

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 3:03pm

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), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selíłwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (Kwkwetlem) and q̓icəy̓ (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 Governance Committee Composition

VP Internal and Organizational Development (Chair)	Judit Nagy
Ex-Officio	Helen Sofia Pahou
VP Finance and Services	Abhishek Parmar
Mathematics Councillor	Ben Tischler
Psychology Councillor (Vice-Chair)	Mark Giles
Society of Arts and Social Sciences Councillor	Hilary Tsui

3.2 Society Staff

Policy Research & Community Affairs Coordinator	Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant	Riane Ng

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1.1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-Governance Committee

Minutes- MOTION GOV 2022-06-20:01

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- GOV 2022-06-06

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION GOV 2022-06-20:02

Judit/Abhishek

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented:

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Mathematics Councillor “Ben Tischler” moved to add items 6.10 and 6.11
- VP Internal and Organizational Development “Judit Nagy” moved to add item 6.12

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: NP-1 - MOTION GOV 2022-06-20:03

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

ATTACHMENT: Notice of Motions

Judit/Ben

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally recommends to Council to adopt the following changes to NP-1:

NP-1 LANGUAGE UPDATES

Whereas NP-1 references Executive Committee Elections;

Whereas NP-1 still references the old Board model;

Be it resolved to strike “Board of Directors” and replace it with “Executive Committee.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: NP-3 - MOTION GOV 2022-06-20:04

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

ATTACHMENT: Notice of Motions

Ben/Judit

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally recommends to Council to adopt the following changes to NP-3:

NP-3 LANGUAGE AND SAFEGUARDS UPDATES

Be it resolved to strike NP-3.2 and replace it with:

“No candidate is permitted to run for more than one position during the Executive Committee Elections.”

Be it further resolved to strike NP-3.3 and replace it with:

“Proposed candidates must conduct themselves in accordance with the Elections Referenda Policies and Bylaws set out by the SFSS. Breaching said regulation may be escalated to the IEC.”

Be it further resolved to add NP-3.3(a) to read as:

“3(a). As per SFSS Bylaw 13(3), elected candidates cannot hold department student union (DSU), faculty student union (FSU), constituency group (CG), affiliated student group (ASG), or club executive seats concurrently to their SFSS Executive Officer terms.”

Be it lastly resolved to strike “Board of Directors” in NP-3.6 and replace it with “Executive Committee.”

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Add “affiliated student group (ASG)” after “constituency group (CG)”.

6.3 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: NP-4 - MOTION GOV 2022-06-20:05

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

ATTACHMENT: Notice of Motions

Judith/Abhishek

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally recommends to council to adopt the following changes to NP-4:

NP-4 DOCUMENTATION UPDATE

Whereas there are incorrect references to relevant referenda documents in NP-4;

Be it resolved to strike the word “candidate” from NP-4.8(a) and replace it with “referendum submission.”

Be it further resolved to strike “Nomination Form” from NP-4.8(a)(ii) and replace it with “SFSS Referendum Question Submission Package.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: ERPP-1 - MOTION GOV 2022-06-20:06

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

ATTACHMENT: Notice of Motions

Judith/Ben

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally recommends to Council to adopt the following changes to ERPP-1:

ERPP-1 BYLAW REFERENCE UPDATE

Be it resolved to strike reference to “Bylaws 15(11), 15(13), and 15(22)” in ERPP-1 “Policy” and replace it with “Bylaw 13: 13(11), 13(13), and 13(23).”

Be it further resolved to strike reference to “Bylaw 16” in ERPP-1 Policy: “Executive Committee By-Elections and Referenda must be completed by the end of the tenth (10th) week of the Summer and/or Fall semesters, including three periods (nomination period, campaigning period, and voting period) in accordance with By-Law 16(3). Executive Committee By-Elections and Referenda also require at least two (2) weeks of pre-Election or pre-Referendum planning, and two (2) weeks of Post-Election or Post-Referendum reporting.”

