

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:50 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^wəyəm (Musqueam), S^kwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selííwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (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

Archeology Student Society (ASS)	Seniha Inceoz
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.....	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.....	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
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
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
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)	Gurmehar Singh
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association (SASSA)	David Taeil Ahn
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

Incoming President..... Liam Feng
 Incoming VP Internal and Organizational Development Leonarda Ognjenovic
 VP Finance and Services (Former Acting President – Chair)..... Abhishek Parmar
 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

Society of Arts and Social Sciences..... Hilary Tsui
 Education Student Union.....Christine Yoo
 Psychology Student Union.....Mark Giles

3.4 Regrets

Biology Student Union (BSU) Nicolas Bonilla
 Criminology Student Association..... Ava Wood
 Sociology and Anthropology Student Union (SASU)..... Arthur Lee
 Film Student Union..... Sofia Badzio

3.5 Guests

Reclaim Tech SFU Zaena Tesfa

3.6 Absents

Archeology Student Society (ASS) Seniha Inceoz
 Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society (BNSS) Aarthi Srinivasan
 Chemistry Student Society Xiaohan (Hanna) Li
 Computing Science Student Society Shariq Ahsan
 Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union (IATSU) Jung-yeon Lee
 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
Teach Support Staff Union (TSSU) Pranjali Mann
VP Events and Student Affairs Vaibhav Arora

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 and Committee Minutes - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:01

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

- Council 2023-03-01
- EXEC 2023-02-24
- AC 2023-02-09
- AC 2023-02-23
- BIPOC 2023-02-09
- BIPOC 2023-02-23
- ECA 2023-02-03
- ESAC 2023-02-21
- ESC 2023-02-21
- FYEC 2022-11-01
- GOV 2023-02-17
- OCEO 2023-02-16
- SPOC 2022-02-07
- SPOC 2022-02-21

4.1.2. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:02

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets of “Nicolas Bonilla” Biology Student Union Councillor, “Ava Wood” Criminology Councillor, “Arthur Lee” Sociology and Anthropology Councillor, “Sofia Badzio” Film Student Union Councillor for the March 22nd Council Meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:03

Sunghyun/ Aleksandra

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- The VP Finance and Services moved to include new business item titled as “Staff Liaison Officer Appointment”.
- The VP Finance and Services moved to include new business item titled as “Legal Liaison Officer Appointment.”

- The VP Finance and Services moved to include new business item titled as “SPOC Election”.
- The VP Finance and Services moved to reorder the agenda and bring the above new business items before reports from committees.
- The VP Finance and Services moved 11.6 above in-camera section.
- The VP External and Community Affairs moved to include a new discussion item titled as “improving staff care and morale”.
- The VP External and Community Affairs moved to include a new discussion item titled as “conversation at executive meeting on wellness benefit for unionized staff”
- The VP External and Community Affairs moved to include a new business item titled as “SUB Emergency Response Plan Amendment to protect the right of demonstrations and protest.”
 - In response to the Philosophy Councillor regarding if this item is to be discussed ex-camera as the item pertains to staff, the VP External mentioned that both of the items are to be discussed ex-camera.
 - The VP Finance mentioned they would not be comfortable speaking about the second discussion item ex-camera as it would be an in-camera item.
 - The VP External mentioned that they are open to bring the second discussion item to ex-camera and the VP Finance mentioned they will be okay with that.
 - The History Student Councillor mentioned that it would make sense to have this discussion item “SUB Emergency Response Plan Amendment to protect the right of demonstrations and protest” in-camera only.
- The VPUAA moved to include a presentation titled as “Virtual Violence and Community Action.
- The VP Equity moved to include a new business item titled as “Letter of Support: Removal of Portrait of Women in a Renaissance Costume with Cadmium Middle”.

6. Presentation

6.1 Virtual Violence and Community Action

SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs “Chloe Arneson”

PRESENTED BY: Co-founder of Reclaim Tech SFU “Zaena Tesfa”

- It is a brand new club that focuses on how technology has an impact on health.
- They wanted to bring a roundtable discussion of virtual violence of things like actual violence, and things that happen virtually. They would like to bring this a community action from this discussion.
- This discussion is being done in collaboration with SFPIRG.
- The discussion will be held on Wednesday, March 29th in-person from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- The first half will be presentation from founders and the second half would consist of

discussions.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Staff Liaison Officer - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:04

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services “Abhishek Parmar”

Abhishek / Emilio

Whereas the President serves as the Staff Liaison Officer of the SFSS;

Whereas the SLO often must be available to respond to time sensitive matters and queries related to SFSS staff and operations;

Whereas the former Acting President has been managing ongoing SLO matters;

Be it resolved to appoint Abhishek Parmar as Staff Liaison Officer until April 30th, 2023.

Be it further resolved to appoint Liam Feng as Staff Liaison Officer from May 1st, 2023 to April 30th 2024.

CARRIED

- The VP External and VPUAA expressed their concerns about if appointing both the former Acting President and the Incoming President violate the bylaws.
- The VP Finance and the Board Organizer shared the by-law clause and mentioned this is not breaking any bylaws.
- The board organizer also emailed council the CUPE X SFSS Collective Agreement with the article 3 clause.
- The VP External and DNA abstained.

