1. CALL TO ORDER
Call to Order – 4:38 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT
We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x̱w̱məθk̓ʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skw̓wx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Seíálíwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem) and q̓ic̓əy̓ (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................................................................. Vacant
Archeology.................................................................................. Damon Tarrant
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies ................................. Vacant
Asia Canada Studies............................................................... Vacant
Bachelor of Environment ..................................................... Tiana Andjelic
Behavioral Neuroscience ..................................................... Aarthi Srinivasan
Biology ................................................................................. Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology ................................. Simran Bajwa
Business................................................................................. Vacant
Chemistry............................................................................... Vacant
Cognitive Science ................................................................. Aaron Fung
Communications ................................................................. Alan Ropke
Computing Science ............................................................. Shariq Ahsan
Criminology.......................................................................... Ava Wood
Online Via Zoom
Council
Simon Fraser Student Society
Wednesday, May 25th, 2022

Dance................................................................................................. Vacant
Data Science Student Union......................................................... Vadym Shakhraichuk
Earth Science ................................................................................ Eden Lien
Economics ....................................................................................... Rafid Rahman
Education ......................................................................................... Vacant
Engineering Science ................................................................. Liam Feng
English Councillor .......................................................................... Gabe Liosis
Environmental Science ............................................................... Chloe Homenuke
Faculty of Applied Science ......................................................... Vacant
Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology...................... Rastko Koprivica
Faculty of Environment Event .................................................... Vacant
Film Student Union ....................................................................... Rio Huenemann
Fine and Performing Arts ........................................................... Vacant
French ............................................................................................... Ethan Dungey
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies .................................. Simran Basra
Geography ...................................................................................... Natasha Kearns
Gerontology Student Union ....................................................... Vacant
Global Asia Studies Student Union ............................................. Vacant
Health Science ............................................................................... Priyanka Dhesa
History ........................................................................................... Matthew Reed
Humanities ....................................................................................... Vacant
Indigenous Studies Student Union ........................................... Anita Shen
Interactive Arts and Technology ............................................... Jung-yeon Lee
International Studies Student Association ............................... Sude Guvendik
Labour Studies .............................................................................. Vacant
Latin American Studies .............................................................. Vacant
Linguistics ....................................................................................... Alev Maleki
Mathematics .................................................................................. Ben Tischler
Mechatronics System Engineering ........................................... Ryley McWilliams
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry ............................................ Vacant
Music Student Union .................................................. Vacant
Operations Research .................................................. Vacant
Performing Arts .......................................................... Vacant
Philosophy ................................................................. Ashley Flett
Physics ................................................................. Daniel Alder
Political Science ............................................................. Brydan Denis
Psychology ................................................................. Mark Giles
Public Policy ................................................................. Vacant
Science Undergraduate Society .................................. Ayooluwa Adigun
Semester in Dialogue ..................................................... Vacant
Society of Arts and Social Sciences ............................... Hilary Tsui
Sociology and Anthropology .......................................... Arthur Lee
Software Systems ......................................................... Gurmehar Singh
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA) ......................... David Taeil
Sustainable Community Development ................................ Vacant
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society .......... Mohammad Al-Sheboul
Theatre Student Union ..................................................... Vacant
Visual Arts .................................................................. Vacant
World Languages and Literature ................................. Raghava Payment

**Constituency Group Representatives**

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance ........................ Vivian Ly
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association .............. Vacant
International Student Advocates ..................................... Vacant
Out on Campus Collective ............................................. Vacant
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry ....................... Linda Chobang
Women Centre Collective ............................................... Nim Basra

**Affiliated Student Groups**

Residence Hall’s Association (RHA) ................................. Vacant
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) ......................... Vacant

**SFSS Executive Committee**
President (Chair) ........................................................................ Helen Sofia Pahou
VP Internal and Organizational Development ......................... Judit Nagy
VP Finance and Services ................................................................. Abhishek Parmar
VP University and Academic Affairs ................................ Nicole Kirigin
VP External and Community Affairs ........................................ Eshana Baran
VP Equity and Sustainability ......................................................... Rea Chatterjee
VP Events and Student Affairs ..................................................... Vaibhav Arora

3.2 **Society Staff**
Operations Organizer ................................................................. Ayesha Khan
Board Organizer ........................................................................... Emmanuela Droko
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator ............. Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant ............................................................... Simar Thukral
Building Manager ......................................................................... John Walsh

3.3 **Regrets**
Environmental Science Student Society .............................. Chloe Homenuke
Political Science Student Union ................................................. Brydan Denis

3.4 **Guests**
Guest .......................................................................................... Chantelle
Guest .......................................................................................... Ciara

3.5 **Absents**
Archeology ................................................................................. Damon Tarrant
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology ....................................... Simran Bajwa
Economics Student Society ......................................................... Rafid Rahman
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 2022-05-25:01
Be it resolved to receive and file the following Council minutes:
  • Council 2022-05-11

4.1.2. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS-MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25:02
SUBMITTED BY: President “Helen Sofia Pahou”
Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from Environmental Science Student Union Councillor “Chloe Homenuke” and Political Science Student Union Councillor “Brydan Denis” for the May 5th Council Meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25:03
Ethan / Ben
Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.
CARRIED AS AMENDED
  • VP Internal and Organizational Development moved to include 4.1.2.
  • Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance moved to add item 6.4.
  • President moved to strike motion 8.8 to review the motion and come back with it during our next council meeting with a more narrow scope.
• Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance moved to include new business item 8.8.

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Orientation in Review

PRESENTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy”

ATTACHMENTS:

• VP Internal presented and provided everyone with a brief overview about the Council Orientation that happened earlier this month.
• There were five days of the orientation, during day one they covered decolonization 101 and legal responsibilities.
• It was the very first hybrid model orientation under the new governance model and it ended up with good in-person turnout.
• Day 2 consisted of employer responsibilities and JEDI principals.
• Day 3 consisted of Governance 101 and Robert’s Rules of Order.
• Day 4 consisted of student care presentation which had lot of engagement, they had a professor present on survey outreach, and then they had highway of tears screening.
• The last day they went over BN and staff support, advocacy & campaigning, and bonding time.
• They expressed that some of the reoccurring concerns throughout the orientation were the lagging Wi-Fi, last-minute rescheduling including guest speaker cancelling at the last moment, and engagement for online attendees.

6.2 No Cops on Campus Presentation and Q&A Period

PRESENTED BY: Director of Engagement at SFPIRG “Chantelle” and Ciara (No Cops on Campus)

ATTACHMENTS:

• Chantelle and Ciara presented on the issue of No Cops on Campus emphasising community safety and the well being of campus. They mentioned that they are here to bring forward the issue of policing and security at SFU.
• Ciara expressed that the RCMP have had the history of white supremacist and colonial violence in Canada having being initiating to clearing the indigenous land of people in order to make the way for white settlement. They mentioned that this is not just a historic issue, as the RCMP and the hired security continue to colonize Indigenous land and punish land defenders on behalf of, and at the request of the Canadian Government and industry, they continue to overpower black brown and disabled People's members of the LGBTQ’S community members, plus other communities and low income and houseless people.

