

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order – 4:40 PM

## **2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitlh (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem) and ǵícəy̓ (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.....	Kashish Mehta
Business.....	Vacant
Chemistry .....	Vacant
Cognitive Science .....	Gurmehar Singh
Communications .....	Vacant
Computing Science.....	Vacant
Criminology .....	Charlotte Taylor-Baer

Dance .....	Vacant
Data Science Student Union.....	Vadym Shakhraichuk
Earth Science .....	Vacant
Economics .....	Rafid Rahman
Education .....	Jihye (Jin) Choi
Engineering Science .....	Sarah Raisuddin
English Councillor .....	Liz Giardin
Environmental Science .....	Paige Ripley
Faculty of Applied Science .....	Vacant
Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology .....	Vacant
Faculty of Environment Event .....	Vacant
Film Student Union .....	Vacant
Fine and Performing Arts .....	Vacant
French .....	Kylee Pocrnich
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies .....	Vacant
Geography.....	Natasha Kearns
Gerontology Student Union .....	Vacant
Global Asia Studies Student Union.....	Eunice Kwok
Health Science.....	Jocelle Refol
History .....	Matthew Reed
Humanities .....	Vacant
Indigenous Studies Student Union .....	Anita Shen
Interactive Arts and Technology .....	Jeremy Felix
International Studies Student Association .....	Deanna Short
Labour Studies.....	Justin Chen
Latin American Studies.....	Vacant
Linguistics.....	Alev Maleki
Mathematics .....	Ben Tischler
Mechatronics System Engineering.....	Ryler McWilliams
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry .....	Avneet Kaur

Music Student Union.....	Vacant
Operations Research .....	Ashutosh Dubal
Performing Arts.....	Vacant
Philosophy.....	Nicole Kirigin
Physics.....	Vacant
Political Science.....	Abhishek Parmar
Psychology .....	Tiffany Liu
Public Policy .....	Vacant
Science Undergraduate Society .....	Vacant
Semester in Dialogue .....	Vacant
Society of Arts and Social Sciences .....	Akum Sidhu
Sociology and Anthropology .....	Kayla Chow
Software Systems.....	Shashank Thanalapati
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA).....	Jia So
Sustainable Community Development.....	Vacant
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society .....	Mohammad Al-Sheboul
Theatre Student Union.....	Vacant
Visual Arts .....	Vacant
World Literature.....	Vacant

### **Constituency Group Representatives**

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance .....	Vacant
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association .....	Keianna James
International Student Advocates .....	Quynh Chi Bui
Out on Campus Collective .....	Vacant
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry.....	Linda Kanyamuna
Women Centre Collective .....	Nim Basra

### **Affiliated Student Groups**

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

### **SFSS Executive Committee**

Acting President (Chair) ..... Corbett Gildersleve  
Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development..... Chloe Homenuke  
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  
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator ..... Beaty Omboga  
Administrative Assistant ..... Simar Thukral  
Building Manager ..... John Walsh

### **3.3 Alternates**

Computing Science..... Mitchell Gale  
Society of Arts and Social Sciences ..... Judit Nagy

### **3.4 Regrets**

First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association ..... Keianna James  
VP Finance and Services ..... Almas Phangura

### **3.5 Absents**

Biology Student Union ..... Nicolas Bonilla  
English Student Union..... Liz Giardin  
Environmental Science Student Union..... Paige Ripley

Global Asia Studies Councillor..... Eunice Wing-Lam Kwok  
International Studies Student Association ..... Deanna Short  
Labour Studies Student Union ..... Justin Chen  
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society ..... Mohammad Al-Sheboul  
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry ..... Linda Kanyamuna

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **4.1 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#### **CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### **4.1.1. Executive Officer Signing Authority Change over- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:01**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Corbett Gildersleve”

Whereas the SFSS has held their executive committee general elections in the spring term; Whereas these new executive committee members will begin their term on May 1st, 2022;

Whereas Bylaw 7 lists certain executive committee members have signing authority for the SFSS;

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee add signing authority for President Helen “Sofia Pahou”, VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy”, VP Finance and Services “Abhishek Parmar”, and VP University and Academic Affairs “Nicole Kirigin” for the 2022/2023 Council term;

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee task the VP Finance and Services with starting the signing authority change over process with our banking provider, SFU, VCIIM, and any other organization that we have signing authority registrations with.

##### **4.1.2. SLO and LLO Change Over- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:02**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Corbett Gildersleve”

Whereas the SFSS has held their executive committee general elections in the spring term;

Whereas the President will begin their term on May 1st, 2022 and serves as both the Staff Liaison Officer (SLO) in the SFSS-CUPE Collective Agreement and the Legal Liaison Officer (LLO) in the SFSS Policies;

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee approve President “Helen Sofia Pahou” serving as the Staff Liaison Officer and Legal Liaison Officer for the 2022/2023 council year.

**4.1.3. Building Manager Signing Authority-MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:03**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Corbett Gildersleve”

Whereas the Student Union Building is completed and open;

Whereas the Society has already approved a number of projects and improvements in the building;

Whereas it is expected the Society will have further projects in the building over the next few years;

Whereas it would allow for faster implementation of purchases, ordering, and invoicing approvals for building projects with the Building Manager having signing authority;

Whereas having an administrator who can provide additional continuance for the Society when executive committee members are not available such as annual Council transition and the December semester closure;

Be it resolved that Council approve adding signing authority to Building Manager John Walsh.

**4.1.4. SFSS-PEAK LEASE 2022- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:04**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Corbett Gildersleve”

Whereas the SFSS has a lease with SFU dating back to 1993 for space in the University Center Building (UCB), now a part of the Maggie Benston Center (MBC);

Whereas this lease covers the lease for the current Peak Offices, Forum Chambers, Undergrounds, and two small rooms behind Forum Chambers;

Whereas the 1993 UCB Lease expires after 30 years, but automatically renews for two additional 30 year terms;

Whereas in 1995 members passed a referendum requiring the SFSS to 125 square meters of space in the 2000 level of MBC;

Whereas the SFSS has been leasing to the Peak MBC 2900 and MBC 2900.1 since 2006, where the Peak currently resides;

Whereas that lease expired in 2010 and it has been on a month-to-month basis since then;

Whereas the Peak shares membership with the SFSS and students pay fees to the Peak;

Whereas it would be good for the Peak to continue to have long term space as required by the 1995 referendum and to support independent student media;

Whereas the President has drafted a new lease agreement in similar format. terms, and requirements as our other lease agreements with independent student societies;

Whereas this lease that clearly outlines the institutional relationship,

history, responsibilities, conflict resolution, amendment and termination clauses, and other improvements;

Be it resolved that Council approve and file the SFSS-Peak Lease 2022;

Be it further resolved that President and VP Finance and Services signs the lease on behalf of the SFSS.

## **5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

### **5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:05**

**Corbett / Matthew**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- VP External and Community Affairs moved to include item 6.2.
- Computing Science Alternate moved to include new business item 9.10.
- Acting President moved to include new business item 9.5.
- Acting President moved to include new business item 9.11.
- Acting President moved to include regrets from VP Finance and Services.

## **6. PRESENTATION**

### **6.1 SFSS Year in Review**

**PRESENTED BY:** Acting President “Corbett Gildersleve”

**ATTACHMENT:**

- VP Events and Student Affairs presented on the Board year end review.
- They have been the first committee in this new Student Union Building that opened up in August. They mentioned that the SUB has gone through a lot of changes during the time period due to the COVID-19, reconstruction within the team, and back to transitioning model.
- SFSS aims to advocate for students, build student power, and provide resources and services that represent, connect, and benefit our



- membership.
- In terms of Academic Advocacy in relation to student well-being and university relation, SFSS contributed towards COVID-19 advocacy that involved: student survey on masking, on-site vaccine clinic, academic concessions, OER issues policy, accessible hybrid/broadcaster learning advocacy, and SFSS/TSSU/GSS/SFU DNA joint letter.
  - Also, SFSS contributed for Compassionate Grading that involved CAL/JOG advocacy for accessible adjustments or accommodations, grading scheme petition.
  - SFSS also advocated for the Joint operations group in terms of monthly meetings with the Graduate Student Society and SFU Administration. For, Student Affordability Project Working Group in terms of Open educational resources, food security, financial predictability, and rapid test or mask kits. For, SFU Gondola support and advocacy. For, SFU medical school by attending consultations, filling our surveys and conducting outreach. For, Academic Concessions by removing the need for doctor's notes.
  - In terms of events, due to the pandemic, most of the events were done remotely and some in-person whenever safe to do so. There were food workshops, live SUB opening ceremony, Black history month, package goods for residence during Christmas times, Spring 2021 and Fall 2021 Club Days, Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Memorial, Quick bites with SFU Recreation, Zine launch and poetry open mic with we were here we were queer, Climate Justice Panel Event with SFU 350, Halloween photo booth, Christmas Booth, BIPOC Career Building Series, Tabling for SFSS info Sessions, Mask and Sanitizer Giveaway, Palestine Liberation Panel Event, Brush it Off: BIPOC and Allies Paint, support for indigenous students – Orange Shirt Day.
  - In terms of Student Services and considering student well being and financial health, SFSS during COVID-19 obtained adequate masks for the students, sanitizer donation, made SUB bookable rooms available for immunocompromised students, considered full opening, reduced capacity matter, closure, and re-opening in line with PHO measures, and distribute rapid testing kits.
  - Some of the Services and Support offered were the Flu Vaccine Clinic/ Rapid

