

SO-13: Outreach Committee

Relevant By-Laws

- By-Law 6(16)(c), By-Law 6(16)(d)

Outreach Committee

13.1 The Outreach Committee is a standing committee of Council as per By-Law 4.

Preamble

13.2 SFU has frequently struggled with student engagement, and has become known as a “Commuter School”. Due to this, the SFSS also struggles to engage and inform the student body. This committee seeks to try and improve SFSS member outreach.

Purpose

13.3 The purpose of this Committee shall be to ensure students are knowledgeable about business before the SFSS’s Governing Bodies.

13.4 Provide an opportunity/space for the general membership to have a voice.

13.5 Act as a resource for students to learn more about the society.

Composition

[Chairperson] 2 members of the committee as Co-Chairs, elected by the committee.

[Vice Chair] 1 member of the committee, elected by the committee.

Council Members

- Up to 7 Non Executive Councillors
- 1 Executive Officer
- 1 Councillor who represents a Constituency Group
- 1 Councillor who represents an Affiliated Student Group

Student-At-Large Members

- Up to 5 Student At-Large Members

Selection

13.6 The selection of Student At-Large members for this Committee will be prioritized to first year students. A “first year student” shall be defined as a member of the society who has been enrolled in less than 3 terms at Simon Fraser University.

Quorum

13.7 Quorum shall be a Simple Majority of voting members in meetings that take place during the Spring or Fall semester(s)

13.8 Quorum shall be 40% of voting members in meetings that take place during the Summer semester.

Terms of Reference

13.9 Make recommendations on SFSS policies, resources, and proposals, regarding issues relating to student outreach

13.10 Organize outreach initiatives that seek to increase SFSS member engagement.

13.11 Ensure that the members of the Simon Fraser Student Society are informed of business that is being brought to council in a way that is accessible to members.

13.12 The Committee shall establish working groups wherever possible and may strike sub-committees, when necessary, to be used sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the committee.

Governance

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

13.14 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.

13.15 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.

Relevant Policies

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

- (a) SFSS Council Policies
- (b) SFSS Communications Policies
- (c) SFSS Issues Policies