

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order – 4:16 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<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwḵwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əłəm (Kwikwetlem) 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 University and Academic Affairs Committee Composition**

VP University and Academic Affairs (Chair)	Nicole Kirigin
Ex-Officio	Helen Sofia Pahou
VP External and Community Affairs	Eshana Baran
Communications Councillor	Alan Ropke
FCATSU Councillor	Rastko Koprivica
Health Sciences Councillor	Priyanka Dhesa
Sociology and Anthropology (SASU) Councillor	Arthur Lee
Student At-Large	Vacant
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**3.2 Society Staff**

Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator	Muriel Adarkwa
Administrative Assistant	Phanie Phan

**3.3 Regrets**

VP External and Community Affairs	Eshana Baran
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**3.4 Guests**

Associate VP University and Academic Affairs	Gurmehar Singh
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**3.5 Absents**

Communications Councillor

Alan Ropke

Health Sciences Councillor

Priyanka Dhesa

**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 UAA 2022-07-28:01**

Nicole / Arthur

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- Add section 'Ratification of Regrets' for VP External and Community Affairs "Eshana Baran."
- Add Discussion Items':
  - Improving the Accessibility of SFSS Meetings

**6. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS**

**6.1 MOTION UAA 2022-07-28:02**

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from Eshana Baran: VP External and Community Affairs.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. MOVE TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

**7.1 MOTION UAA 2022-07-28:03**

Nicole / Arthur

- Move to suspend the rules for Discussion item "Review of the Draft Survey for Student Tuition Priorities".

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8.1 Review of the Draft Survey for Student Tuition Priorities**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP University and Academic Affairs (Chair) "Nicole Kirigin"

**ATTACHMENT:** Student Tuition Consultation Survey

- VP UAA explained that this survey is done every year by SFU and the SFSS will be helping by reaching out to more undergraduate students to see how they want their tuition spending to be used (i.e., how their tuition will be invested in SFU's operations, like more training on remote classes, more mental health and wellness for students and etc.).

- SFU hopes that the data gathered by the SFSS will help them structure their survey and their responses.
- SFSS's role with the survey is to help the overall process of drafting SFU's approach.
- VP UAA wanted to confirm how the deadline for the survey will be approached.
  - Muriel said that the survey will be distributed on August 3 and all the responses will be collected by August 10, so the draft can be completed by August 12 and be reviewed by the UAA Committee during their next scheduled meeting.
- Muriel shared that the format of the survey will include rankings from "very unhelpful" to "very helpful."
  - VP UAA shared that the President suggested to have the survey in a scale format from 1 (the most important) to 10 (the least important) to rank the priorities.
  - VP UAA further shared that framing the questions as priorities is an easier way to understand what the students consider to be the most important.
- Muriel said that the options should not be vague because it is difficult to determine what the students want.
- SASU Councillor favored having the "very unhelpful" to "very helpful" rankings due to accessibility reasons, as they are easier to understand.
- SASU Councillor wants to make the survey as concise as possible because it is easier to understand.
  - VP UAA said that having specific questions is very helpful but they need to make sure that the survey does not become too long and packed.
- VP UAA wanted to come up with questions that cover main suggestions in different areas and the free write section will be used to cover areas that were not mentioned and students consider important.
- Muriel specified that the campaign is a collaboration between TSSU, GSSU, and the SFSS.
- VP UAA suggested to have the survey tailored to undergraduate students, so when they present the results to SFU, the SFSS can present what their membership wants.
- Demographics questions:
  - VP UAA suggested to use number of credits instead of year in SFU because the number of credits might not reflect the years they spend in university.
  - VP UAA also suggested to have the demographic questions at the end because they can be a big deterrent from filling up a survey.
    - Arthur suggests to have the demographics first because students for accessible reasons and because they can be confused why the survey is asking personal questions at the end.

*Muriel left meeting at 4:57 PM*

- Priority Areas – Supporting Students Academically questions:
  - VP UAA shared that through her communications with SFU, they are unable to explain the number of online course offerings without investing more in infrastructure for accessible course practices.
  - VP UAA and SASU Councillor suggest to have the two statements related to online courses and resources to come after each other.
    - SASU Councillor shared that they need to make a distinction between the two statements to make sure students know what the difference is.
- VP UAA shared that the survey needs to add a section for student life, as SFU has a reputation with having low social life.
  - A general statement like “More opportunities for socialization on campus (eg. more social events, general increased social life on campus)” can be added.
- VP UAA suggested to ask the questions again but with the option to rank the statements, so to make it easier to understand which issues the students want to be prioritized.
  - The attending members reached consensus that it will be a good idea to have students rank in order which issues they want to be prioritized by SFU.

*Ex-Officio left meeting at 5:21 PM*

- Priority Areas – Supporting Students Financially questions:
  - VP UAA suggested to have more neutral wording to make it more appealing to the students rather than have the questions pertaining to specific campaigns.
  - AVP UAA suggested to define what tuition freeze is and not necessary use the buzz word because a lot of students do not believe in it and there are some negative connotations coming with it.
    - VP UAA suggested to change the statement wording and avoid using the buzz word “tuition freeze”.
  - VP UAA suggested to expand the definition of “disadvantaged students” and can be accessed on a case-by-case basis.
  - AVP UAA suggested to have tuition waivers for disadvantaged students be assessed on a case-by-case basis and the scholarships based on identity markers.
    - SASU Councillor suggested to have a separate category for this.
    - AVP UAA want to add a socio-economic category under the disadvantages student section.
- AVP UAA mentioned that restricting increasing tuition can be too much to ask from SFU to do as compared to unionizing the research assistants.
  - VP UAA explained that unionizing the research assistants is also very

demanding because it negotiates working hours, wages, conditions, and others.

- AVP UAA mentioned that the questions about unionization of the research assistants should be directed towards the graduate caucus instead because the undergraduate students might not be aware or do not have a lot of knowledge on the movement and can end up hurting it more than helping it.
- VP UAA wanted to note very importantly that the UAA Committee and the SFSS does not want to prevent the unionization of research assistants but its inclusion in the survey can be detrimental to the cause.

## **8.2 Improving the Accessibility of SFSS Meetings**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Sociology and Anthropology (SASU) Councillor “Arthur Lee”

**ATTACHMENT:** Student Tuition Consultation Survey

- Postponed until the next UAA Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

## **9. MOVE TO EXTEND THE MEETING UNTIL 5:30 PM**

### **9.1 MOTION UAA 2022-07-28:04**

Nicole / Arthur

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **10. MOVE TO EXTEND THE MEETING UNTIL 5:45 PM**

### **10.1 MOTION UAA 2022-07-28:05**

Nicole / Arthur

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **11.1 Upcoming UAAC Meetings**

- Tuesday, August 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, August 09<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

### **11.2 Next Meeting: Review of SFSS Issues Policies**

### **11.3 Next Meeting: Review of Previous University and Academic Affairs Campaigns**

### **11.4 Next Meeting: Revisiting Accessible Course Practice**

### **11.5 Next Meeting: UAAC Icebreaker Social Event Planning**

### **11.6 Next Meeting: UAAC Meet-And-Greet Event for Students**

### **11.7 Next Meeting: Drafting of UAA Priorities Motion**

### **11.8 UAA Vice-Chair Election**

### **11.9 Review of the 2021/2022 UAA Exit Report**

**12. ATTACHMENTS**

**12.1 Student Tuition Consultation Survey**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**13.1 MOTION UAA 2022-07-28:06**

**Nicole / Arthur**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**