- testing kits, academic difficulty support, flood drive, Christmas holiday package, SFU Community free fridge.
- In terms of SFSS bursaries and financial aid there were number of support offered in terms of \$6000 for Indian Residential School Survivors Society, \$4000 for Afghan Scholars Grant, \$10,000 for communities from flood and donation drive, \$25,000 for reallocation for PPE for students, \$3000 each for contribution to global shapers community Vancouver and BHM Donation to Van Black Library Start up, \$20,000 annually to WUSC X SFSS Undergraduate Scholarship, \$30,000 FNMISA Furniture + Space.
  - In terms of Equity and Social Justice SFU advocated for safe, equitable, and accessible return to campus, EDI, and community safety.  
On a local level, they worked for Burnaby Mountain Gondola, Donations to the Van Black Library. On a provincial level, they worked on provincial budget consultation, COVID-19 and the PHO, Affordable student housing advocacy. On a federal Level, they worked on Affordable tuition advocacy, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – The Orange Shirt Day.
  - For Solidarity and Coalition Building between university and stakeholder relations, in terms of solidarity, they worked for the contract workers at SFU, protests in Columbia, remembering 1984 and the genocide against Sikhs, unite here local 40, UBC AMS student climate action initiative, join letter with GSS and TSSU.  
In terms of Coalition Building, for Bill 22 Coalition and SFU MSU – SFSS, TSSU, GSS, ISA.
  - SFSS contributed for campaign such as Cancel Canada Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, BC Flood Support, Federal Election Campaign, Give Students a Lift Campaign, AGM Campaign, Access for all supporting the accessible course practices campaign, FNMISA, SOCA, and DNA Student Levy.

## **6.2 Hug the Mountain Event**

**PRESENTED BY:** Faculty of Health Science “Dr. Kate Tairyan”

**ATTACHMENTS:** Hug the Mountain Route Map, Hug the Mountain Flyer.

- Historic Times: 2021-2022,  
Summer of 2021 ->700 heat deaths in BC,

- The village of Lytton burned down to ground in June 2021, record high temperatures in BC,  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – Dec 1<sup>st</sup> BC has experiences worse flooding in > 70 years  
Farms, fields, and homes under water, lives lost, critical infrastructure damaged,  
COP26 in Glasgow – more talks and empty promises,  
Land and water protectors resisting the reckless government and corporate projects (Hume Park Tree sitters in New Westminster; Fairy Creek protest on Vancouver Island to protect BC's remaining old growth forests, Coastal GasLink protests at Wet'suwet'en lands,  
TMX Burnaby Mountain Terminal expansion, twinning the pipeline, tripling the amount of oil passing through it, crossing sensitive ecosystems and indigenous lands with no consent,  
Economic viability of the project – “stranded asset” with a ballooned cost of >\$21B right now and growing.
- In terms of resistance, climate justice, indigenous rights, and save the planet initiatives came up to have more sustainable future.
  - Recently, the press release was made regarding Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) global report than UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres called “code red of humanity”.
  - What it means for Canada is, we need for Climate Leadership. There is not much the government is doing other than doing survey, which is not just helping.
  - Climate leaders do not buy pipeline, they do not invest money into fossil fuels. This is a concern for the future global crisis.
  - We have to stand with those remaining indigenous community who are opposing the notion of pipeline.
  - All the faculty members, professors, educators can just enter the classroom and teach about climate change and its impact on our health.  
We would have to get out of the classroom to those community that are impacted. That is where the change will happen and not in the classroom.
  - Faculty for Future was created with over 60 faculty members who joined or are actively engaged in conversation and discussion.  
What they recently did was to work and send out the letter to SFU BOG and

leadership urging them to take climate crisis seriously, to support the demands coming from the students (350 open letter), faculty and the community.

- The purpose of the group will be to bring faculty together to demand a justice transition from fossil fuels and to oppose new fossil fuel infrastructure projects (especially TMX pipeline). Working with student's activists and indigenous land defenders and water protectors. They hope to foster and expand the climate justice movement at SFU.

### **6.3 SFSS Motion on Addition of Affiliate Student Groups Seats to Council PRESENTED BY:**

- VP External and Community Affairs presented on ASG Seats Addition.
- The SFSS is a part of the community of student groups on campus, some of which share membership fully or do not share at all. But, all who contribute to the fabric of the student community at SFPIRG, CJSF, Embark, The Peak, GSS, and SFSS are the 6 separately incorporated student societies that have been established by a student vote, while TSSU was established as a labour union by members which include TA/TMs/Sessional/Instructors and RA's many of which are undergraduates.
- Student societies such as York Federation of Students and many others have representation of some of these independent student societies on their Council (GSS holds a seat at UBC AMS even though they are also separate) to ensure a cross section of the community has their voice. This is similar to what the intention behind ensuring DSU representation on council was.
- GSS at SFU also has representation or the mechanism for representation on their council for groups who are affiliates, one of which is TSSU, who the GSS share many members with.
- Any such appointments would be done in alignment with SFSS bylaws which states that the members of Council must be in Members good standing, which SFSS would have to verify. Groups would appoint as outlined in bylaw

- 5.2d which would either be member of their ASG to be elected by that ASG.
- The reason why this is important, is because, SFSS does not always know what is happening on campus in the other organizations due to siloing of work and information, due to increasing democratic participation through the SFSS is good for all student organizations and the work being collectively done, connections are being lost between student organizers.
  - The impact this would lead to is, having collaborations on joint campaign advocacy, events, and services in a systematic way.  
Increased knowledge of inter and intra group activities.  
Fully connected campus community with students working in solidarity.  
Building on the precedence at GSS and building more alliances
  - Embark has collaborated with SFSS previously for number of occasions.  
For embark community kitchen, SFU climate justice coalitions, allocated space in the SUB, new leases signed outlining an agreement of partnership and collaboration.  
They are currently collaborating through community kitchen in the SUB (Embark manages the food), SFU 350 climate declaration sign-on, SUB garden.
  - TSSU has collaborated with SFSS for SFU tuition freeze now, research in work, COVID-19 coalition, Anti-harassment committee, Solidarity and Social Justice Committee – TMX, No Cops on Campus.  
They are currently collaborating with SFSS for BC Tuition Freeze Now Campaign, Migrant Student United Chapter at SFU.
  - Since 1981, SFPIRG has shared membership and work with the SFSS. This work has included – support for SFSS Campaign, Collective participation in rallies and actions, supporting undergraduate students in action groups or volunteer collectives, grants and training.  
They also have allocated space in the SUB with new leases agreement. They have helped training SFSS executive committee and council members. Also,

they facilitate safe and inclusive spaces on campus.

- In terms of the next steps, there should be join campaigns and initiatives. SFSS updates on TSSU/PIRG/Embark by continued relations and organizing open motions at their membership meetings to consult wider community TSSU/PIRG/Embark updates at SFSS knowledge sharing of best practices and knowledge of groups initiatives.

## **7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **7.1 Committee on Councillors Breaching Confidentiality**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Corbett Gildersleve”

- Acting President explained about council breaches and the investigation taking place. The committee met last week and they had discussions regarding the first investigation about the in-camera breach that occurred in February. They realized that they wanted to do a follow-up investigation that needs to happen which will go on to the next council committee. So, the meeting will be held with future committee to discuss about transition and if further investigation needs to take place.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

### **8.1 MSU Working Group and Funding- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:06**

**SUBMITTED BY:** International Student Advocates “Quynh Chi Bui”

**ATTACHMENT: Motion Briefing Note.pdf**

**Abhishek / Ben**

Whereas MSU chapter at SFU is a joint coalition of TSSU, GSS, and SFSS members who are current and former international students and their allies, under the support of Migrant Students United of Migrant Workers Alliance for Change;

Whereas Migrant Students United (MSU) has long sought equitable and just policies for migrant students by speaking up about and fighting against the systemic barriers at university, provincial or national level in order to access their rights and gain support;

Whereas MSU has initiated or actively participated in many activities, campaigns and rallies, like International Students Health Fee campaign, Fix PGWP, Status for ALL, PR Campaign, BC Tuition Freeze Now, and more;

Whereas IP-3 titled “Tuition Affordability” notes that Tuition has become increasingly unaffordable over the past several decades and remains one of the largest barriers for students in receiving a post secondary education;

Whereas several Migrant and International students must pay a drastically higher tuition in comparison to domestic students while also adhering to two consecutive semesters of a full course load yearly;

Whereas due to this higher tuition in nature and with the rise of tuition (twice) with a total of a 8% increase in tuition for migrant and international students within the last 2 years, and another rise of 4% of tuition coming soon, many Migrant Students and International students are experiencing financial instability;

Whereas financial instability provides difficulty to participate adequately as many students take on paid opportunities in their free time to cover higher costs and are unable to participate adequately within coalitions, groups, clubs, unions and such to fight for their rights;

Whereas TSSU and GSS have contributed funds required for the background work of creating the MSU Chapter and its campaigns so far, and SFSS has not supported MSU yet in providing funding to ensure that Migrant students have the space to advocate for themselves without it taking a toll on their living circumstance;

Be it further resolved that council support Migrant Students United and direct Council to create a Migrant and International Students Rights Issues Policies;

Be it further resolved to create a working group of the Councilors and Members, ensuring strong representation of international students, co-chaired by International Student Advocate representative and supported by the VP Equity



and Sustainability, to draft and recommend to Council this Migrant and International Students Rights Issues Policy, in consultation with the International Student Advocate Constituency group, and Migrant Student United at SFU;

Be it further resolved that SFSS Council supports and approves the funding of \$15,000 of the joint coalition working with GSS and TSSU to disburse for the campaigns expenses and volunteers' stipend in 2022 (through a disbursement model where the funding is dispersed via TSSU, or otherwise if mutually determined by all three coalition partners), for the Summer and Fall semesters, from a line item determined by the VP Finance and Services.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- International Student Advocates expressed that the International Students face many challenges during and after their studies such as high tuition fees, International Students health fee, 20 hour per week work limit, unfair and exclusive PR rules, time-restricted and non-renewable nature of the PGWP, etc.
- ISA mentioned that there is no group, society, or coalition at SFU whose focus is on organizing around and fighting against barriers faced by the international students.
- ISA expressed that at SFSS, the International Students Advocates, which is an SFSS constituency group, been facing lack of resources and capacity to mobilize students and perform effectively.
- MSU Chapter at SFU is a group of former and current international and domestic students, members of TSSU, GSS, SFSS, and their allies who have come together to advocate for migrant student rights under the support of Migrant Student United.
- They are planning to provide stipends for 6 volunteers with the requirement of working 5 hours per week with providing them with \$20 per hour which comes up to the total of \$20,856 for the semester. Along with this, they would require \$2000 for campaigns and events.
- They are requesting Council to approve the spending of \$15,000 to support their initiative to advocate for the international students.
- VP University spoke in favor of this motion and urged council to vote yes for this motion.



- VP University on behalf of the DNA Acting Executive read their statement, they urge council to vote yes on this important motion to meaningfully support migrant's students united and their advocacy work.  
As the council have heard and provided presentations and discussions over the past few council meetings about the migrant students facing disproportionate financial difficulty and discriminatory healthcare immigration and education policies on top of the challenges of newly living in Canada, Migrant Students United being the only group on campus of its kind, as a coalition that brings that builds bridges between SFSS TSU and GSS works on both a local and national level uniquely positioned to advocate for migrants.  
They have also been actively being involved in international student's health fee campaign. Six PGWP status for all the PR campaign, BC tuition freeze now and other campaigns and work alongside students across Canada, these campaigns have resulted in societal change.  
SFSS reported the amount \$500,000 as surplus and unused funds from last year. Considering that \$15,000 is being asked to advocate for international student's rights, is really minimal in comparison, this council has recently given another student group \$9000 to simply host a party, we would support an advocacy for migrant students and contribute to the well deserving rights for the international students.
- Political Science Councilor thanked council for providing an extra day to look over the document. They supported this motion.
- Philosophy Councilor expressed their support for this motion and mentioned that they are happy to see this kind of initiative put forward to council for the migrant students. With their experience, they themselves have seen migrant international students not having similar rules as for domestic group. They mentioned that they are happy to see a group come up to work for the migrant students' rights and needs. With the stipends it will support the work being done.
- VP Events spoke in favor of this motion. They mentioned that they feel the hard work that the migrant students do. They do a lot of labor not just in school. With all that we contributed to other student groups which are equity seeking, migrant students need similar support as council have done

for others in the past.

- Women Centre spoke in favor of this motion and mentioned that they are fundamentally crucial organization in our university and they need to be supported for the labor they have been doing for the work.
- VP External and Community Affairs spoke in favor of this motion and mentioned that we have allocated funds over the past year to other projects. And, this is something we should continue to support to have an impact on the student needs. And, at the same time, the funds are supporting the people working for the migrant's student to make this work and continue to happen.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 SFU 350 Mural Invoice- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:07**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President "Corbett Gildersleve"

**ATTACHMENT:**

**Corbett / Ben**

Whereas SFU attempted to go after students involved in the SFU Climate Justice Mural under the guise of student misconduct;

Whereas the SFSS stepped in to defend student rights to protest;

Whereas SFU 350 is an SFSS club and it is our duty to defend the clubs and student activists from bullying through inappropriate use of policies as was employed by SFU and the administrative team at SFU;

Whereas this Climate Justice mural, was instrumental, alongside other actions by SFU 350 and Climate Justice activists, in SFU divesting multi million dollars (around \$400 million) from fossil fuels in support of climate action;

Whereas the situation was finally resolved after the SFU President had a conversation with the SFSS President along with backlash from media, SFSS student unions, constituency groups, and student unions from other universities, deviating from their heavy-handed approach of weaponizing SFU policy;

Whereas SFU Convocation Mall renovation used porous material that were susceptible to damage even from washable paint;

Whereas Holi events and other such cultural events typically happen in Convocation Mall or elsewhere and have ran into similar issues;

Whereas this porous material now causes complications for these cultural events in those spaces;

Whereas SFSS, during negotiations, committed to considering covering the cost of the repairs and replacement of the tiles if they were necessary to mitigate students forcibly and inaccessibly covering the costs without intention or understanding of the porous material complications;

Whereas SFU has indicated though the tiles were cleaned, that there were more long term paint left back due to the type of the floor material;

Be it resolved that Council vote to cover the costs as stated in the attached invoice for the removal of the SFU 350 Climate Justice mural and replacement of tile from a line item determined by the VP Finance and Services, in alliance with the Climate Emergency statement approved by Council previously;

Be it further resolved that the current and incoming SFSS executives first work to encourage SFU to share the cost of the invoice to redress the situation following public outrage and harms caused and report back to Council with updates;

Be it further resolved that SFSS urges SFU to not use this type of material for future renovations and constructions and to use more appropriate material to support cultural gatherings, events, and actions previously held to reduce the need for tile replacement and cleaning;

Be it further resolved to work with SFU to do an audit of other spaces that have similar material on campus and call on SFU to replace these with better material when feasibly possible, while further supporting the conversations around protest

and how the community can ensure appropriate communication and discussion before action.

**CARRIED**

- Mathematics Councillor expressed concern, in reference to 10.26(1) of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12<sup>th</sup> edition that the motion was not in order since he believed that it fell out of the scope of the SFSS' constitution. The motion therefore needed a 2/3 majority vote to be introduced to the committee.
- Mathematics Councillor clarified that he was uncertain as to how working with SFU in an audit space would fall under the SFSS Constitution.
- President explained that since the concern was the porous material used in Convocation mall, it was related because it would impact student groups who might receive costs for hosting events even if they used washable paint. He highlighted that the SFSS worked to advocating for students and this included reducing the financial burden on students which made the concern fall under the SFSS constitution.
- President moved the motion in order. Mathematics appealed.
- Mathematics Councillor restated that he did not believe the motion was within the constitution, referring specifically to where the motion stated the SFSS would "work with" SFU.
- Philosophy Councillor raised a point of order, asking Mathematics Councillor which part of the constitution this motion violated.
- Mathematics Councillor raised issue with the "work with" wording. He explained that if the SFSS would be directly working with SFU on this matter, he did not see how it would be in the interest of undergraduate students. However, if there was a different interpretation and the SFSS would play a role, then it might fall within the constitution, but it was unclear.
- VP Equity and Sustainability stated that the conversation was off-topic and derailing the discussion relevant to the motion at hand. She explained that VP University and Academic Affairs often has to work with the University to advocate for the Undergraduate students. She added that since Convocation mall was a bookable area and used directly by students, it was an SFSS concern. She referenced a previous Holi cultural event where they

- had been an issue about porous stones and clarified that this was a reoccurring concern.
- VP Equity and Sustainability clarified that the SFSS needed to be clear about to commitment to peaceful protesting. The mural was a peaceful, cultural art piece that brought the community together, a fact that was acknowledged by the University.
  - VP University and Academic Affairs clarified that they had done audits with SFU of SFU buildings so it was within the scope of not only the SFSS constitution but the VPUAA role in particular.
  - President asked Council to vote on whether the motion was out of order via a raised hand vote.
    - 20 Council Members voted in favour of the motion being in order. 5 Council Members voted against the motion being in order.
  - In response to a question from Mathematics Councillor about the timeline of the bill, President explained that it had been received by the President's account in late December.
  - In response to Philosophy Councillor's question about whether or not liability insurance could cover it, Corbett clarified that it would not since it was classified as cleaning.
  - Philosophy Councillor asked why this was classified as cleaning when there was a legal argument that this was a human rights issue since SFU350 was standing up for environmental rights.
  - SASS alternate raised concerns about the phrasing of the motion, particularly the third whereas clause which referred to "bullying through inappropriate use of policies" by SFU while the rest of the motion states that the incoming SFSS executives will work to share the cost with SFU despite the previous discussion of covering the cost. She raised concerns about SFU's response and indicated that incoming Executives should be going in with a polite perspective as they will have to work with SFU in the future.
  - VP Equity and Sustainability reminded Council that SFU had directly admitted that they handled the matter inappropriately. SFU also released a joint statement with SFU350 on how they would work together in the future. She clarified that SFU has weaponized its policy against students,

- even when they were unaware of who specifically was painting the mural.
- VPES added SFU President Joy Johnson had stated that SFU honoured SFU350's work. VPES clarified that Council needed to protect students who are being targeted as strongly now as it did when it supported their action and endorsed their campaign. She emphasized that to continue relations with SFU, SFSS Council needed to hold SFU accountable.
  - Political Science stated that since the motion was being brought to Council prior to discussion with SFU, it would be a point of weakness in any negotiation.
  - SASS alternate asked VP Equity and Sustainability directly as to whether she had missed an email where incoming executives had been volunteered to do this negotiation. She also asked about the process for negotiations. VP Equity and Sustainability explained that current Exec did not want to volunteer specific Executives as they did not know who would want to be a part of this process. She added that she would be handing her involvement in the negotiations off to the incoming VPES.
  - President clarified that this motion had not been discussed in the agenda planning meeting since any discussion now would still go forward to the next incoming group. The cost would get covered either way, either by the SFSS or by SFU and the SFSS.
  - VPUAA clarified that Incoming Executives were still expected to work on continuing projects of the previous Execs.
  - VP Internal and Organizational Development spoke in support of covering the mural and read out a message that had been written by VP Equity and Sustainability. She highlighted that this action had brought the community together and later led to SFU declaring a climate emergency and divesting. SFU350 had also been declared change makers by the Environment Faculty at SFU. SFU350 had been working on their divestment campaign for over 8 years.
  - In response to a question from Mathematics Councillor as to why Executives made a verbal agreement with SFU stating that they would pay for associated costs, President explained that Executives were told that costs would only concern cleaning. Additionally, there had been an event in the past where paints and powder were used, and the cost had been under

- 5K. President also clarified that he was not in attendance at this meeting but that this was the information that was relayed to him.
- Women's Centre Collective Councillor reminded Council that they voiced their support for SFU350 previously and condemned actions taken by SFU in attempts to silence them. Council should provide continued support going forward.
  - Philosophy Councillor thanked Council for the good conversation. She explained that SFU likely agreed with the mural as a PR move. She stated that since it was a big movement, it was in the interest of the SFSS to maintain amicable relationships with the SFU administration as administration likely wanted to maintain their public relations, not authentically support the movement. She did not rule out that some staff might support.
  - Philosophy Councillor reiterated that not maintaining amicable relationships with SFU would reduce the amount of meaningful work the SFSS was capable of as it was important to build community with the University

**9.1.1 Postponement of Motion until May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Council Meeting –  
MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:08**

**Nikki/Ben**

**For (10):** Cognitive Science, Computing Science Alternate, Education, Mathematic, ORSU, Philosophy, Political Science, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, Sociology and Anthropology, Statistics and Actuarial Science

**Against (16) :** Behavioral Neuroscience, Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology, French, Geography, Health Science, Interactive Arts and Technology, Labour Studies, Psychology, International Student Advocates, Women Centre Collective, Acting President, Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development, VP University and Academic Affairs, VP External and Community Affairs, VP Equity and Sustainability, VP Events and Student Affairs

**Abstain (2):** Bachelor of Environment, Engineering Science

- Health Science Councilor highlighted that SFU350 had organizers present who had not been given the opportunity to speak.
- BPK Councilor suggested amending the motion at the current meeting



instead of waiting for another meeting if the only proposed changes were about wording.

- VP Equity and Sustainability mentioned that SFU350 was present and that a conversation about this could be held now. If discussions were being held about relationship building and community, SFU350 had been doing community work. She mentioned that these were club-level discussions.
- Mathematics Councilor noted that it was interesting that the Executives did not want to postpone this motion considering that they had been aware of the bill since February 2022. He expressed that he was deeply confused by the argument.

**9.1.1.1 Motion to extend the meeting to 9:30- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:09**

**Corbett/Ben**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Philosophy Councilor noted that she had a duty to work with the University administration as an incoming Executive. She explained that, in order to meet the needs of the membership, there needed to be mutual empathy between SFSS and SFU as well as amicable relations. In the past there had been instances of the SFSS 'rubbing SFU the wrong way' so there was a need for more reflection as well as consulting with SFU350.
- A Member and Organizer with SFU350 reminded Council that SFSS Council had supported SFU350. After the mural, the SFU Board of Governors declared a climate emergency and divested funds. SFU350 had the most face time with SFU administration after the mural was painted. The member mentioned that SFU350 appreciated the support they had received with SFU had weaponized their policies against SFU350 members.
- Another Member and Organizer with SFU350 thanked Council for supporting SFU350 and advocated for them. The mural had been done as a last result and SFU350 had never done direct action before. Because of the impending climate crisis, SFU350 felt a need to take bold action for SFU to address their role in the climate crisis.
- Quorum was regained after having been lost

**9.1.2 Motion to Reconsider and enter on the Minutes - MOTION COUNCIL**



**2022-04-27:10**

**Ben / Corbett**

**NOT CARRIED**

- Mathematics Councillor explained that, as per section 37.46 of RONR, since he had voted on the prevailing side of the motion.
- Chair ruled motion out of order.
- Mathematics Councillor appealed motion.
- Chair called for a raised hands vote.
- 18 Council Members voted in favour of the motion being in order. 3 Council Members voted against the motion being in order.

**9.2 IP-11: Accessible and Equitable Events– MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:11**

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

**ATTACHMENT:** IP-11\_ Accessible and Equitable Events

**Serena / Ben**

Whereas the Vice-President Events and Student Affairs Jess Dela Cruz, the Accessibility Coordinator Brianna Price and the Vice-President University and Academic Affairs Serena Bains have collaborated on developing Issues Policy 11: Accessible and Equitable Events;

Whereas the issues policy has received feedback from members of the SFU Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) resulting in revisions;

Whereas there is a need for an issues policy to ensure any and all SFSS events are equitable and accessible for all attendees, organizers, and staff;

Be it resolved that Council approves Issues Policy 11: Accessible and Equitable Events;

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Issues Policy document be updated to reflect the more recently approved issues policies.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- VP University expressed that the policy outlines that events should produce safer environments where joy, knowledge, and comfort can

be shared. This is to make sure events are equitable and more accessible.

- VP Events emphasised on accessibility needs for events. They mentioned that the event for Spring Formal that came to council for fund approval had been requested to make their event more accessible which now they have worked on. While we do backend planning for events, it is important to have this down as well.

**9.3 Extend the Meeting until 10:30 pm -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:12**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President "Corbett Gildersleve"

**Corbett / Abhishek**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.4 Update MGP the Constituency Groups Policy to Reflect Expected Practice-MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:13**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP External and Sustainability "Marie Haddad"

**Corbett / Jocelle**

Whereas the Member Services and Group Policies need to be clear and outline the requirements in the Letter of Agreement of the Constituency Groups that have letter of agreement;

Whereas this would help Council and Staff understand the process under which Constituency Groups operate and outline funding, space, staff support, and autonomous governance subject to reporting and base governance requirements as outlined in letter of agreement as well as provide clarity and empower the Constituency groups that don't have letter of agreements;

Be it resolved to rename the acronym for the Member Services and Group Policies "MGP" to "MSGP" and reflect the change throughout the policies, and in all other policies;

Be it further resolved to amend the Member Services and Group Policies under Administrative Policies as listed in the attached document titled "MGP Constituency Group Policies Update.pdf".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Acting President on behalf of VP Equity expressed that SFSS have had constituency groups for a very long time, these have taken form of collectives like WC, OOC, FNMISA, DNA, and ISA. For a very long time they did not have any definitions or policy. In 2020, members passed bylaws that passed student groups and constituency groups with separated definition and different purpose.

**9.5 Creation of Affiliate Groups Seats on Council as per Bylaws for TSSU, Embark, and SFPIRG – MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:14**

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

**Matthew / Ben**

Whereas, SFSS bylaws allow for the creation of Council seats for affiliate student groups who has affiliation with members and have indicated interests to be a part of the Council, all of whom share membership with the SFSS, to be added to Council alongside current Affiliated Student groups such as SAAC and RHA;

Whereas, SFPIRG and Embark has members that are SFSS members being student societies on campus and are housed in the SUB;

Whereas, TSSU is the labour union representing research assistants, Ta’s, sessional instructors, and more, many of which are Undergraduates, and wealth of knowledge would be beneficial on the SFSS Council table;

Whereas all these organizations presence on campus would mutually be beneficial to the SFSS, the organizations, and our members;

Be it resolved that Council establish a new seat on Council for SFPIRD as an Affiliated student group on Council;

Be it resolved that Council establish a new seat on Council for Embark as an Affiliated Student group on Council;

Be it resolved that Council establish a new seat on Council for TSSU

(Undergraduate representative) as an Affiliated student group on Council;

Be it resolved that the groups appoint their representative for the start of the term in May 1, 2022 and going forward at the groups capacities;

Be it further resolved that the groups select amongst their members and appropriate alternates as per the SFSS Bylaws and Policies.

**CARRIED (In Favour 16, Against 4, Abstention 0)**

- VP External mentioned that this motion is related to the presentation that happened earlier. We spoke about the history of SFSS with these groups. We have large membership and these other affiliated groups also have memberships that coincides with undergraduate students. So, the idea that we can come together to support these groups should be encouraged. Having these organizations housed in SUB and bringing them to Council is fair to increase the democratic participation and ensure that in future if there are any motions or voting that impact their space or working within the student society that they are here.
- VP Events mentioned that the TSSU and SFPIRG are essential groups at the university. Their goal aligns with one another in terms of serving students, equity seeking lens and do good work within the community. Many Ta's are undergraduate students, we are aware of the difficult situation and the lack of support they do go through. The TSSU and SFPIRG having space on council will allow more transparency in regards to the work we do and where we can collaborate together.
- Interactive Arts and Technology spoke in favour of this motion. They mentioned that most of the Council dev sessions and training was done in collaboration of these groups. Joining council would help them contribute to the community easier and plan fun and safe events for campus.
- VP University spoke in favour of this motion and expressed that TSSU, Embark, and SFPIRG can bring a lot to the student committee. They feel graduate students have experience and would want to help undergraduate students, it is very rare case where an undergraduate student and a graduate student interest does not match. As they experience similar conditions in terms of incredibly high tuition, in-accessible conditions, and

- not being paid fairly as a TA or RA.
- The Acting President spoke in favour of this motion and mentioned that the whole point of these student groups to be on council is that they have overwhelming members and similar interest that they bring to SFSS. RHA has both graduate and undergraduate members to see as a reference.
  - VP Sustainability mentioned that they have directly worked with all these groups. They feel they would be of so much value to council not just because they serve the international students. But, they also provide such advocacy work.
  - Acting Executive of DNA spoke in favour of this motion. SFPIRG, specifically provided crucial support when their team was just getting started. Filling up the gaps that the SFSS has left for the disabled students at that time and support when any barriers were faced such as providing space, resources, and technical support. Without SFPIRG, DNA would not exist. They also find issue with the idea that the TSSU does not support undergraduate students as someone who is currently an undergraduate research assistant, and is actively supported by the TSSU, the fight for fair wage.  
Some of their TA are also undergraduate third and fourth years' students alongside grads. TSSU certainly have undergraduate representative and support graduate students. All of these affiliate groups collaborate very closely with SFSS constituency groups as organizations that serve equity and justice on campus. This motion allows for better coalition and collaboration building with groups that serve assess members also ensures that those who are SUB tenants have a say on issues that affect them.
  - Mathematics Councillor raised their concern in regards to SFSS bylaws being incomplete. Saying that this is being done in line of the bylaws does not make sense.  
They referred to bylaw 13.20 of council under which council elections have to follow the constitution and bylaws of student union and constituency groups that holds seat on council. But, it says nothing about their respective bylaws. In terms of specifically this case, TSSU'S, they expressed they are not comfortable voting in favour of this. An undergraduate representative in essence is tasked with representing an organization that per the briefing note submitted by migrant students united is mostly consisting of graduate

- student's society members, and that this representative who supposedly is an undergraduate representative would then be elected by and seemingly accountable to this group of members per the TSU representative's policy.
- Political Science Councillor expressed similar concern and mentioned that this is specifically towards the TSU, they feel that the biggest problem here is that it has the potential for not being a proper democracy in the form that undergraduate student, be voted in by a graduate majority that disagrees with the undergraduate student majority of the TSSU. For example, candidate A supported mostly by undergraduate students, Whereas, candidate B is mostly supported by graduate students. Because, graduate students have more people, B gets elected even though more undergraduate students want to have candidate A, because that is not a representative democracy of a council that is being paid for by student fees from undergraduate students, I'll be voting against this.

#### **9.6 Call the Question –Motion COUNCIL 2022-04-26:15**

**Ben / Corbett**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **9.7 Trans Mountain Expansion Project – Motion COUNCIL 2022-04-26:16**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Health Science Councillor "Jocelle Refol"

**ATTACHMENT:** HUG map3apr22.pdf and HUGflyer (2).pdf

**Jocelle / Abhishek**

Whereas the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) project is currently increasing their tanks twofold, adding fourteen new tanks to their already-existing thirteen tanks, in which one existing tank will be replaced, within the Burnaby Terminal located next to the Simon Fraser University (SFU) Burnaby campus;

Whereas, despite the threat the expansion poses to its students and the environment, SFU has yet to take a clear stance against the Trans Mountain Expansion project;

Whereas the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the sə'ílŵətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh), sk̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and xwməθkwəy̓əm

(Musqueam) Nations on which the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) pipeline is trespassing and being built without their free, prior, and informed consent;

Whereas the SFSS opposes TMX on the grounds of violation of Indigenous sovereignty and supports actions of Indigenous land and water defenders against TMX;

Whereas the current SFSS stance is in full opposition to the TMX Pipelines and continues to advocate and support climate justice initiatives and calls to action;

Whereas SFSS believes in the right to peaceful protest and assembly;

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council endorse the Hug the Mountain event happening on May 7, 2022,

Be it further resolved that the incoming Vice President Equity of Sustainability will take on facilitating this collaboration and supporting this event in the upcoming term.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Health Science Councillor mentioned that this in relation to the presentation that was presented earlier.
- They recommended to make some minor amendments to this motion be it resolved clauses.

**9.8 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget Approval– MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:17**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Corbett Gildersleve”

**Corbett / Ben**

Whereas Council is required to review and approve a preliminary budget for the next fiscal year;

Whereas Council has received and reviewed a previous draft budget at its meeting on April 13th, 2022;

Whereas the budget has been updated and amended since then and a final draft budget has been presented to Council;

Be it resolved that Council approve the 2022-2023 5th Draft Budget as the preliminary budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year;

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Acting President mentioned that in the previous council meeting, they presented the third draft of the preliminary budget. That time we projected that our revenue from student fees will be similar levels as before the pandemic both with SFSS and FIC. At a time, it was projected that SFSS had operating budget deficit due to not carrying over the internal restricted COVID-19 support funds and increased operating costs.
- The SFSS has a number of dedicated fees that the undergraduate students pay each term. These fees have their own funds and can only be used in specific ways as laid out in the referendum question. For instance, our membership fees goes to our general fund which the majority of our organization, its services, and supports. The Build SFU fees goes towards funding the operations of the SUB, its support staff, construction loan payments, contributions to the SFU Stadium, etc. The accessibility fund goes towards supporting making SFSS events fees for FNMISA, SOCA, and DNA goes towards supporting programming and initiatives out of those spaces. The staff costs for those spaces comes from the SFSS general fund.
- Acting president mentioned that there have been changes from the third draft to the fifth draft budget. They met with FIC on April 14th, 2022. They received an update on their enrollment projections, and unfortunately due to rising COVID-19 cases in China and India, the two main countries they receive students from, they do not expect their enrollment numbers to return to normal until fall 2023. They expected this year's enrollment numbers to be the same as last year's. As such, the projected revenue from FIC was lowered to last fiscal year's actual enrollment numbers. This lowered projected revenue by around \$80,000.
- They mentioned that by reviewing the past referenda, it came into notice that, in 2012, members approved a reallocation from the Space Expansion Fund to the General Fund of \$10 for a number of different programming and



service costs. Two of those services were for the Women's Centre and Out on Campus with \$0.50 each per student per term. This works out to be \$35,000 extra that each department should have been receiving through the General Fund each year. This has been added to their budgets.

- As Council has already reallocated up to \$35,000 from the COVID-19 support funds to go towards purchasing personal protective equipment to distribute to students, but no other reallocations, they have re-added the \$375,000.
- With the above changes, especially with the continued use of the \$375,000 for the COVID-1 support funds, our deficit would be nullified. However, after the discussion with financial coordinator and auditors, this comes out not to be true. The purpose of internally restricting surplus funds in the budget is to cover the cost of a special expense outside of your regular budget. As such, any internal restrictions done like this is equivalent to adding both a revenue and expense of the same amount with a net-zero change if the funding is fully used. If not, then it is just surplus again and surplus is not shown on our operating budget.
- To understand how much surplus we have or do not have, we have to look at our financial statements, audited or unaudited. Our audited financial statements for 2020-2021 shows that by the end of April 30th, 2021 we had \$4,781,316 cumulative surplus and \$853,381 annual surplus. At first glance it looks like we have almost \$5M extra in the Bank, but when you look at it further that \$4.7M is actually more like as follows – for contingency reserve \$650,000, COVID-19 Emergency Funding Reserve \$400,000, Internally Restricted \$109,512, and Unrestricted \$3,227,639.
- The unrestricted \$3,227,639 is further broken down into – over two million of it is in our investments and can be pulled out if needed.  
\$853,381 of operating surplus from that year.  
A mixture of other smaller surpluses, bank interest, etc.
- Our latest unaudited financial statements for the April 25th, 2022 projected operating surplus of over \$500,000 for this fiscal year (ending April 30th).
- In terms of recommendations for the future, the SFSS needs to expand its service and support offerings to take advantage of the SUB. Our current budget and fees that are tied to these services and supports are set at a

similar level to when we were operating in the MBC for the past 20 years. During that time, operations more or less worked on a 9:00 am to 5:00 pm schedule. However, if we want to have evening and weekend support for events, services, and supports we will need new stable revenue to cover these costs.

- In terms of recommendation, the first one is to, delay fee changes by using surplus, as mentioned before we have quite a lot of unrestricted surplus in investments and in cash that could pay for expanding services, staff, and programming. This would allow for the SFSS to not have to change fees in the short term. This is not sustainable in the long run as surplus would eventually be used up and then there would either have to be a larger fee(s) increase to compensate or service, programming, and staff cuts would have to occur.
- The second recommendation is to create dedicated fees for existing major services and supports. Services like club and student union grants and core funding is integral to the student experience. As are funding for the Women's centre, Out on Campus, Student Advocacy Officer, etc. These services come from the General Fund, and as such they compete with insurance cost changes, increased staffing needs, etc. Developing dedicated fees to go to those services would free up money in the general fund to be used for general service expansion and support. This would require referendums, and campaign to convince members to support. Looking at our history of referendum questions, dedicated fees were more likely to pass than general fee increases.
- The third recommendation is to, create a mixture of dedicated and reallocated fees. Similar to recommendation 2, but smaller fees combined with reallocating from the general fund to a new fund. This would not free up as much funds from the General Fund, but would ensure that the targeted program, service, etc. would have dedicated revenue to function. This might be easier to pass through referendum but care would have to be taken not to reallocate too much from the general fund and then have core financial issues in the SFSS.

#### **9.9 Move to extend the meeting until 11:00 pm– MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-**

**27:18**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President "Corbett Gildersleve"

**Corbett / Abhishek**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.10 SFSS Core Funding- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:19**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Computing Science Alternate "Mitchell Gale"

**Corbett / Abhishek**

Whereas inflation is occurring each year in Canada;

Whereas the core funding student groups receive each semester has been stagnant for many years;

Whereas student groups are forced to spend more time making grant requests to make up for the increasing expenses and core funding not increasing;

Whereas the SFSS mission statement says it exists to "provide resources and services that represent, connect and benefit our membership." and a core funding increase is a resource that will benefit the membership by increased events and services run by student unions;

Whereas unspent core will continue to be taken back by the SFSS on May 1st each year so additional unused funding for groups will not lose the SFSS money;

Be it resolved that the SFSS council recommends to the VP Finance to identify, reassess, and restate the final budget to increase the approved student group core funding by 50% of the current allocated amount for the 2022-23 year.

Be it resolved that the unused amount of Core funding from the 2021-22 fiscal year be allocated as an increase from the unrestricted surplus in the next year towards core funding for DSU's, FSU's, CG's in the next year 2022-23 year.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- Computing Science Alternate mentioned that the core funding that the student unions get is stagnant for a number of, so it has been like inflation

and increases in pricing and stuff from campus and Stuff off campus, and the student groups have not really gotten any increases in their, the funding that they use for events and do all the work that they do. All these people are just complete volunteers like myself and many other people here have been in the past or currently. And we are just trying to run events we are trying to work for the students, but we are having to spend a lot of times, submitting grants and doing extra work or not being able to run events just because we do not have the funding to do running run events.

So, they are putting this question forward to try to increase the amount of funding that we can get this way they can just run more events smoothly and without the added stress and work of submitting a ton of grant requests. In terms of the numbers, for the year 2021-2022 the funding given out for the year were \$98,100. By increasing it by 50% will put it just below \$150,000

- Women's Centre Collective expressed their concern regarding this motion and mentioned that as per the budget that we went over this amount would be conflicting.
- Political Science Councillor mentioned that they have discussed about the increase in the past with a couple of DSU's and there are potential issues that come up such as the budget is already set, but, then re-evaluation can be done in the summer for that.
- VP Events mentioned that when we write student groups in the motion, it is not descriptive enough, it needs to be specific if it is meant club, faculty students or student unions. Even using words like "and", "or" is important in order to be descriptive in this motion. Also, if this will support constituency group in any way, and asking if there were any consultation done in any way is crucial. One thing to consider is that, we just passed the budget, so, is this based on the new budget past or based on the old information. In a way, money is allocated for the student groups, some student groups are bigger than other student groups. For example, criminology student group would have larger student fund, than the general studies student union because of the amount of students enrolling within them. If budget is under \$5000, the discussion and presentation can

be done in executive meetings. However, if they are asking for more than \$5000, then, discussion with Council is needed. They think that this motion needs a lot of more information, more research, and consultancy. They would not want to speak in favour of this motion.

- Acting President expressed that they have been reached out for this in the past. They have similar concerns regarding the language of the motion. They suggested if amendments can be made to do further consultation on the motion so we can have actual numbers. They would like to support this motion since, SFSS has extra surplus, but, would like to see more information in order to vote in favour of this.

#### **9.11 SFSS Uyghur Solidarity Statements Endorsement– MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:20**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Corbett Gildersleve”  
**Corbett / Abhishek**

Whereas on May 19th, 2021, the SFSS Council voted unanimously to condemn the ongoing genocide of the Uyghur People’s and struck a working group called the Uyghur Solidarity Working Group to formulate a statement and issues policy on behalf of Council;

Whereas the Uyghur Solidarity working group has finalized the statement titled “SFSS Uyghur Solidarity” regarding the recent history that has lead up to the persecution and ongoing genocide of Uyghurs in concentration camps, propaganda and misinformation created by the Chinese government against Uyghurs, and holding accountable misinformation spread by SFU faculty members;

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council approve of the statement recommended and formulated by the Uyghur Solidarity Working Group and share it with Membership.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Helen spoke in favour of this motion and have this statement published to our membership.  
They mentioned that not only this is to fulfill the promise we had made last

year but it is also related to the acknowledging the lived experiences and traumas faced by the Uyghur communities and their families.

Also, in passing this motion this is also a way to acknowledge the resiliency of our communities and how they continue to thrive despite the challenges they have faced. For instance, I need to say that I am grateful to my dear friends from the Uyghur community, who took the time to present their lived experiences at council last year and their family's lived experiences on being detained by Chinese officials into recruiting tournament camps.

- They hope that council considers the motion as a means to knowledge and amplify these voices and support the Uyghur community or cause through this platform.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **10.1 Council Orientation**

- **Council Orientation will occur from May 2nd to May 6th from 9:00 am to 4:00pm.**
  - **In-person (SUB) on Monday, May 2nd, Tuesday, May 3rd, and, Friday, May 6th.**
  - **Virtual on Thursday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 4th.**

### **10.2 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

- **Wednesday, May 11th at 4:30 pm**

## **11. ATTACHMENTS**

- 11.1 IP-11\_ Accessible and Equitable Events**
- 11.2 HUG map3apr22.pdf**
- 11.3 HUGflyer (2).pdf**
- 11.4 Motion Briefing Note.pdf**
- 11.5 Goodbye Graffiti – 20875.pdf**
- 11.6 Inv\_20910\_from\_Goodby ... nabyMission\_14092.pdf**
- 11.7 A22972 SFU Convocation Mall Quote.docx**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**12.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-27:21**

**Matthew / Jocelle**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 PM

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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December 16, 2021

**Quote # A22972**

Simon Fraser University

Email: [dan\\_cooper\\_2@sfu.ca](mailto:dan_cooper_2@sfu.ca)

Attention: Mr. Dan Cooper

Project: Convocation Mall in Front of Stage

Re: Remove Grout and Re-grout Approx.. 400 Square Feet complete with Control Joints  
Graffiti Removal Area

As per our meeting on site we have allowed to remove and grind all grout and recess down 1" from the top of the granite paver face of stone, including all flex joints at control joints. Then we will re-grout with Romex and install new Romex flex joints in all areas required for control joints.

We have also allowed to cover new grouted area with insulated tarps for entire curing time which is approximately 4 days after installation.

**Price: \$15,988.00 + GST**

Please confirm.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to quote, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this quote please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,  
**APEX GRANITE & TILE INC.**  
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# Hug The Mountain

Join us for the biggest hug in BC

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Join together **Saturday, May 7**  
(Mother's Day weekend) to stand  
against the Trans Mountain Pipeline  
Expansion and protect the planet!

We will assemble in a human chain,  
circling Burnaby Mountain in a hug, to  
convey a powerful message of shared  
concern for our Mother Earth.

Bring your family and friends & join others in  
this movement inspired by other iconic  
human chains in history & around the world.



To learn more & sign-up scan the QR code or visit [www.hugthemountain.ca](http://www.hugthemountain.ca)

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Climate change is happening and we are in a crisis that demands drastic reductions in use of fossil fuels. We must stop building new fossil fuel infrastructure. The Trans Mountain Expansion will increase global emissions. It is the opposite of what scientists and health experts have been ever more urgently advising for years and undermines Canada's commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement.



On May 7, let's gather to sound our collective message  
of NO MORE PIPELINES!

Show the mountain some love!

## *Accessible and Equitable Events*

### **Preamble**

The accessibility and equitability of events determines whether an event is safe for members of marginalized communities to attend. Without accessibility, the event excludes and prevents the participation of Disabled members, as well as any members whose accessibility needs may not be met. Similarly, without equitability the event creates an environment which excludes members of marginalized communities out of concerns for their safety. Regardless of their content, events should be as accessible and equitable as possible. There should be attention paid and processes followed to ensure that events, the content of events and the participants of said events are safer. Events should produce safer environments, where joy, celebration, criticism, knowledge, and discomfort can be shared. It is important to note, however, while criticism and discomfort can be productive, harm is destructive.

