

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 6:35 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitlh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (Kwkwetlem) and qícəy (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 External and Community Affairs Committee Composition

VP External and Community Affairs (Chair)..... Eshana Baran
VP Equity and Sustainability Rea Chaterjee
English Councillor (Vice-Chair)..... Gabe Liosis
History Councillor Matthew Reed
Indigenous Studies Student Union Councillor Anita Shen

3.2 Society Staff

Board Organizer Emmanuela Droko
Operations Organizer Ayesha Khan
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator Beatrice Omboga
Administrative Assistant..... Simar Thukral

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION ECA 2022-06-14:01

Eshana / Matthew

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- VP External moved to strike item 8.4.

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Introduction to the External and Community Affairs Committee

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”

BLURB: VP External will provide an overview of the purpose of the ECA Committee

- VP External provided an introduction to the ECA Committee. This committee shall generally coordinate the advocacy work regarding federal, provincial, and municipal advocacy and lobbying campaigns, and community-facing information campaigns. ECAC also support the VP External in the ECA Portfolio.
- ECAC plan and develop its own initiatives (lobbying, events, campaigns, etc.)
- In response to History Councillor in regards to what our VP External’s next immediate project would be, VP External mentioned that they have completed the budget consultation. The next plan would be to work on Anti-TMX day of action. On their annual plan they have put this towards the end of the term. However, the TMX pipeline is a current concern going on and they would like to have an anti-TMX day of action happening. They also have the water drive coming up for which they have had staff meetings and had conversation with some politicians as the previous year we went through heat wave and we are trying to prepare for that. In addition to these, another big project they would like to work on would be the municipal elections.

6.2 Establishing Community Guidelines for the External and Community Affairs Committee

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”

BLURB: The Committee will be introduced to the concept of community guidelines, and spend a few minutes working together to establish community guidelines for the committee. These community guidelines will be “prettified,” and brought forward as a motion at the next meeting for approval.

- VP Internal expressed their desire to have everyone on the same page in terms of what everyone communicate with one another, what everyone expect from one another, and the boundaries we have for one another.
- Honor lived experiences.
- Make sure topics and concepts are explained well, so everyone can work together fairly.
- Respect your peer’s work capacities.
- Be mindful of the questions that you are asking and the labor you may be putting on other folks in the space.
- Centering and making space for those who are most impacted and / or marginalized.
- Prioritize relationships – with each other, with SFSS/SFU community, and wider community.
- Do what you say you are going to do.
- Have accessible meetings, materials, and events.
- Acknowledging that everyone is at a different place in their journeys and gain access to different resources at different times.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 REPORTS from the office of the Vice-President External and Community Affairs

- VP External mentioned that they have finished their annual plan. They worked on their annual plan with our English Councillor and previous VP External to make sure they build upon the work that our previous VP External did and to make sure they are not repeating similar work. For instance, the Gondola project, making sure that they are in constant contact with the folks who our previous VP External was in contact with. They met with the Mayor of Burnaby recently to talk about the Gondola project and got updates.
- VP External mentioned that the emails were sent to the external groups such as politicians and the politicians expressed their interest to come to the SUB to have a tour. So with the ECAC, in the future, the members can plan to give the SUB tour and also obtain the experience talking to the politicians.
- VP External met with Alliance of BC Students who advocates for the students, and lobby the government for students. They met with their Chair and the President to communicate about the areas where they can collaborate in the future.
- VP External also met with other Student Unions such as AMS, UVSS, and the University of Fraser Valley Student Union.
- VP External just finished the 2022-2023 Budget Consolation taking recommendation from the staff.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Electing an External and Community Affairs Committee Vice Chair for 2022/23 – MOTION ECA 2022-06-14-02

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”

ATTACHMENT:

Gabe / Eshana

Be it resolved to appoint “Gabe Liosis” as the Vice Chair of the External and Community Affairs for the 2022/23 Council year.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Three calls for nomination were called by the English Councillor.
- History Councillor nominated English Councillor and they accepted the nomination.

8.2 Approving funds for food and drinks at ECAC Meetings - MOTION ECA 2022-06-14-03

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”

Gabe / Eshana

Be it resolved to approve up to \$500 from the External and Community Affairs Committee budget to spend on food and drinks for in-person External and Community Affairs meetings.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- VP External expressed that having more hybrid and in-person meeting options they want to make sure that the members are able to have food and drinks while they are attending the meeting. Taking recommendation from staff and viewing invoices for a group of 14 people they noticed that the cost came up to 120\$ - \$150 for one time.

- In response to History Councillor regarding the number of meetings we would have during the summer term, the VP External mentioned that we would be planning to have four meetings during the summer term.
- English Councillor suggested to replace “X” with \$500 so if the amount is not used up, it can also go back.
- English Councillor moved to strike the last sentence “for the summer 2022 semester”.

8.3 Approving funds for the Tuition Freeze Now Survey – MOTION ECA 2022-06-14-04

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”

ATTACHMENT:

Rea / Anita

Whereas the TSSU, and SFSS are releasing a survey to get student input on a Tuition Freeze;

Whereas, as per SFSS IP-3 (Issues Policy – Tuition affordability) the SFSS supports Tuition Freeze Now;

Be it resolved to pass \$100 from the ECAC budget for prizes for the Tuition Freeze Now Survey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- VP External mention that the survey is based on a campaign asking the government to freeze the tuition because it is unfeasible for students to pay that much as it is currently since education is a human right and it should be free. And through the survey they are wanting to see where the students are at now, whether they support it, or they see concern in this as well so we can advocate for them.
- The survey would ask the students questions regarding affordable housing, how tuition may impact the quality of student life.
- The 100\$ would be the cash prize for the students who take the survey.

** 5 MIN BREAK TAKEN AT 7:20 PM*

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Overview of 2022/23 VP External and Community Affairs Annual Plan

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”

ATTACHMENT: 202223 VP External Annual Plan.pdf

BLURB: VP External will provide an overview of her Annual Plan. This will be an opportunity for ECAC members to express interest in working on projects within the annual plan alongside Eshana.

- VP External mentioned that the annual plan is sent to external groups as it helps them understand the goals of the VP External.
- VP External expressed that before meeting with any politician they tend to send them an agenda, have a prep session, annual plan so they can prepare as well.
- VP External summarised their goals for summer 2022. They expressed during the month of May, they would like to focus on Budget 2023 consultation, setting up ECA

Committee, and relationship building. They mentioned that it would be a great opportunity for newly-elected executives to reach out to the community and build connections and relationships. This includes conducting introductory meetings with staff and executives of SFU; elected representatives in Burnaby, Surrey, and Vancouver; and various student groups on campus.

- For the month of June, they would like to celebrate and recognize the Indigenous Peoples' Day, review the ECA Committee at-large member applications, and attend the Labour notes conference to join thousands of union members, officers, and labor activists who are on the front lines in our workplace and our communities, organizing new workers and agitating together.
- In the month of July they will begin planning around a campaign to increase student voter turnout in the Municipal Elections. This includes discussions around communications material and tabling events around campus.
They would like to plan and organize a water and donation drive with Downtown east side communities and in Surrey to have more cooling centres on campus. They will work with the VP Equity to help gather supplies and resources for people who may be impacted by heat waves this summer. In addition to this, they would like to work on the community fridge project to provide a resource to people in need of fresh, quality food behaving a community fridge on SUB level 1000. Also, while Burnaby City Council has endorsed the Gondola project, they will continue to do the work needed for the Gondola Project to push this over the line.
- In the month of August, they would continue to build up on their work for the Municipal Elections. Planning will begin surrounding an in-person debate with candidates running in municipal elections in Burnaby, Surrey, and Vancouver. Planning for tabling events will continue to increase student voter turnout. Also, they would like to celebrate and recognize the Orange Shirt Day to raise awareness of the previous and ongoing harm caused by the colonial state to the Indigenous People.
In addition to these, they would begin with the planning for SFSS AGM with other executives.
- For September, which is the last month before General Elections Day for the municipal elections. They would continue to work for Municipal Elections building upon planning that was done the previous months, they would like to continue working on tabling events to increase student voter turnouts, hold in-person debates, and share digital content as much as possible.
Also, the SFSS will be running a campaign during the month of September to raise awareness of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation happening on September 30th.
- In November, they would be preparing for Lobby days, surrounding around two main issues - tuition affordability and more grants / bursaries for BIPOC.
Also, they would like to work on the relationship building by reaching out to the newly elected Burnaby Mayor and Council to introduce themselves and the SFSS.

- During the month of December, they would like to work on creating further Issues Policies on topics such as affordable housing, de-escalation, and harm reduction.
- In January, they plan to work on defunding the Police Campaign. They would like to organize a campaign surrounding defund the police. They will begin with organizing a presentation to present at the Council, or at the development session to educate councillors on the movement and on why it is important. They would also like to engage in outreach with external organizations in the lower mainland who are already doing the work on this issue as well as other groups on campus. Also, they would like to engage in federal lobbying on issues that are impacting student's everyday such as tuition affordability and affordable housing.
- During the month of February, they would like to bring forward multiple new issues policies for council to vote on adopting. In addition to that, they will start planning for a tuition Freeze Campaign. For this, they would like to work with SFU 350, Embark, SFPIRG, and TSSU to raise awareness of the movement.
- In the month of March, they would continue their work on the Tuition Freeze Campaign by compiling a report on the history of tuition freeze at SFU and by writing a letter to Advanced Education Minister of B.C. Anne Kang, with endorsements from other student organizations advocating for a tuition freeze. They would also work on Spring Lobbying advocating for issues such as tuition freeze, affordable housing, and international students supports. In addition to this, they would also like to work on Anti-TMX day of action and work alongside SFU 350, Embark, SFPIRG, and TSSU to raise awareness of the movement.
- For the month of April, they would like to plan for a day of action for the Tuition Freeze Campaign.

9.2 Creating an Annual Plan for the External and Community Affairs Committee for 2022/23

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs "Eshana Baran"

BLURB: In addition to Eshana's Annual Plan, the ECAC itself must create an Annual Plan. The Committee's Annual Plan can include projects already with Eshana's portfolio Annual Plan, but can also include additional projects that are not in Eshana's Annual Plan. Please come prepared with ideas for projects you want to see the Committee work on, that are not already included in Eshana's annual plan.

- VP External expressed their desire to have the members of ECA Committee contribute and express what their goals would be and what they would like to do as a member of the ECA Committee.
- Indigenous Studies Councillor expressed their interest to work for the issue of youth and care to amplify campaign through ECA Committee to get better support for youth and care.
- VP Equity expressed their interest to work on Anti-Cast advocacy such as for issues in India regarding Anti-Hindutva. The ideology behind centering the Country as a Hindu only country causing harm to other Indians who are not Hindu.
- English Councillor expressed their interest to do a Pride wall around the university.

- Indigenous Studies Councillor expressed their interest to do a campaign raising awareness around LGBTQ+ community around the Campus to raise awareness among students and SFU Faculties.

9.3 Development Sessions for Members of the External & Community Affairs Committee

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”

ATTACHMENT:

BLURB: VP External will provide an overview of the purpose of ECAC development sessions and when they will be happening.

- VP External expressed that they are currently planning for development sessions around public speaking and lobbying. They are currently communicating with the staff members to see what kind of developmental sessions the members would like to have.
- In response to English Councillor in regards to when a development session could be planned for, the VP External mentioned that they are planning to have one at the next meeting.

9.4 Overview of Notion for the External & Community Affairs Committee

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”

ATTACHMENT:

BLURB: VP External and Board Organizer will provide an overview of the ECAC Notion, a platform used for project management.

- VP External summarized on the Notion platform that they are planning to use to see what projects each members are doing, what has been completed, and what has not yet been started.
They mentioned that there are ways tasks can be delegated on this platform and see what everyone is doing to support each other.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 Next External & Community Affairs Committee Meeting: Monday, June 27, 2022, 5pm-8pm, in-person (with a hybrid attendance option).

11. ATTACHMENTS

11.1 202223 VP External Annual Plan.pdf

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 MOTION ECA 2022-06-14:06

Matthew / Anita

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022/23 Annual Plan

Office of the Vice-President, External &
Community Affairs

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Introduction

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

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



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

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

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

Sincerely,

Eshana Baran.

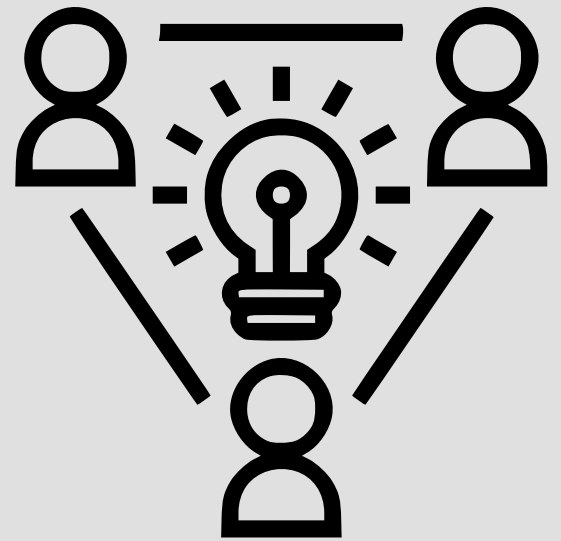


Summer
2022

May

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

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

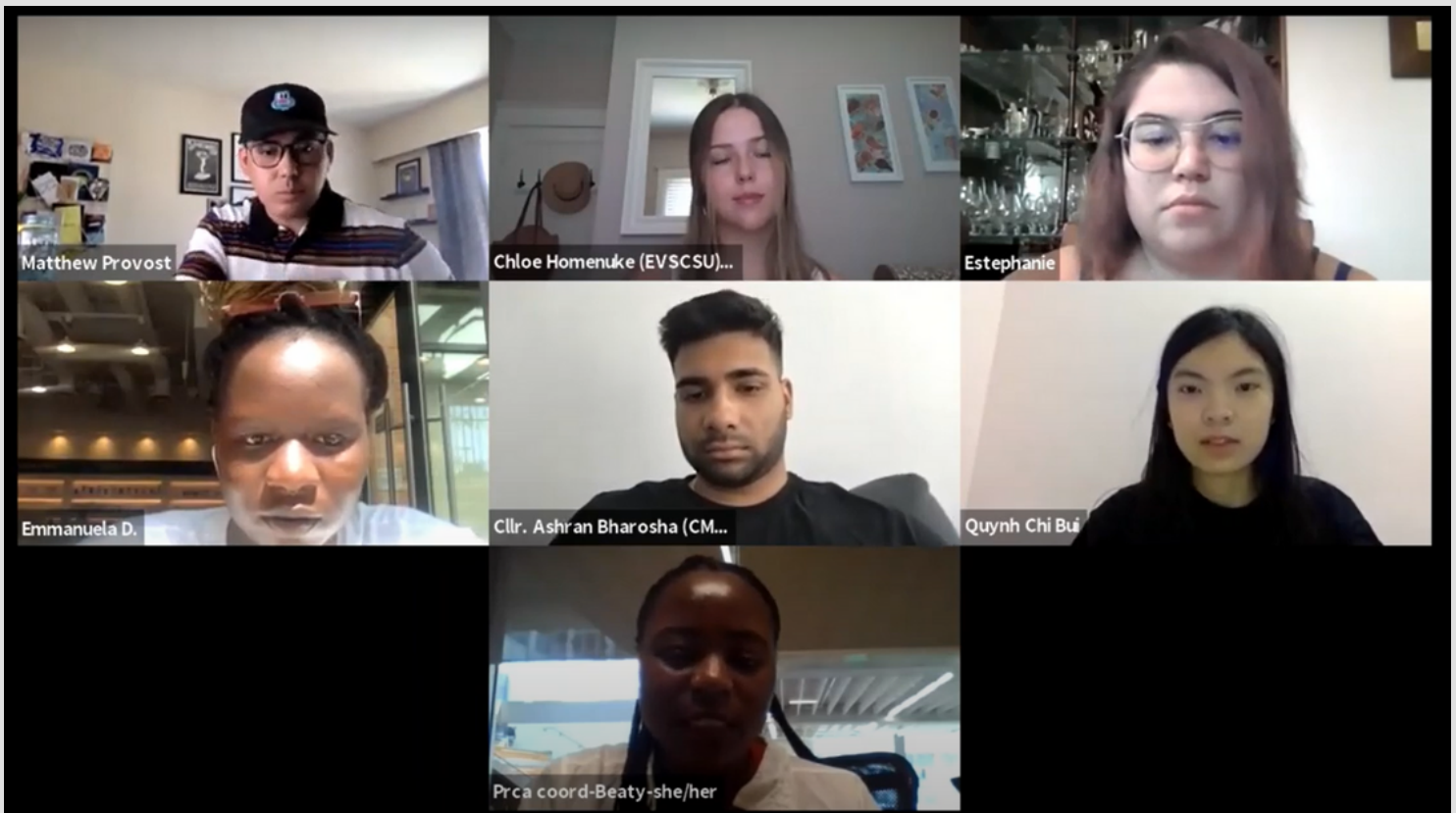


BUDGET 2023 CONSULTATION

May kicks off the beginning of the pre-registration process for British Columbia's Budget 2023 consultations. The SFSS is always a participant in these budget consultations, and this year, that tradition will continue to ensure that students' needs and values are reflected in the provinces annual budget.

EXTERNAL & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (ECA) COMMITTEE

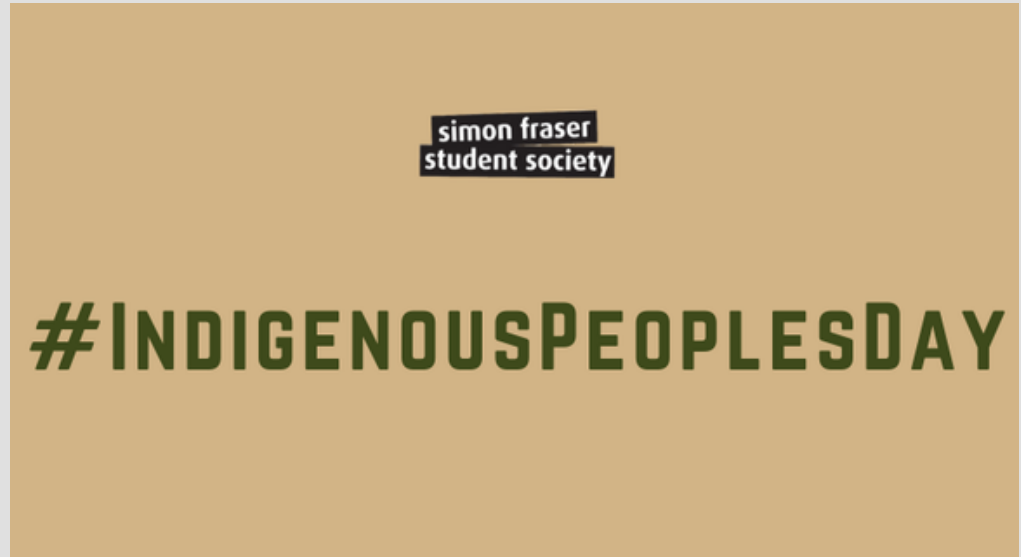
The Vice-President External & Community Affairs is the Chair of the External & Community Affairs Committee. This year, the Committee will begin meeting right away to beginning planning and executing this annual plan, as well as any other projects that the Committee wishes to take on throughout the year! The Committee will undergo multiple developmental sessions, such as Lobbying 101, public speaking, Campaigning 101, and more.



June

RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, we recognize the cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, Metis Indigenous peoples. The SFSS will be honouring and recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day.



ECA COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER APPLICATIONS



During the application period, Councillors on the Committee will engage in tabling to spread info on what ECA is and increase application submissions.

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

LABOUR NOTES CONFERENCE 2022



The Labor Notes Conference is the biggest gathering out there of grassroots union activists, worker center leaders, and all-around troublemakers. The VP Equity and I will be attending this conference to join thousands of union members, officers, and labor activists who are on the front lines in our workplaces and our communities, organizing new workers and agitating together.

July

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

October 15, 2022 is the municipal government General Election Day. In July, planning will begin surrounding a campaign to increase student voter turnout in these elections. This includes discussions around communications material and tabling events around campus.



WATER DRIVE & DONATION DRIVE

Planning will begin in July for a Water and Donation Drive with Downtown East Side communities and in Surrey. I plan to bring a motion to Council for a monetary donation, and work with SFU to get more donations. During this time, I will be working with the VP Equity to help gather supplies and resources for people who may be impacted by heat waves this summer.

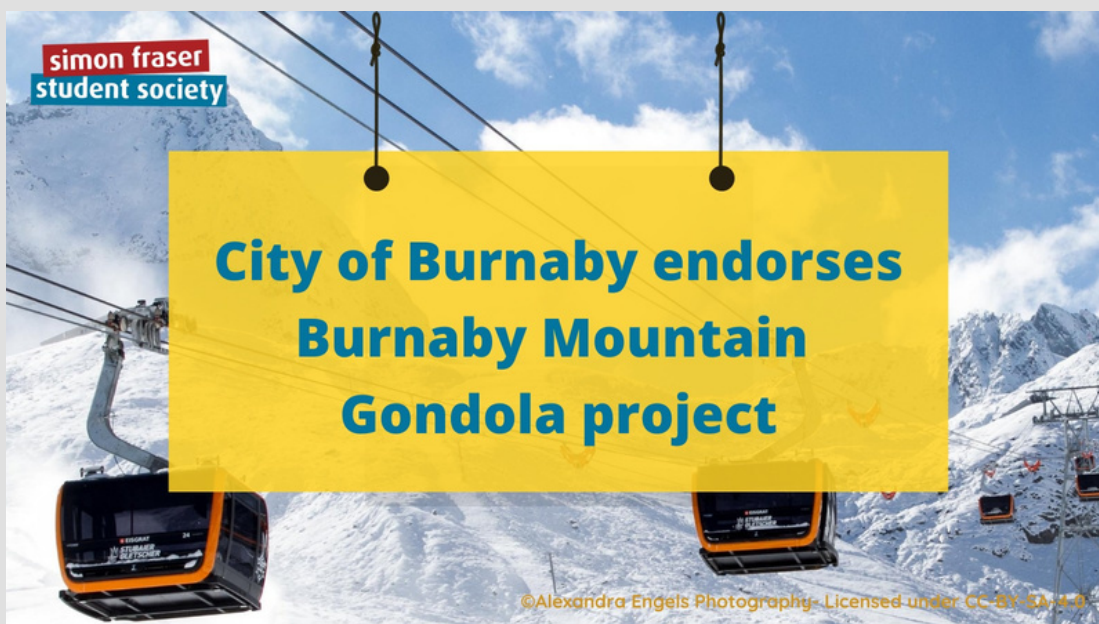
COMMUNITY FRIDGE PROJECT

The Community Fridge Project provided a resource for people in need of fresh, quality food the opportunity to receive the nourishment they needed by having a community fridge on the SUB Level 1000. I will continue to be a champion of this project, and work with other organizations in the community to increase food security resources.



BURNABY MOUNTAIN GONDOLA

While Burnaby City Council has endorsed the Gondola project, there is much more work to be done to secure funding for the project. I will continue working with SFU as a partner on this project to push this transit project over the finish line.



August

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, CONT'D

In August, planning will begin surrounding an in-person debate with candidates running in municipal elections in Burnaby, Surrey, and Vancouver. Planning for tabling events will continue to increase student voter turnout.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

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



SFSS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The SFSS typically holds its AGM in September or October, hence, planning begins months in advance.

Conversations with the Executive will begin surround the Annual Report, Report from Council, and other motions being brought to the AGM.



Fall
2022

September

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, CONT'D

September is the last month before General Election Day for the municipal elections. Building upon planning during the previous months, we will continue working on tabling events to increase student voter turnout, hold in-person debates, and share digital content as much as possible.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The SFSS will be running a campaign during the month of September to raise awareness of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, happening on September 30th.



October

SFSS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

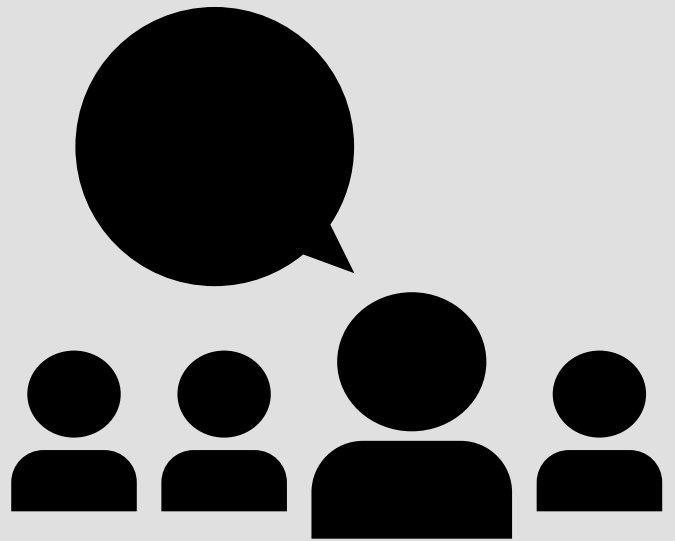
During the month of October, I will not be starting any new projects, as planning for the Annual General Meeting is time consuming for the entire Executive Committee. I will continue work on pre-existing projects of mine, while prioritizing AGM preparations.



November

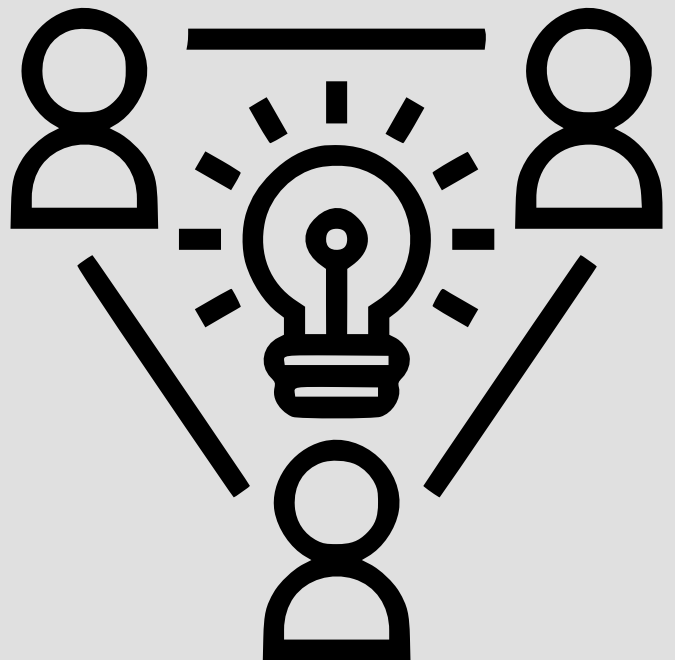
FALL LOBBYING

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



RELATIONSHIP BUILDING, CONT'D

During the month of November, I will reach out to the newly elected Burnaby Mayor and Council to introduce myself and the SFSS.

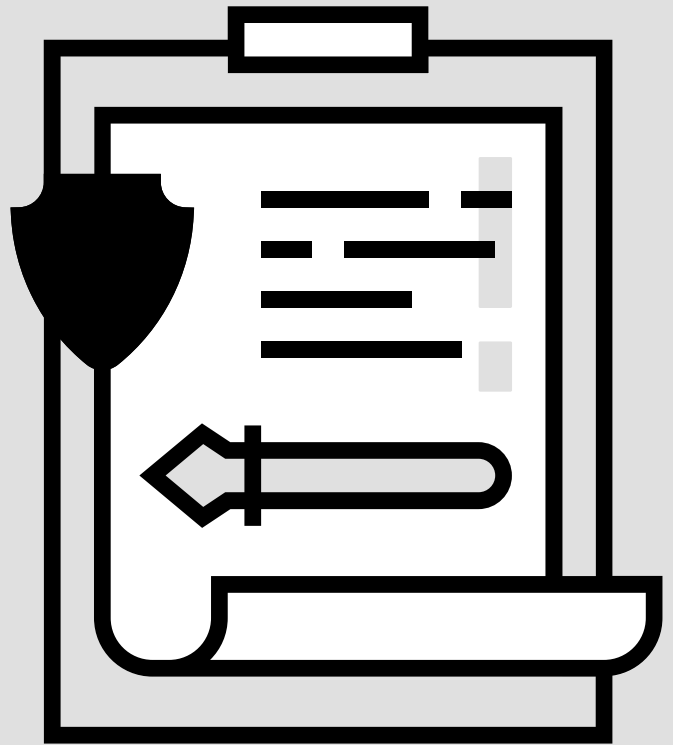


December

ISSUES POLICIES

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

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



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Spring
2023

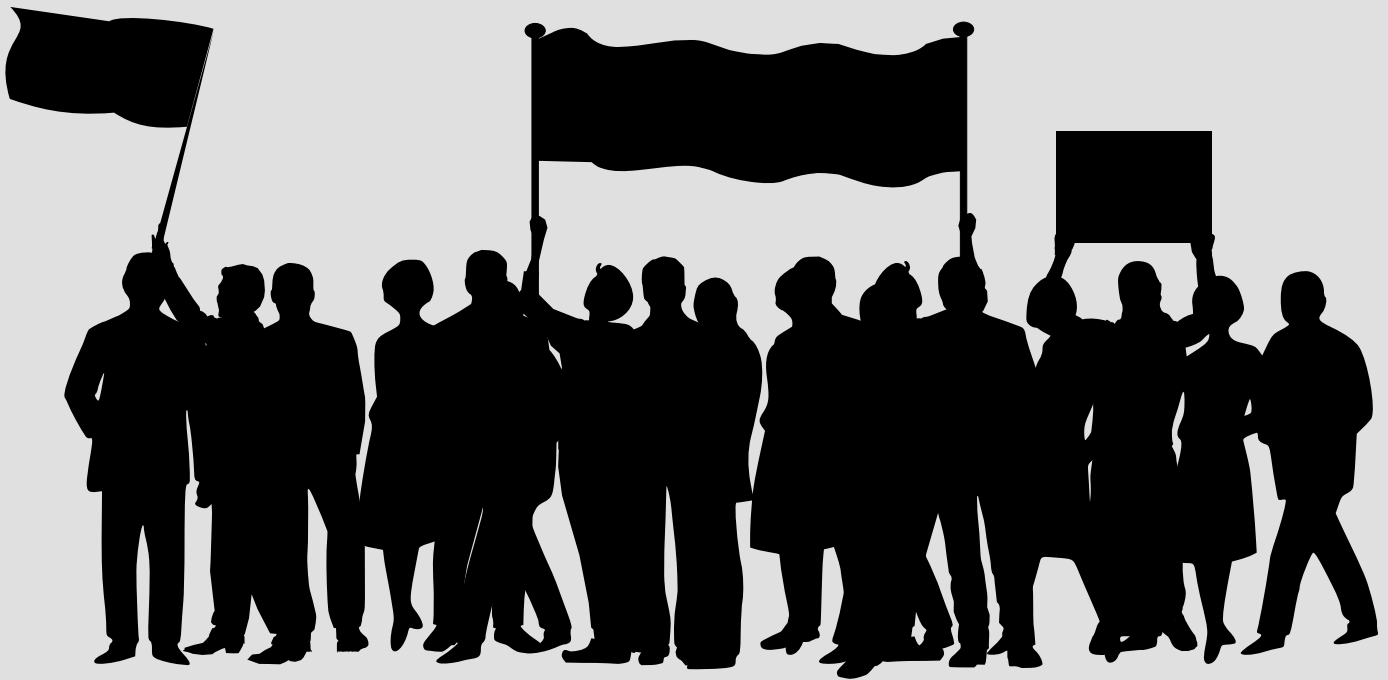
January

DEFUNDING THE POLICE CAMPAIGN

During January, I will organize a campaign surrounding Defund the Police.

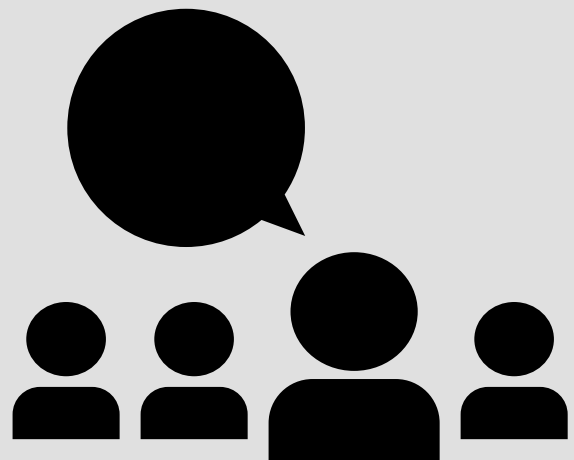
Firstly, I want to organize a presentation at Council, or a development session, to educate Councillors on the movement and why its important.

Secondly, I will engage in outreach with external organizations in the lowermainland who are already doing the work on this issue, as well as groups on campus



FEDERAL LOBBYING

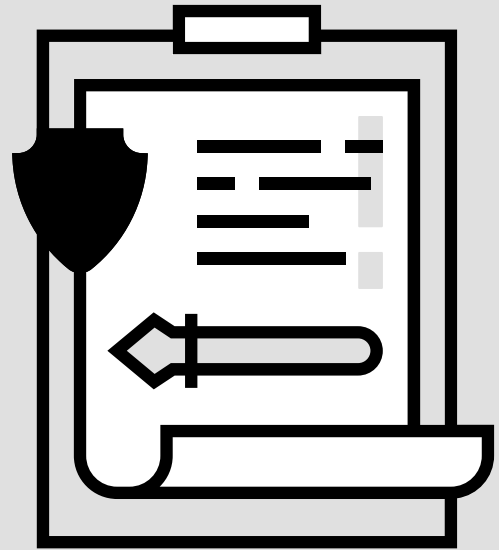
During January, I will engage in federal lobbying on issues that are impacting students everyday, such as tuition affordability and affordable housing. I will work with members of the ECA Committee to set-up and participate in meetings with elected representatives and government officials.



February

PASS ISSUES POLICIES AT COUNCIL

In February, I hope to bring forward multiple new Issues Policies for Council to vote on adopting.



TUITION FREEZE CAMPAIGN

During the month of February, I will start planning a Tuition Freeze Campaign. For this, I hope to work with SFU350, Embark, SFPIRG, and TSSU to rally awareness of the movement. I want to plan a day of action to create public pressure on SFU, all in preparation for the SFU Board of Governors vote on the University Budget in March.



March

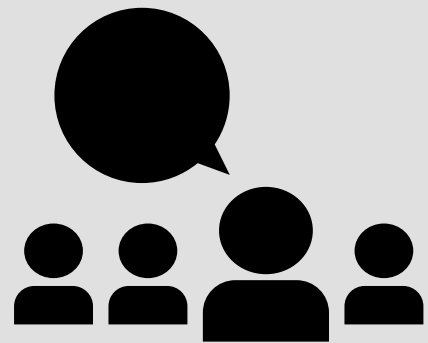
TUITION FREEZE CAMPAIGN, CONT'D

Continuing over the month of March, we will kick the Tuition Freeze Campaign into high gear. The goal is to compile a report on the history of tuition freeze at SFU. Additionally, a letter will be written to Advanced Education Minister of B.C. Anne Kang, with endorsements from other student organizations, advocating for a tuition freeze.



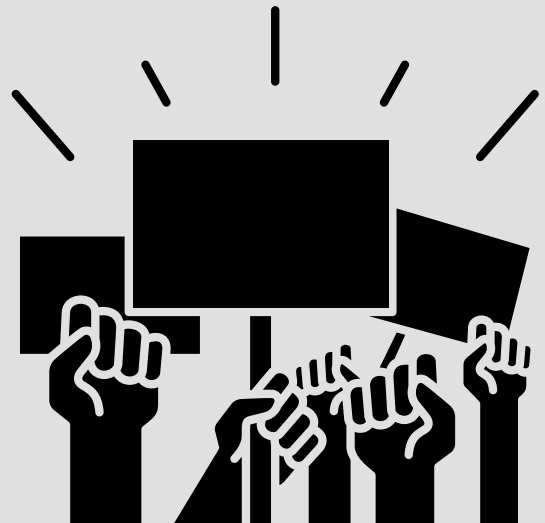
SPRING LOBBYING

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



ANTI-TMX DAY OF ACTION

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

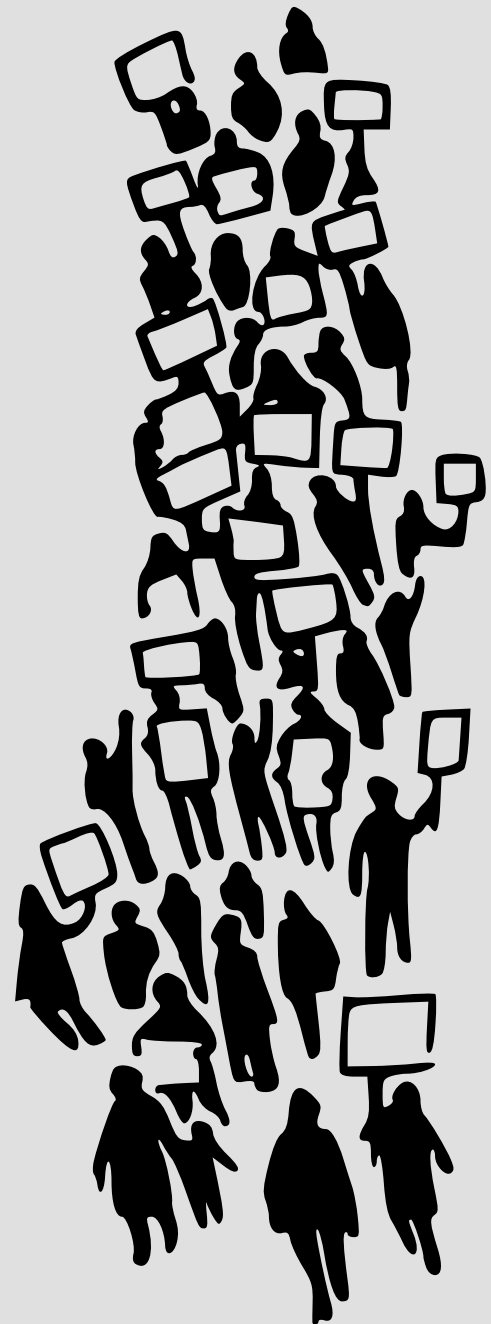


April

TUITION FREEZE CAMPAIGN DAY OF ACTION

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

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



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