• There are occurrences also happening at a larger societal scale, including the murder of George Floyd, John Tell Moore, Brianna Taylor, and so many others. Violence against BIPOG folks has been met with large-scale social pushback from defund the police and black lives, matter movements worldwide.

• So this is not only an out there issue from SFU founding in 1965, the administration has relied on tactics and processes to suppress student protest and promote a cultural of colonial and white supremacist security on campus. As a campus community, they have seen this and expressed in a variety of ways from black, brown, and indigenous students being followed by security for simply being on campus, to security responding inappropriately and harmfully to survivors of sexualized violence, and to the violent arrest of a black alumnus in December of 2020.

• At other universities across the province police are harming students in their response to wellness requests, which is something that they saw when RCMP response to a call concern regarding a female students state of mental health and she was dragged by her hair from the building.

• Security is also used to suppress students and labor activism, intimidating particularly international students when they stand up for their rights.

• So even prior to the hinge moment that was mentioned, which is the violent arrest of the of black alumni back in December of 2020, students
and workers were beginning to call out and take action about police presence and security harms on campus.

- So they saw following the murder of George Floyd in May of 2020, and the public statements that the University and then the President released at that time about their commitment to stand in solidarity with anti-black races against anti-black racism. But the SFU community was pushing for to be real tangible action taken by the institution. So they called for more than statements and words without tangible actions attached to them; and at that time even the universities own equity, diversity, and inclusion committed committee rejected the statements made by the institution and similarly called for tangible action to address anti-black racism on Campus.

- So they began with them like general members of the of the community, pushing for a number of things, including getting RCMP recruitment off-campus, and calling for different approaches to safety, especially for and to be led by black and indigenous community members.

- However, in December, which was when there was the violent arrest of a community member occurred. A former SFU student on campus, when he was the keynote speaker for the SPRY memorial lecture in 2020 called out SFU on inviting a black man who is a very vocal abolitionist to come and speak when they had literally just arrested a black community member quite violently on campus.

- So then, in December of 2020 until March, the SFSS at that time, as well as many other student groups and labor groups, condemned the incident, speaking up on racial profiling. There were also a number of media releases made by a number of meetings with the administration which all led to the Mackay report, which was an external review of what it was that led up to that very public violent protest in December.

- And this again was rejected by student groups and labor organizers on campus who drew attention to the fact that how it was that the call came to be escalated from security to the RCMP was not even a part of that process that that external review. Then in April of 2020, after regular community push back, the institution formed a safety
committee which former members of the SFSS as well as many community members were a part of. But, the students who were a part of that committee, have since felt really betrayed. The committee that they stepped into, continue to keep very important aspects of this conversation about safety on campus hidden like the fact about full Mackay report, how it was that calls become escalated, and the contracts with the security companies. All of this stuff was much hidden from students who were participating, and also the terms of reference of that committee shifted drastically over the course of its time, going from a committee that was going to address harm faced by students on campus to a committee that was basically about how we consult. They were basically consulted about how to consult on campus, and a lot of students left that group feeling really burnt out and exhausted by the institutional processes.

- Building on the work that student activists have been doing over the years at SFU, in the summer of 2021 SFPIRG ran a Tran sportive Justice Summer Camp series that brought together students and community organizers who were doing this work to share with students interested in learning more about worlds without police.

- Following that series and connecting with the work that was being done a group of students and staff formed a community collective called No Cops on Campus, which aims to eliminate policing and security presence as it currently exists.

- The name “No cops on campus” speaks to our aspirations for a campus and a larger societal and societal environment that does not rely on violent institutions for community safety. The futures that we are advocating for are not a lack of policing, but rather the presence of strong communities expressed through mutual aid, pure support, networks and ongoing education and training. These are alternatives that reject tactics of surveillance, violence, and social control which are used by policing and security systems, while simultaneously they want to work towards building futures where there is a less violent crime that we need to respond to. They are aware that this goal is going to require very many intentional steps, and the first steps in our work in harm
reduction. They want to push the University towards policies and practices that minimize the harm experienced by marginalized community members at SFU.

- This all does not mean that they hate police officers necessarily or think that all police officers are bad people. But, they recognize that this is actually a structural issue, not an individual issue. So, when organizations declare, for instance, a climate crisis, and divestment from fossil fuels, or take action towards climate change, those organizations are not condemning workers involved in the industry and activities that affect climate change. They are making a statement and taking action against a larger structural problem that harms people and their futures.

- So in the case of endorsing or working on a campaign like “no cops on campus” means that we, as a collective are taking a stand against a policing and security structure, ideology, and practice that historically and contemporarily causes harm to people's lens and futures.

- There are some real actionable steps that they are calling on SFU to take as well as for our collective community to take alongside us to reduce harm to community members mainly students of colours. Some of the things that they are calling on includes - SFU for an investment in student run and student empowering transformative justice practices and community safety, they are also calling for full transparency around the current cost of security at SFU both in-house and through contracted firms, they are also calling for no police, military border patrol, or corrections recruitment such as what they saw when the RCMP was recruiting for them candidates during the solidarity actions when their people were literally attacking indigenous people in their lands, they are also calling for students being stopped by security on campus, they are calling for the stoppage of carting practices, and allowing for students to expunge their names from security records when there has been no crimes and this is because there is actually an instrumental practice that when people are stopped by security, there is a permanent record that is created from that encounter, even if, like nothing bad has happened at all, they are also calling for transparency around whether SFU investments support arms, manufacturers, and any research funding
attached to war arms and weapons, and to divest if there is any investment in such industry and they are also calling for the tracking and accountability of security personnel who frequently escalate calls to the RCMP or have harassment records within the campus community.

6.3 VP External and Community Affairs 2022-2023 Annual Plan
PRESENTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”
ATTACHMENTS: 202223 VP External Annual Plan (1) (1).pdf

• VP External and Community Affairs mentioned that in summer 2022, they plan to prioritize relationship building as a VP External they are going to communicate with a lot of external organizations, politicians, and Burnaby councillors to best assist the student body. In addition to this, they have also been working on 2023 Budget Consultation, and prioritize on ECA committee engagement and collaboration.

• In June, they plan to recognize the Indigenous Peoples’ Day, ECA at-large application to make sure they are ready with their agenda and working on time or days for folks when we are done with the election, in addition to these they plan to attend the labour note conference in Chicago.