Accessibility and equity are processes and not checklists. They must be considered prior to the event, during the event and after the event, and involve ongoing dialogue and collaboration with marginalized communities. This is critical as accessibility and equity oppose the oppression that marginalized communities face, which is also an ongoing process of the use of power to disempower, marginalize, silence or otherwise subordinate one group to further privilege the oppressor. To effectively implement anti-oppression efforts, one must continuously fight to challenge the systems of oppression and to equalize the power imbalances in our communities.

An example of an anti-oppression framework is disability justice, where the ten principles of disability justice are intersectionality, leadership of those most impacted, anti-capitalistic politic, commitment to cross-movement organizing, recognizing wholeness, sustainability, commitment to cross-disability solidarity, interdependence, collective access, and collective liberation<sup>1</sup>. Intersectionality is of particular importance to ensuring that accessibility is not just defined by disability, but an active process that prioritizes collective access and liberation for all.

### **Definitions**

**Ableism** is “a form of systemic oppression that places value on people’s bodies and minds based on societally constructed ideas of normalcy, intelligence, excellence and productivity. Ableism is hostile towards people with Disabilities, and is deeply rooted in anti-Blackness, eugenics, colonialism and capitalism. You do not have to be Disabled to experience ableism.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> These principles were developed by the queer and trans disabled artists/activists and disabled artists/activists of colour of Sins Invalid. <https://www.sinsinvalid.org/blog/10-principles-of-disability-justice>

<sup>2</sup> This definition was originally developed by Talila “TL” Lewis, and was developed in community with Disabled Black and other negatively racialized people, especially Dustin Gibson, <https://www.talilalewis.com/blog/january-2021-working-definition-of-ableism>

**Access/Accessibility** is when a service, device, or space can be used by everyone. This includes everyone being able to acquire the same information, engage in the same interactions, and have the same opportunities, with the same effectiveness, integration, and ease of use.

**Barriers** are anything that prevent a person from fully and comfortably participating in an environment because their needs are not being met. Barriers can be physical, cognitive, sensory, architectural, communications-based, attitudinal, technological, a policy or practice. Barriers are often more common or severe for those who are Disabled or otherwise marginalized due to the influence of structural oppression (such as ableism, racism, classism, misogyny, homophobia/homophobia, transphobia/transphobia, colonialism, etc.)

**Collective access** is “access that we intentionally create collectively, instead of individually.”<sup>3</sup> Since often the onus to create access is placed on the individual who needs it, collective access requires a commitment from everyone to create access for all.

**Disability justice** is a “multi-issue political understanding of disability and ableism, moving away from a rights based equality model and beyond just access, to a framework that centers justice and wholeness for all disabled people and communities.”<sup>4</sup> It was coined in 2005 by Black, brown, queer, and trans members of the Disability Justice Collective, including Patty Berne, Leroy Moore, Mia Mingus, Eli Clare, and Sebastian Margaret.

**Disabled** is a political identity claimed by many people who are barred from full and equal participation in society due to physical, mental, intellectual, sensory and communication **barriers**. The Disabled identity is often used to oppose the idea that something is inherently “wrong” with Disabled people’s bodies and minds, and to instead indicate that it is society which disables people who fall outside its socially-constructed idea of normalcy. Those who are Disabled may only be disabled temporarily, or may be disabled long-term. They also may or may not be disabled in a way that is easily apparent to others.

**Equity** is fair and just treatment, access, and opportunity that acknowledges diversity and eliminates barriers that prevent certain groups from being included or being able to participate.

**Marginalization** is the treatment of a person, group, or concept as insignificant and/or less than.

**Wheelchair accessible** is any space which provides thirty-six inch throughways and sixty-by-sixty inch turning radiuses for wheelchairs, as well as a lack of stairs or other obstacles that could obstruct the path of a person using a wheelchair.

## **Policy**

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<sup>3</sup> From Creating Collective Access: Crip made brilliance in Detroit and beyond, by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha [https://alliedmedia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/creating\\_collective\\_access.pdf](https://alliedmedia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/creating_collective_access.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Mia Mingus

The SFSS supports:

1. That all online events should have the following:
  - a. Live captioning
  - b. Sign language interpretation
  - c. Options for dialing in by phone
  - d. Options to participate via the chat window, and someone to read out chat responses
  - e. Visual self-descriptions for all people using cameras, modeled and done during opening rounds
  - f. Visual descriptions of slides, photos and any other visual materials shared
  - g. A mute function controlled by the moderator, turned on whenever an attendee is not speaking
  - h. Names and jargon spelled out or put in the chat window
  - i. Speakers to identify themselves by name when they start speaking
  - j. Technical rehearsals/test-runs beforehand to check all relevant accessibility considerations
  - k. Preventative measures to address potential security incidents and breaches, including Zoom-bombing
2. That all in-person events should have the following:
  - a. A wheelchair-accessible venue
  - b. Inclusive physical activities
  - c. Illness prevention protocols, including COVID-19 prevention
  - d. Accessible transportation routes and entrances
  - e. Sign language interpretation
  - f. Gender neutral and wheelchair-accessible washroom access
  - g. Braille or raised signage
  - h. Ways to vary lighting and sound to meet sensory needs
  - i. Options that meet common dietary restrictions for any food provided, including full ingredients lists accessible to all attendees (including Braille and large font lists); gluten-free, dairy-free, nut-free, vegan, certified kosher, and meat options
  - j. Options for more accessible seating (e.g. location of seat, type of seating)
  - k. A well-advertised and enforced scent-free policy, including provision of unscented hand soap in washrooms
  - l. Mandatory use of microphones
3. That all hybrid events (both in-person and online) should meet the criteria for points 1. and 2.
4. That all event organizing teams should have at least one designated accessibility contact person to manage accessibility services and process requests from attendees at least two weeks ahead of time
5. That all accessibility services for events should be professionally done and well-compensated, with preparatory materials (such as agendas, slides, attendee list) shared well ahead of time to service providers
6. That specific requests for accessibility services by attendees or organizers should be met in all cases where it is possible to do so



7. That staff and volunteers working on events are provided with paid disability and accessibility training, led by Disabled experts
8. That event planning should avoid conflicts with cultural and religious holidays and planned ceremonies
9. That events should have frequent and substantial breaks of at least 10-15 minutes every hour
10. Measures for language and communication accessibility, including:
  - a. Explanations for jargon, slang, acronyms and assumed knowledge
  - b. Plain language options for event materials
  - c. Interpretation and translation services into other languages when requested
  - d. Dyslexia-friendly fonts and formatting
  - e. Screen reader-friendly PDFs and digital documents
  - f. Large font (at least 20 pt) and Braille format materials when requested
  - g. Use of nametags and unobtrusive opportunities to use pronoun tags
  - h. Use of [communication badges](#)
  - i. Invitations for attendees to communicate in ways accessible for them, whether that be through speaking aloud, signing, writing, typing, or using Augmentative and Alternative Communication systems
11. Measures for financial accessibility, including:
  - a. Sliding scale options, or, when impossible, funding available for those who cannot afford the cost of an event
  - b. Funding available (e.g. in the form of stipends or vouchers) for those facing barriers to attending the event related to food, transportation, and/or care of a dependent
12. Advertising and/or event material that gives adequate information for disabled attendees, including:
  - a. Detailed location accessibility (or video call platform) information
  - b. Schedule of events and ending time
  - c. Chemical scent policy
  - d. Contact information for your accessibility contact person
  - e. Alternative text, image descriptions and/or captions for all images and videos in event materials
  - f. All other relevant accessibility information
13. Ample warnings for flashing lights and colours to prevent seizures, and avoidance of the use of flashing lights and colours
14. Respectful rules and expectations, including:
  - a. Content warnings for triggering material
  - b. Respectful interaction with disabled participants and speakers
  - c. Bans of flash photography
  - d. Speaking one at a time to prevent crosstalk
  - e. Patience with those who speak slowly or may take a while to answer
15. That speaker lists at events should take equity into consideration, including:
  - a. That marginalized people should be considered expert speakers and presenters on the subjects of their marginalizations



- b. That marginalized experts should be included in lists of speakers and presenters at events that are not solely about their marginalizations
  - c. That organizers should not assume speakers and presenters are not disabled and would not have their own accessibility needs
- 16. That accessibility be planned well ahead of time, and updates be given to attendees prior to the event and on the day of
- 17. The full implementation and maintenance of the Administrative Policy: SFSS Accessibility Standard Policy
- 18. Appropriate consequences for those violating safety and security of the event, including Zoom-bombers, varying dependent on the severity of the transgression

The SFSS opposes:

- 1. Events that create unsafe conditions for marginalized people, including:
  - a. Lack of intentional and collaborative planning for collective access
  - b. Attempts to dictate which accessibility needs are fake or unimportant
  - c. Elevating (without challenging) opinions that are racist, sexist, homophobic/homomistic, ableist, transphobic/transmistic, fatphobic/fatmistic, antiblack or otherwise harmful and violent towards a marginalized group
  - d. Events which feature or allow white supremacists and alt-right extremists
- 2. Requiring medical documentation of disabilities to meet accessibility needs during events
- 3. Evaluating accessibility support for events based on event size or likelihood of profit
- 4. The labelling of events as “accessible” when accessibility has not been properly evaluated



# Supporting Migrant Students United Chapter at SFU

**Submitted by:** Quynh Chi Bui, International Student Advocates  
Councillor

**Prepared by:** Quynh Chi Bui, Rahil Adeli and WeiChun Kua

## Background:

International students face so many challenges during and after their studies such as high tuition fees, International Students Health Fee, 20 hour/week work limit, unfair and exclusive Permanent Residency rules, time-restricted and non-renewable nature of Post-Graduate Work Permit, and etc. Yet, there is no group, society or coalition at SFU whose focus is organizing around and fighting against barriers faced by international students. The actions towards minimizing these barriers are very limited, rare, and scattered around various groups on campus. At SFSS, the International Students Advocates, which is an SFSS constituency group, has been also facing lack of resources and capacity to mobilize students and perform effectively.

[Migrant Students United \(MSU\) chapter at SFU](#), is a coalition of grad and undergrad current and former international students from TSSU, GSS, and SFSS under the support of [Migrant Workers Alliance for Change](#) (MWAC) and specifically, [Migrant Student United](#) to focus solely on international students' issues. While the group is relatively new and has had limited support, it has initiated and actively participated in many activities and campaigns related to migrant students. SFSS has the highest population of international students at SFU, however, it has provided almost no specific support tailored towards international students and the background work for shaping and activating the MSU chapter so far.

## Who is Migrant Students United at SFU?

MSU chapter at SFU is a group of former and current international and domestic students from [TSSU](#), [GSS](#), [SFSS](#), and their allies who have come together to advocate for migrant students' rights under the support of [Migrant Student United](#). We seek equitable and just policies for migrant students by speaking up about and fighting against the systemic barriers at university, provincial or national level that prevent us from accessing our rights. By joining forces together we can raise awareness about discriminatory and exploitative rules, policies and cultures, and



we can contribute to creating a fair, equitable and inclusive environment for migrant students and other migrants.

Migrants Workers Alliance for Change is a member-led organization of migrant farmworkers, care workers, students (Migrant Students United), and more to win worker and immigration justice. They have a democratic structure. It means that while we are a chapter of MSU national, we maintain our independence. Being a chapter of them means two sided support and collective action.

## Why “Migrant Students”?

We use the term “migrant students” as a more meaningful substitute for international students to remind everyone that we are long-term residents of Canada who deserve rights similar to other students. We are not temporary and unimportant! Temporary status leaves international students vulnerable to exploitation and lack of rights. The condition of our lives and studies in Canada should include dignity and just conditions. We believe all migrants, from current and former students to workers, refugees and undocumented people, are part of the larger migrant community that are impacted by the same exploitative and unjust rules and regulations. To express our unity and solidarity with other migrant groups, we consider ourselves a group of migrants, MIGRANT STUDENTS.

## Why Do We Need MSU?

There is no collective advocacy support for both undergrad and graduate international students on campus, while the nature of most of the problems they face is the same. Joining forces together from current and former graduate and undergraduate international students will contribute to have a stronger fight and more widespread actions to win changes for the rights of international students.

Besides, there is not sufficient community and social network support for undergrad and graduate international students. SFU services are very limited and not early enough to support incoming students. Student societies have almost no specific support tailored to international students as well.

In addition, the nature of some of the systemic barriers faced by international students is federal or provincial. Raising awareness about these barriers and fighting against them require united action beyond the university level. Collaboration of the MSU Chapter at SFU with the national MSU and MWAC will contribute to this goal.



## What Are Our Demands?

Our demands include:

- **Just conditions for immigration**
  - Fix Study and Work Permit
  - Fix PR rules
- **Fair fee structures**
  - Lower tuition fees
  - Eliminate International Students Health Fee
- **Better financial and advocacy support for migrant students, and**
- **Status for ALL:**

We believe that all this discrimination and injustice for migrant students and other migrants in Canada is rooted in Canada's two-tier immigration system. As Migrant Students United Chapter at SFU, we join the [call](#) by Migrant Rights Network in demanding complete and permanent immigration status for all, without exclusions..

## Key Considerations

### Proportion of International Students at SFSS and GSS

Presently, Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) has been housing MSU at SFU, and contributed the most in terms of financial and organizing efforts. But SFSS has the largest membership of international students, and a sizable operating budget compared to the TSSU, and the Graduate Student Society (GSS). Therefore, SFSS should be financially contributing a larger portion to support MSU at SFU in its work that will in the long run immensely benefit undergraduate international students that face many systemic inequity and unfairness.

TSSU has contributed to the development of MSU as a solidarity action with a group of students many of whom are not its members, despite the fact that this specific work is not among the direct responsibilities assigned to the TSSU by its membership. On the other hand, advocating for equal rights and opportunities for all members and supporting the marginalized members is included in the mandates of the student societies. Therefore, it is expected that they will be the primary and major supporters of a group focused on the issues faced by international students.

In addition to that, most of the TSSU members are also GSS members, and as any other similar member organizations, the budget of both of these institutions is provided through their membership. Therefore, providing financial support to the MSU chapter through TSSU in



addition to the GSS means that the mutual TSSU and GSS members (which are the high majority of their members) are indirectly double chipping in to this cause.

## Budget Breakdown

SFSS currently has an unused budget of approximately \$700,000 for this fiscal year. So, \$15,000 is a reasonable amount for SFSS to contribute towards Migrants Students United at SFU's required budget.

**Summer and Fall 2022** (Stipend for 6 members, 5 hrs/week & budget for events)

No. of weeks for Summer and Fall 2022	Pay per hour	Work hours per week	= total cost for stipends
34.76 weeks *	\$20/hour *	30 hours/week	= \$20,856

Stipend for 6 members, 5 hrs/week= \$20,856

Campaigns and events = \$2000

**Total budget = \$22,850**

## Recommendation

### Dispensing the Fund Through the Teaching Support Staff Union

As it currently stands, SFSS does not have a stipend system for compensating student volunteers doing advocacy work. Whereas TSSU currently, who has been hosting the MSU chapter, has a working democratic system to dispense stipends to volunteer members and have been doing so with current MSU at SFU's non-undergraduate volunteer members, it would make the most sense to transfer the fund to TSSU. So, TSSU would be responsible for ensuring MSU at SFU's undergraduate student volunteers log their hours and receive their stipends accordingly, and that the rest of the fund be used towards events.



## Establishing a Migrants and International Students Rights Issues Policy

“Students thriving everywhere” is SFSS’ vision in its [strategic plan](#). Establishing an issues policy on migrants and international students rights, guided by international students, will ensure that SFSS stays true to its vision and has an official stance on the issues that international students face. International student issues go beyond expensive tuition fees and they follow them into their transition out of being a student and into a migrant worker. For example, graduated international students who eventually apply for permanent residency are required to spend hundreds of dollars on an English exam to prove their language proficiency despite having spent thousands of dollars finishing their degree at a Canadian post-secondary institution. These types of unfair immigration policies affect both migrant workers and students. Therefore, in order to see students thriving everywhere, SFSS has to advocate against exploitative and unfair policies that affect international students and migrants.

## Recommended Motion

Whereas MSU chapter at SFU is a joint coalition of TSSU, GSS, and SFSS members who are current and former international students and their allies, under the support of Migrant Students United of Migrant Workers Alliance for Change;

Whereas Migrant Students United (MSU) has long sought equitable and just policies for migrant students by speaking up about and fighting against the systemic barriers at university, provincial or national level in order to access their rights and gain support;

Whereas MSU has initiated or actively participated in many activities, campaigns and rallies, like International Students Health Fee campaign, Fix PGWP, Status for ALL, PR Campaign, BC Tuition Freeze Now, and more;

Whereas IP-3 titled “Tuition Affordability” notes that Tuition has become increasingly unaffordable over the past several decades and remains one of the largest barriers for students in receiving a post-secondary education.

Whereas several Migrant and International students must pay a drastically higher tuition in comparison to domestic students while also adhering to two consecutive semesters of a full course load yearly;

Whereas due to this higher tuition in nature and with the rise of tuition (twice) with a total of a 8% increase in tuition for migrant and international students within the last 2 years, and another



rise of 4% of tuition coming soon, many Migrant Students and International students are experiencing financial instability;

Whereas financial instability provides difficulty to participate adequately as many students take on paid opportunities in their free time to cover higher costs and are unable to participate adequately within coalitions, groups, clubs, unions and such to fight for their rights;

Whereas TSSU and GSS have contributed funds required for the background work of creating the MSU Chapter and its campaigns so far, and SFSS has not supported MSU yet in providing funding to ensure that Migrant students have the space to advocate for themselves without it taking a toll on their living circumstance,

Be it resolved that Council state its unequivocal support for SFU Migrant Students United and International students,

Be it further resolved that council support Migrant Students United and direct Council to create a Migrant and International Students Rights Issues Policies ,

Be it further resolved to create a working group of the Councillors and Members, ensuring strong representation of international students, co-chaired by International Student Advocate representative and supported by the VP Equity and Sustainability, to draft and recommend to Council this Migrant and International Students Rights Issues Policy, in consultation with the International Student Advocate Constituency group, and Migrant Student United at SFU,

Be it further resolved that SFSS Council supports and approves the funding of \$15,000 of the joint coalition working with GSS and TSSU to disburse for the campaigns expenses and volunteers' stipend in 2022 (through a disbursement model where the funding is dispersed via TSSU, or otherwise if mutually determined by all three coalition partners), for the Summer and Fall semesters, from a line item determined by the VP Finance and Services