

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:33 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), S^kw^xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selíłwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (Kwkwetlem) and q̓icəy̓ (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

Applied Science	<i>Vacant</i>
Archeology	Damon Tarrant
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies	<i>Vacant</i>
Asia Canada Studies	<i>Vacant</i>
Bachelor of Environment.....	Evan McFee
Behavioral Neuroscience	Aarthi Srinivasan
Biology	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology.....	Kashish Mehta
Business.....	<i>Vacant</i>
Chemistry	Gwen Bui
Cognitive Science	Joanna Cheong
Communications	Ashran Bharosha
Computing Science	Ryan Vansickle
Criminology	Charlotte Taylor-Baer
Dance.....	<i>Vacant</i>
Data Science Student Union.....	Warren Ho Kin
Earth Science.....	<i>Vacant</i>
Economics	Mahindhar Kumar
Education.....	Jihye (Jin) Choi
Engineering Science	Sarah Raisuddin
English.....	Liz Giardin
Environmental Science	Chloe Homenuke
Faculty of Applied Science.....	<i>Vacant</i>
Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology (FCAC)	<i>Vacant</i>
Film Student Union.....	Amélia Simard
Fine and Performing Arts.....	<i>Vacant</i>
French	Kylee Pocrnich
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	Devynn Butterworth
Geography	Monikka Tayag
Gerontology Student Union.....	<i>Vacant</i>

Health Science.....	Jocelle Refol
History	Alan Saunderson
Humanities	<i>Vacant</i>
Indigenous Studies Student Union (ISSU).....	Estephanie Henriquez
Interactive Arts and Technology (IAT).....	Jeremy Felix
International Studies Student Association (ISSA).....	Deanna Short
Labour Studies	Justin Chen
Latin American Studies	<i>Vacant</i>
Linguistics	Micaela Bilot
Mathematics	Ben Tischler
Mechatronics System Engineering	Ryley McWilliams
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry (MBB)	Avneet Kaur
Music Student Union	<i>Vacant</i>
Operations Research	Ashutosh Dubal
Performing Arts.....	<i>Vacant</i>
Philosophy	Tony Yu
Physics.....	Graham Rich
Political Science.....	Helen Pahou
Psychology	Tiffany Liu
Public Policy	<i>Vacant</i>
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS).....	Zaid Lari
Semester in Dialogue	<i>Vacant</i>
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS)	Akum Sidhu
Sociology and Anthropology	Kayla Chow
Software Systems.....	Shashank Thanalapati
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA)	Stephanie Chung
Sustainable Community Development.....	<i>Vacant</i>
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society.....	Mohammad Al-Sheboul
Theatre Student Union	Samantha Walters
Visual Arts	<i>Vacant</i>
World Literature.....	Sara Aristizabal Castaneda

Constituency Group Representatives

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

Affiliated Student Group

Residence Hall's Association (RHA).....	<i>Vacant</i>
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)	Paul Ursu

SFSS Executive Committee

President.....	Gabe Liosis
VP Internal and Organizational Development (<i>Chair</i>)	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
Board Organizer	Emmanuela Droko
Administrative Assistant	Christina Kachkarova
Communications Coordinator	Ilham Benttahir
Policy Research and Community Affairs Coordinator	Beaty Omboga
Building Manager	John Walsh
Member Services Coordinator	Nancy Mah

3.3 Council Alternates

Computing Science	Shiva Sanei
Criminology	
International Student Advocates	Qyung Chi Bui
International Studies Student Association	Alea Mohamed
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS President)	Shariq Ahsan
World Literature	Kayla Tso

3.4 Regrets

Computing Science	Ryan Vansickle
Criminology	Charlotte Taylor-Baer
International Studies Student Association	Deanna Short
World Literature	Sara Aristizabal Castaneda

3.5 Absent

Cognitive Science	Joanna Cheong
Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance	Constantin Lozitsky
First Nations Students Association (FNSA)	Keianna James
French	Kylee Pocrnich
Global Asia Studies	Eunice Wing-Lam Kwok
Indigenous Studies Student Union (ISSU)	Estephanie Henriquez
Sociology and Anthropology	Kayla Chow

3.6 Leave of Absence

Science Undergraduate Society (SUS)	Zaid Lari
VP Equity and Sustainability	Marie Haddad

3.7 Guests

Student	Abi Parmar
Student	Katya
Student	Judit
StudentCare Representative	Bahareh Jokar

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1.1.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-Council Minutes-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:01

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- Council 2021-07-27

4.1.2.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-Committee Minutes-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:02

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- ECAC 2021-04-19
- FYEC 2021-06-25
- HRP 2021-06-11
- MMPC 2021-07-12

4.1.3.RATIFICATION OF REGRETS-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:03 SUBMITTED BY: Councillor from Charlotte Taylor-Baer the August 11th, 2021 Council Meeting

Be it resolved to retroactively ratify the regrets from Charlotte Taylor-Baer Councillor from the August 11th, 2021 Council meeting. (have a biology final scheduled during the meeting time)

4.1.4.RATIFICATION OF REGRETS-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:04 SUBMITTED BY: Councillor from Sara Aristizabal Castaneda the August 11th, 2021 Council Meeting

Be it resolved to retroactively ratify the regrets from Councillor Sara Aristizabal Castaneda from the August 11th, 2021 Council meeting. (Traveling to Canada on August 11)

4.1.5.Error regarding student at-large for Accessibility Committee-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:05

SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs “Serena Bains”

Whereas there was an error made in appointing Samina Sakhi as a student-at-large to the Accessibility Committee,

Be it resolved that Council remove Samina Sakhi from the Accessibility Committee.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:06

Matthew/Jeremy

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Motion to include New Business Item 10.2 Common Room Space in the SUB was Carried.

For: Evan McFee (Bachelor of Environment), Aarthi Srinivasan (Behavioural Neuroscience), Nicolas Bonilla (Biology), Kashish Mehta (Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology), Gwen Bui (Chemistry), Joanna Cheong (Chemistry), Ashran Bharosh (Communications), Shiva (Computing Science Alternate), Mahindhar Kumar (Economics), Sarah Raisuddin (Engineering Science), Liz Giardin (English), Environmental Science (Chloe Homenuke), Amélia Simard (Film), Monikka Tayag (Geography), Jeremy Felix (IAT), Deanna Short (International Studies), Justin Chen (Labour Studies), Micaela Bilot (Linguistics), Ben Tischler (Mathematics), Avneet Kaur (MBB), Ashutosh Dubal (Operations Research), Tony Yu (Philosophy), Graham Rich (Physics), Helen Pahou (Political Science), Psychology (Tiffany Liu), Zaid Lari (SUS), Akum Sidhu (SASS), Shashank Thanalapati (Software Systems), Stephanie Chung (statistics and Actuarial Science), Mohammad Al-Sheboul (Sustainable Energy Engineering), Kayla Tso (World Literature Alternate), Nisha Manhas (WCC), President, VP University and Academic Affairs, VP External and Community Affairs, VP Events and Services Affairs,

Against: Damon Tarrant (Archeology), Devynn Butterworth (GSWS), Linda Kanyamuna (SOCA), VP Internal and Organizational Development, VP Finance and Services,

Abstain: Jocelle Refol (Health Science), Ryley McWilliams (Mechatronics System Engineering),

- Vice-Chair raised concerns about amending the agenda to include New Business Item 10.2 Common Room Space in the SUB stating that there was a lack of information surrounding the motion as it was changed last minute and urged Council not to make decisions about the SUB without the Building Manager present.
- VP Internal and Organizational Development reminded Council that the agenda already had many motions and discussion points and urged them against rushing the motion.
- Zaid Lari (Science) Called to Question, Devynn Butterworth (GSWS) seconded. Motion to Call to Question was Carried Unanimously.

6. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

Kashish/Matthew

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Warren Ho Kin, Deanna Short, Ryan Vansickle.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 Executive Committee

SUBMITTED BY: President “Gabe Liosis”

- President mentioned that the Executive Committee has not met since the last Report from the Executive Committee at Council, but the next meeting will occur on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021, between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

- President gave his report on what he has accomplished over the past two weeks since he returned from his Leave of Absence on August 2nd. He thanked VPIOD for his work as Acting President. President discussed a discussion regarding the Health and Dental Plan during the Executive Committee. He also attended a Student Safety Group Meeting regarding the Fall Return to Campus, as well as the following SFSS Committee Meetings, Special Executive Committee Meeting, Joint Health and Safety Committee, and Oversight Committee. President mentioned that he attended the Collective Agreement Bargaining session as well as attending Check-ins with Trish Everett, the SFSS Student Advocacy Coordinator, and Ella Droko, the Board Organizer.
- VP Internal and Organizational Development discussed meeting with SFU to discuss the Stadium Contribution Agreement to shift the payment schedule by a year to free up some room in the Build SFU Fund, He discussed meeting with Alison Gu, Burnaby City Councillor, to discuss her goals and talk about SFU Gondola and student affordability. VPIOD met with the Admin Coordinator hiring committee to finalize the job description to finalize the job description and oversight committee to discuss the Leave of Absence policy and VPIOD's intention to add more options to have more types of Leave. He caught up President on events during his Leave of Absence. VPIOD also mentioned a Special Executive meeting to discuss and pass a motion related to the Health and Dental plan. He discussed the restarted bargaining sessions with CUPE to restart the Collective Agreement.
- VP Finance and Services discussed the Final Renewal Analysis Report from StudentCare that contained recommendations for Fall 2021 and how it is being used to plan for the referendum in Spring 2022 in a transition to the Fully Insured Model. She discussed meeting with VPIOD to review the Report and suggestion to ensure that the SFSS follows the needs of the students as determined by the survey. VPFS discussed the Emergency Response Plan for the SUB and the different suggestions for emergency codes as well as the need to ensure that the accessibility needs of all students are met. She discussed the shortlisting of 10 applicants for the Bullying and Harassment Case Manager and next steps for the applicants. In terms of Work Reports, VP Finance and Services mentioned that there would be penalties for late work reports starting for reports submitted in July 2021, and she asked for Councillors to send in their reports ASAP to ensure that they would not be penalized.
- VP External & Community Affairs discussed key meetings he attended including the Alliance of BC Students to discuss the Provincial Budget and possible areas of collaboration, meeting with Migrant Students United to further discuss International Student Advocacy Office, and meeting with Alison Gu, Burnaby City Councillor, to make introductions. He mentioned that he had been appointed to the U-Pass BC Students Association Caucus to represent SFSS. VPX discussed the joint letter being written with TSSU in regard to addressing Residential Schools and provided support with in-person events guidelines. He referenced the ongoing bargaining process with CUPE Local. He mentioned that he is also working on creating resources for the External & Community Affairs Committee and planning out the strategic plan with the committee with regards to his annual draft plan.
- VP University & Academic Affairs discussed their work with the Accessibility Committee on the Accessibility Audit of the SUB, Proposal for the DNA Accessibility Centre, and work on the layout of the DNA Accessibility Centre. She provided updates on the Academic Concessions and Medical Notes Working Group

mentioning that medical notes will likely not be required for short-term illness during the Fall 2021 semester, being replaced with a self-declaration form. They mentioned that making changes to academic concessions has been a much more difficult process. VPUAA mentioned that there were concerns raised by students, especially immunocompromised students, about a return to in-person education, particularly due to SFU's lack of a mask mandate and a vaccination mandate. VPUAA discussed their own work on the accessible course practices campaign, discussed the appointment of Kashish Mehta as Vice-Chair of University and Academic Affairs Committee, and mentioned that they had reviewed the undergraduate survey.

- VP Events and Student Affairs discussed returning from her Leave of Absence. She mentioned that there was currently ongoing work on Internal Club Matters that couldn't be discussed publicly. VPESA discussed a potential for a SUB soft opening plan as well as in-person event guidelines within the SUB itself and room booking guidelines within the SUB. She mentioned that in terms of hiring committees, she had met with the selected candidate for Women's Centre Assistant and will help onboard the Building Coordinator and Out on Campus Coordinator. She mentioned that she had met with the Indigenous Student Centre, as well as Student Engagement and Retention for a welcome-back event in September.

7.2 Governance Committee Report

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development "Corbett Gildersleve"

- VPIOD mentioned that the Governance Committee had held several meetings, voted in a Vice-Chair, and reviewed the previous years annual plan and discussed the current annual plan which will be brought to Council early September. He mentioned that the Committee had set a policy review schedule and committed to creating metrics for determining whether or not policies are effective or not. VPIOD mentioned that certain policies need to be updated and that there are missing policies that the Governance Committee is committed to adding.

7.3 Nomination Committee Report

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development "Corbett Gildersleve"

- VPIOD mentioned that the Nomination Committee had reviewed Student At-Large Representative applications and recommended applied to be approved and appointed by Council which was done in the Consent Agenda of multiple Council meetings. He explained that changes would likely be made to Committee composition in the Fall 2021 Semester.

7.4 Member Meeting Planning Committee Report

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development "Corbett Gildersleve"

- VPIOD discussed updates in planning the Annual General Meeting. He mentioned that the Member Meeting Planning Committee had reviewed the previous year's AGM and set up a timeline for planning the AGM. He explained that it would likely be held between October 24th, 2021, and October 29th, 2021. He explained that closer to the end of August, the Committee would reach out to SFU to inquire when the best time to hold the AGM would be to ensure that students were available to attend.

7.5 Report from External & Community Affairs Committee

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs" Matthew Provost"

- VP External and Community Affairs mentioned that Chloe Homenuke had been appointed as Vice-Chair. He explained that the committee had gone over expectations as well as determined as to what they wanted to work on over the year.

8. IN-CAMERA

8.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:07

**SUBMITTED BY: President “Gabe Liosis”
Gabe/Corbett**

Be it resolved to go in-camera for the remainder of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Collective Agreement Bargaining Update

**Warren Ho Kin joined the meeting at 6:00 PM.*

**Kashish Mehta left the meeting at 6:30 PM.*

**Stephanie Chung left the meeting at 6:30 PM.*

**Nancy Mah joined the meeting at 6:40 PM.*

9. EX-CAMERA

9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:08

Jess/Evan

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10-minute break taken at 6:45pm*

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 SFSS Health and Dental Plan Referendum Commitment- MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:09

**SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Corbett Gildersleve”
Corbett/Tiffany**

Whereas the SFSS has a Health and Dental Plan;

Whereas the costs with using the plan has increased over the last five years;

Whereas our fees collected from members has not changed since summer 2018;

Whereas the Council's ability to adjust the fees by +/- 5% will expire in Spring 2022;

Be it resolved that Council commit to submitting a referendum question to be voted on by our members to increase the Health and Dental Plan fee for the 2022/2023 policy year;

Be it further resolved that Council commit to submitting a referendum question to be voted on by our members to renew Council's ability to adjust the fees by +/-5% until Spring 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- VPIOD briefly discussed the purpose of the motion to allow the SFSS to meet student

demand for coverage while protecting the SFSS from excessive costs. He mentioned that currently the SFSS is responsible for covering deficit payments and had a surplus during the pandemic but will likely have a deficit. He explained that SFSS members currently get coverage from Pacific Blue Cross, but this can change every year. He mentioned that the fees paid by students include the premium for the plan and administrative fees.

- VPIOD mentioned that the adjustment of the fees by +/-5% is important to be prepared for the Spring referendum and needs to be revised. This would allow the fees to be consistent with inflation.
- StudentCare Representative mentioned that the cost of the plan has been increasing, but student have been paying equal. There need to be increases made to the fees of the plan to account for inflation.
- StudentCare Representative explained that there would need to be increases made to the plan to account for inflation and highlighted that the cost of the plan itself had been increasing but students had been paying the same amount.
- StudentCare Representative explained that a Fully Insured Model will protect the SFSS from tumultuous claims and reminded Council about the increase in vision claims due to a practitioner on campus that resulted in a deficit in 2018/2019 and mentioned that the surplus of 2019/2020 was due to limited access to health resources due to closures because of the pandemic. StudentCare Representative mentioned that it could be likely that there would be a deficit in 2020/2021 since students would be able to access more care compared to 2019/2020.

**Alan Saunderson joined the meeting at 7:00 PM.*

**Ilham Benttahir left the meeting at 7:30 PM.*

10.2 Common Room Space in the SUB- MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:10

SUBMITTED BY: Zaid Lari “SUS Councillor”

Zaid/Jeremy

Whereas the Science Undergraduate Society and the Society of Arts and Social Sciences are the two largest Faculty Student Unions in the SFSS,

Whereas the Science Undergraduate Society and the Society of Arts and Social Sciences do not have common room space, and there is no suitable spaces administered by the Dean’s Office of the respective Faculties,

Whereas if SUS or SASS were to request common room space administered by the various departments within their respective Faculties, it would reduce department space available for the Department’s Student Union,

Whereas the previous Council carried a motion at its December 9th 2020 meeting affirming the vital need for student spaces on campus, and subsequently launched a Space Campaign to lobby for common room spaces on campus,

Whereas the Student Union Building is set to open on the August 23rd, 2021 and become fully operational during the Fall semester,

Whereas the Student Union Building has suitable spaces on the 3rd floor which could potentially be used as student union common rooms,

Be it resolved that the SFSS allocate meeting rooms 3220 and 3230 for the Science Undergraduate Society and the Society of Arts and Social Sciences common room spaces in the Student Union Building,

Be it further resolved that Council strike an FSU Common Room working group composed of the Council representatives, Presidents, other relevant Executives from SUS and SASS, and the SUB Building Manager, and will be Chaired by the VP Internal & Organizational Development,

Be it further resolved that the purpose of the working group be to determine any associated costs, and draft separate Memorandums of Understanding between the SFSS and the respective FSU's

POSTPONED

- VP External and Community Affairs moved to Postpone to August 25th, 2021. Seconded by Jess Dela Cruz.

For: Damon Tarrant (Archeology), Aarthi Srinivasan (Behavioural Neuroscience), Nicolas Bonilla (Biology), Gwen Bui (Chemistry), Jihye (Jin) Choi (Education), Chloe Homenuke (Environmental Science), Amélia Simard (Film), Devynn Butterworth (GSWS), Jocelle Refol (Health Science), Justin Chen (Labour Studies), Micaela Bilot (Labour Studies), Ryley McWilliams (Mechatronics System Engineering), Tiffany Liu (Psychology), Linda Kanyamuna (SOCA), Nisha Manhas (WCC), Paul Ursu (SAAC), President, VP Internal and Organizational Development, VP Finance and Services, VP University and Academic Affairs, VP External and Community Affairs, Deanna Short (International Studies),

Against: Evan McFee (Bachelor of Environment), Ashran Bharosha (Communications), Shiva (Computing Science Alternate), Mahindhar Kumar (Economics), Sarah Raisuddin (Engineering Science), Liz Giardin (English), Jeremy Felix (IAT), Ben Tischler (Mathematics), Avneet Kaur (MBB), Ashutosh Dubal (Operations Research), Tony Yu (Philosophy), Graham Rich (Physics), Helen Pahou (Political Science), Zaid Lari (SUS), Akum Sidhu (SASS), Shashank Thanalapati (Software Systems), Mohammad Al-Sheboul (Sustainable Energy Engineering), Kayla Tso (World Literature Alternate), Warren Ho Kin (Data Science),

Abstain: Monikka Tayag (Geography)

- Motion to Postpone was Carried.
- SUS Councillor highlighted that in the 2020/21 Board Term, Council launched a space campaign that emphasized the needs of student unions which included the need for permanent Student Union space.
- President pass Chair to Vice-Chair GSWS Councillor as he stated that he wanted to actively participate in the discussion of this motion.
- SASS Councillor expressed that she would be voting in favour of the motion and recognized the pressure of not having space. She highlighted that Common Room space would alleviate SASS and SASU's stress in finding space for finding space for their meetings. This would prevent them from having to compete with thousands of students looking for bookable space on campus as well
- John Walsh mentioned that he had independently looked at the needs of the Student Unions that had approached him as well as the spaces in the building. He explained that the 1000 level of the SUB only contained 2 rooms with 2–3-person rehearsal booths. On the 2000 level, there meeting rooms 2420 and 2440 have a capacity for 20-22 people and contain a built-in video conferencing capacity. He explained that the other meeting room on the floor

is linked to the community kitchen through glass sliding doors and therefore would not be ideal for the space the student unions were seeking. The 3000 level has two 20-22-person meeting rooms and 3210, a team room with 10 rolling chairs, which would not be a functional space for a student union common room. The 4000 level has 15 smaller bookable rooms that would not be suitable for Common Room space but contains a Board Room that has a capacity of 30 people. The 5000 level has a ballroom and pre-function area. John Walsh also went over allocated spaces in the SUB.

- BESU Councillor explained that BESU had recently had their Common Room space taken away, and he empathizes with Student Unions not having Common Room space. He explained that space should be allocated to these groups, and that he believes that the Student Union Building should be the place to house these Student Unions.
- President spoke in support of having Common Room space for Student Unions on campus. He explained that he believed having Common Room space would create a more engaged campus, but that he had reservations about the motion. He explained that the motion did not previously have specific space tied with the motion and that the commitment was originally just to provide space. The two spaces identified in the motion by SASS and SUS are concerning as allocating them would take away existing services for students as those are the two largest rooms with bookable space available for multipurpose uses. He explained that the motion should be held off until students have had access to the SUB to determine a more appropriate allocation of space.
- SUS Councillor highlighted that the Student Space letter mentioned previously highlighted the need for and a commitment to student space. He explained that allocating space for SASS and SUS would take shift away competition by allowing SASS and SUS to book meeting in the space and DSUs under them to access the space as well.
- History Councillor said that it was important to organize DSUs and that this move would allow DSUs to draw students into the SUB. HSU Councillor asked President to elaborate to he had meant by commenting on how the ‘vibe’ of the SUB would be changed by giving Common Room space to SASS and SUS.
- President stated that his comment about the ‘vibe’ was not intended to be interpreted in a negative light but that allocating the two rooms would simply impact that access that other students have to the SUB. He mentioned that the Student Unions would likely reserve this space to serve their own members if it were to be made into Common Room space, other SFSS members would be left out. President highlighted the need to lobby SFU to provide Common Room space for their own departments.
- History Councillor explained that it would not decrease accessibility and that it would in fact increase accessibility would allow SUS and SASS to localize and increase the availability of booking of other rooms. This would also allow for greater collaboration between Student Unions.
- John Walsh asked Councillors to keep in mind that it will take around 6-7 months to understand what students need from the SUB and how it will be used by SFSS members. He mentioned that the knowledge of how SFSS members use the space would then have to be developed into guidelines and then developed into policies. He explained that DSUs would be able to have more rooms that they have access to that would not be available to the general student body. Of the 15 team rooms, 8 of them would be open to the general student body, with the other 7 being reserved for Clubs and Student Unions. He highlighted that not all bookable spaces, like the community kitchen, have been commissioned to be booked yet.
- VPESA explained that it would be possible for DSUs to book meetings at repeating times

through the Club Portal. She explained that she wanted more students to have access to space in the SUB, not just students who were in SASS and SUS. She re-emphasized that students have not been in the building yet, and there was no information on the needs of the student body in accessing the building. She highlighted that several months would be needed to re-adjust space allocations and advised Councillors against rushing into making decisions without seeing the needs of the general student body.

- SEESS Councillor stated that he respectfully disagreed with the notion that providing Common Room space for SUS and SASS would reduce accessibility for the general student body.
- Word Literature Councillor explained that the WLSU sometimes is forced to hold meetings in Library, taking away from students who would otherwise be using the space to study. A space that they could book to hold meetings like a SASS Common Room would prevent them from taking up valuable study space from students.
- President acknowledged the importance of having a reliable space to access for meetings for DSUs. He highlighted that Clubs and DSUs would be able to book rooms ahead of the semester for the semester on a reliable schedule.
- SUS Councillor explained that a reliable meeting space and time was only one aspect this motion raised as an issue. He explained that having a permanent physical space allows DSUs to have a consistent presence and have a central community space.
- SASS Councillor highlighted that SASS, which represented students in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, represents the most students and also represents undeclared students. A common room space for SASS would welcome students who are undeclared into a shared space.
- VP External and Community Affairs highlighted that this might not be the best permanent space for these student unions.
- SUS Alternate explained that the Common Room would bring more people into the SUB and allow them to engage with the SFSS. He explained that the lack of common room space for SUS has been a long-term problem, with many former SUS Presidents and alumni supporting the motion.
- Katya explained that space is a big issue and mentioned having to host meetings in Saywell Hall rooms and around campus as there is often no guarantee that a DSU will be able to host a meeting in the space they planned to host a meeting in.
- VPESA explained that certain DSUs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences have Common Rooms already and highlighted that they are also able to access rooms within Arts Central to book for meetings as well as a room on the 6000 level of the AQ.
- Nancy Mah mentioned that it was important to allow the 25k SFSS members to get ‘a feel’ for the building, only then can a review be done as to how the space should be used. She highlighted that there were few large capacity rooms in the SUB and removing any rooms would take away space from all DSUs and Clubs looking for space to host events on Campus. She highlighted the difficulties students, clubs, and DSUs face when trying to book space and mentioned that there have already been requests come in to use the SUB space even prior to opening.
- SEESS Councillor stated that he disagreed with a review of the usage of the SUB spaces prior to allocating the spaces to SASS and SUS as it would cause pressure and more complications. He highlighted that this issue should have been discussed earlier.
- SASS Councillor explained that it was unfair to open the space to students and then to restrict access to those space.

- GSWS Councillor mentioned that students in other faculties might feel uncomfortable in spaces since they might feel that they do not belong. Because of this, allocating space for SASS and SUS in the SUB might reduce the access other students have to the space. She highlighted that it might not be as equitable as it sounds to provide space for SUS and SASS in the SUB.
- SUS Councillor explained that other Faculties have space like Faculty of Applied Science, even though they lack representation, and Environment is currently looking to get alternate space. He explained that Health Sciences has space in Blusson Hall, and Education has their own wing. SUS Councillor highlighted that the Faculty of Science contained 15 DSUs. He suggested calling the question as the discussion had been exhausted.
- VPIOD expressed understanding in the importance of student space but highlighted the need to have space not just in the SUB. He explained that SFU is using the SUB as an excuse to evict students from student space and that FSUs and DSUs need to push SFU for useful space. He mentioned that there is a need to look at usage rate of rooms as there are plenty of spaces in West Mall and in other spaces that is not actively needed by SFU.
- SASS Councillor apologized for a lack of clarity a mentioned that there had been an intent to talk to as many DSUs as possible being brought to Council. She mentioned that the specific rooms were only added later after a conversation with John Walsh and this information would be given to DSUs.
- SUS Alternate highlighted that the rooms added in the motion were pointed out by John Walsh.
- John Walsh clarified that two rooms he suggested, 2420 and 2440, were the most similar to what was requested.
- VPX mentioned that although there might have been brief talks with DSUs, SASS and SUS should consider that the SUB has not been opened yet and the SFSS can't be sure as what this will look like and if this will be logistically possible with COVID restrictions. He asked that the creators of the motion work with the Executive Committee to look at spaces and do due diligence with Council.

**Justin Chen left the meeting at 8:41pm*

10.3 A Call for Contract Cheating Legislation-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:11
SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs "Serena Bains"
ATTACHMENTS: Draft Letter to Ministry Revised

Serena/Shashank

Whereas the B.C. Academic Integrity Network has drafted a letter to Tony Loughran, Executive Lead of Governance, Legislation and Corporate Planning, Division of Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training to urge a legal response to the growing problem of contract cheating in BC,

Whereas contract cheating is the outsourcing of student work to third parties,

Whereas these third parties often take advantage of vulnerable students and even threaten students,

Whereas legislation would help to put contract cheating operations out of business in B.C.,

Whereas other countries and states already have legislation regarding contract cheating,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council signs onto said drafted letter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- VPUAA mentioned that this is an increasing problem in British Columbia as there is no legislation to combat it. This industry is predatory to international students when predatory companies tie students into something that is illegal. Students might request tutoring and services, and these students go on to blackmail students. VPUAA raised the concern that many students unknowingly purchase these services.
- Abi Parmar mentioned that he had discussed this issue with the Undergraduate Chair of the Beedie School of Business. He explained that students can lose thousands of dollars to these contract cheating companies that extort or threaten to report the students. He voiced support for the motion.

10.4 Accessible Course Practices Campaign Letter -MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:12

SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs “Serena Bains”

ATTACHMENTS: Accessible Course Practices Campaign letter

Serena/Shashank

Whereas the accessible course practices working group was established at the July 28th 2021 Council meeting,

Whereas the accessible course practices working group has drafted a letter detailing the campaign and its demands,

Whereas the University and Academic Affairs Committee has provided feedback on the letter,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council approves and signs onto the drafted letter,

Be it further resolved that SFSS Councillors who vote in favour of this motion sign onto the letter as individuals and as representatives of their respective student group,

Be it further resolved that Councillors share the letter to their student group members and on social media

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Damon Tarrant (Archeology), Aarthi Srinivasan (Behavioural Neuroscience), Nicolas Bonilla (Biology), Gwen Bui (Chemistry), Warren Ho Kin (Data Science), Mahindhar Kumar (Economics), Jihye (Jin) Choi (Education), Sarah Raisuddin (Engineering Science), Liz Giardin (English), Chloe Homenuke (Environmental Science), Monikka Tayag (Geography), Devynn Butterworth (Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies), Jeremy Felizz (IAT), Avneet Kaur (MBB), Ashutosh Dubal (Operations Research), Graham Rich (Physics), Tiffany Liu (Psychology), Akum Sidhu (SASS), Shashank Thanalapaty (Software Systems), Kayla Tso (World Literature), Linda Kanyamuna (SOCA), Nisha Manhas (WCC), Paul Ursu (SAAC), President, VP Internal and Organizational Development, VP Finance and Services, VP university and Academic Affairs, VP External and Community Affairs, VP Events and Student Affairs,

Against: Ben Tischler (Mathematics)

Abstain: 0

- Software Systems Councillor mentioned that the goal of the letter was to have a standardized way of teaching which strived to make recorded lectures a norm. He mentioned that the increase in COVID-19 Delta variant cases as well as other variants was concerning and how the SFU Return-to-Campus plan lacked detail on how courses would be handled with the number of students returning on campus. Software Systems Councillor mentioned that many students work and have other restraints that might prevent them from accessing standardized in-person lectures. Additionally, with COVID-19, students might be sick and unable to attend in-person classes.
- Software Systems Councillor highlighted that the goal of the motion was to convince professors to provide technological support to support students in their education through the availability of asynchronous lectures.
- Motion was amended by Mathematics Councillor, seconded by Jeremy Felix and carried unanimously. The ‘*Be it resolved*’ clause was amended to replace “*Councillors*” and replace it with “*Councillors who vote in favour*”. Mathematics Councillor explained that he did not think it was right to force Councillors who voted against the motion to share the letter.
- Mechatronics System Engineering Councillor discussed meetings he had with Mechatronics faculty who had mentioned that plenty of professors will offer recorded lectures, mentioning that they understood that the return to in-person education can be difficult. He explained that he will be meeting further with the MSE department to discuss this in-depth, but that they had mentioned that each professor will be making students aware as to how they intend to deliver the course.
- VPUAA highlighted that the Working Group wants to support professors in providing accessible learning to students. They highlighted the form that would be sent to professors.
- Archeology Councillor mentioned that the Archeology Department Head was uncomfortable with sending it out to the Archeology department and raised concerns about confidentiality but will be gathering information from the department about how professors are planning to teach in the Fall.
- Mathematics Councillor asked for a source for a claim made in the first point of the letter to which Mechatronics System Engineering Councillor explained that the Return-To-Campus plan and Step-4 Plan are not explicit about what is to be done about courses. Mechatronics System Engineering Councillor referenced the professors who had voiced their opinion on the Return-To-Campus plan, disagreeing that it was safe, and also explained that the ‘3rd wave’ was a reference to increase of COVID-19 cases due to the increased presence of variants.
- President Called Motion to Question.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1 Delta Variant, Return to Campus

SUBMITTED BY: President “Gabe Liosis”

- Postponed.

11.2 Federal Election

- Postponed.

11.3 Annual General Meeting Planning

- Postponed.

12. 30 MINUTES Q&A

- No questions were asked.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

13.1 Space Oversight Committee Terms of Reference-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-05-19:12

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Corbett Gildersleve”

ATTACHMENT: Space Oversight Committee - Terms of Reference

Whereas the Student Union Building is scheduled to fully open in the fall term;

Whereas the SFSS has other spaces on Burnaby, Surrey, and Vancouver Campuses that need oversight;

Whereas the VP Internal and Organizational Development Corbett Gildersleve has drafted terms of reference for the Space Oversight Committee;

Be it resolved that Council approve the terms of reference for the Space Oversight Committee in SO-18;

Be it further resolved that Council rename SO-18 from Oversight Committee on Society Space to Space Oversight Committee;

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.1 [For SFSS Members] Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 25th, 2021, 4:30pm - 8:30pm (PST) via Zoom [Bi-weekly]

14.2 SUS Councillor, Zaid Lari, Leave of Absence, for the August 11th, 2021 Council Meeting (Alternate: SUS President “Shariq Ahsan”)

14.3 VP Equity & Sustainability, Leave of Absence, Personal Family Circumstances, August 9th to 23rd

15. ATTACHMENTS

15.1 Accessible Course Practices Campaign Letter

15.2 Collected Statements from Previous SUS Presidents

15.3 Draft Letter to Ministry Revised

15.4 Space Oversight Committee - Terms of Reference

16. ADJOURNMENT

16.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-11:13

Devynn/Shashank

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accessible Course Practices Campaign

The pandemic has forced all of us to adapt to a new normal and the transition from in-person learning to online learning has not been easy for students and professors alike. Though, over the past year lecture recordings have been a big help in accommodating international and domestic students alike through these unprecedented times. Lecture recordings have genuinely enhanced learning for so many students, making the merits of this practice apparent to all. We believe that traditional practices employed in lectures need to be modified to accommodate alternate methods of teaching as well. The Accessible Course Practices Campaign aims to make recording of lectures a standard practice not only in the coming term but all future terms, for the following reasons:

- Despite a comprehensive return-to-campus plan launched by SFU, a majority of the student body is anxious to go back to campus. Especially from the fear of being amidst the third wave of Covid-19 as well as its variants
- The student body at SFU is very diverse; some of us hold a full-time job, some of us are parents and some have various other commitments alongside our education. If lecture recordings were made available to these students, it would make them more likely to succeed in their classes
- If a student were to miss several classes due to illness or other extenuating circumstances, the lecture recordings could help them catch up without having to rely on their classmates for help.
- Providing lecture recordings would also relieve some of the burden that instructors face trying to accommodate a variety of students

In order for this change to take place, there are IT services and other technological resources available that will be sufficient to either record lecture audio or video. Professors can choose to offer audio or video recording based on their comfort level. We believe that any form of alternative would be immensely helpful in enhancing the accessibility of education at SFU.

The campaign also recognizes the importance of appreciating instructors who are in support and will be making lecture recordings available for their



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students. We are currently looking for ways to incentivize instructors for their labor and making sure to protect them from exploitation over their intellectual property.

As a community dedicated to promoting learning and accessibility for all, it is essential for us to commit to this change. It would be one of the steps in the right direction to make lecture recordings available. The Campaign hopes to see this practice standardized across all SFU faculties.

Collected Statements From Previous SUS Presidents

Below are statements from previous presidents of the Science Undergraduate Society in regards to the importance of common room space in the Student Union Building.

“The driving motivation behind SUS has always been to bring the undergraduate scientific community together, be that through social events, get-togethers, job fairs, or whatever social medium was available to us. My stint as SUS co-president was spent in large part either crafting ideas for new events with my team, or planning to put them together. Too often are the sciences segregated from one another, so much that a divide forms between us, at times even generating bitterness between disciplines. SUS is the perfect way to form these relationships and nurture them into something very powerful. A stark difficulty in this process is if the only time SUS can allot for science students to interact is during events. The frequency of events is very budget dependent. This is where a common room would come in.

A common room for SUS would act as the perfect middle ground for all science students to come and interact with their fellow colleagues, regardless of their science major. All science students could see their friends, without having to ask if they're allowed in a common room which they aren't a student of. Not only would the students gain a great spot to make and strengthen friendships, but the Executive team would have an actual area to hold meetings, as opposed to booking a library room each week hoping to find a spot. The common room could also act as a meeting spot for DSUs who wish to make their meetings more public than usual, and invite other students to attend, or DSUs without a common room of their own. In short, the main benefit the science community at SFU would gain from a SUS common room, is a common area for all science students to come and interact with one another, be that through studying or just hanging out. The result would be a more holistic science community, which has always been the Science Undergraduate society's goal.”

Manuel Rojas
SUS Co-President.2018-2019

“For many SFU Science students, SUS’s annual events like FROSH or the Winter Formal are their first introduction to student unions and all the resources and opportunities they provide. Creating a SUS Common Room in the SUB would support SUS in reaching more students, and increase the sense of community within the departments of the science faculty.

With departmental SUs tucked away in hallways through Shrum and TASC, having a central point of contact in the SUB would allow SUS to reach a greater number of students who don’t identify with any one department (think of first years, undeclared, and general science students).

Additionally, a common room would be the perfect place to display the history of SFU Science, the successes of student leaders, and the experiences shared by students over the years.”\

Natasha Birdi
SUS President 2019-2020

“If you ran a poll of SFU students regarding what their biggest issues were with the school, a large percent of them would probably say the lack of active campus life. One of the things SFU sorely lacks around campus is a sense of community; so many students only come to school for classes and leave. I firmly believe that a large contributing factor to these issues come from the lack of student social spaces on campus. Students need more than just an education to receive the full potential learning experience they can get from university. A sense of agency over their own space fosters this shared sense of community about the space. It is for these reasons we need to ensure that every student union has secured their own space for their membership. In particular, SUS, as a faculty student union which represents 3500+ students, is in need of space to perform its day-to-day activities, and to provide a place for the membership to socialize and create the important social connections students need from university.”

Nick Chubb
SUS President 2020-2021

To: Tony Loughran, Executive Lead of Governance, Legislation and Corporate Planning,
Division of Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training

Dear Mr. Loughran,

As administrators, instructors, and students in BC postsecondary institutions, we are writing to urge a legal response to the growing problem of contract cheating in BC. Defined broadly, contract cheating is the “outsourcing of student work to third parties” (Lancaster & Clarke, 2016). Research indicates that contract cheating in Canada is both on the rise and under-reported (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/news/cheating-may-be-under-reported-across-canadas-universities-and-colleges>). Over the past decade in BC, a profitable and competitive industry has developed which offers students a range of services from unauthorized access to test banks, to ghostwriting of papers, to impersonation during exams. The contract cheating operations masquerade as legitimate tutoring services, and advertise with impunity online and on campuses. The largest such operations in BC specifically target international students, preying upon those who are particularly anxious not only about succeeding in postsecondary education, but about doing so in an unfamiliar language. Once students have paid for seemingly legitimate tutoring assistance, contract cheating firms will then retain these customers through blackmail, threatening to report students to their schools for cheating if they do not continue to pay for ever more expensive and illegitimate services (<https://www.teqsa.gov.au/sites/default/files/contract-cheating-blackmail.pdf?v=1591659442>, <https://www.npr.org/2019/04/10/710985799/contract-cheating-colleges-crack-down-on-ghostwritten-essays>). Recent incidents in BC include the arrest of two people involved in attempting to impersonate a student during an exam and forging a university document. Using an assumed name, the founder of a nationwide contract cheating operation has recently contacted a dean at a BC university claiming to have information on a grade-changing scandal, and seeking access to the university’s on-line grading system to expose such activity—intending, of course, to engage in such activity himself.

Postsecondary institutions are doing what they can to combat this problem, but our interventions are largely piecemeal and ad hoc, and the actions allowed under the BC University Act or the BC College and Institute Act are not sufficient. A university or college president can suspend students, but has no apparent authority under either Act to take action against private companies that interfere with an institution’s mission. Any changes institutions make to policies are likely only to impact those students who are caught, while contract cheating operations can hide behind the legitimate services they appear to offer and blame rogue “tutors” for any illicit deeds. A 2017 study entitled “A Legal Approach to Contract Cheating?” concludes that “the most successful approach would be to focus largely on a law targeting the providers of contract cheating, in particular commercial services” (Draper and Newton, *International Journal for Educational Integrity* 13 [2017]).

A legal response, supported by the Ministry, would assert a degree of authority that postsecondary institutions do not have, would go a long way toward putting contract cheating operations out of business in BC, and would no doubt have broad appeal among BC students, faculty, and citizens. We offer as a model response New Zealand’s Education Act of 1989 (<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1989/0080/latest/DLM3988805.html>), which specifically addresses—and criminalizes—the advertising or providing of contract cheating

services. As a result of this legislation, contract cheating firms have moved their operations from New Zealand to other markets in other countries. Similar legislation exists in Australia (<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2020A00078>), Ireland (<https://www.qqi.ie/Articles/Pages/Academic-Integrity.aspx>), and in a number of states in the US (<https://guides.law.fsu.edu/termpapermills>). Without such laws, Canada remains a favorable market for contract cheating operations.

We believe that, while necessary, a legal response to contract cheating is but part of a multi-pronged response which includes educating students about academic expectations and, importantly, providing them with the educational support services they need to make the transition from secondary to postsecondary education. That is the important work that postsecondary institutions can do. Legislation would address the “supply” side of the problem, allowing postsecondary institutions to concentrate on addressing the “demand” side.

Contract cheating undermines learning, monetizes dishonesty and coercion, victimizes a vulnerable population, and erodes the relationship of trust that must exist among students and between students and their instructors. As stories of contract cheating continue to make the news, public trust of BC postsecondary institutions and their degree programs will also be eroded. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further in person, and to work with the Ministry on crafting an effective legislative response.

Sincerely,

BC-AIN
(members)

on behalf of:
(all signatories)

SO-18: Space Oversight Committee

Space Oversight Committee

The Space Oversight Committee is a standing committee of Council as per By-Law 4.

Preamble

One of the SFSS's purposes as listed in the constitution is "to acquire or hold any lands, buildings, facilities or other assets for the use or benefit of the Society or the undergraduate students of Simon Fraser University". The acquiring, holding, and maintaining of space requires planning, action, and oversight.

This committee is tasked with overseeing the acquisition, holding, and maintaining of space. This includes reviewing maintenance plans, overseeing renovations and small space improvements, as well as researching space expansion opportunities and campaigns.

Composition

[Ex-Officio] President

[Chairperson] Executive Officer

Council Members

- VP Finance and Services
- 3 Council Members

Student-At-Large Members

- 0-2 Student-at-Large Members

Support Staff [Non-voting]

- Building Manager
- Building Coordinators
- Admin Assistant
- Other staff as requested by the committee from time to time

Quorum

Quorum is a simple majority of seated voting members.

Terms of Reference

Oversee the planning, strategy, and implementation of space expansion in the SFSS

Oversee Council-approved improvement and/or maintenance projects in SFSS space

Purpose

The purpose of the committee is to oversee SFSS space. This involves

- Overseeing renovations, maintenance, and small improvement projects
- Researching future space opportunities
- Developing space campaigns
- Oversee the health and use of the Space Expansion Fund and relevant line items of the Build SFU Fund

Constraints

- The committee can approve renovation, small improvement, and maintenance projects under \$10,000, all else must be approved by Council

- A committee annual plan must be developed and approved by the committee and Council
- Semesterly reports must be submitted to Council with progress and updates on the annual plan
- Space expansion campaigns must be proposed to and approved by Council

Governance

The committee will strive for consensus. Where no consensus is reached, the committee will make decisions by simple majority vote.

The committee shall take into consideration and respect Indigenous forms of governance and recognize how often other forms of governance overrule Indigenous ways of knowing, especially on occupied stolen territories.

When the committee takes into account Indigenous forms of governance, the committee shall consider other aspects and ways of knowing in order to properly support this decision-making process.

This can include:

(a) Inviting Indigenous Elders of the Territories and asking for advice or support in the decision-making process.

(b) finding ways to include Indigenous forms of governance i.e. talking circles, transparency process and community engagement

Definitions

(List of words and their definitions that are relevant for the committee, see BIPOC and Equity and Sustainability Committee for examples)

- SUB = Student Union Building
- Space = a physical location that is owned and/or controlled by a company, person, or group.
- Subtenant = an organization that leases space controlled by the SFSS

Relevant Policies

The members of the committee should be familiar with the following:

- SFSS Council Policies

Relevant Documents

- SFSS Annual Budget
- Audited Financial Statements

Subcommittees

- The Space Oversight Committee has two dedicated joint-subcommittees
 - Building Committee - Joint SFSS-SFU, tasked with discussing issues with the SUB, process, and the SFU-SFSS SUB Lease with SFU

- Subtenant Committee - Joint SFSS-Subtenants, tasked with semesterly discussions with subtenants about issues related to space, process, and their leases