

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order –

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), S^kwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selííwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (Kwíkwetlem) 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

Archeology Student Society (ASS)	Seniha Inceoz
Bachelor of Environment Student Union	Tiana Andjelic
Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society (BNSS)	Vacant
Biology Student Union (BSU)	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Student Association	Gurleen Grewal
Business Administration Student Society	Vacant
Chemistry Student Society	Vacant
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.....	Vacant
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.....	Vacant
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
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	Evan Accettola
Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union (IATSU)	Vacant
International Studies Student Association (ISSA)	Vacant
Labour Studies Student Union	Vacant
Linguistics Student Union	Vacant
Mathematics Student Union	Vacant
Mechatronics System Engineering Student Society	Ryley McWilliams
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry Student Union	Vacant
Music Student Union	Vacant
Operations Research Student Union	Vacant
Philosophy Student Union (Vice-Chair)	Ashley Flett
Physics Student Association	Vacant
Political Science Student Union	Brydan Denis
Psychology Student Union	Mark Giles
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)	Vacant
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association	Vacant
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society	Andrew Nathan
Theatre Student Union	Vacant
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 Tuleen Awad

SFSS Executive Committee

President Liam Feng
 VP Internal and Organizational Development Leonarda Ognjenovic
 VP Finance and Services (Chair) Abhishek Parmar
 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 Simar Thukral

3.3 Leave of Absence

Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) Ayooluwa Adigun
 Psychology Student Union Mark Giles
 VP Events and Student Affairs Vaibhav Arora

3.4 Alternates

Role Full Name

3.5 Regrets

Role Full Name

3.6 Guests

Role Full Name

3.7 Absents

Role Full Name

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

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

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4.1.1. - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28: #

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:01

Mover / Secunder

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

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6. PRESENTATION

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7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 Executive Committee Report

8. IN-CAMERA

8.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28: #

SUBMITTED BY:

Mover / Secunder

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

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9. EX-CAMERA

9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28: #

Mover / Secunder

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

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10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 SUB Emergency Response Plan Amendment to Protect the Right of Demonstrations and Protests- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:02

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

Mover / Secunder

Whereas the SUB Emergency Response Plan appendix 7 outlines interaction matrix for non-emergency situations;

Whereas there is need for clarity to protect from constitutionally protected demonstration activity to take place, and to provide clarity for staff who may encounter these incidents from time to time;

Whereas it is unfair to put staff in the situation to make these decisions without the direct mandate from persons of higher authority i.e. Management and student executive;

Be it resolved to amend the Appendix 7 in the SUB Emergency Response Plan to add a subsection under section 2 stating: & quote ;'Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to prohibit peaceful assemblies or demonstrations, canvassing for demonstrations and labour actions, lawful labour action including picketing, or to impinge upon freedom of expression. In those cases, the person(s) of higher authority contacted must convene and decide on the way forward and staff need not intervene and all steps must be taken for efforts or de-escalation and non-escalation, including non-interference in the demonstrative activity whenever feasible.& quote;

Be it further resolved to amend SUB Emergency Response Plan Appendix 7(2) current first bullet point subsection as follows taking the following & quote; At any time, if a staff member feels unsafe or threatened, they can use their judgement in expediting contact with Campus Public Safety& quote;;, And replacing With & quote; At any time, if a staff member feels unsafe or threatened, they can use their judgement and remove themselves from the situation, including by leaving their workspace, as long as they notify higher authority or management as soon as reasonably possible.& quote;

Be it further resolved to add the SUB Emergency Response plan on the SFSS website for transparent shared understanding for members Be it further resolved that additionally, the SUB Room Bookings guidelines also be put under the SFSS Policies and guidelines section under the policy as a pdf as outlined already in a different format here (<https://sfss.ca/sfss-meeting-room-booking-guidelines-for-clubs-sus-and-sfss-affiliated-groups/>) that deal with scheduled events and meetings and other booking activities in the SUB

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10.2 Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget – MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:03

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services “Abhishek Parmar”

Mover / Seconder

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

Whereas the 2022/23 Executive Committee has met to review the preliminary budget for the next fiscal year;

Be it resolved that Council approve the 2023-24 5th Draft Budget as the preliminary budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

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10.3 Role corrections for corporate records and information management policies – MOTION

COUNCIL 2023-04-28:04

SUBMITTED BY: Former Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development “Peter Hance”
Mover / Seconder

Whereas the Corporate Records and Information Management Policies refer to roles that since changed;

Be it resolved to strike every occurrence of “Research and Policy Coordinator” and “RPC” and replace them with “Policy, Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator” and “PRCA”;

Be it further resolved to renumber “CIP-10: RECORDS OF DECISIONS” in accordance with its section number;

Be it further resolved to strike “Operations Organizer” from CIP-10.5 and replace with “President”;

Be it further resolved to strike “Operations Organizer” from CIP-10.8 and replace with “Board Organizer”;

Be it last resolved to renumber CIP-11 in accordance with its section number.

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10.4 Addition of DNA representative seats to the Accessibility Committee- MOTION

COUNCIL 2023-04-28:05

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

Mover / Seconder

Whereas it is important to have Constituency representatives at the table for matters that may impact their constituents directly on the various committees;

Whereas the SFSS has an accessibility committee that must be formed that deals with matters of accessibility and approve grant requests;

Whereas DNA is the recognized constituency group that represents issues relating to accessibility, neurodiversity and disability justice on campus;

Be it resolved to amend the Council Policies SO-11 to add the following under the Composition subsection (below 11.4):

Composition

1. [Ex-Officio] President
2. [Chairperson] VP Equity and Sustainability Executive Officer as designated by Council; or, on recommendation of the Committee, another member of the Committee
3. Four Councillors
4. up to two representatives of the Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA)
5. Minimum 2, up to 4 at-large members
6. Up to 1 DNA Councillor Representative (i.e.: optional on if the councillor representative

accepts the nomination and appointment).

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10.5 Increasing the Diversity and Equitable Makeup of the Governance Committee to Include Additionally Marginalized Equitable and Diverse Perspectives - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:06

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

Mover / Seconder

Whereas it is important for the governance committee to have a makeup and representation that is reflective of the perspectives of diverse equity seeking communities and groups that typically not included on governance and policy making tables;

Whereas the VP Equity and Sustainability role is one role that enables equity perspectives in the SFSS and should be present during policy conversations;

Whereas constituency groups and affiliate student groups have valuable insights on equity and their various groups perspectives may be helpful;

Whereas there can be a mechanism for appointment where if groups are at capacity, all reps can be nominated for the seat and one selected at a vote at council, or none appointed if none of the groups want for the case of CGs or ASGs;

Whereas 1 member at large perspective from the membership would be good to include student voice to ensure the representation of student voices that may not directly be at the council and get to get an outside perspective;

Be it resolved to amend the following to governance committee terms of reference under Council Policies SO-5 under composition (below 5.1):

Composition

1. [Ex-officio] President
2. [Chairperson] VP Internal & Organizational Development
3. VP Equity and Sustainability
4. up to 1 Constituency group council representative seat
5. up to 1 Affiliate student group council representative seat
6. Four Councillors
7. Up to 1 member at large
8. [Non-Voting] Policy and Research Coordinator.

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10.6 Appeals process for inappropriate advertising- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:07

SUBMITTED BY: Former Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development “Peter Hance”
Mover / Seconder

Whereas the appeals process for inappropriate advertisement is unclear under CMP-2;

Whereas relevant staff are not defined in the appeal process;

Whereas appeals of determination seem to be escalated immediately to Council according to CMP-2.2(a);

Be it resolved to strike CMP-2.2(a) and replace it with: 2.2 (a) All appeals to any such determination shall be directed to the Member Services Advisory Committee. If the appeal is dismissed by the Member Services Advisory Committee after the review of the case, a final written appeal may be submitted to Council.

Be it further resolved to strike CMP-2.2 and replace it with: 2.2 Relevant staff, as determined by the Communications Coordinator alongside with the President, shall establish a panel of at minimum, three relevant staff members, and make the determination of what constitutes excessive or inappropriate advertising. The decision of the panel must be submitted in writing to the parties involved.

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10.7 Orientation and Retention Policies 2.4 and OTP3.4 - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:08

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

Mover / Seconder

Be it resolved Amend OTP2.4.c to add another sentence and subsection as outlined:

" Other Orientation sessions must include a workshop on 'Past and Continuing SFSS Advocacy and campaigns ', 'Upholding Indigenous Inclusion and Reconciliation ', 'Intersectional climate justice and activism', and 'Racial justice, and centering Black, Indigenous and People of Colour' workshops.

i) Additionally, the Board Organizer is designated to in collaboration with the VP Equity, President and

Executives to ensure a presentation on the historical context and continuity of the SFSS Issues Policies with an summary and context of each is held during orientation.

ii) Follow up development sessions on each of the SFSS issues policies must be held (including bringing in student and community groups and organizations related to them who are aligned with them as written) throughout the year on each of the previously passed SFSS Issues policies as coordinated by the VP Internal and the VP Equity and Sustainability with the support of the Board Organizer."

Be it further resolved to amend OTP3.4 to add subsections:

H) SFSS Issues Policies and past and ongoing campaigns and information related to each

l) advocacy and campaigns training

j) Upholding Indigenous Inclusion and Reconciliation

K) racial justice and centering Black, Indigenous and People of Color training

L) Intersectional climate justice and activism

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10.8 Migrants Students United @SFU Support and Amplification- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:09

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

ATTACHMENT: Apr-2023-Motion-Briefing-Note-1.pdf

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

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

Whereas MSU at SFU members have worked over 750 hours this year and the group has initiated or actively participated in many campaigns, lobbying, rallies and activities, including International Students Health Fee campaign, Fix PGWP, Status for ALL, PR Campaign, BC Tuition Freeze Now, and continue to fight endlessly for International Students Rights;

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

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

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

Whereas financial pre-clarity creates difficulty for students to participate within coalitions, groups, clubs, unions and such to fight for their rights because they must work in their free time to keep up with the ever-increasing cost of living;

Be it resolved that Council state its unequivocal support for MSU at SFU and International students,

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

Be it further resolved to follow up on motion 8.1 from the April 27, 2022 SFSS Council meeting which was carried unanimously and stated that a working group be created of the Councillors and Members, ensuring strong representation of international students, supported by the VP Equity and Sustainability, to draft and recommend to Council this Migrant and International Students Rights Issues Policy, in consultation with MSU at SFU,

Be it further resolved that SFSS Council provide MSU at SFU with direct access to SFSS room and space booking abilities, a locker at the Students Union Building starting in the Summer 2023 semester.

Be it further resolved that SFSS Council supports and approves the funding of \$20,000 of MSU at SFU as an investment in the well-being and daily-life of the thousands of SFSS international student members and to disburse for campaigns expenses and volunteer stipends for students fighting and advocating on the front lines through Summer 2023, Fall 2023 and spring 2024 (via a disbursement model where the funding is dispersed via TSSU), from a line item determined by the SFSS VP Finance and Services.

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10.9 Adding VP Finance to HRP Composition - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:10

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services “Abhishek Parmar”

Mover/Seconder

Whereas the VP Finance and Services has to adjust the budget based on the employment status of staff;

Whereas the previous VP Finance and Services, current VP Finance and Services and future VP Finance and Services all think there is value to having the VP Finance and Services on HRP;

Be it resolved to amend the following to HR & Personnel Sub-Committee terms of reference under Council Policies SO-3-1 under composition (below 3.1.1):

Composition

1. [Chairperson] President
2. [Vice Chairperson] VP Internal & Organizational Development
3. VP Equity and Sustainability
- 4 VP Finance and Services
5. 1 Councillor (preferably a non-Executive Councillor)
6. [Non-Voting] Operations Organizer

7. [Non-Voting] Board Organizer

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10.10 Financial Support for Precarious Student - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:11

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability “Sunghyun Choi”

Mover / Seconder

Whereas a member of the SFSS is in significant and urgent need of financial assistance to cover fees owed to SFU;

Whereas restoring their student status will enable this student to legally work in Canada and support themselves;

Whereas the SFSS is committed to supporting students;

Whereas this situation has shed light on the need for a more formal mechanism for an emergency bursary program, but no such program exists as yet.

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council endorse the decisions of the Women’s Centre and Out on Campus Collectives to provide \$7,000.00 in financial support from line items 886 / 24 and 795 / 27 for this student in this case.

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10.11 Increasing Voter Turnout During SFSS Elections through Clarifying Campaigning online and in person during Voting Period rules- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:12

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

Mover / Seconder

Whereas on August 20, 2023 notice was given and an eventual vote for a motion to disallow campaigning online during voting period;

Whereas this motion has caused considerable issues and disallowed campaigns from being able to liaise with their prospective constituents during the most vital time during election period;

Whereas in person campaigning is not suspended during this time but printed campaign paraphernalia is to be taken down before voting period;

Whereas the removal of Printed paraphernalia during voting period was restricted being up for legitimate purposes of past candidates not cleaning up the physical printed mess after they lost on campus;

Whereas those concerns of physical mess would not apply to online platforms;

Whereas these changes to policy of prohibiting online campaigning resulted in a suppression of the vote and lead to massively lower voter turnout than previous year and than turnouts lower than votes prior to COVID years;

Whereas the SFSS needs to encourage high vote elections and turnout especially to get important referenda passed;

Whereas lack of increased engagement via social media has been quoted in the SFSS Elections 2023/24 report by the SFSS Independent Electoral Commission as having been a reason for the low voter turnout;

Be it resolved to amend the policy Elections and Referenda Policies as follows: Replace the additional section that was as added to CP4-15 from being “Approval of Campaigning Materials”, to read as the following:

CP-4 (15) Campaigning literature and campaigning material shall be removed by voting period.

Regarding digital campaign materials, removal may entail:

- a. a permanent deletion from social media platforms used for campaigning,
- b. a temporary archival or deactivation, un-listing, or privatization, of platforms,
- c. a temporary unpublishing of websites that are tied to the campaign until the announcement of the elections results.

To being this below instead:

"Be it resolved to add an additional section 15 to C-4, “Approval of Campaigning Materials”, to read as the following:

CP-4 (15) Campaigning literature i.e. printed campaign material and paraphernalia shall be removed by the start of the voting period. This only applies to printed campaign material and not to digital campaign material or in person campaigning.

- a) Regarding digital campaigning during voting period, there is no obligation to remove digital campaign materials, however candidates may do so if they wish. If they do not remove online campaign material, the same rules of campaigning apply during the voting period as that applies during campaigning period".

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11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Censure and Impeachment proceeding- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:13

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

ATTACHMENT:

Mover / Seconder

Be it resolved that Council censure and pursuant to Bylaw 6(17), initiate impeachment proceedings the following Executive for abdication of their duties by leaving the council meeting prior so that council is lost- VP Finance Abhishek Parmar (for year 2023/24)- Liam Feng (President 2023/24).

Be it further Resolved that referendum be held June 5, 2023 for the impeachment and removal of Liam Feng and censure of Abhishek Parmar with following of referenda questions. (any councillor is empowered to submit the question provided this motion passes)"

Referendum Item 1: Be it resolved that the Membership, by way of special resolution, remove President Liam Feng for neglect and abdication of their duties by abandoning council meetings without regrets approved, and causing the SFSS Council to lose quorum on multiple cases, putting the society budget at risk, possibly leading the society into legal liability "

And "Referendum Item 2: Be it resolved that the Membership, by way of special resolution, censure former Acting President and VP Finance Abhishek Parmar for neglect and abdication of their duties by abandoning council meetings without regrets approved, and causing the SFSS Council to lose quorum on multiple cases, putting the society budget at risk, and leading the society into legal liability "Note that as per Bylaw 6(19-2): "The requirement for a majority of Executive Officers does not apply to a special meeting of Council, if the need arises, for the purposes of initiating impeachment proceedings".

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11.2 Censure of History Councillor - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:14

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

Mover/Seconder

Be it resolved to Censure and impeach and remove from Council, Emilio Da Silva, which requires a 4/5th majority vote in line with the SFSS Bylaws. "Note that as per Bylaw 6(19-2): "The requirement for a majority of Executive Officers does not apply to a special meeting of Council, if the need arises, for the purposes of initiating impeachment proceedings, in this case against a Councillor".

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11.3 - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28: #

SUBMITTED BY:

Mover / Seconder

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12. NOTICE OF MOTION

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13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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14. 30 MINUTES Q&A

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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16. ATTACHMENTS

16.1 Apr-2023-Motion-Briefing-Note-1.pdf

17. ADJOURNMENT

17.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-04-28:15

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Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at

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