

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order – 4:42pm

**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), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitlh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əłəm (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 Council Composition**

**Student Union Representatives**

Applied Science Councillor .....	Vacant
Archeology Student Society (ASS) .....	Seniha Inceoz
Arts and Culture Councillor .....	Vacant
Bachelor of Environment Student Union .....	Tiana Andjelic
Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society (BNSS) .....	Aarthi Srinivasan
Biology Student Union (BSU) .....	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Student Association (BPKSA)....	Gurleen Grewal
Business Administration Student Society .....	Vacant
Chemistry Student Society .....	Xiaohan (Hanna) Li
Cognitive Science Student Association .....	Aaron Fung
Collective of Arts and Cultures Studies Students .....	Vacant
Communications Student Union .....	Vacant
Computing Science Student Society .....	Shariq Ahsan
Criminology Student Association.....	Ava Wood
Dance Student Union .....	Vacant
Data Science Student Society .....	Vacant
Earth Science Student Union .....	Eden Lien
Economics Student Society .....	Rafid Rahman Chowdhury
Education Student Association.....	Christine Yoo
Engineering Science Student Society.....	Liam Feng
English Student Union .....	Vacant
Environmental Science Student Union .....	Grayson Barke
Faculty of Applied Science.....	Vacant
Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology (FCAT).....	Vacant
Film Student Union.....	Sofia Badzio
Fine and Performing Arts Student Union .....	Vacant
French Student Union .....	Vacant
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Student Union .....	Simran Basra

Geography Student Union .....	Natasha Kearns
Gerontology Student Union .....	Vacant
Global Asia Studies .....	Vacant
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union .....	Priyanka Dhesa
History Student Union .....	Emilio Da Silva
Humanities Student Union .....	Vacant
Indigenous Studies Student Union .....	Vacant
Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union (IATSU) .....	Jung-yeon Lee
International Studies Student Association (ISSA) .....	Vacant
Labour Studies Student Union.....	Vacant
Latin American Studies Student Union.....	Vacant
Linguistics Student Union .....	Vacant
Mathematics Student Union .....	Vacant
Mechatronics System Engineering Student Society .....	Ryley McWilliams
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry Student Union (MBBSU).....	Vacant
Music Student Union.....	Vacant
Operations Research Student Union .....	Vacant
Performing Arts Councillor .....	Vacant
Philosophy Student Union (Vice-Chair) .....	Ashley Flett
Physics Student Association .....	Vacant
Political Science Student Union .....	Brydan Denis
Psychology Student Union.....	Mark Giles
Public Policy Student Union .....	Vacant
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) .....	Ayooluwa Adigun
Semester in Dialogue Student Union .....	Vacant
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS).....	Hilary Tsui
Sociology and Anthropology Student Union (SASU).....	Arthur Lee
Software Systems Student Society (SSSS) .....	Gurmehar Singh
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association (SASSA) .....	David Taeil Ahn
Sustainable Community Development Student Society.....	Vacant
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society .....	Andrew Nathan
Theatre Student Union .....	Claire Brown
Visual Arts Student Union .....	Vacant
World Languages and Literature Student Union .....	Vacant

**Constituency Group Representatives**

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) .....	Aleksandra Partyka
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association (FNMISA) .....	Sienna Dickson
International Student Advocates.....	Vacant
Out on Campus Collective (OOC).....	Vacant

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) ..... Amina Hassan  
Women Centre Collective..... Vacant

**Affiliated Student Groups**

Residence Hall’s Association (RHA) ..... Emmanuel Adegboyega  
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)..... Mason Glover  
Teach Support Staff Union (TSSU) ..... Pranjali Mann  
Embark Sustainability ..... Vacant  
SFPIRG ..... Vacant

**SFSS Executive Committee**

Acting President ..... Abhishek Parmar  
Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development..... Peter Hance  
Acting VP Finance and Services ..... Rastko Koprivica  
Acting VP University and Academic Affairs ..... Chloe Arneson  
VP External and Community Affairs ..... Eshana Baran  
VP Equity and Sustainability ..... Sunghyun Choi  
VP Events and Student Affairs ..... Vaibhav Arora

**3.2 Society Staff**

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

**3.3 Regrets**

Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Student Union ..... Simran Basra  
Film Student Union..... Sofia Badzio

**3.4 Guests**

Vice President of CASA..... Shalina Nurly

**3.5 Absents**

Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society (BNSS) ..... Aarthi Srinivasan  
Chemistry Student Society ..... Xiaohan (Hanna) Li  
Computing Science Student Society ..... Shariq Ahsan  
Criminology Student Association..... Ava Wood

Engineering Science Student Society.....	Liam Feng
Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union (IATSU) .....	Jung-yeon Lee
Mechatronics System Engineering Student Society .....	Ryley McWilliams
Political Science Student Union .....	Brydan Denis
Software Systems Student Society (SSSS) .....	Gurmehar Singh
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association (SASSA) .....	David Taeil Ahn
Theatre Student Union .....	Claire Brown
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).....	Mason Glover

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

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

##### **CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

##### **4.1.1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Committee Minutes - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:01**

Be it resolved to receive and file the following Committee minutes:

- AC 2022-12-12
- COUNCIL 2022-11-09
- COUNCIL 2022-10-12
- COUNCIL 2022-10-26
- COUNCIL 2023-01-25
- ECA 2022-12-05
- ECA 2023-01-20
- ESAC 2023-01-31
- SPOC 2023-01-24

##### **4.1.2. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:02**

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets of GSWS Councillor “Simran Basra” and Film Councillor “Sofi Badzio” for the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting.

#### 5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

##### 5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:03

##### **Abhishek / Eden**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

- Add New Business Motions:
  - Society Credit Card Limit Increase
  - SFSS and SFU Esports Association Memorandum of Understanding
  - Financial Transparency and Large Invoice Disclosure
  - File Hosting Privacy Changes
  - Holi Additional Budget

- Archaeology Furnishing
- Oversight Committee on Executive Officers Election
- First Year Engagement Committee Election
- Accessibility Committee Election
- Ratification of resignation
- Add “Presentation” Item:
  - Donation to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria
- Move “Presentation” Item to 6.1:
  - Donation to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria
- Add “In-Camera” Discussion Item:
  - Concerns regarding council corporate invoices and Event / merchandise partners
- Add “Discussion” item:
  - Food Security Programs
- Move “New Business” item to 11.3:
  - Archaeology Furnishing Motion

## 6. PRESENTATION

### 6.1 Donation to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria

**SUBMITTED BY:** Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance “Aleksandra Partyka”

**PRESENTED BY:** Vice President of CASA “Shalina Nurly”

- The purpose of the presentation is to inform Council about the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and how SFSS and CASA can provide support.
  - CASA collected donations and raised \$1165 to donate to the following organizations:
    - AHBAP, local Turkish organization collecting funds
    - The White Helmets, focus on search and rescue efforts and is very well known organization
  - Call to Action:
    - Acknowledge the pain felt by Turkish and Syrian students
    - Communicate the severity of the situation to the Faculties to accommodate students during this time
    - Provide culturally relevant counselling for SFU students
    - Remove application barriers for students in Syria and Turkey
    - Increase the donation amount to \$3000
    - Communicate ways the community can provide support
  - The SFSS, through the ESC, donated \$1500 to each organization.

## 6.2 Federal Lobbying 2023 Overview

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

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

- Eshana and Abhishek discussed their highlights from Federal Lobbying Days.
  - Not successful at advocating to keep international student grants that were implemented over COVID
  - Advocated for a cap on international tuition fees, food security and eliminating international health care fees.
  - Carried out a discussion with MPs regarding international students work experience and advocated for work that occurs during an international student’s study period in Canada to be considered as Canadian work experience as well as extending the international students work permit to allow for 40 hours of work per week as opposed to the current 20 hours.
  - Advocated for specific mental health services for international students as international students face unique challenges.
  - Advocated for sexual violence prevention and support for survivors.
  - Discussed Climate action and pipelines in regards to students’ health.
  - Discussed the SFU Gondola at the federal level.
  - Met with the following folks:
    - MP Salma Zahid
    - MP Tracey Grey
    - CFS Marie Dolcetti Koros and James Casey
    - Communications and Issues office of the Minister of Health Canada, Emelyana Titarenko
  - Met with the CFS and discussed options to support the SFU student who is facing deportation as well as creating a working group to support international students as a whole.
    - The SFSS will not be joining the CFS membership.
  - Watch the film, SGaaWaay K’uuna, which was the first feature length film made completely in the Haida language.
  - Considerations for future lobbying trips:
    - Consider bringing additional student leaders
    - Plan the trip earlier to reduce costs
    - Sign up for an UBER Business account to save money
    - Campaigns Coordinator to develop portfolios of all ministers that students are meeting with
    - Develop one briefing note master document as opposed to separate documents
    - Rotate ministers that students meet with every year
    - Schedule simulation prep earlier

**7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**7.1 Executive Committee Report**

- **POSTPONED**

**7.2 CCBC Report**

- **POSTPONED**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Award for Indigenous Students and International Students - MOTION COUNCIL 2023  
02-22:04**

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

**ATTACHMENT:** BN Award for Indigenous Students and International Students.pdf

**Rastko / Eshana**

Whereas, the VP External has been working on establishing an award for Indigenous and International Students;

Whereas, Council showed interest for an SFU internal financial award to help students financially;

Whereas, this award would help students who face systemic barriers in accessing education;

Whereas, the, SFSS believes all students should have the right to access to post- secondary education, this includes marginalized students who unfairly have lower access to education;

Whereas, Indigenous Students are only eligible for scholarships in the fall semester and this award can be awarded in any term, opening up the option for students to apply for awards in a different semesters;

Whereas, International Students face many challenges aside from being a student in adapting to a different culture, being away from support systems, paying the International Student Health fee, paying for housing and food, and this award would help alleviate those barriers,

Whereas we have established a similar awards for Refugee and Black students at \$20,000 CAD annually for each award;

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council approves up to \$20,000 CAD annually to the SFSS Undergraduate Award for Indigenous Students and the SFSS Undergraduate Award for International Students from a budget line item to be determined by the VP Finance

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Vice-President External and Community Affairs, SFSS Vice-President Finance and Services and the SFSS Vice-President Equity and Sustainability, and the President where needed, to work with SFU on completing the process of developing this scholarship with consideration of tuition increase and appropriate logistics, including the signing of the TOR and the donation agreement.

Be it further resolved to direct the VP finance to ensure this is budgeted in the draft budget.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- The Financial Executive, Rastko, will update Council with a line item number next meeting.
- While Emilio brought that priority will be given to those who are apart of SFSS groups, thereby, limiting Indigenous and International students who are advocating, supporting and engaging within the community outside of SFU/SFSS Clubs and Organizations, Council did not agree with his concerns.
- 20 voted in favour, 6 abstained and 0 opposed the motion.

\*Suspension of rules to give student speaking priorities

**8.1 SFSS and SFU Esports Association Memorandum Of Understanding - MOTION COUNCIL  
2023-02-22:05**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting VP Finance and Services “Rastko Koprivica”

**ATTACHMENT:** SFSS and SFU Esports Association Memorandum of Understanding  
**Rastko / Ayooluwa**

Whereas an agreement between the SFSS and SFU Esports Association regarding a gaming lounge in the Student Union Building has been in the works since at least 2018;

Whereas the SFSS Board of Directors/Council has authorized the signing of a previous Memorandum of Understanding;

Whereas the SFSS has entered into a sponsorship agreement with Memory Express in regards to equipment in the gaming lounge;

Whereas the Memory Express agreement has started February 1st;

Whereas the Acting VP Finance and Services has been working with Society staff and SFU Esports Association on the opening of the gaming lounge space in the SUB (SUB 2400);

Be it resolved that Council approve the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding (attached) between the Society and the SFU Esports Association;



Be it further resolved that Council approve an opening of the Gaming Lounge effective immediately and that the Communications department begin marketing the space to membership.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- This motion has been discussed for a while; the previous executive team was not involved in opening the space.
- Signed an agreement with Memory Express to sponsor the space and provide computers and equipment necessary to open the space.
- John Walsh, the Facilities Manager, has helped out a lot getting the space open.
- The space is open to all students and will hopefully allow students to connect in-between classes.
- Ashley asked why other Executives were not added to the motion for recognition, however, Rastko stated that no other Executive invested the same amount of hours as him (20 hours).

**8.2 Archaeology Furnishing - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:06**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting VP Finance and Services "Rastko Koprivica"

**Rastko/ Abhishek**

Whereas the space expansion fund has roughly \$500,000 in unspent funds and collects around \$350,00 in student levies;

Whereas the Physics Student Association was granted up to \$12,700 CAD last semester;

Whereas this fund is meant to be used to furnish student spaces around campus;

Whereas the ASS common room has not seen any significant renovations in 35 years;

Be it resolved that Council approves the spending of up to \$12,700 CAD for basic furnishing expenses for the archaeology Student Society from the space expansion fund.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- The current space is a part of an existing classroom that was furnished with used/old furnishings. These furnishings are falling apart and have been upgraded in over 10 years.

**9. IN-CAMERA**

**9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:07**

**Abhishek / Rastko**

Be it resolved to go in-camera for the remainder of the meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Concerns regarding council corporate invoices and event/merchandise partners

**10. EX-CAMERA**

**10.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:08**

**Abhishek / Rastko**

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. New Business**

**11.1 Financial Transparency and Large Invoice Disclosure – MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:09**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting VP Finance and Services “Rastko Koprivica”

**Rastko/ Abhishek**

Whereas Council has affirmed support of a financial transparency motion in a previous session;  
Whereas the financial transparency policy is still in development;

Whereas a situation has arisen regarding membership requesting more transparency in regards to large-volume single-vendor transactions;

Whereas Council has reviewed the financial transparency concerns in-camera;

Be it resolved Council approve a release of all invoices and cheque requisitions over \$20,000 in value that were approved by Council or its committees payable to single vendors from 1st May 2022 onwards until a financial transparency policy is ratified at Council;

Be it further resolved that all disclosures remove personally identifiable information as defined by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

Be it further resolved that no payroll information is disclosed and that the disclosure is limited in scope only to transactions approved by Council or its Committees and link to the motion that approved such spending.

Be it further resolved that the disclosures be disclosed in PDF format uploaded onto a new section of the Society website titled "Large Volume Transactions Transparency Disclosures".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.2 File hosting privacy changes – MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:10**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting VP Finance and Services “Rastko Koprivica”

**Rastko / Emilio**

Whereas the Society currently uses Google GSuite for the majority of Society document sharing;  
Whereas there are concerns regarding data privacy and security when using offshore groupware services such as Google GSuite;

Be it resolved that Council task the Executive Committee and Excluded Management on developing a migration path away from Google GSuite onto SFU locally-hosted data storage solutions for sensitive information such as defined by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**POSTPONED**

**11.3 Society Credit Card Limit Increase – MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:11**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting VP Finance and Services “Rastko Koprivica”

**Abhishek / Rastko**

Whereas the Society maintains its own credit card at Scotiabank in order to make internal purchases;

Whereas the current credit limit of the card is set at \$25,000;

Whereas the SFSS credit card has seen high utilization in recent months and recently exceeded the credit limit;

Whereas when the credit card limit has been reached or exceeded the card may not be used anymore until the balance has been paid off;

Whereas the credit card balance takes several days to be paid off preventing more charges from taking place;

Whereas the Society Finance staff have recommended that the credit card limit be increased to \$50,000 in order to keep up with demand;

Whereas Council can approve motions related to credit card limit increases;

Be it resolved that Council approve a credit card limit increase for the Society credit card at Scotiabank for \$50,000.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.4 Holi Additional Budget – MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:12**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Events and Student Affairs “Vaibhav Arora”

**Vaibhav / Sunghyun**

Whereas, we have calculated the expected amount of revenue from ticket sales for the Holi Event, but due to the nature of event ticketing, we will not receive the funds in hand until the day of the event.

Whereas, in order to secure necessary services from vendors (e.g. fencing, portable washrooms, hand wash stations, color purchase, staging, sound system), we must make advance payments.

Whereas, the current budget of \$12,500 for the Holi Event does not account for this timing issue, and there is a risk that we may not be able to secure the necessary services if we are unable to make advance payments.

Whereas, by increasing the budget for the event, we can ensure that we have the necessary funds in advance to pay vendors and secure their services, making the event more successful and enjoyable for attendees.

Be it resolved to approve an additional \$12,500 from the Events committee budget line item 817/20.

**POSTPONED**

**11.5 Oversight Committee on Executive Officers Election – MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:13**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Abhishek Parmar”

**Mover / Seconder**

Whereas there are vacancies on OCEO for 3 Non-Executive Council Members;

Be it resolved to elect Non-Executive Councillor A, B and C to serve on OCEO for the remainder of the 2022-2023 Council year.

**POSTPONED**

**11.6 First Year Engagement Committee Election – MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:14**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Abhishek Parmar”

**Mover / Seconder**

Whereas there are vacancies on FYEC for 1 Council Member;

Be it resolved to elect Councillor A and first year Councillor B to serve on FYEC for the remainder of the 2022-2023 Council Year.

**POSTPONED**

**11.7 Accessibility Committee Election – MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:15**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Abhishek Parmar”

**Mover / Seconder**

Whereas there are vacancies on AC for 1 Council Member;

Be it resolved to elect Councillor A to serve on AC for the remainder of the 2022-2023 Council Year.

**POSTPONED**

**11.8 Ratification of Resignation – MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:16**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Acting President “Abhishek Parmar”

**Abhishek / Emilio**

Be it resolved to accept the resignation of the GASSU Councillor ‘Emilio Da Silva’.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**12.1 Food security**

- Eshana is seeking for volunteers for the breakfast program and Munchy Mondays
- Quest Food Exchange will be no cost to the SFSS but will require some administrative work to get the program up and running for students. Rastko will provide further updates when available.
- Eshana will be working on a Community Fridge for the SUB.

\*Extend meeting time to 8:45pm.

**13. 30 MINUTES Q&A**

- Emilio asked whether Non-Executive reports are still needed; there was a verbal conversation that work reports were not needed as some councillors are not filling the 20 hours or are listing unrelated items.
  - It was determined that work reports for Non-Executive members are still required and if non-executives are finding it hard to fill these hours, consider joining a committee, volunteering at events and reach out to Executives to fill their hours.

**14. ATTACHMENTS**

**14.1** BN Award for Indigenous Students and International Students.pdf

**14.2** SFSS and SFU Esports Association Memorandum of Understanding

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**15.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-02-22:17**

**Abhishek / Ashley**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**February 12th, 2023**

**BN - Award for Indigenous Students and International Students**

**Prepared by: Eshana Baran - VP External & Community Affairs**

**Background:**

I am very excited to introduce an internal financial award for Indigenous Students and International Students in collaboration with Simon Fraser University (SFU) to help support undergraduate students who attend SFU.

Currently, Indigenous Students do not have the opportunity to apply for scholarships outside the fall semester at SFU, this award will open up the opportunity for Indigenous students to apply for a financial award beyond the fall semester.

Moreover, many financial awards require vast qualifications, this award would loosen those barriers and allow a vast amount of students to apply for a financial award.

**Key Considerations:**

There is currently no financial award internally with the SFSS in collaboration with SFU for Indigenous Students or International Students. These students face barriers in the education systems that we are currently in.

I want to acknowledge that as a colonial institution we need to do our part in supporting the Indigenous community and sovereignty. This award can help folks in the Indigenous community, we should stand in solidarity and take action to support Indigenous communities.

Moreover, International Students are not only navigating the hardships of being a student, but face many barriers in adapting to a new culture, being away from their support systems, paying for housing, not having a cap on their annual tuition increases as domestic

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students do, paying for healthcare with the Medical Services Fee that only international students pay, and paying for food.

These financial awards would help alleviate financial burdens on students who face barriers in these colonial education systems.

### **Key Findings:**

For this award I conducted consultations with Indigenous Students and International Students. From my consultations, we have made some amendments to the draft TOR based on feedback which I am happy for. As a part of the process, for Indigenous Students we will work with SFU to ensure that the whole award is for multiple students instead of one as the other awards currently established. The details will continue to be discussed with SFU and the various Indigenous community groups and students. As for International students, editorial amendments were made to make sure the TOR was as accurate and inclusive as possible.

### **Considerations/Resources:**

We currently offer an award for domestic students with a Refugee Background Domestic Black Students:

<https://sfss.ca/new-wusc-x-sfss-scholarships-for-domestic-students-with-a-refugee-background-and-domestic-black-students/>

<https://sfss.ca/10000-sfss-award-opportunity-for-undergraduate-black-students/>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11O0fXIXqTJejs82WNoCeWc07UFv7csSU/view>

Draft Award for Indigenous Students and International Students (currently continuing consultations with community):

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mGZm-AJyPycWKXh\\_YvMulzkC6kPi-YQ6/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mGZm-AJyPycWKXh_YvMulzkC6kPi-YQ6/view?usp=sharing)

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**Recommendations:**

I recommend that:

1. The SFSS Council donate \$20,000.00 annually to the Award for Indigenous Students and International Students
2. We continue to amplify the work and advocacy of Indigenous students and International Students

**Motion Title: Award for Indigenous Students and International Students**

Whereas, the VP External has been working on establishing an award for Indigenous and International Students;

Whereas, Council showed interest for an SFU internal financial award to help students financially;

Whereas, this award would help students who face systemic barriers in accessing education;

Whereas, the, SFSS believes all students should have the right to access to post- secondary education, this includes marginalized students who unfairly have lower access to education;

Whereas, Indigenous Students are only eligible for scholarships in the fall semester and this award can be awarded in any term, opening up the option for students to apply for awards in a different semesters;

Whereas, International Students face many challenges aside from being a student in adapting to a different culture, being away from support systems, paying the International





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Student Health fee, paying for housing and food, and this award would help alleviate those barriers,

Whereas we have established a similar awards for Refugee and Black students at \$20,000 CAD annually for each award;

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council approves up to \$20,000 CAD annually to the SFSS Undergraduate Award for Indigenous Students and the SFSS Undergraduate Award for International Students from a budget line item to be determined by the VP Finance

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Vice-President External and Community Affairs, SFSS Vice-President Finance and Services and the SFSS Vice-President Equity and Sustainability, and the President where needed, to work with SFU on completing the process of developing this scholarship with consideration of tuition increase and appropriate logistics, including the signing of the TOR and the donation agreement.

Be it further resolved to direct the VP finance to ensure this is budgeted in the draft budget.

# SFSS and SFU Esports Association Memorandum Of Understanding

## Summary

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) and SFU Esports Association is to establish mutual understanding regarding SFU Esports Associations and the SFSS’s roles and responsibilities with regards to the Gamer’s lounge located on L2000 of the Student Union Building (appendix A).

This agreement includes an annual review process and an opportunity to make adjustments accordingly. Changes to this agreement must be approved by both parties.

## Participants

Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS)  
SFU Esports Association

## Review Period

This agreement shall be in effect for one year and be reviewed at the sixth and twelfth month mark. If both parties are agreeable, this agreement shall continue to be renewed annually with both parties meeting every 6 months to propose updates.

## Simon Fraser Student Society Responsibilities

SFSS has the following commitments per this Memorandum of Understanding:

- Maintain the Gamer’s lounge space this includes providing custodial services and addressing any space maintenance issues
- Provide appropriate furniture in the space
- Provide scheduled access to the space when required
- Carry out routine equipment inventory after each use of the space
- Coordinate equipment repairs when necessary
- Develop bookings procedures and usage policies for the Gamer’s lounge.
- Enforce above policies and procedures

- Provide SFU Esports Association with up to 15 hours per week exclusive access to the Gamer's lounge for the purpose of competitive teams practice . This access will be at a mutually agreed upon time that may change week by week
- Administer all student bookings for the Gamer's lounge
- Provide staff resources to work with SFU Esports Association on any future proposals for upgrades to the physical space or infrastructure.

## SFU Esports Association Responsibilities

SFU Esports Association has the following commitments per this Memorandum of Understanding:

- Adhere to all SFSS policies and bylaws
- Inform the bookings coordinator of any events that are happening in the space at least 1 week in advance.
- Host drop in hours open to all students minimum of two times per week Mon-Fri between the hours of 10.00am and 10.00pm. Minimum of 10 hours per week open access for all students to the gaming computers is required unless agreed in writing otherwise. These hours will be mutually agreed upon.
- Follow booking process as outlined by the SFSS
- Report any incidents or irregular occurrences in the space immediately to the Building coordinator on duty
- Report any maintenance issues or equipment issues without delay to [facilities.manager@sfss.ca](mailto:facilities.manager@sfss.ca)

## Grievance Procedure

If any party neglects their responsibilities, the other party has the right to call a meeting to discuss the issue ("First Meeting").

If the parties cannot reach a mutual agreement to resolve the issue at the First Meeting, then the SFSS may temporarily suspend SFU Esports Association's access to the Gamer's Lounge. If the issue is not resolved at a second meeting it will be escalated to the SFSS's Space Oversight committee whose decision will be final.

## Amendment process

Amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding must be agreed upon by both parties via signed approval by representatives of each party.

# Termination

This MOU may be terminated under the following conditions:

- Both parties mutually agree to terminate the agreement
- SFU Esports becomes a club under SFU Athletics, in which case another MOU may be negotiated
- SFU Esports dissolves
- SFSS no longer leases the SUB
- SFSS dissolves and has no successor
- SFSS terminates the agreement due to Force Majeure
- Appropriate gaming equipment is no longer accessible to the SFSS and the space will no longer be a Gamer's lounge.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

## **Simon Fraser Student Society**

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Acting Vice President, Finance and Services: Rastko Koprivica

## **SFU Esports Association**

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Vice President, Events and Finance: Emily Zhang

# Appendices

Appendix A: Floor plan depicting room 2400 Level 2000 of the Student Union Building, 8888 University Drive, Burnaby, V5A 1S6, BC, Canada.

Individual room floor plan