• In July, they would like to get started with the municipal elections – raising awareness about the election so people are aware about its happening is one of their goals, they also plan to work on water drive and donation drive since last year there was a heat wave so they plan to work for people especially the homeless population by our campuses have places to go where we have cooling centres, they also plan to work on community fridge back in the SUB, they also want to make sure that the Burnaby Mountain Gondola project is taking steps forward and they are obtaining funding for it.

• In August, they want to continue with Municipal elections, they also would like to work on recognizing the orange shirt day, and at the end they would like to prepare for the SFSS Annual General Meeting.

• In September, they plan to work and reflect on the national day for truth and reconciliation to amplify and support indigenous community, they also would like to continue to work on the municipal elections and
SFSS AGM.

- In October, they would like to work on SFSS AGM.
- In November, they would like to work on fall lobbying – seeing if the community also want to do lobbying, finding the issues that the student body also want to lobby for. In addition to this, once the election is done, they plan to do a round of introduction with the elected people.
- In December, they plan to work on Issues Policies in regard to harm reduction specifically.
- In January 2023, they plan to start defunding the police campaign to educate themselves and work with groups to amplify this concern. They also plan to do federal lobbying – something they have been planning is to work on tuition affordability, affordability housing.
- In February, they would like to have council pass issues policies that they would like and plan to bring forward. And, they would like to organize with the TSSU’s the Tuition Freeze Campaign.
- In March, they would like to continue the work with Tuition Freeze Campaign, they also would like to be a part of spring lobbying, and work on Anti-TMX day of action by collaborating with indigenous people on this campaign.
- In April, they would like to have Tuition Freeze Campaign day of action to exhibit the power of SFU community.

6.4 Save SFU Democracy
PRESENTED BY: Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance “Vivian Ly”
ATTACHMENTS:

- Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance mentioned that SFU’s Board of Governors is the main governing body that approves universities policies. It is made up of 15 elected SFU faculty and students, provincial appointees, and SFU admins. But, certain policies have already started to become under the jurisdiction of the one, non-appointed SFU staff member – the University Secretary and General Counsel. It used to be separate roles but now is concentrated into one. They expressed that this is a huge conflict of interest.
• In terms of the current happenings, there is currently a proposal to change the policy on University Policies and Procedures (B 10.00) to allow the General Counsel / University Secretary to change university policies on their own. If this proposal is to pass, the general council or the university secretary would be able to – firstly, amend associated procedures within university policies without board approval and secondly, it would give general counsel and university secretary discretion to approve amendments to definitions.

• They expressed that if this is not addressed sooner, it could be an attack on SFU’S democracy. It could lead to giving unsupervised power to one individual at the university to make changes to the documents that guide SFU which will be a direct attack on the democratic structure that keeps SFU running.

In addition to this, SFU community members who run for the Board of Governors in hopes of making an impact on university issues will have no control over the changes made by the University Secretary and General Counsel.

• They mentioned that the definitions and policy procedures matter should be taken into consideration as the definitions are the foundational building block of policy. Just last term, the BOG was considering a change to the definition “disruption” in the Student Conduct Policy which would ban peaceful protest on campus – which the SFU community members successfully fought against.

This new proposal will just allow one person to quietly change any definitions and procedures without any consultation with the SFU community or democratic BOG approval.

• This proposal has a far-reaching impact and it can affect the following policies- GP 18: Human Rights Policy, GP 29: Search Committees for Vice Presidents, GP 40: Disability Accommodation in the Workplace, GP 41: Protected Disclosure of Wrongdoings, GP 44: Sexual Violence and Misconduct Prevention, Education and Support, GP 45: Trade Control Policy, I 10.04: Access to information, I 10.11: Protection of Privacy, and basically any policy that the BOG oversees including the B 10.00 itself.

• To address it, due to public pressure, SFU has extended the deadline for
faculty and staff to give feedback, they have promised to consult with the
students, faculty, and employee groups, and also they have mentioned that
the draft policy after consultation will go to SFU Executive Team (a
commitee of the Senate) and the Board of governors.

- However, they still have not consulted with the students as they promised.
- In terms of the next steps, the Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance
councillor would like to mobilize students, staff, and faculty to speak out.
  They would like to urge folks to sign onto the open letter which will be
  coming out soon, they would like to urge and pressurize SFU to fulfill their
  promise to consult, they would like to be taking an official stance as the
  SFSS Council against the proposal, and also they would be talking to the
  board of governor representatives and senators about the process and to
  share the concerns.
- Mathematics Councillor mentioned that they agree with the argument that
  5.2.1 within the amend policy no longer applies to the definition and their
  authority would allow them to unilaterally approve him amendments to
  definitions. But it seems that that power would still be limited under 5.2.1,
  and the associated limitations of editorial amendments defined within 2.2
  and Appendix A.

In response to them, the Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance councillor
mentioned that one of the biggest problems is that this is inherently a
contradictory amendment to the policy that there is a huge concern right
now with, especially from what we see in the past with the student conduct
policy and how it attempts to try to change definitions, to limit students
voice in advocacy. They could argue that such definitional changes would
still be under their power that could be exploited.

*10 Minute-break taken at 6:50 PM

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 Executive Committee Reports
- President:
  - JHSC SUB Building Inspection – checking all floors and utilities in the SUB to
  report back at the next JHSC meeting happening in the beginning of June.
- Email – They worked on organizing the inbox and following up on their emails daily.
- Being a part of Committees, meetings, and check-ins.
- They also were a part of HR meetings and they met with the operations organizer to learn about our HR system (collage).
- They met with Student Care alongside VP Internal and VP Finance to discuss about the plans for the Summer Term.
- They worked on scheduling meetings with the university to work on B10.00 policy amendments.

• VP Internal and Organizational Development:
  - Development Sessions Presenting and Organizing.
  - Councillor Onboarding – Scheduling meeting with councillors who missed their orientation, and reaching out to councillors who have not submitted their paperwork.
  - Councillor Brainstorming sessions – offering one-on-one support to assist councillor’s plan out their council years, and what they plan to work on.
  - Planning for Governance Committee first meeting.
  - Council Agenda planning.
  - SFU Walkthrough Scheduling – working with SFU to schedule a time for them to have a walkthrough of the SUB.
  - Student meetings – meeting and discussing plans and concerns of students.
  - Student Care meetings – discussing next steps, programs, and referendum.
  - Club Days.
  - Catching up on admin work such as recording review, answering emails, cheque requisition, working on notice of motion, consulting with Beaty about the Committee elections, email reset and other maintenance.

• VP Finance and Services:
  - Attended the staff and 5S meetings.
  - Was a part of the initial meeting with Erin Biidlecombe and other SFU Directors.
  - Met with Student Care.
  - Completed check-in with various staff and students from clubs and DSU’s
- Was a part of the Budget Discussion Meeting.
- Assisted in Welcome Day tabling.
- And, have also been working on administrative tasks such as budget making, payroll approval, Associate Vice-President Academic Hiring Committee.

- **VP University and Academic Affairs:**
  - They worked on various administrative tasks such as catching up on emails, relevant information and articles, semi-formal meetings, etc.
  - They focused on the preparation of associate Vice-President University and Academic Affairs consulting and working with Rastko Koprivica regarding the intention of electing them as the Associate VP.
  - They continued to remain open and available to students, while working at an overall reduced capacity due to their acute medical condition.
  - They have been focusing their time on more lower-paced tasks. They have been reading and expanding their knowledge of SFSS By-Laws, Policies, BC Societies Act, BC Employment Standard Act, and Robert’s Rules of Order.

- **VP External and Community Affairs:**
  - They worked on planning and completing their annual plan.
  - They learned about Mayor Hurley’s plan for the City of Burnaby for the next few years.
  - Scarborough Charter – on anti-black racism and black inclusion.
  - They were part of research regarding 2023 Budget Consultation Meeting with Staff.
  - They had a meeting with External Groups such as UVIC.
  - They met with students during the club days, explained what the SFSS is, their roles, and what services they offer.
  - They were a part of No International Student Health Fee Campaign – Confirming a space in the SUB for town hall and tabling, writing campaign letter with MSU.
  - Preparation for meetings with Political Officials.

- **VP Equity and Sustainability:**
  - Tuition Freeze Now – Planning for survey about how rising tuition impacts
students (Collaborating with TSSU and GSS).
- Celebrating community organizers: SFSS Palestine Liberation Issues Policy” Event – collaborate with SFU SJP, and SFU Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies. Working with Building staff (Shelley and John).
- They have been working on SUB project updates such as opening up Multi-faith prayer room, SUB Activism project, Freedom Square Plaque.
- In addition to these, they have also been a part of the hiring committee for the Student Services Equity Director.
- Scarborough Charter Symposium – Invited to the symposium organized collaboratively with SFU x UBC. Focus on black flourishing, institutional, anti-black racism, and how academia and institutions are rooted with the exclusion of BIPOC folks.
- Migrant Students Unites – Town hall for No International Student Health Fees Campaign.
- Organizing the after news of the proposed policy amendment to formally join University Secretary and Counsel General and give ability for them to make changes to the definitions policy without having to bring it to the BOG.
- Dev Session Planning.
- 5S SFU Student Societies Senior Staff.
- WUSC Scholarship Update.
- ABCS Conference Invitation.

- **VP Events and Student Affairs:**
  - Was a part of Club days in SFU Burnaby and SFU Surrey Campus.
  - Attended meetings with SPC discussing more on their proposal to add the SPC card to our services.
  - Planning for Street fest – Meeting with Mark from SFU Ancillary Services to plan for the fall street fest and communicating with staff to meet the accessibility needs.
  - Admin Work – Catching up with emails, and some new club inquires. Interacting with the event planner to host a few summer events.
  - Community Kitchen meeting and giving out orientation packages to the new students.
7.2 CCBC Report

- The President provided an update that the CCBC has set up a timeline on the completion and release of the public report. They will publish it once they get the confirmation from the lawyers. Another thing that was brought up by the CCBC was the referral from the oversight committee. They are going to consider this referral in alignment with the terms of reference with CCBC committee.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 University and Academic Affairs Committee Election- MOTION COUNCIL

2022-05-25:04

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy”

Rastko / Nicole

Be it resolved to elect Councillor(s) Arthur Lee, Rastko Koprivica, Alan Ropke, Eshana Baran, and Priyanka Dhesa to serve on the University and Academic Affairs Committee for the council terms of 2022-2023.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- VP University and Academic Affairs expressed that they will be chairing this committee and the most meaningful work being done can be achieved by changing university policies so it just does not affect this year but for years to come. They are open to projects that caters to the interest of councillors that are interested in this committee and would like to offer more hands on work and the opportunity to shadow them. They mentioned that this would be good fit for someone who needs some job experience and those who are interested in making a positive change in the community.
- Three calls for nomination were called by the President.
- Faculty of Communication, Art, and Technology nominated themselves.
- VP Finance and Services nominated Sociology and Anthropology Councillor and they accepted the nomination.
- Communications Councillor nominated themselves.
- VP External and Community Affairs nominated themselves.
- Health Science Councillor nominated themselves.
8.2  External and Community Affairs Committee Election - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25:05

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy”
Rastko / Ethan

Be it resolved to elect Rea Chatterjee, Anita Shen, Gabe Liosis, and Matthew Reed to serve on the External and Community Affairs committee for the council terms of 2022-2023.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Three calls for nomination were called by the President.
- VP Equity and Sustainability nominated themselves.
- Indigenous Studies Student Union Councillor nominated themselves.
- English Councillor nominated themselves.
- VP Equity and Sustainability nominated History Councillor and they accepted the nomination.

8.3  Equity and Sustainability Committee Election - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25:06

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy”
Helen / Rastko

Whereas ESC has a designated seat for an additional Executive Officer;

Be it resolved to elect Executive Eshana to serve on ESC for the 2022-23 Council year.

Be it further resolved to elect Councillor(s) Anita, Arthur, Alev, and Ashley to serve on the Equity and Sustainability committee (ESC) for the council terms of 2022-2023.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

In Favour of Sociology and Anthropology (19): Cognitive Science, Geography, French, Earth Science, VP Finance and Services, FCAT, Bachelor of Environment, Mathematics, World Literature and Languages, Interactive Arts and Technology, Health Science, Software Systems, Society of Arts and Social Science, Biology, Psychology, VP University and Academic Affairs, Communications, Mechatronic System Engineering, Science Undergraduate Society.
**In Favour of Philosophy (18):** Sociology and Anthropology, Cognitive Science, Linguistics, Film Student Union, VP Finance and Services, Mathematics, VP Events and Student Affairs, Criminology, World Languages and Literature, Interactive Art and Technology, Statistics and Actuarial Science, VP Internal and Organizational Development, Behavioural Neuroscience, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, Biology, Psychology, VP University and Academic Affairs, Data Science Student Union.

**In Favour of Linguistics (19):** Sociology and Anthropology, Cognitive Science, VP Finance and Services, FCAT, Bachelor of Environment, Mathematics, VP Events and Student Affairs, Criminology, Interactive Arts and Technology, Statistic and Actuarial Science, VP Internal and Organizational Developments, Behavioural Neuroscience, Society of Arts and Social Science, Psychology, VP University and Academic Affairs, Data Science Student Union, Mechatronic System Engineering, Science Undergraduate Society, Statistics and Actuarial Science.

**In Favour of French (12):** French, VP Events and Student Affairs, Criminology, World Languages and Literature, Statistics and Actuarial Science, Behavioral Neuroscience, Biology, Psychology, Communications, Mechatronic Systems Engineering, Science Undergraduate Society.

**In Favour of Women Centre Collective (13):** GSWS, History, Indigenous Studies Student Union, French, Women Centre Collective, Physics, Bachelor of Environment, VP External and Community Affairs, Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance, VP Equity and Sustainability, Health Science, Software Systems, Communications.

**In Favour of Physics (4):** Cognitive Science, Physics, Philosophy, and Health Science.

**In Favour of Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies (11):** GSWS, History, Geography, Women Centre Collective, Philosophy, Bachelor of Environment, VP External and Community Affairs, Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance, VP Equity and Sustainability, Software Systems, Physics.

**In Favour of Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (15):** Linguistics, GSWS, History, Indigenous Studies Student Union, French, Women Centre Collective, Physics, Earth Science, FCAT, VP External and Community Affairs, Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance, VP Equity and Sustainability, VP Internal and Organizational Development, Biology, Data Science Student Union.
In Favour of Indigenous Studies Student Union (29): Sociology and Anthropology, Linguistics, GSWS, History, Geography, Film Student Union, Women Centre Collective, VP Finance and Services, Philosophy, FCAT, VP External and Community Affairs, Mathematics, VP Events and Student Affairs, Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance, Criminology, World Languages and Literature, Statistics and Actuarial Science, VP Equity and Sustainability, VP Internal and Organizational Development, Behavioural Neuroscience, Health Science, Software Systems, Society of Arts and Social Science, VP University and Academic Affairs, Data Science Student Union, Communications, Mechatronic System Engineering, Science Undergraduate Society, Statistics and Actuarial Science.

- Three calls for nomination were called by the President for the Executive election.
- VP Equity and Sustainability nominated VP External and Community Affairs as the executive and they accepted the nomination.
- Sociology and Anthropology councillor nominated themselves.
- Philosophy councillor nominated themselves.
- Linguistics councillor nominated themselves.
- Philosophy nominated themselves.
- Women Centre Collective nominated Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies and they accepted the nomination.
- Physics councillor nominated themselves.
- Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies nominated Women Centre Collective and they accepted the nomination.
- Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance nominated themselves.
- Indigenous Studies Student Union nominated themselves.

8.4 Move to extend the meeting until 9:30 pm-MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25:07
SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services “Abhishek Parmar”
Abhishek / Helen
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Black Indigenous People of Colour Committee Election- MOTION COUNCIL
Whereas per SI-10.13”for appointment of councillors to this committee, council shall take into consideration councillors with lived experiences/those who identify as BIPOC when appointing members to the committee;

Whereas there are 4 seats free for members of Council,.

Be it resolved to elect councillor(s) O, P, Q, and R to serve on the BIPOC committee for the 2022-2023 Council term.

**POSTPONED**
- Three Calls for nomination were called by the President.
- Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies nominated Women Centre Collective and they accepted the nomination.
- Women Centre Collective nominated Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies and they accepted the nomination.
- Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance nominated themselves.
- Indigenous Studies Student Union nominated themselves.
- VP External and Community Affairs recommended if the motion can be postponed to next council meeting as the SOCA councillor would like to accept their nomination but are unable to join the meeting due to their email not yet being setup.
- After discussing with all nominated members and with their consent the motion is postponed to next council meeting.

**8.6 Events and Student Affairs Committee Election- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25:09**

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy”
French / Helen

Be it resolved to elect Councillor(s) Ethan Dungey, Ayooluwa Adigun, Rastko Koprivica, and Alev Maleki to serve on the Events and Student Affairs Committee for the council terms of 2022-2023.

CARRIED AS AMENDED
• Three calls for nomination were called by the President.
• French Councillor nominated themselves.
• Science Undergraduate Society nominated themselves.
• FCAT Councillor nominated themselves.
• Linguistic Councillor nominated themselves.

8.7 Finance and Administrative Services Committee Election - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25:10
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy”
Helen / Arthur
Be it resolved to elect Councillor(s) Rastko Koprivica, Eden Lien, Ben Tischler, and Natasha Kearns to serve on FASC for the council terms of 2022-2023.
CARRIED AS AMENDED
• Three calls for nomination were called by the president.
• FCAT councillor nominated themselves.
• Earth Science Councillor nominated themselves.
• Science Undergraduate Society Councillor nominated Ben and they accepted the nomination.
• Geography Councillor nominated themselves.

8.8 Space and Oversight Committee Election - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25:11
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy”
Helen / Abhishek
Be it resolved to elect Councillor(s) Judit Nagy, Rastko Koprivica, and Ashley Flett to serve on SPOC for the council terms of 2022-2023.
CARRIED AS AMENDED
In Favour of Philosophy (15): Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance, Cognitive Science, Psychology, VP Internal and Organizational Development, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, Criminology, Film Student Union, Science Undergraduate Society, Health Science, VP Events and Student Affairs, President, GSWS, VP External and Community Affairs, VP Equity and Sustainability, Women Centre Collective.
In Favour of Bachelor of Environment (14): Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance,
Sociology and Anthropology, French, VP Internal and Organizational Development, Geography, Data Science Student Union, Criminology, Science Undergraduate Society, World Languages and Literature, Health Science, President, GSWS, Indigenous Studies Student Union, Women Centre Collective.

**In Favour of Faculty of Communication, Art, and Technology (17):** Cognitive Science, FCAT, Psychology, Physics, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, Software Systems, Criminology, Communications, VP University and Academic Affairs, Film Student Union, World Languages and Literatures, Mathematics, VP Events and Student Affairs, VP External and Community Affairs, Indigenous Studies Student Union, VP Equity and Sustainability.

**In Favour of VP Internal and Organizational Development (21):** Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry, Cognitive Science, Sociology and Anthropology, FCAT, Psychology, French, Physics, VPIOD, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, Software Systems, Data Science Student Union, Communications, Philosophy, VP Finance and Services, VP University and Academic Affairs, Film Student Union, Mathematics, Health Science, VP Events and Student Affairs, President, Bachelor of Environment.

**In Favour of VP University and Academic Affairs (5):** Sociology and Anthropology, French, Communications, VP University and Academic Affairs, World Languages and Literature.

**In Favour of Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (13):** Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry, Physics, Geography, Software Systems, Data Science Student Union, Philosophy, Science Undergraduate Society, Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, VP External and Community Affairs, Indigenous Studies Student Union, VP Equity and Sustainability, Women Centre Collective, Bachelor of Environment.