7.2 Legal Liaison Officer Appointment- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:05

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services “Abhishek Parmar”

Abhishek / Ashley

Whereas the President serves as the legal liaison officer of the SFSS;

Whereas the LLO often must be available to respond to time sensitive matters and queries related to legal matters;

Whereas the former Acting president has been managing ongoing LLO matters;

Be it resolved to appoint Abhishek Parmar as Legal Liaison Officer until April 30th 2023.

Be it further resolved to appoint Liam Feng as Legal Liaison Officer from May 1st 2023 to April 30th 2024.

CARRIED

- DNA and VP External Abstained.

8. IN-CAMERA

8.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:06

Abhishek / Emilio

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Excluded Management Contract.
- SUB Emergency Response Plan Amendment to protect the right of demonstrations and protest.

9. EX-CAMERA

9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:07

Abhishek / Emilio

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Employee Request for Expenditure - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:08

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services “Abhishek Parmar”

Eshana / Abhishek

Whereas there is a expenditure being requested of \$1500 by a staff person related to their health/wellness;

Whereas the cost of mediation as outlined in the contract to be covered by the employer may be similar to or exceeding the cost of resolving the matter of \$1500 as mutually agreed upon in writing at least on two previous occasions by the SFSS President and the Employee;

Whereas there is an opportunity to fix the contract clauses in relation to clarifying cases like this in contract negotiations with the employees that the relevant clauses apply, and meanwhile still resolve this matter expeditiously without an issue by approving this expenditure;

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council to approve the health expenditure requested by the employee as discussed in-camera as appropriate for the amount requested (\$1500) from the line item 945/32 or from the unrestricted surplus account.

CARRIED

In Favor (10): Environmental Science, GSWS, Geography, DNA, FNMISA, SOCA, RHA, VPUAA, VP External, and VP Equity.

Against (4): History, Mechatronics, Philosophy, SEES, Incoming VP Internal, and VP Finance.

Abstentions (10): Bachelor of Environment, BPK, Cognitive Science, Earth Science, Economics, Health Science, Political Science, and SUS.

10.2 Change to Conflict Rules in R-4- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:09

SUBMITTED BY: Former Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development “Peter Hance”
Abhishek / Eshana

Whereas concurrently serving as an executive of a group that operates within the SFSS and as an SFSS Executive could give rise to potential conflicts of interest;

Whereas By-Law 13(3) outlines a basic framework for preventing this, although there is no enforcement measure outlined within any council policies;

Whereas one method of ensuring that these rules is a stipend reduction under R-4;
Be it resolved to amend R-4 by adding a new heading “Conflict in Seats Held” that contains a new R-4.17 that reads:

4.17. Executive officers may not sit as an executive of a Faculty Student Union, Departmental Student Union, Constituency Group, or Club at the same time as they are a member of the executive committee.

Be it resolved to amend R-4.17 by adding a new subsection (a) that reads:

a. The stipend of an Executive Officer will be reduced by \$100 where they fail to comply with this rule.

Be it resolved to renumber the policy accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 Correction to R-4.5 and R-4.6 of Council Policies - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:10

SUBMITTED BY: Former Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development “Peter Hance”
Abhishek / Ayooluwa

Whereas R-4.6 of Council Policies was amended on June 30th, 2021, to transition the SFSS to a monthly work report submission for Non-Executive Councillors, rather than a bi-weekly submission;

Whereas this amendment was incorrectly worded, as R-4.6 referred to the submission deadline for semester reports, rather than the submission deadline for work reports.

Whereas this requires correction to ensure we are operating on a clear set of policies under R-4;

Be it resolved to strike section R-4.5 of Council Policies and replace it with the following:

4.5 All work reports are due at 11:59pm. Non-Executive Councillors must submit monthly work reports to Council on the 1st of every month. All Executive Officers must submit semi-monthly work reports to Council on the 1st and 16th of every month.

(a) The stipend of an Executive Officer will be reduced by \$100 where a work report is late or incomplete.

(b) The stipend of a Non-Executive Councillor will be reduced by \$50 where a work report is late or incomplete.

(c) Stipends shall not be paid for months where the work report is submitted more than one month late, unless Council has authorised a prior exception.

Be it further resolved to strike section R-4.6 of Council Policies and replace it with the following:

4.6. Semester reports must be submitted by Executive Officers to Council by midnight of the last day of the month following the end of a semester

(a) The stipend of an Executive Officer will be reduced by \$100 per day for a maximum reduction of the value of one complete pay period where the report is late, and all stipends will be withheld until the report is submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

****5 minutes break taken at 7:05 PM***

10.4 Appeals process for inappropriate advertising- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:11

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.

POSTPONED

- The Quorum was not met.

10.5 Role corrections for corporate records and information management policies - MOTION

COUNCIL 2023-03-22:12

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.

POSTPONED

- The Quorum was not met.