Be it further resolved to replace it with: “Executive Committee By-Elections and Referenda must be completed by the end of the tenth (10th) week of the Summer and/or Fall semesters, including three periods (nomination period, campaigning period, and voting period) in accordance with Bylaw 14 subsection 3 through 8. Executive Committee By-Elections and Referenda also require at least two (2) weeks of pre-Election or pre-Referendum planning, and two (2) weeks of Post-Election or Post-Referendum reporting.”

Be it further resolved to strike references to Bylaw 17 in ERPP-1 Policy: “This section does not limit the time by which a referendum can be conducted if it is a special resolution to impeach a Councillor or Executive Officer, whereby impeachment may be called at any time in any semester with thirty (30) days notice following a Member petition or a vote of Council in accordance with By-Law 17.”

Be it further resolved to replace it with: “This section does not limit the time by which a referendum can be conducted if it is a special resolution to impeach a Councillor or Executive Officer, whereby impeachment may be

called at any time in any semester with thirty (30) days notice following a Member petition or a vote of Council in accordance with By-Law 15.”

Be it lastly resolved to strike references to “Bylaw 16(3)” in ERPP-1.8 and replace it with “Bylaw 14(3).”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: ERPP-2 – MOTION GOV 2022-06-20:07

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

ATTACHMENT: Notice of Motions

Judith/Ben

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally recommends to Council to adopt the following changes to ERPP-2:

ERPP-2 LANGUAGE UPDATE

Be it resolved to strike “VP Finance” from ERPP-2.3 and replace it with “VP Finances and Services.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Constituency Group and Affiliated Student Group Censure Policy Changes – MOTION GOV 2022-06-20:08

SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

ATTACHMENT: Censure Policy Corrections

Judith/Ben

Whereas Constituency Group and Affiliated Student Group representatives currently do not have membership in any Faculty Caucus.

Whereas this causes issues for these representatives if they were ever to be censured for a breach of confidence, as unlike Student Union

representatives, they would then begin to lose a portion of their stipend as outlined under R-4.16(a).

Whereas this should be changed so that a censure for a breach of confidence would have a consistent effect on a Non-Executive Councilor, no matter the nature of the group that they represent.

Be it resolved that the Governance Committee recommend to council to adopt the policy amendment outlined in the attached document "Censure Policy Corrections."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.7 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: WORK REPORTS UPDATE - MOTION
GOV 2022-06-20:09**

SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor "Ben Tischler"

ATTACHMENT: Work Report Deadline Correction
Judit/Abhishek

Whereas R-4.6 of Council Policies was amended on June 30th, 2021, to transition the SFSS to a monthly work report submission for Non-Executive Councilors, rather than a bi-weekly submission.

Whereas this amendment was incorrectly worded, as R-4.6 referred to the submission deadline for semester reports, rather than the submission deadline for work reports.

Whereas this requires correction to ensure we are operating on a clear set of policies under R-4

Be it resolved that the Governance Committee recommend to council to adopt the following policy amendment outlined in the attached document "Work Report Deadlines Correction"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.8 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: R-4 HOUSEKEEPING UPDATES -
MOTION GOV 2022-06-20:10**

SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

ATTACHMENT: R-4 Housekeeping Changes

Judit/Ben

Whereas there are several minor typos and consistency issues R-4 of Council’s Policies

Whereas these minor issues should be corrected to ensure the clarity of R-4

Be it resolved that the Governance Committee recommend to council to adopt the following policy amendment outlined in the attached document “R-4 Housekeeping Changes”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.9 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: R-4.15(A) UPDATES - MOTION GOV
2022-06-20:11**

SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

ATTACHMENT: Executive Officers Committees Clarification

Judit/Ben

Whereas R-4.15(a) is currently ambiguous in its application

Whereas R-4.15(a) should be clarified to ensure that it is clearly worded and can be applied consistently, if necessary, without any ambiguity about its meaning

Be it resolved that the Governance Committee recommend to council to adopt the following policy amendment outlined in the attached document “Executive Officers Committees Clarification”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.10 Recommendation to Council: CRAI Terms of Reference – GOV 2022-06-20:12

SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

ATTACHMENT: Governance Amendments June 20th
Judit/Ben

Be it resolved that the Governance Committee formally recommends to council to adopt the following changes to the CRAI Terms of Reference outlined in the appendix of SFSS Elections and Referenda Policies:

Housekeeping Changes to the Terms of Reference of the Committee for the Recommended Appointment of an IEC (CRAI)

Whereas the terms of reference for the CRAI currently contain several minor typos

Whereas the purpose listed in the terms of reference for the CRAI is currently inaccurate

Be it resolved to amend the “Purpose” section in the CRAI Terms of Reference by striking it and replacing it with “The purpose of this committee is to interview candidates for the IEC Commissioner Positions and make a recommendation to Council for the appointment of candidates to the IEC.”

Be it further resolved to amend the “Deliverables” section in the CRAI Terms of Reference by striking all occurrences of the word “Board” and replacing it with “Council”

Be it further resolved to amend the first sentence of the section

“Communications” in the CRAI Terms of Reference by striking the words “in person”

Be it further resolved to amend the second bullet point of the section “Relevant Bylaws and Policies” in the CRAI Terms of Reference by striking it and replacing it with “SFSS Elections and Referenda Policies”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.11 Recommendation to Council: IEC-9 – GOV 2022-06-20:13

SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

ATTACHMENT: Governance Amendments June 20th

Judit/Ben

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally recommends to council to adopt the following changes to IEC-9:

Procedural Changes to IEC-9: Additional Election Support

Whereas IEC-9 has procedural issues or omissions that result in either a lack of clarity on certain procedures, or procedures that are inconsistent with SFSS By-Laws.

Whereas these procedures outlined under IEC-9 should be corrected so that they can be unambiguously understood and consistently applied in the future, if deemed necessary.

Be it resolved to amend IEC-9.5 by striking the word “may” and replacing with “shall” Be it resolved to amend IEC-9.6 by striking it and replacing with:

9.6. The IEC can verify the election of the Councillor in question is in line with the Society Bylaws and Society Regulation. If the Chief Commissioner of the IEC believes that the Non-Executive Council

election in question is unverifiable, this must be communicated to the Chair of Council, and Council may order, by a 2/3rds majority vote, that a re-election for that position takes place

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.12 Recommendation to Council: Changes to R-9 and SO-22 – GOV 2022-06-20:14

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

ATTACHMENT: R-9 and SO-22 Amendment

Ben/Abhishek

Be it resolved that the Governance Committee formally recommend to Council to immediately adopt the following changes to R-9 and SO-22 at a Council Meeting, via a suspension of PM-1.2(d):

Be it resolved to strike R-9.3 and replace it with “Only members of Council, and invited third parties, whom may be required for the specific discussion, shall remain in the in-camera session”

Be it further resolved to add a new section R-9.5 that reads:

9.5 In-camera discussions cannot be disclosed to Directors who were not present in the in-camera session.

(a) Notwithstanding, in-camera sessions may be disclosed to investigatory committees, in which investigations pertain to breaches of fiduciary duties. The investigatory committee may only use said information within the scope of the investigation.

(b) For the purposes of R-9.5(a), investigatory committees shall be: The Committee on Councillor Breaches of Confidence as outlined in SO-22.

Be it further resolved to amend SO-22 ("CCBC") by striking SO-22.11 and replacing it with: "The Committee shall report to council on the status of its

investigations at each meeting of council"

Be it further resolved to renumber the policy.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Strike "R-9" in the first paragraph and replace it with "R-9 and SO-22".

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Electronic Voting

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development "Judit Nagy"

BLURB: Review of Briefing Note and suggestions on implementing it. Taking it to Council as a discussion item.

- Currently there is no electronic voting in the bylaws but the committee hopes to do a policy patch in the meantime.
- Mathematics Councilor "Ben Tischler" and VP Finance and Services "Abhishek Parmar" shared their preference for Election Buddy.
- Election Buddy is a paid service and the committee discussed the different types of Election Buddy plans.

7.2 Policy Review: Check-In

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development "Judit Nagy"

BLURB: Reviewing Council Policies and Member Services and Groups Policies. Status updates which ones are ready to go to Notices and which ones need to be re-visited.

- VPOID mentioned that she hopes to decide within the next few days which policies are ready to be signed off or updated.
- There are currently no bylaws in regards to in-camera sessions. VPOID suggested updating policies on who can be brought into in-camera sessions.
- The committee shared their recommendations on policy changes.
- VPIOD suggested regrouping later in the week to start drafting

notices the committee wants to push through Governance and then Council.

7.3 Bylaw Overview

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

BLURB: Overview of SFSS Bylaws and designation of Bylaws to review to committee members.

- VPIOD went over the SFSS Bylaws, summarized them, and pointed out concerns.
- VPIOD wants to start allocating bylaws to the committee to review.

8. ATTACHMENTS

8.1 Notice of Motions

8.2 Censure Policy Corrections

8.3 Work Report Deadlines Correction

8.4 R-4 Housekeeping Changes

8.5 Executive Officers Committees Clarification

8.6 Governance Amendments June 20th

8.7 R-9 and SO-22 Amendment

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 MOTION GOV 2022-06-20:15

Judit/Abhishek

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 4:47pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NP-1 CHANGE

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Be it lastly resolved to strike references to “Bylaw 16(3)” in ERPP-1.8 and replace it with “Bylaw 14(3).”

ERPP-2 CHANGE

Be it resolved to strike “VP Finance” from ERPP-2.3 and replace it with “VP Finances and Services.”

Add a new section SO-21.4 of Council Policies (and renumber other sections accordingly) that reads:

21.4. Members of Council who represent Constituency Groups and Affiliated Student Groups who belong to a University Faculty shall also be members of that Faculty Caucus

Strike section R-4.5 of Council Policies and replace it with the following:

4.5 All work reports are due at 11:59pm. Non-Executive Councillors must submit monthly work reports to Council on the 1st of every month. All Executive Officers must submit semi-monthly work reports to Council on the 1st and 16th of every month.”

(a) The stipend of an Executive Officer will be reduced by \$100 where a work report is late or incomplete.

(b) The stipend of a Non-Executive Councillor will be reduced by \$50 where a work report is late or incomplete.

(c) Stipends shall not be paid for months where the work report is submitted more than one month late, unless Council has authorized a prior exception.

Strike section R-4.6 of Council Policies and replace it with the following:

4.6. Semester reports must be submitted by Executive Officers to Council by midnight of the last day of the month following the end of a semester

(a) The stipend of an Executive Officer will be reduced by \$100 per day for a maximum reduction of the value of one complete pay period where the report is late, and all stipends will be withheld until the report is submitted.

Minor Housekeeping Changes:

- Strike the words “Council or committee meeting.” in R-4.11(b) of Council Policies and replace it with “Council or committee meeting without approved regrets.”
- Strike the word “Council” in R-4.14(a) and replace it with “Committee”
- Strike the word “Council” in R-4.14(b) and replace it with “Committee”
- Strike the words “a will” in R-4.16(a) and replace it with “a Non-Executive Councillor will”

Strike Section R-4.15(a) and replace it with the following:

- (a) The stipend of an Executive Officer will be reduced by \$200 when they are named to zero (0) committees, and by \$100 when they are named to one (1) committee.

Title: Recommendation to Council: CRAI Terms of Reference

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Be it further resolved to amend the second bullet point of the section "Relevant Bylaws and Policies" in the CRAI Terms of Reference by striking it and replacing it with "SFSS Elections and Referenda Policies"

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Be it resolved to amend IEC-9.5 by striking the word "may" and replacing with "shall"

Be it resolved to amend IEC-9.6 by striking it and replacing with:

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RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: CHANGES TO R-9 AND SO-22

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Be it further resolved to amend SO-22 ("CCBC") by striking SO-22.11 and replacing it with: "The Committee shall report to council on the status of its investigations at each meeting of council"

Be it further resolved to renumber the policy.