- Three calls for nomination were called by the President.
- Cognitive Science Councillor nominated Philosophy Councillor and they accepted the nomination.
- Bachelor of Environment Councillor nominated themselves.
- Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance nominated themselves.
- VP Internal and Organizational Development nominated themselves.
- VP University and Academic Affairs nominated themselves.
- FCAT Councillor nominated themselves.
8.9 Move to extend the meeting until 10:00 pm – MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25:12
SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services “Abhishek Parmar”
Abhishek / Ethan
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.10 SFU Democracy Campaign Endorsement – MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25-13
SUBMITTED BY: Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance “Vivian Ly”
Ethan / Ben
Whereas currently the SFU Board of Governors is considering a proposal to amend Policy on University Policies and Procedures (B 10.00);

Whereas this proposal would give unprecedented power to one individual to amend the SFU policy definitions and procedures;

Whereas public outcry against the proposal has led to an extended feedback deadline for faculty and staff members;

Whereas the wider student body has yet to be consulted on the proposal as promised by SFU;

Whereas the SFSS Executive Committee has sent the SFSS members mailing list an email sharing Save SFU Democracy campaign resources and encouraging students to give input on the proposal;

Let it be resolved that the SFSS Council endorse and amplify the Save SFU Democracy campaign;

Let it be further resolved that the SFSS Executive Committee and the University and Academic Affairs Committee be tasked to continue to advocate for consultation with the student body and work with student senators and governors to oppose the proposal
POSTPONED

8.11 Move to postpone 10.10 to next Council Meeting to be held on June 8th –
MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-25-14
SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councillor “Ben Tischler”
Ben / Nicole
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

• Mathematics Councillor encouraged council to vote in favor of postponing
  this motion to ensure that the councilors can do their due diligence on the
  matter.

• Mathematics Councillor expressed that it is important to give enough time
  to council to consider this motion and the information that we have been
  presented regarding it especially as the presentation does within it
  encourages us to reach out to the DSU’s, having lack of time just within the
  council meeting, if they could have two weeks to do it before the next
  council meeting it would be a good idea to rather postpone it.

• VP University and Academic Affairs spoke in favor of this and expressed
  that it would be a good idea for the SFSS to support since this is tasking the
  Academic Affair committee to do the bulk of the work, they are not
  comfortable with the motion being passed today because they have been
  away from their office and have been working at a reduced capacity due to
  personal health reasons. They expressed that it would be good to postpone
  the motion to give additional time to council to review everything as giving
  more time will make people more passionate about the project itself.

• Faculty of Communication, Art, and Technology councillor mentioned that it
  is very important for the committee to consult regarding this and their
  might be some legal consideration that cannot take place ex-camera.

• World Languages and Literature spoke in favor of postponing this motion
  and expressed that they do not feel comfortable making a conversation
  about this motion just now and would like to have more time to
understand and consult with their student union.

- VP Finance and Services spoke in favor of postponing this motion.
- Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance expressed that if more time is needed to consult with constituency group they are in agreement to it and would like to support the postponement of this motion.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Website Updates

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy”

BLURB: Updating the executive and non-executive councillors’ names on the SFSS Website to avoid confusion for the membership.

- VP Internal and Organizational Development mentioned that they are looking to update the website for non executive councillors. They have recently updated the website for the executive members. If we look on the website for non executives, the names seem to be outdated, also adding pronouns next to name is something that the communication team will be working on updating.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

10.1 IEC-1: Composition Change

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy”

ATTACHMENT: Briefing Note_IEC Composition Change.pdf

Whereas the Elections and Referenda Policy governs how the SFSS hold elections for Executive Officers;

Whereas IEC-1 highlights the composition of the commission as being one chief commissioner, and four (4) commissioners;

Whereas the report on the SFSS Executive Officer Elections (2022) by the SFSS Policy, Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator (PRCA) highlights a recommendation to hire more IEC staff – from one (1) chief commissioner to two (2), and commissioners from four (4) to six (6);
Whereas increasing the number of Chief Commissioners currency would be in conflict with bylaw 13(7);

Whereas bylaw 13(7) allows for “no less than four other Commissioners;

Whereas VP Finances and Services has been tasked to allocate the budget for an increase in IEC spending;

Be it resolved to amend IEC-1 standard composition to strike “four (4) Electoral Commissioners” and replace it with “six (6) Electoral Commissioners”;

“Six electoral commissioners shall be appointed for the duration of any society election or referendum.”

Be it further resolve to strike section in “Appendix: Deliverables” that refers to the numerical composition of the IEC, and replace with: “The purpose of this committee is to provide council with a formal recommendation for the appointment of candidates to the position of seven (7) electoral commissioners: one (1) Chief Commissioner, (6) Electoral Commissioners”;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   11.1 WUSC Scholarship

12. ATTACHMENTS
   12.1 Briefing Note_IEC Composition Change.pdf
   12.2 Motion for Council May 26,2022.docx
   12.3 202223 VP External Annual Plan (1) (1).pdf

13. ADJOURNMENT
   13.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-05-11:15
   Helen / Judit
   Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
**Briefing Note: IEC Composition – Change to IEC-1**

Submitted by: VP Internal and Organizational Development

**Issue**

Due to the high density of candidates running for SFSS Executive positions, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) will need additional support in ensuring that electoral regulations outlined in our policies, specifically the *Elections and Referenda Policy*, are met. Upon the recommendation of the SFSS Policy, Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator (PRCA), the composition of the IEC should be amended to include an additional IEC chief and two more commissioners. However, the number of IEC Chiefs cannot be increased as it conflicts with Bylaws 13(7).

**Background**

During the 2022 Executive Elections, the following key complaints were made in regards to how the IEC operated:

1. Unclear boundaries on what work falls under Staff, and what falls under IEC.
2. Students struggled to keep up with their duties as IEC and their course work, as some were currently enrolled students.
3. Massive issue with maltreatment of IEC and Staff by candidates over email, as well as over online platforms.

For the 2022 Executive elections, approximately 9% of eligible voters casted a ballot, compared to 2021, whereby only 4% of the undergraduate student body voted. Furthermore, in the 2022 elections, there were twenty-one (21) candidates (dropped to 18 by the time elections results came in), compared to 2021, when only fourteen (14) candidates ran. Based on this trend, the number of IEC commissioners is not sufficient with the demand multiple candidates pose.

**Current Status**

As of right now, the SFSS Election and Referenda Policy, IEC-1, outlines that the composition of the IEC is: one (1) chief commissioner, and four (4) commissioners. The PRCA Coordinator’s report suggests an increase to two (2) chief commissioners and six (6) commissioners. However, bylaw 13(7) outlines that the composition of the IEC is: “The Independent Electoral Commission shall consist of a Chief Commissioner, who shall act as Chair, and no less than four other Commissioners.” Without a bylaw amendment, we cannot hire an additional chief, but we can hire more commissioners.
KEY CONSIDERATIONS

There has been a doubled turnout this Executive Committee election compared to last year’s. This growth is expected to be maintained or increased for next year.

The IEC plays a crucial role in approving candidates and content used during elections. Candidates often need quick responses and actions, which is difficult to achieve when there is a limited number of IEC staff available and numerous candidates.

Certain number of IEC commissioners are regular students, and working more than what was initially set out may negatively impact their academic standing.

The IEC team reported massive burnout after the election season. To remedy the burnout from the workload, the PRCA is recommending increasing the number of IEC chiefs and commissioners moving forward to spread out the workload, and make it more manageable.

RECOMMENDATION

The main recommendation is to increase IEC commissioners from four (4) to six (6). To achieve that goal, a change in policy IEC-1 is necessary to amend the commission composition.

Further recommended amendments may be made to the bylaws to allow for more IEC chiefs, but not less. This amendment would need a member’s meeting or a referendum to pass.

MOTION

Whereas the Elections and Referenda Policy governs how the SFSS hold elections for Executive Officers;

Whereas IEC-1 highlights the composition of the commission as being one (1) chief commissioner, and four (4) commissioners;

Whereas the report on the SFSS Executive Officer Elections (2022) by the SFSS Policy, Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator (PRCA) highlights a recommendation to hire more IEC staff – from one (1) chief commissioner to two (2), and commissioners from four (4) to six (6);

Whereas increasing the number of Chief Commissioners currency would be in conflict with bylaw 13(7);

Whereas bylaw 13(7) allows for “no less than four other Commissioners”;
Whereas VP Finances and Services has been tasked to allocate the budget for the an increase in IEC spending:

Be it resolved to amend IEC-1 standard composition to strike “four (4) Electoral Commissioners” and replace it with “six (6) Electoral Commissioners.”

Be it further resolved to strike, and replace IEC-1(12) with:

“Six electoral commissioners shall be appointed for the duration of any Society election or referendum.”

Be it further resolve to strike section in “Appendix: Deliverables” that refers to the numerical composition of the IEC, and replace with: “The purpose of this committee is to provide Council with a formal recommendation for the appointment of candidates to the position of seven (7) electoral commissioners: one (1) Chief Commissioner, (6) Electoral Commissioners.”

**Next Steps**

Provided that the policy change is approved to go ahead, the SFSS would begin interviews to hire the next IEC.

**Appendix:**

[Elections and Referenda Policy](#)
[PRCA report](#)
[Candidates from 2021](#)
[Candidates from 2022](#)
2022/23 Annual Plan

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Introduction

When I made the decision to run for the SFSS Executive Committee, it was one of the most exciting decisions I've ever made. Since I started at SFU, I have been searching for ways to immerse myself in activism and advocacy that espouses equity and justice.

Seeing the work of the last two Executive Committees gave me inspiration to put my name forward for Vice-President External, and I am honoured and humbled to be able to service in the role for the 2022/23 year!

I have a bold and ambitious plan, and I hope to continue much of the work that my predecessor, Matthew Provost, began during his term as VP External.

There is a lot of major initiatives happening in the next year: a B.C. post-secondary funding review, province-wide municipal elections, and an ongoing pandemic that is impacting the most vulnerable in the community.

I am excited to present my 2022/23 Annual Plan, which details each project and initiative that I, alongside members of the External & Community Affairs Committee, and my Associate Vice-President External & Community Affairs, are aspiring to work on this upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Eshana Baran.
**RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**

The month of May is an opportunity for newly-elected Executives to reach out to the community and build connects and relationships. This includes conducting introductory meetings with staff and Executives of SFU; elected representatives in Burnaby, Surrey, and Vancouver; and student groups on campus. Additionally, I will continue maintaining solidarity with student unions all across the province and the country. My focus for the month of May will be establishing these connections and setting up introductory meetings.

**BUDGET 2023 CONSULTATION**

May kicks off the beginning of the pre-registration process for British Columbia’s Budget 2023 consultations. The SFSS is always a participant in these budget consultations, and this year, that tradition will continue to ensure that students' needs and values are reflected in the provinces annual budget.
The Vice-President External & Community Affairs is the Chair of the External & Community Affairs Committee. This year, the Committee will begin meeting right away to beginning planning and executing this annual plan, as well as any other projects that the Committee wishes to take on throughout the year! The Committee will undergo multiple developmental sessions, such as Lobbying 101, public speaking, Campaigning 101, and more.
On Indigenous Peoples' Day, we recognize the cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, Metis Indigenous peoples. The SFSS will be honouring and recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day.

ECA COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Applications for At-Large Committee Membership on the ECA Committee will open in June. At-Large membership is an opportunity for SFSS membership with a passion for advocacy and student-centered campaigns to become involved in the ECA Committee!

During the application period, Councillors on the Committee will engage in tabling to spread info on what ECA is and increase application submissions.
The Labor Notes Conference is the biggest gathering out there of grassroots union activists, worker center leaders, and all-around troublemakers. The VP Equity and I will be attending this conference to join thousands of union members, officers, and labor activists who are on the front lines in our workplaces and our communities, organizing new workers and agitating together.
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
October 15, 2022 is the municipal government General Election Day. In July, planning will begin surrounding a campaign to increase student voter turnout in these elections. This includes discussions around communications material and tabling events around campus.

WATER DRIVE & DONATION DRIVE
Planning will begin in July for a Water and Donation Drive with Downtown East Side communities and in Surrey. I plan to bring a motion to Council for a monetary donation, and work with SFU to get more donations. During this time, I will be working with the VP Equity to help gather supplies and resources for people who may be impacted by heat waves this summer.
COMMUNITY FRIDGE PROJECT
The Community Fridge Project provided a resource for people in need of fresh, quality food the opportunity to receive the nourishment they needed by having a community fridge on the SUB Level 1000. I will continue to be a champion of this project, and work with other organizations in the community to increase food security resources.

BURNABY MOUNTAIN GONDOLA
While Burnaby City Council has endorsed the Gondola project, there is much more work to be done to secure funding for the project. I will continue working with SFU as a partner on this project to push this transit project over the finish line.
In August, planning will begin surrounding an in-person debate with candidates running in municipal elections in Burnaby, Surrey, and Vancouver. Planning for tabling events will continue to increase student voter turnout.

Orange Shirt Day is Friday, September 30th, 2022. It is a day where Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools are honoured, and that we raise awareness of the previous and ongoing harms caused by the colonial state to Indigenous Peoples. The SFSS will be observing Orange Shirt Day, by amplifying supports and resources for folks. I will be preparing a motion to donate to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) and a motion for Council to commit to an annual contributions to the IRSSS to further support reconciliation efforts.
The SFSS typically holds its AGM in September or October, hence, planning begins months in advance.

Conversations with the Executive will begin surround the Annual Report, Report from Council, and other motions being brought to the AGM.
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, CONT’D
September is the last month before General Election Day for the municipal elections. Building upon planning during the previous months, we will continue working on tabling events to increase student voter turnout, hold in-person debates, and share digital content as much as possible.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
The SFSS will be running a campaign during the month of September to raise awareness of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, happening on September 30th.
SFSS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

During the month of October, I will not be starting any new projects, as planning for the Annual General Meeting is time consuming for the entire Executive Committee. I will continue work on pre-existing projects of mine, while prioritizing AGM preparations.
November

FALL LOBBYING
November will be dedicated to preparing for Lobby Days, surrounding two main issues: tuition affordability and more grants/bursaries for BIPOC folks.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING, CONT’D
During the month of November, I will reach out to the newly elected Burnaby Mayor and Council to introduce myself and the SFSS.
ISSUES POLICIES

The SFSS has dramatically improved its Issue Policies over the last two years. However, there is room for improvement.

I want to work to create further Issues Policies, on topics such as: 1) affordable housing, and 2) de-escalation and harm reduction.
January

DEFUNDING THE POLICE CAMPAIGN

During January, I will organize a campaign surrounding Defund the Police. Firstly, I want to organize a presentation at Council, or a development session, to educate Councillors on the movement and why its important. Secondly, I will engage in outreach with external organizations in the lowermainland who are already doing the work on this issue, as well as groups on campus.

FEDERAL LOBBYING

During January, I will engage in federal lobbying on issues that are impacting students everyday, such as tuition affordability and affordable housing. I will work with members of the ECA Committee to set-up and participate in meetings with elected representatives and government officials.
February

PASS ISSUES POLICIES AT COUNCIL
In February, I hope to bring forward multiple new Issues Policies for Council to vote on adopting.

TUITION FREEZE CAMPAIGN
During the month of February, I will start planning a Tuition Freeze Campaign. For this, I hope to work with SFU350, Embark, SFPIRG, and TSSU to rally awareness of the movement. I want to plan a day of action to create public pressure on SFU, all in preparation for the SFU Board of Governors vote on the University Budget in March.
TUITION FREEZE CAMPAIGN, CONT'D
Continuing over the month of March, we will kick the Tuition Freeze Campaign into high gear. The goal is to compile a report on the history of tuition freeze at SFU. Additionally, a letter will be written to Advanced Education Minister of B.C. Anne Kang, with endorsements from other student organizations, advocating for a tuition freeze.

SPRING LOBBYING
Main issues for lobbying: 1) Tuition Freeze, 2) Affordable Housing, 3) International Student Supports.

ANTI-TMX DAY OF ACTION
During the month of March, I will start planning a Day of Action for Anti-TMX. For this, I hope to work with SFU350, Embark, SFPIRG, and TSSU to rally awareness of the movement.
April

TUITION FREEZE CAMPAIGN DAY OF ACTION

During the month of April, I will start planning a Day of Action for Tuition Freeze. For this, I hope to work with SFU350, Embark, SFPIRG, and TSSU to rally awareness of the movement.

Now is the time for a mass movement around tuition. With the B.C. post-secondary funding review happening, alongside coming out the COVID-19 pandemic, the time is now to pressure the government and post-secondary sector to take seriously the impact that rising tuition costs are having on students' lives.
How to contact me?

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SAVE SFU DEMOCRACY

Keep SFU Governing Bodies Democratic

Urgent action needed!
bit.ly/savesfudemocracy

May 25, 2022
What’s going on?

- SFU’s **Board of Governors** is a main governing body that approves university policies.

- It’s made up of 15 elected SFU faculty and students, provincial appointees, and SFU admins.

- But certain policies have already started to become under the jurisdiction of the one, non-appointed SFU staff member – the University Secretary and General Counsel. It used to be separate roles but now is **concentrated into one**. This is a **huge conflict of interest**!
What’s going on?

- What’s more, there’s **currently a proposal** to change the Policy on University Policies and Procedures (B 10.00), to **allow the General Counsel/University Secretary to change university policies on their own**!

- If this proposal were to pass, the General Council/University Secretary would be able to:
  1) “amend associated Procedures [within University policies] **without Board approval**”, and
  2) “[give] General Counsel & University Secretary discretion to approve amendments to definitions”.
Why should we care?

1) It’s an attack on SFU’s democracy

- Giving **unsupervised power** to one individual at the university to make changes to the documents that guide SFU is a direct attack on the democratic structures that keep SFU running.

- SFU community members who run for the Board of Governors in the hopes of making an impact on university issues will have **no control** over changes made by the University Secretary and General Counsel.
Why should we care?

2) Definitions and policy procedures matter!

- Definitions are the **foundational building block of policy**.

- Just last term, the BoG was considering a change to the definition of “disruption” in the Student Conduct Policy which would **ban peaceful protest** on campus – which SFU community members successfully fought against.

- This new proposal **allows just one person to quietly change any definitions and procedures** without any consultation with the SFU community or democratic BoG approval.
Why should we care?

3) This proposal has far-reaching impacts. It can affect the following policies:

- GP 18: Human Rights Policy
- GP 29: Search Committees for Vice-Presidents
- GP 40: Disability Accommodation in the Workplace
- GP 41: Protected Disclosure of Wrongdoing
- GP 44: Sexual Violence and Misconduct Prevention, Education and Support
- GP 45: Trade Control Policy
- I 10.04: Access to Information
- I 10.11: Protection of Privacy

Basically any policy that the BoG oversees! Including B 10.00 itself
What’s being done about it?

- Faculty and staff were asked to give feedback on the proposal. They had only one week to provide feedback (deadline May 18).

- A group of faculty, staff, and students came together to launch the Save SFU Democracy campaign to oppose the proposal.

- There’s an action toolkit with email templates: bit.ly/savesfudemocracy

- SFSS execs also sent out an email to SFSS membership: “Speak Out on Proposed SFU University Policy Amendment (B10.00)”
What’s being done about it?

Due to public pressure, SFU has:
- extended the deadline for faculty/staff to give feedback to May 25 (today)
- promised to consult with student, faculty, and employee groups
- said that the draft policy after consultation will go to SFU Executive Team (a Committee of the Senate) and the Board of Governors

However, they still haven’t consulted students as they promised!

Action toolkit: bit.ly/savesfudemocracy
What are the next steps?

1. Mobilizing students, staff, and faculty to speak out
2. Signing onto the open letter (forthcoming)
3. Pressuring SFU to fulfill their promise to consult
4. Taking an official stance as the SFSS Council against the proposal
5. Talking to Board of Governor reps and Senators about the proposal and sharing our concerns

Action toolkit:
bit.ly/savesfudemocracy
What can you do as a Councillor?

1. **Vote in favour** in the motion today!

2. **Talk to your student union / constituency group** about the proposal & **share the action toolkit** with your members

3. **Use the action toolkit** to amplify and speak out as a student

4. **Stay tuned for the open letter** release!

Questions?

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