10.6 Volunteer Orientation Policy Updates - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:13

SUBMITTED BY: Former VP Internal and Organizational Development “Peter Hance”

ATTACHMENT:

Mover / Seconder

Whereas the current Volunteer Orientation Policies are filled with numbering and grammar mistakes;

Whereas the policy is out of date with current practice;

Be it resolved to strike 3.2(d) and replace with “review job descriptions with volunteers,”

Be it further resolved to add a new section 3.3(c) review SUB emergency procedures, when applicable”

POSTPONED

- The Quorum was not met.

**10.7 Removal of “Portrait of a Woman in a Renaissance Costume with Cadmium Middle-
MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:14**

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability “Sunghyun Choi”

Mover / Seconder

Whereas Simon Fraser University has a history of displaying colonial art pieces without the consultation of the groups affected;

Whereas Simon Fraser University has shown capability of responding to these art pieces to the requests of these groups in a manner they see fit, either by education, alteration, or removal;

Whereas Maori students have come forward with help from the FNMISA about a concerning art piece named "Portrait of a Woman in a Renaissance Costume with Cadmium Middle" in the AQ that is very harmful to their identity;

Whereas the Maori students have asked for council to show a letter of support in this matter;

Be it resolved that the Simon Fraser Student Society Executives and Council sign onto a letter of support regarding the alteration, and education of "Portrait of a Woman in a Renaissance Costume with Cadmium Middle".

Be it further resolved that the Simon Fraser Student Society requests that the Simon Fraser University stops purchasing and displaying artworks depicting marginalized people without the input of the marginalized peoples that are the subject of the artwork.

POSTPONED

- The Quorum was not met.

10.8 SPOC Election - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:15

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services "Abhishek Parmar"

Mover / Seconder

Whereas SPOC has a vacancy for a council member;

Be it resolved to elect X to serve on SPOC for the remainder of the 2022-2023 Council Year.

POSTPONED

- The Quorum was not met.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1 SFSS Breakfast Program

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

- The SFSS Breakfast Program last event was last week.
- Debrief was conducted with the staff.
- Two more left.
- Volunteers would be needed and call out for volunteers would be sent out.
- People are enjoying and really involved in it.

11.2 Improving Staff Care and Moral

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

- The Executives were thinking to do something for staff since they help us on the day to day activities. Things such as town hall breakfast to get their ideas on what they do, a morale event off campus, doing a survey around inclusion – question involving having staff feel included.
- The Board organizer appreciated our VP External thoughts on this.
- Two more left.
- Volunteers would be needed and call out for volunteers would be sent out.
- People are enjoying and really involved in it.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

12.1 Executive Committee Report

- **VP Finance and Services –**
On LOA for a portion.
SLO Duties.
LLO Duties.
Admin work.
- **VP University and Academic Affairs –**
Helped with run for mental health.
Cleaned out the storage room for 2 hours.
Gave a lot of old items to constituency groups.
Did enrolment appeal meeting, ESC, met with VPEA around upcoming motions.
Started over on the Earth Day stuff – turning it more into an academic conference with also fun games and tables.
- **VP External and Community Affairs -**
Breakfast Program.
Attended Social Night with ESU and ISSA.
Meeting with MP Jagmeet Singh.
Onboarding Incoming VPX.
Working with SFU on establishing and finalizing the Indigenous students and International Students Award.
Finalizing an Affordability Survey with the Residence Hall Association.
- **VP Equity and Sustainability -**
Food security project: Breakfast Program.
Preparing for the Mental health run event on April 15th with VP Event.
Collaboration event “Stand with Ukraine: A year of fight for freedom” on March 27th at the convocation mall. (12pm-2pm)

Creating letter of support for FNMISA to remove colonial art pieces in AQ.
Prepare onboarding with Incoming VPES.

12.2 CCBC Report

- The VP Finance and Services mentioned that its business for the year is wrapping up.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

13.1 Increasing the Diversity and Equitable Makeup of the Governance Committee to Include Additionally Marginalized Equitable and Diverse Perspectives - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:16

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

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.

CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED AS AMENDED

13.2 Orientation and Retention Policies 2.4 and OTP3.4 - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:17

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

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

I) 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

13.3 Increasing Voter Turnout During SFSS Elections through Clarifying Campaigning online and in person during Voting Period rules- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:18

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

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 which. If they do not remove online campaign material, the same rules of campaigning apply during the voting period as that applies during campaigning period".

13.4 Addition of DNA representative seats to the Accessibility Committee- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:19

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

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).

14. 30 MINUTES Q&A

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 15.1** Leave of Absence for Former Acting President “Abhishek Parmar” for March 20th, 21st, 23rd, and 24th.
- 15.2** Leave of Absence for Social Science Councillor “Hilary Tsui” from March 22nd to April 18th.
- 15.3** Leave of Absence for Education Councillor “Christine Yoo” from March 12th to April 10th.
- 15.4** Leave of Absence for Psychology Councillor “Mark Giles” from March 22nd to April 18th.

16. ADJOURNMENT

16.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-03-22:20

Abhishek / Ashley

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY