

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order – 12:31pm

**2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əłəm (Kwkwetlem) and ǰícəy (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
Ex-Officio .....	Abhishek Parmar
Environmental Science Student Union .....	Grayson Barke
At large member (Vice-Chair).....	Gabe Liosis
At large member .....	Minahill Nasir
At large member .....	Nebula (Anita) Shen
At large member .....	Gurjot Gill
At large member .....	Danyal Hakakzagar

**3.2 Society Staff**

Board Organizer .....	Emmanuela Droko
Temporary Operations Organizer .....	Sindhu Dharmarajah
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator .....	Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant .....	Danielle Saele

**3.3 Guests**

Joshua Millard.....	Society for Affordable Student Housing
---------------------	--

**3.4 Absents**

Ex-Officio .....	Abhishek Parmar
Board Organizer .....	Emmanuela Droko
Temporary Operations Organizer .....	Sindhu Dharmarajah
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator .....	Beaty Omboga
At large member .....	Nebula (Anita) Shen

**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 - MOTION ECA 2023-01-20:01**

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- ECA 2022-12-05

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**5.1 MOTION ECA 2023-01-20:02**

**Gabe/Grayson**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- Add 'New Business' item:
  - Compensation for Consultations for the award for Indigenous Students and International Students
- Amend 'New Business' MOTION ECA 2023-01-20:03
  - \$20 was added to the budget

**6. PRESENTATION**

**6.1 Society for Affordable Student Housing B.C.**

**SUBMITTED BY:** At large member "Gabe Liosis"

**PRESENTED BY:** Society for Affordable Student Housing "Joshua Millard"

- Society for affordable student housing is a new organization formed by both current or past student union representatives from SFU, UBC and Capilano University.
- The main goal of the organization is to develop and operate affordable housing for students, specifically students of lower socioeconomic status.
- Affordable housing, while a broad term, is defined by the society as 30% of an individual's income.
- Students face unique challenges within the housing crisis. For example, most students are limited to part-time minimum wage jobs, leaving housing affordability for students to be roughly \$300 a month, which is not attainable.
- Therefore, the organization is focused on creating subsidized housing, allowing students to pay \$300 a month for rent. The model consists of student unions creating a dedicated student fee used to subsidize housing. Additionally, the organization will seek out government grants to fund the housing project.
- The organization's main goal is to provide housing for SFU's Surrey campus as there's currently no student housing available.
- The organization is currently in the developmental stage and is presenting to various stakeholders for input and to build partnerships.
- This presentation was brought forward to ECA for feedback and input.
- Eshana is keen to bring this presentation forward to Council to garner further feedback as well as provide a letter of support to show ECA's approval of the organization and its mission.
- Overall the Committee is in approval of the organization and its affordable housing model.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 7.1 Report from the Office of the VP External

- Food security projects:
  - Munchy Mondays: Providing healthy food to students and give them an opportunity to meet the SFSS Executives.
  - Breakfast program: Free breakfast for all SFU Undergrads
    - Breakfast one day a week, the day of the week will alternate weekly.
    - Received a \$10,000 grant to support this project
- Award for Indigenous students and International Students
- Federal lobby days planning

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 Federal Lobby Days Funding – MOTION ECA 2023-01-20:03

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

**Grayson/Gurjot**

Whereas, the SFSS External Office is planning Federal Lobby Days;

Whereas, there are fees associated with this trip, including, transportation, accommodation, and food;

Be it resolved to pass up to \$4920 for the Federal Lobby Days Trip.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Eshana as well as the Campaigns Coordinator, Muriel, and the Board Organizer, Ella, have been working on the budget.
- They are delegating students fees appropriately and trying to limit the budget where possible; for example, buying groceries and staying in an Airbnb.
- The Federal Lobby Days trip will occur from Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – Feb 17<sup>th</sup>
- Grayson has asked to consider lobbying for environmental concerns which greatly affect the health of SFU students, such as the TMX pipeline. Grayson highlighted asking for monetary compensation for these health concerns.
- Eshana will follow-up with Grayson regarding these asks.

### 8.2 Snack and Drink Funding for ECA meetings – MOTION ECA 2023-01-20:04

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

**Gabe/Grayson**

Whereas, the External and Community Affairs Committee meetings will take place in person in the Spring 2023 semester;

Whereas, snacks and drink should be provided during these meetings;

Be it resolved, to pass up to \$500 for snack and drink for the External and Community Affairs Committee meetings in the Spring 2023 Semester.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.3 Compensation for Consultations for the award for Indigenous Students and International Students – MOTION ECA 2023-01-20:05**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”  
**Gabe/Grayson**

Whereas, the VP External and Community Affairs is working on an award for Indigenous Students and International Students;

Whereas, the students being consulted should be provided with compensation;

Whereas students will be given \$50 for the hour consultation, per student;

Be it resolved to pass \$300 for the students to be compensated for these consultations.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- In order to create an award for Indigenous and International students, consultation with these student groups must occur; these students should be compensated for their input and time.

## **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Tuition Freeze**

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

- Eshana is wanting to plan campaigns for the spring semester. These discussion items are to gauge interest of the committee on different campaign initiatives.
- Open house and campaign for “Tuition Freeze”. For example, handing out freezies with “Tuition Freeze” written on them; students are then able to learn about what tuition freezing and how it will positively impact them.
- The committee is in support of this campaign; Eshana will bring forward motions in the future to properly create and implement this campaign.

### **9.2 Housing**

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

- The committee is interested in holding an open house/campaign for “Housing Affordability”.
- While is proposed to create a campaign in partnership with SASH and ECA, ECA is more focused on raising awareness surrounding housing affordability through campaigning.
- Eshana will create an meeting to define the committees objectives of a “housing affordability” campaign.

### **9.3 Food Security**

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

- In addition to the food security projects currently undertaken by the committee, Grayson suggested expanding Munchy Mondays to provide fruit and vegetables across campus.
- Additionally, the committee is interested in creating a campaign with Embark.

- Eshana will follow-up with the committee to organize and create these initiatives.

#### **9.4 Development Sessions**

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

- The committee is interested in attending a lobbying workshop/training session with an executive director from the Capilano University’s Student Union.
- Gabe and Eshana will follow-up with the committee.

#### **9.5 ECA Social Event**

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

- The committee decided to hold a lunch social at BeirCraft on campus for their social event.
- Eshana will follow-up with the committee regarding the date and time of the social.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **10.1 MOTION ECA 2023-01-20:06**

**Grayson/Minahill**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 1:24pm

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**