

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4.31PM

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), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íl̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wík^wəłəm (Kwikwetlem) and q̓ícəy̓ (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>
Global Asia Studies Student Union.....	Eunice Kwok
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 (FNFA).....	Keianna James
International Student Advocates.....	Fizza Parsayan
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 (<i>Chair</i>)	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
Board Organizer	Emmanuela Droko
Administrative Assistant	Efua Bhavnani
Communications Coordinator	Ilham Benttahir
Policy, Research & Community Affairs Coordinator	Beaty Omboga

3.3 Council Alternates

Psychology Student Union.....	Hilary Tsui
Chemistry.....	Michelle Tong

3.4 Regrets

Geography Student Union.....	Monikka Tayag
Chemistry	Gwen Bui
International Student Advocates	Fizza Parsayan

3.5 Absent

Cognitive Science	Joanna Cheong
Film Student Union	Amelia Simard
Sociology and Anthropology Student Union	Kayla Chow
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association	Stephanie Chung

3.6 Leave of Absence

VP Equity & Sustainability.....	Marie Haddad
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3.7 Guest

CSSS frosh week organizer.....	John Wu
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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 2021-08-25:01**

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- Council 2021-06-30

4.1.2.RATIFICATION OF REGRETS-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-25:02
SUBMITTED BY: Councillor from Gwen Bui the August 25th, 2021, Council Meeting
Be it resolved to retroactively ratify the regrets from Gwen Bui the August 25th, 2021, Council Meeting. (Due to overlapping with another important meeting) “Michelle Tong” Chemistry Student Society's President will be the alternate to cast votes on behalf of Gwen.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-25:03

Gabe/Sarah

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Amended to add new business item 7.3 space oversight committee terms of reference establishment
- Amended to add new business item 7.4 accessibility improvements for the SFSS underground
- Amended to add new business item 7.5 CSSS frost grant
- Amended to move business item 7.2 Student Union Building space allocation from new business to old business
- Amended to include leave of absence announcement of an executive member
- Amended to include leave of absence extension announcement of an executive member

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 SUS & SASS Common Room Spaces in the Student Union Building - Student Union Building Space Allocation-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-25:05

SUBMITTED BY: SUS Councillor “Zaid Lari”

ATTACHMENTS: FSU Common Room Space Campaign Letter to Council

Dave/Nicholas

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

CARRIED

In Favour: Evan McFee (Bachelor of Environment), Aarthi Srinivasan (Behavioral Neuroscience), Nicolas Bonilla (Biology), Kashish Mehta (Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology), Gwen Bui (Chemistry), Ashran Bharosha (Communications), Joanna Cheong (Computing science), Warren Ho Kin (Data science), Jin Choi (Education), Sarah Raisuddin (Engineering science), Liz Giardin (English), Chloe Homenuke (Environmental science), Kylee Pocrnich (French), Eunice Kwok (Global Asia studies), Alan Saunderson (History), Estephania Henriquez (Indigenous studies), Jeremy Felix (Interactive Arts and Technology), Ben Tischler (Mathematics), Ashutosh Dubal (Operations Research), Avneet Kaur (Molecular Biology & Biochemistry), Philosophy (Tony Yu), Graham Rich (Physics), Helen Pahou (Political Science), Zaid Lari (Science Undergraduate Society), Kayla Chow (Society of Arts and Social Sciences), Shashank Thanalapati (Software Systems), Mohammad Al-Sheboul (Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society), Sara Aristizabal Castaneda (World Literature), Nisha Manhas (Women's Center), Paul Ursu (Student Athlete Advisory Committee), Micaela Bilot (Linguistics)

Against: Damon Tarrant (Archaeology), Devynn Butterworth (GSWS), Jocelle Refol (Health Science), Deanna Short (International Studies Student Association), Justin Chen (Labour studies), Linda Kanyamuna (SOCA), Gabe Liosis (President), Corbett Gildersleve (VP Internal and Organizational Development), Almas Phangura (VP Finance and Services), Serena Bains (VP University and Academic Affairs), Jess Dela Cruz (VP Events and Student Affairs)

Abstain: Ryley McWilliams (Mechatronics System Engineering), Tiffany Liu (Psychology)

7. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 Executive Committee

SUBMITTED BY: President "Gabe Liosis"

Executive Committee

- Motion was passed for hiring committee appointments. The committees are:
 - Member Services Administrative Assistants
 - Member Services Coordinator-Surrey
 - Digital Media Content Creator
 - Building Assistant Hiring Committee
- Motion was passed for video adapter spending for AV usage for student building
- Discussion items were
 - how in-person meetings would look like for council, committees and executives
 - SFSS Led SUB tours
 - The emergency Response Plans
 - COVID-19 Safety

President "Gabe Liosis"

- Planning the opening of the Student Union Building

- There was orientation for new staff members;
 - building coordinator, out on campus assistant, administrative coordinator, administrative assistant, and women's center assistant
- Continue to engage in collective bargaining
- Continue to have weekly check-ins with Ayesha and Ella
- There was a committee chair training session
- There was an executive committee meeting
- There was the onboarding session for associate vice president external and community affairs
- Had Joint Operations Group meeting for the fall return on campus
- Attended staff meeting
- Shared a town hall on the SUB soft opening with the sub tenants
- There were various media interviews
- Answering a lot of emails

VP Internal and Organizational Development “Corbett Gildersleve”

- Meeting with FNSA to talk about outfitting their space
- Orientation for the new administrative assistant and women's center assistant
- Meeting about the SUB soft opening
- Attending the executive committee meeting
- Working on inviting past SFSS presidents to the SUB opening
- Meeting with coordinators about the grant escalation process for large grants
- Met with the auditors to review the 2020-2021 draft audit
- Attended the council development session
- Provided several SUB tours (students, alumni, SUB opening attendees, the peak, councillors)
- Hiring committee work (MSAA and Admin Coordinator)
- Meeting Red bull about the gaming lounge

VP Finance and Services “Almas Phangura”

- Chairing meetings on various committees
- Had various meetings on the SUB soft opening
- Finalized candidates, sent out interview invitations, went over written component of the interview and formal questions for the bullying and harassment hiring committee
- Working on the digital media hiring assistant committee (posting is now live)
- Working on the building assistant hiring committee (posting will close this week, meeting with Ayesha next week to discuss related items)
- Work reports for the second half of the month of July
- Had Joint Operations group meeting (Updates from SFU, enrollment numbers, GSS and SFSS updates)
- Meeting with external auditors-Pamela Felix and Gary Wonzy

- External committee development sessions
- Working on stipends, emails, cheque requisitions and other administrative tasks

VP University and Academic Affairs “Serena Bains”

- SUB Soft Opening outreach
- Having committee chair training session
- Had Joint Operations group meeting -return to campus updates
- SFU350 Climate emergency declaration
- AVP UAAs-done with their work
- Leave of absence from August 30,2021 to September 12,2021

VP Events and Students Affairs “Jess Dela Cruz”

- SUB Soft Opening
 - invitations,
 - set-up/take down,
 - tours,
 - mingling and running around,
 - communicating back/forth,
 - staff and executive management,
 - logistics,
 - daily events ranging from 1-2 events per day, Monday-Friday
- Hiring committees: digital media assistant
- MSAC/ESAC meetings
- Introductory meeting with ISC and FNSA
- Fall service announcements
- SUB Soft Opening Update
 - Operating hours: Wednesday to Friday from 9am to 10pm
 - Staff who volunteer their time go to their offices on selected days
 - SUB Soft opening events throughout the week

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Science MoU-MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-25:04

SUBMITTED BY: President “Gabe Liosis”

ATTACHMENTS: Faculty of Science Common Room MoU

Zaid/Jeremy

Be it resolved that Council receive and file the Memorandum of Understanding between the Simon Fraser Student Society and the Faculty of Science as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The president highlighted the importance of this agreement since the agreement is the first of its kind.
- The president further explained that this agreement can be used as a template to get common room spaces across the entire university

8.2 Oversight Committee on Executive Officers Terms of Reference Establishment
SUBMITTED BY: VP internal and organizational Development “Corbett Gildersleve”
ATTACHEMENTS: STANDING ORDER 18 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON SOCIETY SPACES

Corbett/Warren

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;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Accessibility Improvement Project
SUBMITTED BY: VP internal and organizational Development “Corbett Gildersleve”
ATTACHMENT: ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Corbett/Jeremy

Whereas the SFSS leases space in MBC called the SFSS Undergrounds and surrounding leased spaces like stairwells and hallways;

Whereas the space is underutilized due to many accessibility issues;

Whereas there is much potential to use this space for events and room bookings if it were renovated to be more accessible;

Be it resolved that Council directs the Oversight Committee on Society Spaces to work with the Executive Committee and the necessary staff to determine options for a project related to improving accessibility of the SFSS Undergrounds and dividing into various rooms to increase the amount of bookable space the SFSS could provide;

Be it further resolved that the recommendations include accessibility improvements necessary for traffic to and from the different areas to exit the Undergrounds, research costs, and project plans associated with the proposals;

Be it further resolved that the Oversight Committee on Society Spaces report back to Council by October 30, 2021 with updates on the research and proposals planning;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Amended to change name of Oversight Committee on Society Space to Space Oversight Committee.
- Amended to task Space Oversight Committee to look at proposals to improve the usability of forum chambers and make it accessible for members.

7.5 Computing Science Society frost grant

SUBMITTED BY: VP internal and organizational Development “Corbett Gildersleve”

ATTACHMENT: TENTATIVE BUDGET-FALL AND SPRING FROSH

Ryan/Warren

Whereas the Simon Fraser University Computing Science Society (CSS) plans to hold the Frosh Week event from September 8th to September 11th to welcome new Computing Science students to Simon Fraser University;

Whereas the CSSS has successfully hosted Frosh Week for the past 10 years

Whereas the CSSS requires additional monetary support to avoid excess financial strain

Be it resolved that Council approves a grant of \$3765 towards the reimbursement of CSSS expenses towards Frosh Week

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The organizer for the CSSS Frosh Week explained to council that CSSS Frosh Week is an important event which helps first year computing science students engage with other students on campus.
- The organizer for the CSSS frosh Week informed council that all Covid 19 protocols will be observed.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 SUB Opening Update

SUBMITTED BY: VP Events & Student Affairs “Jess Dela Cruz”

- A whole week of events for the SUB opening. The opening ceremony was held on Monday.
- On Monday, August 23 there was a stakeholder appreciation welcome from 10.00am to 12.00pm.
- On Tuesday, August 24 there was alumni tours from 8.30 am to 10.00am for selected staff, selected executives and registered alumni.
- VP internal and organizational development “Corbett Gildersleve” and VP external and community affairs “Matthew Provost” giving speeches daily.
- On Wednesday, August 25 was SFU-Bring-Your-Own-lunch (BYOL) at the dining hall from 10.00 am-1.00pm for selected staff, selected executives, SFU chair. There was a DJ playing music and more tours were done.
- Thursday, August 26 there would be constituency groups welcome from
- 8.30am to 10.00 am
- In person events has been extended. In person events or room bookings will not be allowed to happen within the sub until further notice due to Covid 19, delta variant and the fourth wave.
- Common spaces are available for use.

9.2 Delta Variant, Return to Campus

SUBMITTED BY: President “Gabe Liosis”

- Moving forward cautiously in the face of the rise of covid 19 cases (delta variant) to keep staff and students safe.
- There would be more discussions on public health orders in the next meeting.
- Public health orders are asking people to provide proof of vaccination when attending “discretionary events” which are events that are non-essential to everyday life.
- All events held either at the SFSS level or student union level are considered discretionary events therefore BC vaccine passport implicate us.
- Another component of the health order was the mandate given universities to request faculty and staff to vaccinate
- There would be a meeting tomorrow amongst VP internal and organizational Development, the president, and member service coordinators to figure out how the new public policy is going to work in practice.
- There would also be a meeting with staff from SFU on Friday to figure out how they are going to implement and execute the BC vaccine card system.

**Extended meeting to 9.30pm*

9.3 Federal Election

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Matthew Provost”

- Federal election is happening, and it is a snap election which means a much shorter campaign than what a typical election would be.
- The election day is set for September 20,2021 but there would be advanced polling.
- VP external and Community Affairs has been working to generate communication materials to put out to members on how to vote, particularly mail-in voting.
- As a nonprofit, SFSS had to register with elections Canada to enable us share information about the election. That is essentially certifying that we are sharing information in a nonpartisan way.
- The voting demographic of 18 to 25years is the largest voting bloc in this federal election.
- Elections Canada will not provide polling stations on university campuses which is an additional barrier to students accessing the election and being able to vote.
- There is a possibility of organizing a debate amongst the candidates.

9.4 Annual General Meeting Plan

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

- Still sorting the actual date for the annual general meeting but it is expected to be within the last week of October to give enough time to prepare for campaigns and encourage students to attend.
- Virtual annual general meeting will be recommended.
- Opinion-based motions or policy motions at the annual general meeting is highly recommended. The membership has the same power as council therefore important decisions could be made at the meeting.
- There would be an initial discussion on the agenda for the annual general meeting.

- A final decision would be made within the next month i.e. end of September, where the agenda will be officially approved for the annual general meeting,

10. 30 MINUTES Q&A

- No questions

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Leave of absence extension of executive member VP Equity & Sustainability, “Marie Haddad”
- Leave of absence VP University and Academic affairs, “Serena Bains” from August 30,2021 to September 30,2021
- The next executive committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 31,2021 from 10am to 12pm. There is a possibility this might be the last time the meeting will be held from 10am to 12pm unless it is suitable for the entire executive committee. If the meeting time for executive committee changes this will get reported back to council.
- Council meeting will remain on zoom.

12. ATTACHMENTS

12.1 FSU Common Room Space Campaign Letter to Council

12.2 Faculty of Science Common Room MoU

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2021-08-25:06

Ben/Warren

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8.43PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



FSU Common Room Space Campaign

Background

The Science Undergraduate Society and The Society of Arts and Social Sciences are among the three largest faculties at Simon Fraser University and are the two largest Faculty Student Unions within the Simon Fraser Student Society. Combined, our two societies represent thousands of SFU students and work diligently to foster an engaging and inclusive environment.

On December 9th, 2020, the 2020-2021 SFSS Council, and subsequently the Board of Directors, voted to support the Council Space Campaign. The need for this campaign arose when the Environmental Science Student Union (EVSCSU) and the Bachelor of Environment Student Union (BESU) were evicted, without notice, from their shared common room. In passing this motion, the SFSS Council and the BoD recognized the importance of common spaces for students, “as they exist as a means for students and DSUs to create a community on campus”.

As part of the Council Space Campaign, student unions are encouraged to communicate with their departments the need for common room spaces on campus and enter into agreements safeguarding any current spaces administered by student unions. As Faculty Student Unions, our primary contact when finding space in the Faculty is our respective Faculty Dean's Office. Within the Faculty, the Dean's Office administers a small number of offices for staff, which are unsuitable for common room use. As we know, many DSU's struggle to acquire their own meeting space. We cannot request space from any department within the Faculty, as this may infringe upon potential DSU common room space, which leaves us in a unique situation.

Current Issues Facing Student Unions

As it stands, there is a lack of space available for most DSUs at SFU, leaving student groups without a place to hold meetings, host events, or even to just gather. In the past, DSUs have had to improvise to find spaces for themselves, which makes it incredibly difficult to garner a sense of community within each department. For example, the World Languages and Literatures Student Union has had to book library room spaces for their meetings, meaning that they were unable to establish a set meeting time throughout the semester. Additionally, this makes meeting attendance for the general WLL student body nearly impossible. Another such example is the Criminology Student Association, who although having a designated storage space in a Criminology classroom, has had to hold meetings in the hallways of Saywell Hall due to the inability to access the room during designated meeting times. While able to adapt to run operations as 'normal', this style makes connecting with students, and creating welcoming atmospheres as student union executives quite difficult.

With a return to campus this fall, many faculty and departmental student unions are worried they will face the same challenges finding spaces (to host meetings, events, etc.) as they did before the pandemic. Additionally, without consistent space, it is difficult to store items on campus. As FSU's, we host larger-scale events such as faculty-wide Frosh events, Formals, and other events which often require space for storing equipment and other items. Such events take months to plan, which require consistent use of space for multiple committees (logistics, finance, etc.), and having permanent common room space would allow for easier gathering and planning of such events. While planning for FASS Formal, many meetings of the logistics committee were held under the IMAGES theatre due to the inability to find meeting spaces.

Another issue that student unions face is the lack of engagement with their community and the membership that they represent. This issue has only worsened throughout the pandemic since online education has made it more difficult for unions to maintain a sense of community within their programs. Having designated spaces when we return to campus is one way to regain that connection. Most FSUs and DSUs had stated that they've seen a significant decline in event attendance now that they've had to adapt to hosting online events, and it is harder to build connections with the attendees. Especially with two groups of incoming students (first and second years) who have had minimal experience and socialization on campus, having space for students to interact with peers in their faculty allows them to do so.

Benefits of Common Room Space

Having common rooms for both faculty student unions has the opportunity to offer significant benefits to the student populations represented by SUS and SASS. As mentioned above, the return to campus in the fall is quickly approaching and both students who have never been to the university campus, as well as those returning to SFU, will need a space to not only spend their time between classes but also meet other individuals within the same departments and faculty as them. SFU is labelled as a "commuter school", meaning that a high proportion of students commute to school rather than living on campus, there is less opportunity for students to have interactions with their peers, especially those that would not necessarily be in the same classes as them. Having a common hub for students allows for a space to host these interdepartmental interactions that are not likely to take place in open places like the library or the few DSU common rooms that currently exist.

As faculty student unions, one of the unique characteristics that some members of our student body possess is that they may be undeclared. Therefore, they do not have membership within a DSU for them to build connections with peers. Having common spaces for FSUs will allow them to find community members and build relationships, thus promoting a more inclusive environment at SFU. This will also allow for connection between students from different departments and in different majors, allowing students to explore programs within the faculty that they might not have considered.

The chance to have students convene in a central location offers an opportunity for student unions to interact and engage more with their constituents.. Increased engagement can be achieved by students being in the common room and meeting executive members

from both department or faculty unions, seeing posters/advertisements for upcoming events/meetings or even attending events/meetings held in the common room.

Considering the impact the pandemic has had on students both mentally and emotionally, the importance of common room spaces on campus is paramount. Therefore, the Science Undergraduate Society and the Society of Arts and Social Sciences would like the SFSS Council to consider the attached motion. We hope that Council recognizes the need for common room space for Faculty Student Unions, and commits to providing space in the Student Union Building for both SUS and SASS.

Signed,

The Science Undergraduate Society

The Society of Arts and Social Science

Recommended Motion

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 space on the 2nd or 4th floor which could potentially be used as student union common rooms,

Be it resolved that the SFSS commit to providing separate, adequately sized, and accessible common room spaces for the Science Undergraduate Society and the Society of Arts and Social Sciences, in the Student Union Building,

Be it further resolved that the SFSS finalize the allocation of common room spaces for SUS and SASS in the Student Union Building by the first week of the Fall 2021 semester,

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

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

Department Student Union Signatures

The following Student Union Presidents, on behalf of their respective DSUs, have signed onto this letter in support of our campaign.

Kevin He	Operations Research Student Union
Aisosa Efemwonkieke	Mathematics Student Union
Kayla Tso	World Languages and Literatures Student Union
Mitchell Gale	Computing Science Student Society
Khizr Ali Pardhan	Cognitive Science Student Society
Slmran Prashar	Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Student Association
Sara Wong	Humanities Student Union
Katie Pinter	French Student Union
Patrick Weston	Economics Student Society
Alan Saunderson	History Student Union
Michelle Tong	Chemistry Student Union
Madeleine Fyffe	Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society
Judit Nagy	Political Science Student Society
Brianna Malott	Psychology Student Union
Hannah Rodenbush	English Student Union
Regina Baeza Martinez	Sociology and Anthropology Student Union
Alea Mohamed	International Studies Student Association
Nim Basra	Gender, Sexuality, and Women Student Student Union
Taranjot Kaur	Molecular Biology & Biochemistry Student Union
Zachary Podrebersek	Physics Student Association
Tony Yu	Philosophy Student Association

**Memorandum of Understanding:
Simon Fraser Student Society
and
the Faculty of Science**

1) Purpose

- a) This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) clarifies the intent between the Faculty of Science's Dean's Office and the SFSS to ensure that student unions have adequate and accessible space provided for their needs as and where feasible.

2) Authors

- a) Ruth Appanah, Director of Facilities and Technical Operations, Faculty of Science;
- b) Thomas Leischner, Student Engagement Coordinator, Faculty of Science;
- c) SFSS Faculty of Science Representative; and
- d) Departmental designate, to be determined and dependent on area

3) Definitions

- a) "SUS" means the Science Undergraduate Society in the Faculty of Science at Simon Fraser University.
- b) "SFSS" means the Simon Fraser Student Society at Simon Fraser University.
- c) "Faculty of Science" means the Faculty of Science at Simon Fraser University
- d) "Student Unions" means unions that represent undergraduate students within the University Departments and Faculties.
- e) "Departments" means the departments in the Faculty of Science at Simon Fraser University.
- f) "Due process and consultation" means conducting consultation and processes with reciprocal relations, transparency, accountability, respect, and advance notice.
- g) "Departmental Designate" means the person within a given Department responsible for the allocation of space. Generally, this will be the Chair or their designate.

4) Roles

- a) Departmental designates (Chair or Manager) will serve as the acting representative from the relevant Department as a first point of contact with the student union group.
- b) Director of Facilities and Technical Operations serves as the acting designate for the Dean of Science for all matters pertaining to space allocation and use.
- c) Student Engagement Coordinator serves as liaison between the Dean's Office, Department and the SFSS and SUS.
- d) SFSS President and Executives with signing authority shall serve as the signing authority for the SFSS and negotiations for amendments.
- e) SUS President serves as the liaison between SFSS and the Faculty of Science.

5) Statement of Understanding

The Faculty of Science recognizes the value of students having student unions to represent and advocate for their needs of the students. Furthermore, the Faculty of Science also recognizes the value to students in having allocated space to carry out their activities, build a community for themselves and to have reasonable autonomy over the use of these spaces.

The SFSS understands that space is ultimately controlled by the Associate Vice-President, Academic who has the ability to remove or add space in a Faculty at any point in time. SFSS understands that the Dean's office allocates space to departments to undertake their operations. Departments decide how to prioritize their space allocation for research, teaching, administration and student activities and are the first point of contact for any issues relative to student union group space or needs.

6) Background

For many years most student unions at SFU have been given space by the departments whose students they represent. Departments are the primary point of contact for allocation of such space to student unions groups. This arrangement has always been based on a type of verbal/handshake agreement, with the understanding that departments recognized the important role student unions play in the student experience, and ultimately in student retention. Recently, in another Faculty, a similar verbal agreement was broken and so a SFU-wide campaign was started to transition to written agreements regarding common room space. This MoU seeks to establish a formal process for the consideration and allocation of space and the negotiation of changes in space.

7) Purpose

This MoU seeks to establish a formal process for the consideration and allocation of space and the negotiation of changes in space:

The above goals will be accomplished by:

- a. Student unions groups will work with the Departments and Faculty of Science to provide adequate and accessible space is provided for use in meeting and securely storing supplies.
- b. Departments or Faculty of Science will ensure that space arrangements are not altered without due process and consultation with the student unions.
- c. If the Faculty of Science becomes aware of any proposed changes that will affect the student union spaces, or the Department/student union group cannot come to an agreement, the Dean's Office will collaboratively work with student unions and the Departments to reach a new space arrangement before the changes occur.

8) Consultation Process

- a) Departments or Faculty of Science shall notify the student unions of proposed changes in a timely manner of changes that will affect student unions' spaces.
- b) Meetings shall be set up between the respective student union, the SFSS, Department (and the Faculty of Science, if necessary, as per 7c) to discuss the proposed changes,

timeline, and reasons for those changes, as well as collaboratively working towards a solution.

- c) In the event of a proposed change that would result in temporary or permanent loss of student union space, alternative arrangements should be proposed by the Department or Faculty of Science.

9) Amendment Process

- a) **Should any signing parties wish to amend this agreement;**
 - i) **Said party shall submit notification via email of the proposed amendments**
 - ii) **Meetings shall be set up including all the signing parties to deliberate on the proposed changes**
 - iii) **Once an agreeable conclusion is reached, notice of amendment shall be made in the appendix of this agreement.**

10) Contact Information

- a) Faculty of Science:
 - i) Director of Facilities and Technical Operations: scdirops@sfu.ca
 - ii) Student Engagement Coordinator: sci_engagement@sfu.ca
- b) SFSS:
 - i) SFSS President: president@sfss.ca
 - ii) SUS President: sfusus@sfu.ca

Dated this 17th day of August, 2021

Signed for SFSS:



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Signed for SFU Faculty Science:



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