raised to make the Tuition Freeze movement a part of the SFSS. VP University and Academic Affairs mentioned that they will discuss the possibility of making a Tuition Freeze Working Group or Committee with the Executive, but that this decision would have to be in partnership with SOCA, TSSU and Left Alternative.
- General suggestions on improving Health and Counselling were suggested including more resources for students to prevent burn out and promote mental health.

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 MOTION UAA 2021-06-25:04

Serena/Sara

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35AM.

CARRIED