

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:38 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^wməθk^wəy^{əm} (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitlh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəł^{əm} (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.....	Vacant
Archeology.....	Damon Tarrant
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies	Vacant
Asia Canada Studies	Vacant
Bachelor of Environment	Tiana Andjelic
Behavioral Neuroscience	Aarthi Srinivasan
Biology.....	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology	Gurleen Grewal
Business.....	Vacant
Chemistry.....	Vacant
Cognitive Science	Aaron Fung
Communications.....	Alan Ropke
Computing Science	Shariq Ahsan
Criminology.....	Ava Wood

Dance.....	Vacant
Data Science Student Union.....	Vadym Shakhraichuk
Earth Science	Eden Lien
Economics.....	Rafid Rahman
Education.....	Christine Yoo
Engineering Science	Liam Feng
English Councillor.....	Vacant
Environmental Science.....	Vacant
Faculty of Applied Science	Vacant
Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.....	Rastko Koprivica
Faculty of Environment Event	Vacant
Film Student Union	Rio Huenemann
Fine and Performing Arts	Vacant
French.....	Ethan Dungey
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies.....	Simran Basra
Geography	Natasha Kearns
Gerontology Student Union	Vacant
Global Asia Studies Student Union	Vacant
Health Science	Priyanka Dhesa
History	Matthew Reed
Humanities.....	Vacant
Indigenous Studies Student Union	Vacant
Interactive Arts and Technology	Jung-yeon Lee
International Studies Student Association	Sude Guvendik
Labour Studies	Vacant
Latin American Studies	Vacant
Linguistics	Alev Maleki
Mathematics.....	Ben Tischler
Mechatronics System Engineering	Ryley McWilliams
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	Houman Mirhossein

Music Student Union	Vacant
Operations Research.....	Vacant
Performing Arts	Vacant
Philosophy	Ashley Flett
Physics	Daniel Alder
Political Science	Brydan Denis
Psychology	Mark Giles
Public Policy.....	Vacant
Science Undergraduate Society	Ayooluwa Adigun
Semester in Dialogue	Vacant
Society of Arts and Social Sciences.....	Hilary Tsui
Sociology and Anthropology	Arthur Lee
Software Systems	Gurmehar Singh
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA).....	David Tael Ahn
Sustainable Community Development.....	Vacant
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society	Mohammad Al-Sheboul
Theatre Student Union	Vacant
Visual Arts.....	Vacant
World Languages and Literature	Raghava Payment

Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance.....	Aiden Cumming-Teicher
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association.....	Keianna James
International Student Advocates	Vacant
Out on Campus Collective	Vacant
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry	Linda Chobang
Women Centre Collective	Nim Basra

Affiliated Student Groups

Residence Hall’s Association (RHA).....	Emmanuel Adegboyega
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Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)..... Vacant

SFSS Executive Committee

President (Chair) Helen Sofia Pahou
VP Internal and Organizational Development
VP Finance and Services..... Abhishek Parmar
VP University and Academic Affairs Nicole Kirigin
VP External and Community Affairs Eshana Baran
VP Equity and Sustainability..... Rea Chatterjee
VP Events and Student Affairs..... Vaibhav Arora

3.2 Society Staff

Operations Organizer..... Ayesha Khan
Board Organizer Emmanuela Droko
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator..... Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant Simar Thukral
Building Manager..... John Walsh

3.3 Alternates

Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology..... Ethan Pini

3.4 Regrets

Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology..... Rastko Koprivica
Cognitive Science Aaron Fung
Interactive Arts and Technology Jung-yeon Lee
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies..... Simran Basra
Software Systems Gurmehar Singh

3.5 Leave of Absence

Behavioral Neuroscience Aarthi Srinivasan

VP Equity and Sustainability..... Rea Chatterjee

3.6 Guests

Guest Janaye
 Guest Simran Prashar
 Guest Balqees Jama
 Guest Constantin Lozitsky
 Guest Samarth Rampur
 Guest Cicely Ashley
 Guest Abihail Herd
 Guest Yasmeen El-Hariri
 Guest Zaid Lari
 Guest Osob Mohamed
 Guest Trish

3.7 Absents

Archeology..... Damon Tarrant
 Communications..... Alan Ropke
 Data Science Student Union..... Vadym Shakhraichuk
 Engineering Science Liam Feng
 Film Student Union Rio Huenemann
 International Studies Student Association Sude Guvendik
 Mechatronics System Engineering Ryley McWilliams
 Molecular Biology & Biochemistry Houman Mirhossein
 Psychology Mark Giles
 Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA)..... David Taeil Ahn
 Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry Linda Chobang
 Women Centre Collective Nim Basra

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-Council Minutes- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:01

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

- Council 2022-07-20

4.1.2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-Committee Minutes- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:02

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

- ECAC 2022-07-11

4.1.3. Acceptance of Resignation- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:03 SUBMITTED BY: President “Helen Sofia Pahou”

Be it resolved to accept the resignation of the Women’s Centre Collective Councillor “Nimrit Basra”.

4.1.4. Housekeeping Changes to R-6 –MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:04 SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

Whereas R-6 has several minor issues that should be corrected to ensure that the policy is worded correctly in the event that it needs to be applied;

Be it further resolved to amend R-6 by striking R-6.9(c) and replacing it with “be submitted at least one (1) hour in advance of the meeting in question.”;

Be it further resolved to amend R-6.11 by striking the word “body organizational unit” and replace it with “body.”

4.1.5. Housekeeping Changes to R-15 -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:05 SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

Whereas there is a minor typo that should be corrected in R-15 for clarity;

Whereas there is also an outdated line in R-15 referencing benefits members of the board used to receive under an old version of the stipend structure;

Be it resolved to amend R-15.3 by striking the words “Travel reimbursement does not count towards the \$600 transportation allowance.”

Be it further resolved to amend R-15.3(b) by striking “mail” and replacing it with “meal”.

**4.1.6. SO-1 Updates and Chair Duties-MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:06
SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”**

Whereas there are numerous spacing and numbering errors in SO-1;

Whereas it is unclear how committee meetings are meant to be called without an defined Chair;

Be it resolved that Council approves the following spacing and numbering changes to SO-1, as attached;

Be it further resolved to add section 1.12 in SO-1 to read as the following:
“1.12 Whereby the Chair of the committee is not defined in the composition of the Standing Order of the committee, the President will be tasked with calling the first meeting of the Committee, where the chair must be elected.”

**4.1.7. Housekeeping and Procedural Changes to SO-3 -MOTION
COUNCIL 2022-08-03:07**

SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

Whereas there are procedural issues in SO-3 that do not reflect established practice, in that the executive committee has not met weekly since the new governance model change;

Whereas there are minor housekeeping issues that also need to be

addressed within SO-3, to ensure that SO-3 can be clearly interpreted by Council;

Be it resolved to strike point 1 in “Relevant By-Laws” and replace it with:

1. By-Law 7

Be it resolved to amend SO-3.1 by striking “4” and replacing it with “7”.

Be it further resolved to amend SO-3.2 by striking “inthe” and replacing it with “in the”.

Be it further resolved to amend SO-3.5 by striking “specificportfolios” and replacing it with “specific portfolios”.

Be it further resolved to strike SO-3.10 and replace it with:

3.10. The Committee shall meet in-person or electronically, at the call of the Chair. The Chair may call a meeting where a notice of two working days has been provided.

Be it further resolved to amend the “Composition” section of SO-3 by adding in a new point 5 that reads “[Non-voting] Building Manager” and renumbering accordingly.

4.1.8. Documentation Correction -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:08

SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

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.”

4.1.9. ERPP-2 Language-Governance Model Synchronization -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:09

SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

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

4.1.10. Housekeeping Change to MGP-1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:10

SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councilor “Ben Tischler”

Whereas there is a minor error in MGP-1;

Be it resolved to amend MGP-1.3(a) by striking “SFU SFSS Members” and replacing it with “SFSS Members” and fix the indenting throughout the policy.

4.1.11. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS-MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:11

SUBMITTED BY: President “Helen Sofia Pahou”

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from Interactive Arts and Technology Councilor “Jung-yeon Lee”, Faculty of Communication, Art, and Technology Councilor “Rastko Koprivica, and Cognitive Science Councilor “Aaron Fung”.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:12

Arthur / Helen

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

5.1.1 Amendment to Add Motion “Provision of Access to Society Directors to legal advice- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:13

Eshana / Aiden

(NOT CARRIED)

In Favor (2): DNA and VP External.

Against (28) – Biology, BPK, Communication, Computing Science, Criminology, Earth Science, FCAT, Film, French, Geography, Health Science, History, Linguistics, Mathematics, Mechatronics, Philosophy, Psychology, Physics, Political Science, Science Undergraduate Society, SEES, World Languages and Literature, RHA, President, VP Internal, VP Finance, VP University, and VP Events.

Abstentions (3) - Bachelor of Environment, Education, Society of Arts and Social Sciences.

- The VP External moved to add a new motion to new business which reads:

Whereas after passing the motion on July 27, 2022, the VP Equity and Sustainability is seeking legal advice and not getting the help that is required that of a director of a society seeking legal advice to ensure fiduciary duties are being met, while being a duly elected director who retains the right to such advice;

Whereas the response time for the VP Equity and Sustainability being able to adequately respond to the alleged breaches is not reasonable as currently stated;

Be it resolved that the society provides the VP Equity and Sustainability, and any other director alleged to have breached a society policy and face a disciplinary proceeding regardless of its nature with independent legal counsel in line with their rights as a director to make an informed decision as it relates to society affairs if it is stated by the society legal counsel that they feel they would be in a conflict of interest on a matter.

