

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 9:36 AM

## 2. TERRITORIALACKNOWLEDGMENT

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>əy̓ əm (Musqueam), Sḷḷw̓x̓ wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íl wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əł̓ əm (Kwikwetlem) and ǵícə̓y̓ (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
Associate VP University and Academic Affairs.....	Priyanka Dhesa
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

## 4. CONSENT AGENDA

### 4.1 CONSENT AGENDA - MOTION UAA 2021-07-09:01

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 4.1.1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-UAA Minutes-MOTION UAA

##### 2021-07-09:02

*Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:*

- UAA 2021-06-25

## 5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 5.1 MOTION UAA 2021-07-09:03

**Serena/Sara**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 6.1 2020/2021 UAA Exit Report

- VP University and Academic Affairs discussed the 2020-21 University and Academic Affairs Committee Exit Report and provided an update on the progress of onboarding At-Large Representatives to the UAA Committee.
- VP University and Academic Affairs mentioned previous events that the UAA has helped facilitate including a pancake breakfast as a collaboration for Sexual Assault Awareness month about consent, a TMX awareness event, and a Board Townhall.
- VP University and Academic Affairs discussed general updates relevant to the UAA Committee including suggesting hosting a Back-to-Campus Townhall as SFU Admin might be hosting a Townhall. They mentioned the Burnaby By-Election and that President and VP External have reached out to the new Councilors to discuss SFSS-relevant issues like the Gondola with them. They mentioned that SFU Admin had not responded to questions about COVID-2019 vaccine prioritization for students.

### 6.2 Accessible course practices

- BPK Councillor discussed the need to push for Open Resource Education (OER). She highlighted that while students might have been able to pay less for textbooks and resources during the pandemic, these fees will return during back to in-person education.
- VP University and Academic Affairs suggested discussing the issue of accessible course practices with Dr. Wade Parkhouse the Associate Vice-President, Academic. They highlighted that some professors have taken the initiative to make their own course content for students to use as textbooks/notes/other course materials and suggested reaching out to the Peak to highlight some of the professors who are putting in the work to make educational resources accessible.
- Multiple Committee members mentioned Dr. Kevin Lam as a professor who has gone above and beyond to provide his students accessible educational resources.
- BPK Councillor suggested the UAA Committee reach out to Dr. Kevin Lam and invite him to a UAA meeting to ask how he pressured Pearson to lower prices for his students and from that information potentially create a guide for professors on how to save costs for their students.
- VP University and Academic Affairs mentioned that the Board 2019-2020 had worked on removing the sick notes policy to reduce the workload placed on SFU Health and Counselling by students seeking notes. They reminded the Committee that other Universities do not have a sick notes policy.
- BPK Councillor mentioned the lack of a sick notes policy might encourage students to just skip exams without a legitimate reason and suggested there should be a policy in place to discourage this behaviour such as a minimum required attendance policies which could also be used to encourage professors to record lectures.
- Multiple Committee members voiced support for having recorded lectures as a part of an accessible course practice.

- PSU Councillor mentioned that the President of the Psychology Student Union is looking to make lecture recordings mandatory.
- BPK Councillor mentioned that once Council passes a motion on lecture recordings for lectures, DSUs will be able to email their department chairs and inquire as to which professors are intending to record their lectures and then apply pressure to professors who are reluctant to record. She emphasized that most rooms at SFU have the capacity to record audio, video or both, but most professors do not understand how to use the equipment. She mentioned that it might be necessary to reach out to SFU IT and fuher discuss this issue to find a solution.
- VP University and Academic Affairs suggested reactivating the Access for All working group and inviting Councillors to join.
- VP University and Academic Affairs mentioned that implementing a better grading scheme will be discussed with SFU's Registrar's office.
- VP University and Academic Affairs discussed the Menstrual Products Initiatives Working Group and highlighted that SFU does not have the infrastructure (menstrual product dispensers) to facilitate this unlike UBC which provides free Menstrual Products. They discussed that Surrey Campus lacks a Women's Centre and while menstrual products are available in the SFSS office, it can be closed, and they are not aware if products are accessible at Vancouver Campus. They mentioned that Free Periods Canada might be able to provide support in this and that there is a previous proposal from 2019 that can be adapted for this.
- BPK Councillor suggested collaborating with Women's Centre to make Menstrual Products more accessible as they already have menstrual products that they give out to students.

\* Gwen Bui left the meeting at 10:30am

### **6.3 Next meeting time**

- July 23rd 9:30am – 11:30am.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

### **9.1 MOTION UAA 2021-07-09:04**

**Serena/Kashish**

*Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 AM.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**