Be it further resolved that the VP Equity and Sustainability be provided with additional time until such a time that this independent legal counsel is provided in order to allow for a fair process in regards to the alleged breach of policies;

Be it resolved that all directors be made aware of all the legal advice that is routinely provided to the President and all associated correspondence on any matter if that matter comes to the Council table so that directors may be fully aware and informed in line with their fiduciary duty as directors of the Society;

Be it further resolved that the Executive Officers have access and be sent the legal advice on all matters where legal advice is sought on society matters in line with their rights as Officers of the Society.

- The French Councilor requested clarity on the motion being proposed. They requested to know what is the adequate response time for the VP Equity, if it is being said that the current time is not within the reasonable time frame.
- The VP Equity mentioned that this is something that they feel they can have discussion about and get amended on to the agenda.
- The SEES Councilor requested clarity if this is about adding more time and if this is the amendment to add to the agenda. They expressed that it sounds like more of a discussion on the actual terms of the motion rather than adding the option.

5.1.1.1 Move IN-CAMERA - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:14

Helen / Abhishek

(CARRIED)

In Favor (27): Biology, Communication, Computing Science, Criminology, Earth Science, Economics, Education, Film, French,

Health Science, Linguistics, Mathematics, Mechatronics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Science Undergraduate Society, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, Sociology and Anthropology, World Languages and Literature, SOCA, RHA, President, VP Internal, VP Finance, VP University, and VP Events.

Against (2) – DNA and VP External.

Abstentions (6) - Bachelor of Environment, FCAT, Geography, History, IAT, and SEES.

- The VP External requested clarity on why everyone is moving to go in-camera.
- The VP Finance mentioned that the council would go in-camera for legal advice to avoid PIPA.
- The Science Undergraduate Society Councilor mentioned that the idea behind going in-camera is that so no sensitive information is put out there. So, to avoid the mistake of discussing any sensitive information ex-camera.
- The DNA Councilor mentioned that they can understand why there might be elements of this item that requires some amount of in-camera discussion especially things pertaining to legality. But, they feel that at some point, there is also some useful discussion that can be done publicly.
- The Computing Science Councilor mentioned that there should not be much time put forward to decide if this should be going on the agenda or not. If we need to have the ex-camera discussion, we can have that during the actual motion then.
- The VP Finance mentioned that in the past council term there have been times that something like this has happened in the past. Last Council term, we went in-camera while a motion was being considered. They would like Council to consider that

if the in-camera motion is being suggested now as compared to being done after new business, then perhaps there is a reason why it is being suggested now.

5.1.1.2 Move to go Ex-Camera - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:15

Helen / Abhishek

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The President moved to include section titled Ratification of Regrets.
- The President moved to include a new section titled announcement section.
- The President moved to include two new motions under New Business, numbered 12.1 and 12.2.

CARRIED

In Favor (31): Bachelor of Environment, Biology, BPK, Communication, Computing Science, Criminology, Earth Science, Education, FCAT, Film, French, Health Science, History, Linguistics, Mathematics, Mechatronics, Philosophy, Psychology, Physics, Political Science, Science Undergraduate Society, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, Sociology and Anthropology, SEES, World Languages and Literature, RHA, President, VP Internal, VP Finance, VP University, and VP Events.

Against (2) – DNA and VP External.

Abstentions (1) – Geography.

- The Sociology and Anthropology Councilor moved to include discussion item titled “Improving Accessibility”.

6. IN-CAMERA

6.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:16

Helen / Abhishek

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. EX-CAMERA

7.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:17

Helen / Abhishek

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13 Minutes break taken at 7:27 PM*

8. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

8.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-07-20:18

Helen / Abhishek

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Software Systems Councillor “Gurmehar Singh” and Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies “Simran Basra”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. PRESENTATION

9.1 Political Science Students Class Project on the SFSS

SUBMITTED BY: Residence Hall’s Association “Emmanuel Adegboyega”

ATTACHMENT:

- The students of political science class – POL 121 were tasked to work on a project that aims to identify and research a specific problem within a political community.
- For their project they choose SFU as their political community but more specifically the SFSS.
- The problem that they identified and researched within this political community was the issue of low voter turnout during the SFSS elections.
- For the purpose of their research, they did a survey of small group of current students drawn randomly and then on the basis of their responses

- the results were drawn.
- The SFSS constitution states that their purpose as a society is to promote among other goals democratically determined by the society, the principles of public, universally accessible, high quality post-secondary education, and of meaningful undergraduate student participation in all aspect of University governance. Based on this statement, the SFSS highlights and recognized that the institution is democratic in nature and requires student participation in order for it to run effectively and appropriately.
 - According to SFU, there are about 29,698 undergraduate students at SFU as of the fiscal year of 2021. So, it is safe to say that all of these undergraduate students are eligible to vote based on SFSS By-law 13 as long as they are in good standing.
 - However, over the years, the SFSS has consistently recorded low voter turnout in their annual February elections. For example, in the most recent SFSS elections, just over 2300 undergraduate students participated which is slightly above 12% of the overall SFU undergraduate student population.
 - Their survey ran for a week, and they received 38 responses out of which they drew the conclusion.
 - 52.6% of responded said that they knew who the SFSS represents and what it does, 76.3% said that they are aware of the 2022 elections, 57.9% said that they case a vote in the 2022 elections, and 50% said that they intend to vote in the 2023 elections.
 - Majority of non-voters (70.6%) reported being too busing with work or studying to be able to vote, 47.1% said that they did not know where to vote, and 35.3% said that they did not believe the result would change anything. Some of the other reasons for not voting were – 23% of people were unaware of the elections, FIC (17%) were not allowed to votes, and 11% of the respondent mentioned that the candidates seemed to be quite similar.
 - The suggestions that were provided by the respondents moving forward were as follows:
 - 82.5% (33/40 respondents) said that there needs to be more education on what the SFSS does.
 - 62.5% (25/40 respondents) said that there is a need for more promotion

- surrounding candidates and their policy platform.
45% (18/40) wanted more information on when and where to vote.
45% (18/40) favoured rewarding people who vote with incentives.
35% (14/40) suggested allowing FIC students to vote.
- The suggested and recommended having incentivize voting – for example, by donating a certain amount of money to charity for each vote received, or do a giveaway to people who voted, allowing FIC students to vote, setting election day in person on a fixed date every year and making it an interactive thing, and getting our professors remind their students about the SFSS elections by partnering with SFU.
 - Members of this group are willing to work with the outreach committee or others in the SFS to create and facilitate a more in-depth plan on how to increase a voter turnout in SFSS elections.
 - The President expressed that there is definitely a need of getting the word out more and having folks involved in the future years.
 - The VP University and Academic Affairs mentioned that this is something overdue and something that we needed. They would love to help out on this as they feel it is really important. They also thought of some student outreach initiatives within the university and academic affairs committee so they can expect to receive an email from he so they can collaborate for this.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Move to extend the meeting until 10:00 PM -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:19

Shariq / Nicole

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 Move to suspend the rules to consider the New Business item first - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:20

Shariq / Eshana

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 Move to suspend the rule to consider the Old Business item before New Business items -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:21

Abhishek / VP Internal
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Censure of the VP Equity and Sustainability -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:22

Shariq / Ayooluwa

Whereas Council has been shown evidence in-camera that pertains to a violation of R-5.2(m) by the VP Equity and Sustainability;

Whereas these breaches harm and endanger the sanctity of the in-camera sessions of Council;

Be it resolved to censure the VP Equity and Sustainability “Rea Chatterjee” in relation to violations of R-5.2(m).

POSTPONED

- The VP Finance moved to postpone this motion.

11.1.1 Move to Postpone 11.1 -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:23

Abhishek / Ethan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Request for Resignation of the VP Equity and Sustainability -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:24

Shariq / Arthur

Whereas Council has been shown evidence in-camera that pertains to a violation of R-5.2(m) by the VP Equity and Sustainability;

Whereas these breaches cause direct harm to the Society and its operations;

Be it resolved that Council request the resignation of the VP Equity and Sustainability “Rea Chatterjee” in relation to violations of R-5.2(m).

POSTPONED

- The Sociology and Anthropology Councillor moved to postpone this motion.

11.2.1 Move to Postpone 11.2 -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:25

Arthur / Aiden

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:26

SUBMITTED BY: President “Helen Sofia Pahou”

Shariq / Ayooluwa

Whereas all directors of the SFSS owe a fiduciary duty of utmost loyalty to the society, and must act in the society’s best interests;

Whereas directors are considered to be in a conflict of interest where they stand to benefit personally from a decision taken by a society about “any matter”, either directly or indirectly, or where they would otherwise have their loyalty to the society divided;

Whereas the SFSS has commenced censure proceedings against Rea Chatterjee in relation to an alleged disclosure of confidential information;

Whereas Rea Chatterjee’s personal interest in the outcome and subject matter of the censure proceedings is in conflict with the duty of loyalty she owes to the society;

Be it resolved that Rea Chatterjee is in a conflict of interest with respect to the motion of censure, the subject matter of the motion of censure and all matters related to the motion of censure.

CARRIED

In Favor (24): Biology, BPK, Communication, Computing Science, Criminology, Education, Economics, FCAT, Health Science, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Science Undergraduate Society, Sociology and Anthropology, SEES, RHA, President, VP Internal, VP Finance, and VP Events.

Against (1) – VP External.

Abstentions (5) –Bachelor of Environment, Earth Science, DNA, Geography, and History.

12.1.1 Move to Call the Question -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:27

Shariq / Abhishek

(NOT CARRIED)

In Favor (13): Biology, Communication, Computing Science, Earth Science, Education, FCAT, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology, SEES, and RHA

Against (8) – Criminology, Geography, Health Science, History, World Languages and Literature, DNA, VP External and VP University.

Abstentions (10) –Bachelor of Environment, BPK, French, Mathematics, Science Undergraduate Society, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, President, VP Internal, VP Finance, and VP Events.

- The VP External mentioned that your interpretation of conflict of interest and duty of loyalty is awfully convenient to your potential political game. Their question to the chair is as follows:
 - Who gets to decide who is acting in the society's best interest and who isn't?
 - How does real benefit materially apply with in regards to the ongoing proceedings?
 - Also, what is the real personal interest in this matter?
 - And, what is their plan if it is determined through proceedings, a court or arbitrary not through the CCBC which they feel is compromised that they were wrong in their interpretation and violated provincial legislation?
- The President mentioned that firstly, it is a matter of Council on whether they would want them to stay on the board. Regarding deciding on who is acting on societies best interest and duty of loyalty it is based on the majority of Council and the majority that goes through executives as well, who in bylaw holds the power of council in between council meetings.
They are cautious to answer about the gains, however all they know is that she

has gone forward on social media posting these statements which has already been voted on council at the last council meeting that we condemn the dissemination of it.

- The VP External asked if the President will willingly resign as a result of their lack of ability to do their job properly. They expressed that multiple executives and the President have failed on the basis of their portfolios as per their interpretation of their work reports. They also would like to ask why the work reports are not up on the websites.
- The VP Finance in response to the VP External regarding who decides who is acting in societies best interest, mentioned that it is Council. Technically if Council feels if someone is not acting in the societies best interest of the society they are free to voice it. Also we do have our legal counsel so if you seek permission from the legal liaison officer, you could ask that question yourself to our lawyer.
- The VP Finance in response to the VP External regarding how does the VP Equity benefit materially with the ongoing proceedings mentioned that it is clear if they are censured and are asked to resign, then obviously they are no longer going to get paid so that is a monetary material. Benefits of not getting censured or resigning is that there is no pay cut or no loss of your stipend.
- The VP Finance in response to the VP External regarding if the President is willing to step down mentioned that no they do not think the President will step down.
- The Science Undergraduate Society Councillor mentioned that our VP External mentioned that your point of interest is a political witch hunt and, quite frankly, that does still constitute a personal point of interest because what you believe to be a political witch hunt, convene in our perspectives simply trying to streamline the system so at the end of the day, it's still basically constitutes a conflict of interest because you are working, not only in favor of maintaining the work that you do, but in the simplest sense possible in maintaining your seat on the Council which includes stipends and other benefits. Also, it is hard to ignore the fact that our VP Equity is potentially being censured with that, it only makes sense that they have a conflict of interest otherwise there would not be such a big deal made in the first place. So, the VP Equity does have a personal and private interest in this, from their point of view and from the

member's conflict of interest act in BC law, conflict of interest does not even have to be a monetary gain, it just has to be a private interest in a situation and they feel it fits with their description and the situation.

- The VP External mentioned that they feel our VP Finance interpretation of material benefit is not correct, and if this is the case, it means that they all have material interest. So, this would disqualify them and every council member from assessing the true interest of the society. This feels honestly very ridiculous to them and they do not know where they got this from. They would like to caution our VP Finance against making such interpretations.
- The Science Undergraduate Society Councillor in response to our VP External mentioned that at the end of the day, they are not being the one questioned here to leak sensitive information to general public. Our VP equity at least for now is the one who is being questioned in this particular situation. And, again they did not say that it is limited to monetary gain. They quietly clearly said that the member conflict of interest act defines conflict of interest as any private interest, so it does not have to be monetary, it simply just has to be private and as kind of obvious, it should be as our VP Equity does have a private interest in this situation, which would be keeping her position as the VP Equity and Sustainability. Now, the investigation is still ongoing, and there will be talks before the final deliberation that is supposed to occur. However, they think it is obviously a fact of conflict of interest if the person who is being investigated still makes decisions on how they are investigated.
- The World Languages and Literature Councillor mentioned that they can understand how for student's council proceeding can seem to have concerns with transparency. And, they themselves if were not going to council for a past couple of months in the past and then just came in to this meeting, would have gotten frustrated. They feel it is important to highlight and for the student body to understand that the core of this issue relates to the Council abiding by their procedures and the standards that are set for it so that they can work in the best interest of the student body. The fact of the matter is that what is spoken about in-camera cannot be spoken about outside of it. The Conflict right now is because of a breach of an in-camera. And, it is easy for the people who breached the in-camera rules to just throw accusations surrounding the in-camera. And, for those of us who are trying to abide by the

in-camera rules, we have no way of defending ourselves because we cannot speak what we spoke about in an in-camera section. So, it is understandable that the student body feels that there is a lack of transparency and that Council is acting in a way that is hard to understand and only for their own interest. But, it is important to understand that the Council is made up of a diverse set of individuals who are all working together with a diverse mindset.

12.2 - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:28

SUBMITTED BY: President “Helen Sofia Pahou”

Abhishek / Nicole

Whereas all Directors of the SFSS owe a fiduciary duty of utmost loyalty to the society, and must act in the society’s best interests;

Whereas Directors are considered to be in a conflict of interest where they stand to benefit personally from a decision taken by a society about “any matter”, either directly or indirectly, or where they would otherwise have their loyalty to the society divided;

Whereas the SFSS has commenced censure proceedings against Rea Chatterjee;

Whereas while Eshana Baran does not face censure proceedings, she is directly involved in the subject matter of the censure proceedings;

Whereas Ms. Baran’s personal interest in the outcome and subject matter of the censure proceedings is in conflict with the duty of loyalty she owes to the society;

Be it resolved that Eshana Baran is in a conflict of interest with respect to the motion of censure, the subject matter of the motion of censure and all matters related to the motion of censure.

CARRIED

In Favor (17): Biology, Communication, Computing Science, Criminology, Earth Science, Economics, FCAT, Health Science, Philosophy, Physics, Science Undergraduate Society, Sociology and Anthropology, SEES, World Languages and Literature, President, VP Finance, and VP University.

Against (2) – DNA and VP External.

Abstentions (8) – Bachelor of Environment, BPK, Education, Geography, Mathematics, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, VP Internal and VP Events.

- The VP External mentioned that they are going to reiterate their previous statements, because they feel this is the same. They expressed that your interpretation of conflict of interest and duty of loyalty is awfully convenient to your potential political game. Their question to the chair is as follows:
 - Who gets to decide who is acting in the society's best interest and who isn't?
 - How does real benefit materially apply with in regards to the ongoing proceedings?
 - Also, what is the real personal interest in this matter?
 - And, what is their plan if it is determined through proceedings, a court or arbitrary not through the CCBC which they feel is compromised that they were wrong in their interpretation and violated provincial legislation?
- The Science Undergraduate Society Councillor in response to our VP External mentioned that while they are not being censured, our VP Equity belong to the part they represent and there always is a worry about losing the additional vote within the executive committee which possibly constitute a personal interest of yours, which therefore would constitute a conflict of interest. They expressed that conflict of interest does not necessarily have to be monetary. It can also be a private interest.
- The DNA Councillor mentioned that they can understand at some level why our VP Equity might have a conflict of interest, as she is directly being the one held accountable for her actions here. However, our VP External is not the one who's being investigated here. They have been supportive of our VP Equity, and are politically aligned with VP Equity. But is notably not our VP Equity. If it is being said that the VP Equity, but notably are not our VP Equity and in some way has a conflict of interest here, they would argue very much so that other people in the Executive Council also have conflict of interest. My personal reason for believing that you guys have conflict of interest is because you guys have been accused in the letter that was the

- supposed breach of harassment, it is in your direct personal interest to see this letter condemned which we passed last week and to see censure and impeachment of VP Equity regardless of whether it's a breach.
- The Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society moved to call the question.

12.2.1 Call the Question - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:29

Mohammad / Ashley

CARRIED

In Favor (21): Bachelor of Environment, Biology, Communication, Computing Science, Criminology, Earth Science, Economics, Education, FCAT, Geography, Health Science, Philosophy, Physics, Science Undergraduate Society, Sociology and Anthropology, SEES, World Languages and Literature, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, President, VP Finance, and VP Events.

Against (3) – BPK, DNA, and VP External.

Abstentions (3) – Mathematics, VP Internal, and VP University.

**6 Minutes break taken at 9:09 PM*

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

13.1 Executive Committee Report

- **President:**
 - Setting up Hybrid staff meeting with VP Internal.
 - Scotiabank meet and greet with Financial Managers including a tour of SUB.
 - Pushing the roll out of the SUB Emergency Response Plans.
 - Finalizing the backfill of Temporary Operations Organizer via HRP Committee.
 - Scheduled check-in's with staff.
 - JHSC Co-Chair Check-in.
 - Tuition consultation with SFU Admin, VP Finance, and VP UAA.
 - Check-in's with VPUAA
 - Loads of admin/email work.
- **VP Internal and Organizational Development:**

- Hybrid staff meeting.
 - Scotiabank walkthrough and SUB Tour.
 - FASC Meeting, HRP Meeting.
 - MMPC meeting, NOM Meeting, DSU Meeting.
 - Working on Finance Policy Issues as it turns out to be out of date.
 - AGM date setting.
 - Completing policy review for high concerns.
- **VP Finance and Services:**
 - Chaired the first FASC meeting.
 - Contract signings.
 - EFT Project.
 - Meeting with Scotiabank.
 - Meeting with Investment Manager.
 - Attended the first UAA meeting.
 - Provided feedback on the Student Survey.
 - Nominating Committee.
 - Worked on emails, signing cheque requisitions, etc.
- **VP University and Academic Affairs:**
 - Strategic Planning: UAA Committee Members At-Large.
 - Meetings – UAA committee.
 - AVP University and Academic Affairs search committee and hiring.
 - Formation of the VPUAA annual plan.
 - Held regular office hours for student engagement.
- **VP External and Community Affairs:**
 - UAAC + ECA updates.
 - Meeting with BC Federation of Students.
 - Meeting with Building Coordinator.
 - SFU 350 General Meeting.
 - Community Fridge Meeting.
 - Working on the Gondola Blurb for the website.
 - Notion review with Board Organizer.

- Monthly meeting with AMS and UVSS.
 - Buying freebies for Memberships.
 - SFSS Executive Meeting.
 - Meeting on updating advocacy and campaigns pages on SFSS website.
 - Emergency University and Academic Affairs Meeting.
 - Working on Water Drive.
 - Working on get out to vote campaign.
 - Talking to TransLink about RoundTable.
 - Gondola Celebration planning.
- **VP Events and Student Affairs:**
 - Planning movie night for July 27th.
 - Planning for pancake breakfast for Welcome Days.
 - Planning for Outside movie night for September 9th.
 - Upcoming movie night on August 24th.
 - Special Council Meeting.
 - Street Fest Sponsorship.
 - Street Fest performer committee chairing.
 - ESAC Meeting.
 - SFSS Executive Committee Meeting.

13.2 CCBC Report

- The President mentioned that at this point of time there is nothing to report from the CCBC.

14. DISCUSSION ITEMS

14.1 VP Equity and VP External statement raising concerns of Climate of Toxicity and Targeting within the SFSS

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

ATTACHMENT: Letter to Council- Concerns about Secrecy, Transparency and Overuse of Investigative Committees, General Toxicity.pdf

- The VP Equity urged people to have a look at the letter if they have not already and that is all they had to point out.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Move to extend the Meeting until 10:15 PM -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:30

Ben / Nicole

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. DISCUSSION ITEMS

16.1 Improving Accessibility

SUBMITTED BY: Sociology and Anthropology Councillor “Arthur Lee”

- The Sociology and Anthropology Councillor mentioned that during the July 27th meeting it was pointed out during a motion or a discussion item a concern regarding accessibility and that a lot of people are not aware of the Roberts rule of order. So, they wanted to put it on record that your concerns are being heard and a discussion item is put forward to heard from everyone about the suggestions on how we can improve going forward.
- The VPUAA mentioned that it is an important consideration to talk about and the SFSS meetings follow Robert’s Rules of Order. This is not just of our utility to all the councillors but to all the students. So, in order to promote student engagement and involvement and to reduce unnecessary barriers they are in support of this. They also have put forward discussions on this during the UAA committee meetings to ensure some movement is done on this. They are also trying to make sure this is prioritizing as it is important to have students have access to what we are doing.
- The VP Internal mentioned that this is very timely, as we do have a Robert’s Rule of Order workshop next week for council.
- The SOCA Executive asked that the DNA Councilor in their resignation stated that their requests for accessibility has been denied multiple times, why were they denied and what is being done to ensure accessibility? The Peak reporter as well as other student highlighted that asked that the lengthy meetings make meetings/membership engagement inaccessible. Why hasn't council urged the chair to chair more effectively to stay within the standard 3 hours? When is the CCBC Report being released to be accessible to public/membership?
- In response to the SOCA Executive, the President mentioned that our CCBC

report is waiting to be posted on the website for our membership to view. We have been waiting for one of our communication coordinator who is on vacation so once they are back there can be a movement of it.

In regards to the meeting time, Council meetings standard has always been for four hours. So they are intentionally scheduled for 4:30-8:30 pm. And, there are times that the meetings can go past four hours. Previous Council term there were meetings that went way past 12 and being at that meeting previous year, they can understand how frustration it would be for others to have long meetings like these. But, they are doing their best to keep within the time frame and for this year so far their latest council meeting has gone until 10:45. They are cognizant of the fact that our unionized staff cannot be here longer and sometimes when the agenda is packed up they try to do their best to move the agenda as efficiently and swiftly.

And, for the access needs, they can recall that our board organizer was attending our DNA councillor of their needs and were helping them with that. So, they would be in a better position to answer this.

- The OOC Assistant expressed the needs to have power point presentations to make meetings more accessible for others.

17. NEW BUSINESS

17.1 Move to extend the Meeting until 10:30 PM -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:31

Helen / Abhishek

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. 30 MINUTES Q&A

- The SOCA Executive asked what is SFSS going to do about the incident that occurred in discord against SOCA on the channel.
- In response to the SOCA Executive, the President mentioned that firstly, they have had the discussion about this with the management team to thoroughly review the behaviour, to see what was said, and what transpired them to do so. Also, they themselves had quickly check-in with the SOCA to see if they are doing fine. They expressed that they want to

make sure that everyone's needs are met. So, this is being looked into at the moment and the management is helping out in the process of making sure that this issue is being addressed thoroughly.

- The OOC Assistant asked for clarity on Robert's Rule of Order. They referred back to the incident where a guest wanted to speak but a councillor went before them. So, was that the correct way to go about it?
- The VP Finance in response to them mentioned that the councillors in the meeting has speaking priority and this is something according to the rules and procedures.
- The DNA Councillor mentioned that the use of Call the Question that have not succeeded which they are thankful for during few motions. But, they feel that due to this, there are precedent set on behalf of the chair as they did not rule them out. So, will the chair even rule out the call to question? Or is it something that they should assume that the president is unwilling to do as a chair or a president whatever roles takes priority here.
- The President in response mentioned that as a Chair, they act on their best judgement. Based on the circumstances of what the meeting is and what the content is about. So, they can only act on their best judgement as per the context. If there does come a point in future council meetings, where they can rule out of order they will surely do it under the Robert's rule.
- The VP Internal mentioned that calling the question is a valid motion to make. The only time the president would rule it out of order is when most people believe it is out of order if it gets seconded. If it would not be it would fail again and again by contested voting in the first place. It has to pass the threshold of 2/3 majority otherwise it would not carry. They and the President have voted no for calling the question before. But, as the chair if there is a legitimate motion then certainly as per their judgement they can oversee it.
- The VP Finance asked our VP Events regarding the progress made for the Street Festival and what is being done to make it a successful event for the students.
- The VP Events mentioned that they have over 20 plus vendors already – including indigenous vendors and the regular vendors.

They also have 20 plus performers including one of the executives. They also have managed to get 6 sponsors so far. And, this is the first time there is going to be a car dealership at the fair. So the students can actually look at the ev BMW cars and what the company is getting to the society.

- The VP Finance asked out SUS Councillor regarding the progress being made for the Frosh since it has been postponed for the past couple of years due to COVID.
- The SUS Councillor mentioned that this event is back this year and they would like to make it as big as possible. So they are working on sponsorships and are at final stages of planning. The frosh is on track to happen this September as a completely in-person event.
- The DNA Councillor asked that one of the constituency groups was able to form a collaboration with GSS and they would like to know what the process of it and how can DNA apply to do so to be able to represent the grad students as currently they cannot. The feedback that they had got is that the disabled graduate students by SFU view has generally been screwed over, there haven't been any support for them as they require and when they go to SFU with those problem they are not getting the right support. This would ideally be a priority for them to look at. SFU DNA would like to expand services over to graduate students.
- The SOCA Executive mentioned that they referred to SFSS and GSS shared service agreement which was last updated in 2021. It existed since GSS and SFSS became two separate unions. The shared service agreement basically says that all grad students are able to member and executives of SFSS groups.
- The VP External mentioned that in term of next steps what can be done is, the executives can look at the shared services agreement thoroughly. And, then a meeting between executive and DNA members / staff to plan future course of action.
- The DNA Councillor raised they concern regarding one of the executive history with DNA and informed the President and other executives about the same. If they are to be involved it could be broader discussion

between them and the VPUAA.

- The VPUAA in response mentioned that they appreciate bringing this up because they think it is something that needs to be resolved. They unfortunately were not invited into some of the initial conversation so it would be great to have a broader conversation around that. So, they can reach out to see the best way to move forward.
- The VP Events mentioned that there is a movie night coming up on 24th of August – the movie is parasite, the event, popcorn, and drinks would be for free.
- The VP External mentioned that they are working on the water drive and as a request for action as it would be very hot next week. They would meet up people in surrey central at 3 pm to hand out the water package.
- The VP Finance requested clarity on water package and if water bottles can be donated.
- The VP External responded that it is just package of water bottles.

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS

19.1 Behavioral Neuroscience Councillor Leave of Absence from August 2nd–16th.

19.2 VP Equity and Sustainability Leave of Absence until August 15th.

20. ATTACHMENTS

20.1 Letter to Council- Concerns about Secrecy, Transparency and Overuse of Investigative Committees, General Toxicity.pdf

21. ADJOURNMENT

21.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-08-03:32

Nicole / Ben

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY