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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), SelíUl̓witulh (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷik̓w̓əƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem) and q̓ic̓əy̓ (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 ........................................................................Seniha Inceoz
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 .............................................................................. Grayson Barke
Faculty of Applied Science ......................................................................... Vacant
Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology ....................... Rastko Koprivica
Faculty of Environment Event ................................................................. Vacant
Film Student Union ..................................................................................... Vacant
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 ................................................ Vacant
Software Systems .................................................................... Gurmehar Singh
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA) ............................. David Taeil Ahn
Sustainable Community Development ................................. Vacant
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society ................ Mohammad Al-Sheboul
Theatre Student Union ............................................................. Claire Brown
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 ......................... Vacant
Women Centre Collective ....................................................... Vacant
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**Affiliated Student Groups**
Residence Hall’s Association (RHA) .................................................. Emmanuel Adegboyega
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
Acting VP Equity and Sustainability .............................................. Arthur Lee
VP Events and Student Affairs ....................................................... Vaibhav Arora

3.2 **Society Staff**
Board Organizer ................................................................................. Emmanuela Droko
Building Manager .............................................................................. John Walsh
Operations Organizer ........................................................................ Ayesha Khan
Temporary Operations Organizer .................................................. Sindhu Dharmarajah
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator .................... Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant ................................................................... Simar Thukral

3.3 **Regrets**
Criminology ....................................................................................... Ava Wood
Communications ................................................................................ Alan Ropke
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology ............................................ Gurleen Grewal
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA) ......................................... David Taeil Ahn
Education ............................................................................................ Christine Yoo

3.4 **Guests**
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Member ................................................................................. Gary Wozny
Member ................................................................................. Pamela Felix

3.5 Absents
Engineering Science ......................................................... Liam Feng
Geography .............................................................................. Natasha Kearns
International Studies Student Association ................. Sude Guvendik
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry ......................... Houman Mirhossein
Political Science ................................................................. Brydan Denis
Software Systems ................................................................. Gurmehar Singh
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society .......... Mohammad Al-Sheboul
Theatre Student Union ......................................................... Claire Brown
Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance ......................... Aiden Cumming-Teicher
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association ............. Keianna James

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 – Committee Minutes - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:01
Be it resolved to receive and file the following Committee minutes:
- Council 2022-08-31
- Council 2022-08-03
- Council 2022-09-21
- AC 2022-04-20
- AC 2022-09-05
- ECA 2022-07-25
- ECA 2022-08-22
- ESAC 2022-08-22
4.1.2. Ratification of Regrets - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:02
SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councillor “Ben Tischler”
Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from the World Languages and Literature Councillor “Raghava Payment” for the Wednesday, September 28, 2022 Council meeting.

4.1.3. P-5 Housekeeping Fixes - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:03
SUBMITTED BY: Mathematics Councillor “Ben Tischler”
Whereas there are several minor housekeeping changes required in P-5;
Whereas these minor issues should be fixed to ensure clarity within P-5;
Be it resolved to amend P-5(4) by striking the words “report concerns” and replacing it with “report their concerns”.
Be it further resolved to amend P-5(5) by striking the word “person” and replacing it with “personal”.

4.1.4. Student At-Large Appointment for External and Community Affairs - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:04
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development Whereas the External and Community Affairs Committee (ECA) has chosen its at-large representatives;
Whereas Nominating Committee has voted to nominate them to Council for final approval;
Be it resolved to appoint Minahill Nasir, Aleksandra Partyka, Gabe Liosis,
5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:05

Shariq / Ayooluwa

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- The VP External moved to include a new motion titled “Municipal Election Debate” and as follows:
  Whereas, Municipal Elections are coming up;
  Whereas, the SFSS is hosting a Get Out to Vote Campaign;
  Whereas, we are aiming to help students learn more about Municipal Elections;
  Whereas, the External Office has been working on preparation for the Get Out to Vote Campaign for the past two months;
  Whereas, the SFSS is hosting a debate for Surrey Mayoral Candidates and Burnaby Councillor Candidates;
  Whereas, there is funding required for the venue, live streaming, set up and cleanup, snacks;
  Where as the venue in Surrey costs around $350 CAD, whereas live streaming will cost around $600 in Surrey and Burnaby, snacks will cost around $400 for both debates, whereas set up and clean up will cost around $220;
Be it resolved to pass up to $1800 CAD for the Municipal Election debates in Surrey and Burnaby by a line item determined by the VP Finance,

Be it further resolved, for the VP External to report back to Council on Municipal Election Debates at Council.

- The VP Internal moved to include a new section titled “Ratification of Regrets”, which contains one motion.
- The VP Internal to include include a new motion titled “OCEO Election”.
  Whereas there are 3 vacant seats on the Oversight Committee on Executive Officers (OCEO);

Be it resolved that Council appoint Non-Executive Councillors X, Y, and Z to the OCEO for the remainder of the 2022/2023 Council Year;

- The VP Internal moved to include a new motion titled “Annual General Meeting Prize Budget Allocation”.
  Whereas it is customary to provide raffle prizes to the SFSS membership during the annual general meeting;

Whereas prizes can encourage membership turnout;

Whereas the AGM has its own line item designated for in the budget;

Be it resolved that Council allocates up to $3,500 for the AGM prize purchases and to account for taxation from line item determined by VP Finance and Services.

- The Computing Science Councillor moved to include a new discussion item titled “AGM outreach and clarity”.
• The VP Internal moved to strike new business item 8.8 titled as “AGENDA ITEM PROPOSAL FOR AGM: PROCESS FOR UNRECOGNIZING STUDENT UNIONS AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS”.

6. RATIFICATION OF REGrets
6.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:06
Helen / Shariq
Be it resolved to ratify the regrets of Christine Yoo (Education), Aaron Fung (Cognitive Science), Alan Ropke (Communications), David Ahn (Statistics & Actuarial Science), Ava Wood (Criminology) and Gurleen Grewal (BPK) for the September 28, 2022 Council Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. PRESENTATION
7.1 Draft Financial Statement presentation and Q/A Session with Auditors
SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services “Abhishek Parmar”
PRESENTED BY: Gary Wozny and Pamela Felix
• Gary shared with everyone the draft version of our financial statements. They mentioned that the draft has been reviewed by the Executives and Finance committee.
• The statement is quite substantial and large and sets out societies, assets, liabilities, and fund balances or equity at the end of your fiscal year – April 2022.
• The general fund listed in the statement states the day-to-day activities.
• The capital asset fund is, for example, where your interest in student union building is your furniture, equipment, computers, etc.
• in October 2022, the building complex was considered to be substantially complete. That’s where we follow accounting principles, and it got moved into the capital asset fund. But it’s still there, because we are paying off the last bits of amount. as well as you finance the related debt, interest, payments, etc. So, that's why build Sfu is also still there.
• The first nations fund makes into it students fund and the accessibility.
• So, working off the total columns, we can see at the end of the year there's cash of 6.8 million dollars. We have investments with our professional money of 4.846 million dollars and this amount is recorded at market value because the fixed income is treated on public exchange, and the standard prepaid amounts 1.8 million is somewhat comparable.
• But this year is higher, mostly because of the timing of the payments in the undergraduate health plan which is 1.6 million.
• The other assets we have is cash held in trust 4.4 million, which relates to our agreement with the University on build SFU: repair and replacement fund, which increases by $3000 per year. Pursuant to our agreement with the University relating to build SFU that money can be spent on major repairs and maintenance.
• Then we have our tangible capital assets, a good chunk of that, of course, is our student Union building - the brand new one and these assets are being amortized for accounting over their estimated useful, and then a little bit of intangible assets, like website.
• The total assets are quite similar to the prior year. Seventy, one million seven hundred thousand this year versus seventy-one million four hundred thousand last years.
• The liabilities are pretty much what you would expect for an organization like here we have the curve portion of the bank loan $1.532 million. That is the amount that you have to be in principle by April 3023.
• Then the accounts payable has a good chunk of that 184 million, relating to the last bit of the deficiencies, and so on, plus the operating costs as well as some amounts in the undergraduate health plan as the wage amounts owing up to the end of the year.
• We have a new item this year, called the stadium contribution table, third portion, five hundred and twenty thousand, and then we have a long-term amount down below, at six, point nine, five, seven. Now, this is a bit tricky and technical, but this is the ten million dollars’ stadium contribution that you had in your agreement with respect to build SFU. And, what happens is because
you make payments basically over ten years, and there's no interest charge. What we have to do for accounting purposes is the liability gets discounted, using cash flows to the net present value as your incremental cost of borrowing.

- So, the total liabilities have increased from thirty-eight million, four hundred thousand to forty, five million, three hundred thousand, and that's primarily because of the stadium contribution that had to be recorded as a liability this year discounted.

- And then, finally, you can see below the fund balances. You have a whole bunch of different fund balances related to all the funds going from left to right, you can see in the general fund - four point, two, five million. So it's a good thing that you now have a bit of a cushion or a build up there in that fund three or four years ago. That that fund wasn't nearly as strong financially, because you have a big organization. It's good to have some fund in there for lack of a better word.

- Then you can see the different fund balances going across, left to right, for example, the undergraduate health plan has one point, two, five million first nations, maybe an Inuit fund, two hundred and forty, four thousand accessibility fund, four hundred and nineteen.

- So the good news is the fund. Balances are still strong. At twenty, six million, four hundred and six thousand. They have gone down by about six point six million. But it's almost good reason. Most of that reason relates to the stadium contribution. And this statement is really your income statements when it covers the period, the fiscal year, or twelve months, year end, and April thirtieth.

- The major change in the revenues for the year is as build SFU was up about four hundred and forty thousand compared to last year, and that's primarily because we had another fee increase during the year. It was effective January first, however, it should be noted that the general funds fees are down overall. About one hundred and thirty-seven thousand dollars from last year. The overall student registration was down slightly, counting Fraser international students, and therefore the fees were down quite substantially this year, and
that helps contribute to why the activity fees that decrease.

- The rental income is up this year about thirty thousand dollars to sixty thousand. That's because we had two additional tenants this year. And the other revenues are relatively similar, with the exception of the investment income, went from one hundred and fifty, two thousand to two hundred and eighteen thousand, and that's primarily because we started to use our professional money managers partway through fiscal twenty-one.

- The other big items on the revenue side is the decrease or the change in your fair value or market value of your investments. As we noted earlier, they are followed on a market value basis, and the decline in the year was two hundred and sixty thousand. These investments tend to be more long-term.

- We're just going to highlight a few of the expenses, and then we're going to go into some of the notes. We will see some of the variances in the various schedules and schedule one and so on, like general office, in finance, build SFU, etc.

- The building operating costs are a little bit less. This year you can see two hundred and thirty, one thousand versus two hundred and seventy-five thousand.

- The other big expenditures you can see under activity and program expenditures.

- The biggest item is the undergraduate health plan. Four point eight million dollars.

- Then you can see the discretionary grants. The Dsu amounts of increase, twenty-five thousand to one hundred and ten in clubs, all so up from seventy, one thousand one hundred and fourteen thousand student bursaries were substantial this year up to three hundred and sixty, one thousand from three hundred and six.

- And then we have a very big item called Amortization Building another. So this is the non-cash accounting amortization on where capital assets it's higher this year because, as we noted earlier the Student Union Building, the new one, did not start until then and it doesn't get amortized until it's put into use or substantial completion, which was part way through fiscal twenty-one.
• Then your interest expense is also going up, and this is more of a normalized number on our thirty, three, thirty-four million dollars debt with the bank and that's because what we have to do for accounting as well. We were constructing the new Student Union Building. The interest was capitalized up until date of substantial completion.

• There's the big item that hits the bottom line this year. The stadium contribution. As you will see in the notes, surely you have funded over. There is another eight or nine years left at eight point seven, six as the expense for a year. This is why we end up with a loss for the year. Six point six million. But, as we can see, a good chunk of that comes from Build SFU and the Big eight point seven million dollars, and the five point seven million dollars lost from that it should be a short-run type item because of the big stadium contribution.

• As we probably know, SFSS is a not for profit. But we are not a registered charity.

  Our accounting principles that we follow are counting standards for not-for-profit organizations. We follow what we call the deferral methods. That if you do receive funding from an outside body for restricted purposes, it's typically revenue when you spend it. Big revenue item is the student activity fees that recognize over the academic term they relate to the health Plan levies are recognized over the term of the plan, and then the rest of your revenues are just like for a normal commercial entity. For example, when you rent out the space to your tenants you recognize it. The rent in the month that it's applicable to, and you can reasonably expect to collect the amount. So we note earlier. The marketable securities are recorded at market value or fair value.

• Now going to some of the notes where there is a bit of detail to summarize. The talks about some amounts set aside for internally restricted amounts such as future contingency reserve. The Health Plan reserve account has now been fully utilized. We can see the cost and market of your professional managed, professionally managed portfolio accounts receivable. The standard requires anything due for any government bodies there is no allowance for doubtful accounts.
• The credit risk is pretty low here, because almost all our revenue streams come through the University and have very nominal chance of a bad debt. But we do have tenants, so there is a risk of possibly having bad debts on some of those amounts, but to date we have been pretty good with that liquidity and are still in a strong position, so the liquidity risk is still in pretty good shape, interest, rate, risk.

• We do borrow funds, and we do invest, and so we are subject to interest, rate risk. And then, finally, the marketable securities have various risks like interest rate risk, because some of our investments are in us dollars. Not a whole lot of them. But there is of course a price risk and market risk.

• And then we are going to highlight a few items on in the schedules. The wages and benefits gathered in Societies Act states that any employee paid seventy-five thousand or more. You don't have to disclose their name. But there was some disclosure required, and that's set out there.

• Some of the donations were made to the residential school survivors and the first nation emergency services

• The stipends and benefits went up primarily, because the rates increased in the year, and counselors were paid, even if they didn't were in attendance.

• Some of the other highlights includes campaigns research. We had an additional position for campaigns and mobilization coordinator in this fiscal year. But hopefully, that explains the increase to one hundred and twenty-three thousand nine hundred dollars.

• The SOCA black student support center is new in the year.

• Also to note that for the stipend and the benefits, part of the reason for the increase is because we have a lot more counselors now on our council than was previously on the board and under the old model as well. That is a good point, but it is a part of the change.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Move to suspend the rule to move reports from committee after discussion item and before 30 minutes q/a - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-
8.2 OCEO Election - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:08

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

MOVER / SECONDER

Whereas there are 3 vacant seats on the Oversight Committee on Executive Officers (OCEO);

Be it resolved that Council appoint Non-Executive Councillors Rastko Koprivica, Ashley Flett, and Ayooluwa Adigun to the OCEO for the remainder of the 2022/2023 Council Year

CARRIED AS AMENDED


In Favour of the Philosophy Councillor (28): Mathematics, Acting VP Equity & Sustainability, Physics, Geography, French, Mechatronics System Engineering, VP External, Behavioral Neuroscience, Science Undergraduate Society, FCAT, Philosophy Councillor, VP Internal, Computing Science, Linguistics, Criminology, Data Science, Archeology, Interactive Arts and Technology, Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, Environmental Science, VP Events, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, Health Science, Psychology, RHA, Economics, VP Finance.

In Favour of the Science Undergraduate Society Councillor (26): Mathematics, Acting VP Equity & Sustainability, Physics, VP UAA, Geography, French, Mechatronics System Engineering, Behavioral Neuroscience, Science
Undergraduate Society, FCAT, Philosophy Councillor, Computing Science, Acting Global Asia Studies Student Union Councillor, Linguistics, Criminology, Interactive Arts and Technology, Bachelor of Environment, Environmental Science, VP Events, Society of Arts and Social Sciences, Health Science, Psychology, RHA, Economics, VP Finance.

**In Favour of the Acting Global Asia Studies Student Union Councillor (9):** Physics, VP UAA, French, VP Internal, Acting Global Asia Studies Student Union Councillor, Data Science, Archeology, Bachelor of Environment, Environmental Science.

- Three calls for nomination were called by the chair
- The FCAT Councillor nominated themselves.
- The Philosophy Councillor nominated themselves.
- Science Undergraduate Society Councillor nominated themselves.
- Global Asia Studies Student Union nominated themselves.
- The Philosophy Councillor mentioned that they think that oversight is really an important thing. That non-executive councillors can do. This is to ensure that everything is running smoothly and that day to day operations are as they should be, and I I think executive reports are something that is important to make sure that our executive team is doing the things that we elect them to.
- The FCAT Councillor mentioned that they are running for the Oversight Committee, because they believe that they have the experience and expertise to hold the Executive Committee accountable to the Society at large. They currently are in a space oversight committee. They do have strong knowledge of the bylaws and policies that would help them in this role.
- The Acting GASSU Councillor mentioned that in an era where an honest politician seems like an impossible. They can assure you that with their five years of our advance experience on council as an executive at another school their experience would be not only valuable. They like holding people accountable. They like to see things running smoothly. They like to make sure everything's about board, and as transparent as possible, so they really hope that they can have our support to be able to run for OCEO.
- The SUS Councillor mentioned that It is very important that the people who we elect - executives that they have someone they are accountable to, as we are
accountable to them, and they just honestly believe it is the best way to foster a better communication between the executives and the non-executives as a whole, and they just honestly, it also really like the concept of oversight, because it just means that, like people can’t exactly get away with doing things that the majority doesn’t agree with, They just believe that they would be good at being impartial in such a position, and making sure it’s done well.

8.3 AGENDA ITEM PROPOSAL FOR AGM: MINOR BY-LAW CORRECTIONS-
MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:09
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development
Abhishek / Shariq
Whereas the VP Internal and Organisational Development, along with the Vice-Chair of Council, the Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, and the Policy, Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator have drafted 6 Motions containing By-Law Changes to go onto the agenda of the 2022 SFSS Annual General Meeting;

Whereas Council has the ability to propose motions to be considered at the Annual General Meeting, along with proposing questions to be considered in the Fall Referenda;

Be it resolved that Council add the following motion, titled “Grammar Error, Typographical Error, and Reference Corrections in By-Laws” to the agenda for the 2022 SFSS Annual General Meeting;

Whereas there have been numerous changes to By-Law passed at the October 26th, 2020 and October 27th, 2021 AGMs;

Whereas minor typographical errors, grammar errors, and errors in by-law referencing have been found after a thorough review of the By-Laws;

Be it resolved that the Society approve the following changes to the SFSS By-Laws: Amend By-Law 2(8) to read “An Associate Member is in good standing if they have
paid the Society fees and any Society fines and penalties.”
Amend By-Law 4(3)(d) by replacing “Vice-President Finance’s” with “Vice-President Finance and Services”
Amend By-Law 4(4) by replacing “By-Law 4(1) [a]-[f]” with “By-Law 4(3) [a]-[f]”
Amend By-Law 6(11)(a) by replacing “the Council” with “Council”
Amend By-Law 7(2) by replacing “the Council” with “Council”
Amend By-Law 7(4) by replacing “the Council” with “Council”
Amend By-Law 7(10)(h) and 7(10)(o) by striking all occurrences of the phrase “the Council” and replacing them with “Council”
Amend By-Law 7(10)(o) by replacing “Executive Committee” with “the Executive Committee”
Capitalise the first letter of both By-Law 7(10)(c) and 7(10)(d)
Amend By-Law 7(11)(d) by replacing “General Meetings” with “Members’ Meetings.”
Amend By-Law 7(11)(f) by replacing “the Council” with “Council”
Amend By-Law 7(11)(g) by replacing “Constituency groups” with “Constituency Groups”
Amend By-Law 7(11)(l) to read as follows: “Perform any other duties as outlined in the Bylaws, regulations, or as assigned by Council or the Executive Committee.”
Amend By-Law 7(12)(d), 7(12)(e), 7(12)(g), 7(12)(i), 7(12)(l), and 7(12)(r) by replacing all occurrences of the words “the Council” with “Council”
Amend By-Law 7(12)(r) by replacing “Executive Committee” with “the Executive Committee”
Amend By-Law 7(13)(a) by replacing “the Council” with Council
Amend By-Law 7(13)(j) by replacing “Vice President Academic and University Affairs” with “Vice President University and Academic Affairs.”
Amend By-Law 7(13)(k) by replacing “the Council or Executive Committee.” with “Council or the Executive Committee.”
Amend By-Law 7(14)(i) to read as follows: “Perform any other duties as outlined in the Bylaws, regulations or assigned by Council or the Executive Committee”
Amend By-Law 7(15)(e) by replacing “elected term” with “fiscal year.”
Amend By-Law 7(15)(i) by replacing “the Council” with “Council”
Amend By-Law 7(15)(m) by replacing “the Council or Executive Committee” with “Council or the Executive Committee”
Amend By-Law 7(16)(g) by replacing “the Council or Executive Committee.” with “Council or the Executive Committee.”
Amend By-Law 8(3)(a)(ii) by replacing “the Council” with “Council”
Amend By-Law 9(1) and 9(2) by replacing “the Council” with “Council”
Amend By-Law 13(8)(c) by replacing “elections” with “Executive Committee elections”
Amend By-Law 15(4) to read “Notice of impeachment proceedings for an executive officer shall be the same as is required for a special resolution.”
Amend By-Law 15(5)(a) by replacing “the Council” with “Council”
Amend By-Law 17(1)(d) by replacing “by-laws” with “By-Laws”
Amend By-Law 17(1)(d)(ii) by replacing all occurrences of “General Meeting” with “Members’ Meeting”
Amend By-Law 18(1) by replacing “the Council” with “Council”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 AGENDA ITEM PROPOSAL FOR AGM: SUBSTANTIVE BY-LAW CLARIFICATIONS- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:10
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development
VP Internal / Ben
Whereas the VP Internal and Organisational Development, along with the Vice-Chair of Council, the Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, and the Policy, Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator have drafted 6 Motions containing By-Law Changes to go onto the agenda of the 2022 SFSS Annual General Meeting;

Whereas Council has the ability to propose motions to be considered at the Annual General Meeting, along with proposing questions to be considered in the Fall Referenda;

Be it resolved that Council add the following motion, titled “SFSS By-Law Clarifications” to the agenda for the 2022 SFSS Annual General Meeting;

Whereas there have been numerous changes to By-Law passed at the October 26th, 2020 and October 27th, 2021 AGMs;
Whereas there have been several areas found in the By-Laws where more clarity is required to ensure that SFSS By-Laws are able to be clearly understood;

Be it resolved that the Society approve the following changes to the SFSS By-Laws:
Amend By-Law 2(6) by replacing the words “majority vote of Council” with “four-fifth (4/5) majority vote of Council”
Amend By-Law 6(20) by striking it and replacing it with “Council Meetings shall be open to all members of the Society, subject to limitations via regulation.”
Add a subsection By-Law 6(20)(a) that reads “Members shall have full speaking rights in meetings, subject to limitations via regulation.”
Amend By-Law 6(24) by adding in a new subsection 6(24)(h) that reads “Alternates must be members in good standing of the Society.”
Strike By-Law 7(3).
Amend By-Law 7(10)(a) to read “Have the power to convene a meeting of the Executive Committee, or a Council meeting at any time as long as the president is the Chair of Council.”
Amend By-Law 7(10)(l) by adding in a new sub-section 7(10)(l)(i) that reads “The president may delegate this authority to member(s) of the Board of Directors as needed.”
Amend By-Law 7(10) by adding in a new subsection 7(10)(n) (and renumbering accordingly) that reads “Consult with the membership on the development of Strategic Plans, as required.”
Amend By-Law 7(11)(e) to read “Ensure the occurrence of ongoing training and development for members of the Executive Committee and Council, including but not limited to, regularly scheduled Development Sessions and Council Orientation.”
Amend By-Law 7(11)(i) to read “Support and assist the duties of the President’s office, as required.”
“Create and oversee the dissemination of the Annual Undergraduate Survey, or its Equivalent.”
Amend By-Law 7(14)(a) to read “Act as a liaison with external groups and community organisations, alongside the President, including with other student
societies, on behalf of the Society.”
Amend By-Law 7(14)(b) to read “Act as a liaison with and lobby the government and with other relevant bodies on issues that affect the undergraduate student population, alongside the President, on behalf of the Society.”
Amend By-Law 9 to add a new section 9(6) that reads “Notwithstanding By-Law 16(8), no referendum concerning a Student Union levy shall be deemed valid or binding on the Society unless a minimum of five (5) percent of the members in good standing of the society who are part of the student union have cast ballots.”
Amend By-Law 13(3) to read “Members may not concurrently hold office as a voting member on the Executive Committee and as a member of a Student Union’s or Constituency Group’s executive.”
Amend By-Law 13(3) by adding a new subsection 13(3)(a) that reads “Notwithstanding By-Law 13(3), voting members of the Executive Committee who were appointed by Council shall not be subject to this requirement.”
Amend By-Law 13(7) to read “The Independent Electoral Commission shall consist of at least one Chief Commissioner, who shall act as Chair, and no less than four other Commissioners”
Amend By-Law 13(7)(a) to read “No current member of, or candidate for, Council, a Student Union Executive, or a Constituency Group Executive may serve as a member of the independent electoral commission”
Amend By-Law 13(7)(c) to read “All members of the Independent Electoral Commission shall be elected by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of Council by the end of the summer semester.”
Amend By-Law 13(7) by adding a new subsection 13(7)(e) that reads “The membership and composition of the IEC shall be subject to limitations via regulation.”
Amend By-Law 13(7) by adding a new subsection 13(7)(f) that reads “No member of the IEC may campaign for or on the behalf of candidates or, if slates are permitted by regulation, slates.”
Amend By-Law 15(1) to read “If any member of Council or the Executive Committee ceases to be a Member in good standing of the Society, her or his resignation shall be deemed to have been delivered to and accepted by Council and Council shall declare the position vacant forthwith.”
Amend By-Law 22(1) to read “In the event of a conflict between these By-Laws and any Regulation, resolution of Council or the Executive Committee, or the provisions of any Student Union or Constituency Group Constitution or By-Laws, the terms of these By-Laws shall prevail.”

CARRIED

- The VP External voted against.

- The VP External mentioned that they have a couple of thoughts here, firstly where we are looking to amending Bylaws six subsection twenty and replacing with council meeting shall be open to all members of the Society subject to limitations. They feel like we should not have the part where it says - subject to limitation by regulation as part of the student fees goes towards SFSS, so they feel like they should always be available and be able to come to council for meetings.

- Also, for speaking limits, they feel that it should be in-place and council meetings can go long. But, they think we should not limit to speak as the chair already has the authority to do that.

- Our VP Internal mentioned that we have a bylaw six subsection twenty. We have three clauses in this sentence, and it is very problematic because we are having a hard time exploring what this means. The reason as to why they are separating into two separate clauses is to ensure that we know how to interpret, and the language is clear because we had situations, for example, in the spring where we had to, but the old board had to move somebody from the Council meeting.

- And technically we have no regulation in place or anything regarding that matter for us to actually allow to be doing that. That is actually very problematic regarding as to how we conduct business, because ultimately these meetings are on board meetings that regulate society activity. It is very important that we keep on track and that we actually do not get sidetrack because we cannot, with this underneath governance model, do many things
without council. For example, we will not be able to extend our limit for a credit card without Council’s consultation. These are the things that Council needs to do. This is very much of a corporation, and then people detract us of that. That’s a problem. So what we are doing with this amendment is only clarifying as to what the regulation is relation to.

- We are ensuring that members who do join our meetings do not be placed in a position where they are harassed or traumatized, and it ensures that we can keep our business to a views and bold limits. Regulations have not been put in place yet, and they think that is something we are about, considering down the line.

- The Mathematics Councillor mentioned that they agree with our VP Internal on the whole issue of by law six subsection twenty. We have had disruptions in council meetings before, we had an incident involving a zoom bombing back in the spring.

- They agree with the concern that it is unclear based on the current wording. Whether, if said Zoom bomber, were actually to be an SFU student and could be verified as such, whether they could actually be dealt with under the current wording of our bylaws. So they fully agree that this is important to change.

- The GASSU Councillor mentioned that they feel our Mathematics Councillor is correct. Under either the narrow or the broad view, it is very difficult to deal with students who are being inappropriate or being disrupted currently as written. This is something that they actually brought up as a concern earlier in the year, just based on, you know, a student who dropped a very inappropriate work previously, and we had to kick them during a meeting earlier this year, when they were present, they were asking, how can we go and kick that student, so there’s not a clear picture there.

- For us to deal with that, and this is just codifying it so that there are tools that Council can use in order to maintain a safe space for everybody. And that is why they support this motion going through at least from a rules perspective.
• Our VP Internal in response to the VP External previous question mentioned that according to our bylaws, six subsections twenty, subject to regulation. It is because we cannot put everything in by law. That is not feasible. It will take up too much space, and quite frankly, that is why we have policies. Regulations are basically our policy that we have. They think that we should have a draft as soon as possible. They did not feel comfortable drafting any such thing until we actually had just clarified. Because their concern is, we remove students, and they want to make this very clear that they are not sure if we were allowed to kick out the zoom bombers if there were students. They do not think we were allowed to do so. According to these bylaws, if we misinterpreted them, they don't think we're allowed to take them out.

• So they want to make sure that we are covered, and if it comes to it again we have the provisions in place to remove them, because this is a place of work. We have staff here on this call. We cannot be subjecting them as well to that kind of harassment, and then we also want to make sure that our membership knows that we are here to do work, not to cause more problems.

• To address the other question about the President being consulted. That is mostly because they have noticed again in regards to especially this year, the President having being able to tag along to meeting politicians. Their concern is the President is the official spokesperson for the society. They think it's important that the VP external and the President work closely together. They think that's the closest relationship we should have on this board quite frankly, and the VP external portfolio is very important in regard to campaigning and ensuring that students are actually heard on a larger scale bending.

• And they think that the President is the overarching tie that ties it all together regarding everybody's portfolio. It's also ensuring that when it comes to representing society, we do have the President there.
• The SUS Councillor moved to call the question.

8.4.1 Move to Call the Question - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:11
Ayooluwa / Emilio
CARRIED
• The VP External voted against.

8.5 AGENDA ITEM PROPOSAL FOR AGM: COUNCIL E-VOTING- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:12
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development
VP Internal / Arthur
Whereas the VP Internal and Organisational Development, along with the Vice-Chair of Council, the Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, and the Policy, Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator have drafted 6 Motions containing By-Law Changes to go on to the agenda of the 2022 SFSS Annual General Meeting;

Whereas Council has the ability to propose motions to be considered at the Annual General Meeting, along with proposing questions to be considered in the Fall Referenda;

Be it resolved that Council add the following motion, titled “Council E-Voting” to the agenda for the 2022 SFSS Annual General Meeting;
roll-call vote;

Whereas the process of voting, especially if votes are needed to be conducted via roll-call vote due to their contention, is inefficient compared to electronic voting;

Be it resolved that the Society approve the following changes to the SFSS By-Laws: Amend By-Law 6(23) by adding a new subsection 6(23)(a) that reads “Notwithstanding, Council and its committees may select to use electronic voting means as long as:” Amend By-Law 6(23)(a) by adding a new sub-subsection 6(23)(i) that reads “The
platform used is approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Council”
Amend By-Law 6(23)(a) by adding a new sub-subsection 6(23)(iii) that reads
“Council may revoke its approval of an electronic voting method by a two-thirds
(2/3) majority vote of Council”
Amend By-Law 6(23) by adding a new subsection 6(23)(b) that reads “In the event
that a result of a vote taken by electronic means is inconclusive, the presiding
Chair shall order a re-vote by either roll call vote, or unanimous consent.”
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 AGENDA ITEM PROPOSAL FOR AGM: CONSTITUENCY GROUP FORMATION
UPDATES- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:13
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development
VP Internal /Shariq
Whereas the VP Internal and Organisational Development, along with the Vice-
Chair of Council, the Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, and the Policy,
Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator have drafted 6 Motions containing
By-Law Changes to go onto the agenda of the 2022 SFSS Annual General Meeting;

Whereas Council has the ability to propose motions to be considered at the
Annual General Meeting, along with proposing questions to be considered in the
Fall Referenda;

Be it resolved that Council add the following motion, titled “Constituency Group
Formation Updates” to the agenda for the 2022 SFSS Annual General Meeting;

Whereas By-Law 10 outlines the process for the formation of new constituency
groups;

Whereas certain requirements outlined in Bylaw 8 for the formation of a Student
Union are not currently outlined in Bylaw 10 for the formation of a Constituency
Group;

Whereas these procedures should be mirrored for both types of groups to ensure
that their governing documents are consistent with the SFSS’ By-Laws;

Whereas the process for the unrecognition of a constituency group should also be clarified, in the event that Council believes that such a procedure is necessary to undertake;

Be it resolved that the Society approve the following changes to the SFSS By-Laws:

Amend By-Law 10(2)(a) to read as follows:
a. Has a written Constitution and By-Laws that:
   i. Have been accepted by a majority of its members at a general meeting of the Constituency Group;
   ii. Have been approved by Council; and
   iii. Are consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- The VP Internal moved to strike the Whereas Clause:
  Whereas the process for the unrecognition of a constituency group should also be clarified, in the event that Council believes that such a procedure is necessary to undertake.

8.7 AGENDA ITEM PROPOSAL FOR AGM: MEMBERSHIP EXPULSION - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:14

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

Arthur / Ben

Whereas the VP Internal and Organizational Development, along with the Vice-Chair of Council, the Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, and the Policy, Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator have drafted 6 Motions containing By-Law Changes to go onto the agenda of the 2022 SFSS Annual General Meeting;

Whereas Council has the ability to propose motions to be considered at the Annual General Meeting, along with proposing questions to be considered in the Fall Referenda;

Be it resolved that Council add the following motion, titled “Membership
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Expulsion” to the agenda for the 2022 SFSS Annual General Meeting;

Whereas the SFSS does not allow for Members of the Society to be expelled, as in, removed, from the Society;

Whereas allowing for member expulsion allows to protect the integrity and well-being of the Society and its membership;

Be it resolved that the Society approve the following change to the SFSS By-Laws: Amend By-Law 2(4) to read “Members may be expelled from the Society by a special resolution at a Members’ Meeting”.

CARRIED
- The VP External voted against.
- The DNA Councillor abstained as they came late and missed the discussion.

- The VP External mentioned their concern regarding excel and that just because if a member is excelled, they still have pay the fees, and they are wondering what would happen if a person is excelled because they would still need access to like to our resources, such as like health and dental or the u-pass, because everyone has a right to like health and dental, and like u-pass, and things like that and they think that we probably shouldn't have this, unless there's pure language around what would happen with the excel
- The FCAT Councillor mentioned that they believe if the members is expelled they will not have to pay the fee. But if someone voluntarily says they don’t want to be a member, they still have to pay the fee.
- Our VP Internal mentioned that the reason we are adding this is because we don’t have it, and other student societies like the AMS at UBC do. And that is something to consider. This actually allows only to its member’s meetings. So a council cannot unilaterally do this. They think some society is actually allowing that they have to do it. This actually allows for it to be literally a society decision, not a council decision, not exact decisions. Nobody's but the memberships.
- And in regards to fees, first of all, if you are a member for standing, as in you have not paid your fee, you cannot access our services. If you get expelled from society from a member of you are standing. So you won't access our services, but you won't have to pay the meter at that point.
- We are doing this mostly evidence, safety measure to ensure that if we have to, we can, but it's not our choice, really, and it is most of the memberships, and it is also going to be something that we probably want to have regulations for later on, like we do for many of our bylaws, including elections and everything else. But yeah, that's something for maybe future course to consider.
- The SUS Councillor mentioned that they would just honestly like to remind all councillors, that again these motions are not anything that are permanent. And all these motions still will be discussed during the AGM, as they literally cannot pass any other time but the AGM. So they would just ask that, these discussions should be good for some other time not because the discussions are not warranted. There are different parts of it that definitely seem that we need to talk about in proper detail with the proper amount of people, so as to have a more impartial view on all these things, but at the same time there are big issues, issues bigger than just this Council. The AGM does seem like a very good place to have all these discussions, so they do believe that we just move on as we are still going to have these discussions in about three to four weeks time.

8.8 FALL 2022 HEALTH AND DENTAL REFERENDA QUESTION - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:15
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development
VP Internal / Shariq
Whereas By-Law 16(4) allows Council to approve resolutions to be put to referendum by a simple majority vote;

Whereas Council may elect to call for a referendum during Executive Committee by-elections, in accordance with ERPP-1(9);
Whereas Council called for a fall referenda on September 14, 2022 alongside the by-election;

Be it resolved that Council approve the following resolution outlined below for Fall 2022 Referenda, and task the VP Internal and Organisational Development “VP Internal” with submitting the referenda package during nomination period;

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) provides services and resources to the SFSS membership;

Whereas the SFSS Health and Dental Plan was launched in 2008 with no mechanism to increase the fee to keep pace with inflation, except via referendum;

Whereas the SFSS Health and Dental Plan is one of the most utilised services by the SFSS membership, and has seen significant increase in claims year over year;

Whereas students have expressed interest in additional mental health support and the proposed fee adjustment allows for the SFSS to expand mental health service offerings;

Whereas students will retain the option to choose a lower level of coverage at a lower cost (Basic Plan), or opt out completely if they have equivalent alternative coverage;

Whereas SFSS has exhausted other avenues to manage plan costs without cutting benefits:
Knowing that you can opt out completely with alternative coverage, or reduce your coverage for a lower cost. Do you consent to raise the SFSS Health & Dental Fees by $31.92 effective September 1, 2023 and authorize SFSS Council to adjust the Plan Fee by up to 5% annually only when needed (starting September 2024), as required to account for inflationary impacts on health & dental services?
Note: If passed, the Health and Dental Plan Fees for September 1, 2023 would be:
Enhanced Plan: From $267.8 to $299/year
Basic Plan: From $207.40 to $239.32/year

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- The VP Internal moved to amend the last whereas clause to read as follows:
  Knowing that you can opt out completely with alternative coverage, or reduce your coverage for a lower cost. Do you consent to raise the SFSS Health & Dental Fees by $31.92 effective September 1, 2023 and authorize SFSS Council to adjust the Plan Fee by up to 5% annually only when needed (starting September 2024), as required to account for inflationary impacts on health & dental services?
  Note: If passed, the Health and Dental Plan Fees for September 1, 2023 would be:
  Enhanced Plan: From $267.8 to $299/year
  Basic Plan: From $207.40 to $239.32/year.
- The Archeology Councillor voted against this amendment.

8.9 Accessibility Committee By-Election - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:16
SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Equity and Sustainability "Arthur Lee"
ATTACHMENT: Motion for Council 9.28.docx
Emilio / Ethan
Whereas one Councillor resigned from Accessibility Committee on September 1st;

Whereas there is now one open councillor membership seat for the Accessibility Committee;

Be it resolved that Council appoint Emilio Da Silva to the Accessibility Committee for the remainder of 2022/2023 year.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- The Mathematics Councillor strongly encouraged the representative from GASSU, Environmental Science, and Archaeology to nominate themselves for this committee or the External committee as they are not yet on any of the committees.
• The DNA Councillor mentioned that they would love to nominate the DNA councillor here in this case would be themselves to Accessibility Committee to talk about accessibility stuff. But that is complicated by the fact that, given that committee spots are given by people, not roles, and that their term ends in a week. So, they think that nominating their replacement would also be great, but they don't think they can nominate someone who isn't yet a councillor, even though if they are explicitly going to be.

• The President mentioned that we cannot nominate someone who is not yet a councillor and they expressed that if the DNA Councillor is leaving in one week then they would highly suggest them to reconsider their nomination as they believe that it would not be conducive to their time to run for a committee just for a week.

• Three calls for nomination were called by the Chair.

• The GASSU Councillor nominated themselves.

• The DNA Councillor requested to move the election to next week so the next DNA Councillor then can be nominated as they feel it is important to have someone associated with the DNA to sit on this committee.

8.9.1 Move to Postpone 8.10 Accessibility committee election to next Council meeting - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09:28:17

SUBMITTED BY: DNA Councillor “Aiden Cumming-Teicher”

Aiden / Ayooluwa

NOT CARRIED

In Favour (2)

Against (14)

Abstentions (2)

• The Criminology Councillor expressed their concern regarding postponement of this motion. They mentioned that just because somebody associated with DNA is not available to be on it yet we should not postpone this. Also, that it should be the priority of Council, to get the committee going rather than postponing to get one specific person in one specific group.
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- The Philosophy Councillor expressed that they wanted to amplify what our Criminology Councillor said. As a person with lived experiences narrative, they think it is rather irresponsible for lack of a better term to correspond this election and delay it, they think that our Acting VP Equity and the rest of the DNA Committee has a lot of work that needs to get done, and would really benefit from having this seats filled.
- Now, simply because the current DNA councillor is resigning, and the new DNA Councillor would like to be on the seat is in their mind is not a good enough reason to request delay on this election. Because there are other people who could also fill that seat with the experience who are not necessarily DNA.
- DNA does not have a monopoly on accessibility representation, and they think we should do this committee election now.
- The GASSU Councillor mentioned that they are a student who, has disabilities. When growing up, their sister was on the spectrum. They helped raise her, with her difficulties at school as well. They are currently studying at Queen’s University. They are getting their special education certification there. They already have one through Douglas College for teaching students with autism. They are also starting to be a teacher and planning to going through the PHD program next year.
- The GASSU Councillor mentioned that they don't think that they should hold this election up because Accessibility Committee has not been running for most of the year, and we have to move and get this started, and they support what others are saying, and we have to go forward and do that.
- The Computing Science Councillor expressed that we should not really postpone this. They agree that we can look into having the DNA a permanent seat or something on the committee moving forward. But they think in the interest of
today even if the next DNA Rep would run for the position, they would start to win an election, and there is no guarantee they would win that. They think we should probably just proceed with it today just for the interest of fairness for other people who would want to run today.

- The VPUAA spoke in favour of what other councillors mentioned and stated that they are against postponement of this motion.

8.10 External and Community Affairs Committee Elections - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09:28:18
SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”
Helen / Arthur
Whereas, councillors have resigned leaving vacant councillor seats in the External and Community Affairs Committee;

Whereas, there are 4 vacant councillor seats on the External and Community Affairs Committee;

Be it resolved to appoint councillors Grayson Barke, Nicole Kirigin to the External and Community Affairs Committee.
CARRIED AS AMENDED
- The Mathematics Councillor nominated Archelogy Councillor and Environmental Science Councillor.
- The Environmental Science Councillor accepted the nomination.
- The Archaeology Councillor denied nomination.
- The VPUAA nominated themselves.

8.11 Alliance of BC Students Lobby Days- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09:28:19
SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”
Eshana / Ethan
Whereas, the Alliance of BC Students (ABCS) is hosting the 2022 Lobby Days from October 16th-October 18th in Victoria;

Whereas, the VP External and members of the External and Community Affairs Committee attend these lobby days;

Whereas there are multiple costs associated with this lobbying trip such as; accommodation, food, transportation, and delegate fees;

Whereas, these costs were discussed with the VP Finance;

Be it resolved for the VP External and one member of the External and Community Affairs Committee to attend the ABCS Lobby Days.  
Be it further resolved, to pass up to $1700 CAD for the VP External and one member of the External and Community Affairs committee to attend the ABCS Lobby Days with around $200 being part of the safe contingency from line item 740/20.  
Be it further resolved that the VP External report back on at the following Council meeting on Lobby Days.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The VP External mentioned that they made a presentation, but they won’t share it because they know we are short on time, but basically they think lobby days are organized with the legislative, and is a great opportunity to meet directly ministers and MLA’s. It is one of the ways that we get direct forms of advocacy on part of the student society.
- if money gets passed, they get to like, go and like, speak a bit about like international student’s fees rates and some other things like education in terms of like grants of decreasing tuition. And talk support for students with disabilities and a huge thing is also fighting sexualized violence.
- The Acting VP Equity spoke in support of this motion.

8.12 Supporting the Elimination of the International Students Health Fee-
MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09:28:20
SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”
Eshana / Aiden

Whereas, Migrants Students United at SFU is currently advocating to Eliminate the BC International Student Health Fee;

Whereas, the provincial government introduced this new fee recently in 2019 which charges only international students $75 CAD a month per student just after it was announced that MSP premiums were eliminated for BC residents;

Whereas, international students who work must still pay income tax and the fee was implemented without consultation with students or residents;
Whereas, this fee goes against Canada’s universal healthcare model;

Whereas, Migrants Students United hosted a town hall for international students to share how they have been impacted by this fee and to inform other students;

Whereas, this fee poses a huge financial burden on international students, especially those with families as there is no family plan;

Whereas, this fee neglects the billions of dollars of economic contribution that international students bring to the BC economy;

Whereas, this fee impacts over 5000 SFSS members that are international students and over 4,500 graduate students at SFU;

Whereas, other student societies and unions have signed onto the petition such as the UBC Alma Mater Societies and the Kwantlen Students Association;

Whereas, the SFSS has a duty to our international student membership to support initiatives such as this to stop the larger exploitation of migrant students who become vulnerable due to not having status, many of whom find themselves working in abusive working conditions, rationing food, face incredible mental and emotional distress etc. due to this vulnerability and to keep up with rising costs;
Be it resolved, for the Simon Fraser Student Society to sign onto the petition to eliminate the international student health fee.
Be it further resolved for us to support Migrant Students United at SFU with this initiative at their upcoming rally on September 29, 2022 and their other initiatives to advocate for international student rights.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The VP External mentioned that this is actually the work that they have been doing with MSU on making a petition to eliminate the International Student health fee. It is completely unfair, and also a lot of families are affected by this, because there is no family plan. So if a student has children, they are paying seventy-five dollars for their children, as well as long as themselves, or whoever is in their family. So it's hard for people to pay that health fee, and then also pay for things like grocery and food when everything is so expensive right now. So we are trying to get that health fee eliminated. We also have a rally coming up actually tomorrow.

8.13 Annual Donation to Indian Residential School Survivors- MOTION
COUNCIL 2022-09:28:21
SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”
ATTACHMENTS: _BN- Indian Residential School Survivors and Commitments to Reconciliation (1).pdf
Ashley / Arthur

Whereas, the ongoing discovery of unmarked graves of Indigenous children who attended Indian Residential Schools continue to impact Indigenous communities across Turtle Island mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually;

Whereas, all Indigenous People(s) are affected by Residential Schools, whether the unmarked graves were found or not and there should be support for folks who are and have been affected by Residential Schools;

Whereas, the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) is committed to pushing back against colonial practices that still impact Indigenous students in post-secondary
institutions and has committed to supporting Indigenous students to learn in a safer and supportive environment within SFU;

Whereas, Council has had decolonization workshops in the beginning of the 2022-2023 term in order to learn how to actively work towards supporting Indigenous communities, Indigenous rights and sovereignty, and how to support Indigenous students specifically within the SFU within their role as Councillors; more so, action items were included for the President, Vice-Presidents, and Council so they can be held accountable in supporting the societies commitment in reconciliation;

Whereas, the so-called Canadian government declared September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in 2021, also known as Orange Shirt Day, to encourage observance and reconciliation—which the SFSS observes and participates in;

Be it resolved that Council continue to support and amplify Calls to Action from Indigenous communities in all capacities, including letters of supports, sharing resources, donations, and taking individual action to educate ourselves on ongoing colonial violence.

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council donates $6,000.00 in the month of September 2022, and prior to National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSS) from the appropriate line item to be determined from VP Finance and Services to reflect the SFSS’s commit to reconciliation efforts.

Be it further resolved that the SFSS continues to advocate and push back on acts of genocide and colonialism that has impacted Indigenous People(s) since contact, this includes but not limited to: the condemnation of the so-called Canadian government denying acts of genocide against Indigenous People(s) of Turtle Island; calling on the so-called Canadian governments to stop fighting cases that are brought against the government by Indian Residential School survivors; amplifying Indigenous students and organizers calls in our lobbying and advocacy efforts and other such actions.

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Against (6): Computing Science, Data Science, Earth Science, GASSU, Psychology, and SUS.
Abstentions (5): BESU, Economics, Health Science, VP Events, and VP UAA.

- The GASSU Councillor asked the following questions - Why is there not a budget projection attached to the proposal?
- Why is this money going to an external group? What benefit does this proposal have for SFU students?
- Last year the amount was six thousand dollars. Why is it ten thousand dollars. Now, what is the justification for the extra four thousand dollars?
- Why is it not going to a bursary scholarship or a fund within the SFU community where SFU students can benefit directly. Have those alternatives to sending students funds directly been explored?
- In response to them, our VP External mentioned that to answer the first question, why is there not a budget projection attached to the proposal?

This is just a donation that will be given annually, just as a sum of ten thousand dollars to the society.

- To answer the number two question abot why is this money going to an external group?

This impacts indigenous folks, the indigenous community overall and just because it is not within SFSS directly. It doesn't mean that indigenous students are not also getting the money as well. It is like in our duty as councilors and as executives to do what we can to support indigenous folks, because it is not only like the students, are affected because of that intergenerational trauma as well.

- To answer number three, last year the amount was six thousand dollars by ten thousand dollars. Now, they consulted with indigenous folks within the indigenous community. and they suggested to make it up to ten thousand dollars. So they doing their due diligence of doing what they can to support
the indigenous community here to help in in our aims of reconciliation brought this up.

- And, to answer number four. Why is it not a going to a bursary scholarship or a fund within SFU communities? When we help the indigenous community. It just helps everyone, and I feel like we just need to think from a place and see the fact that we are on stolen lands. We need to make sure that indigenous folks are given the support and resources that they need making sure that we acknowledge the truth that has happened, and if this money can help those communities. Then they feel like this and we should do that.

- The SUS Councillor expressed that they do not agree that we have a responsibility necessarily to the indigenous community. They believe that when it comes to our responsibilities, our responsibilities rest firstly, with the student body of SFU. It's precise to our assignment phrase our student society.

- They think, is a very good idea, because at the same time, if you really think about it, yes, the indigenous community could use that funding. But at the same time there are indigenous students here who have had to contemplate the thoughts of dropping out because they cannot afford to stay in, and feelings, attractions for myself, who has looked through the various scholarships for various kinds of students. There doesn't appear to be that wide of variety of scholarships and a lot of the scholarships, Max out about ten about ten grand, which, to be fair is pretty much nothing.

- But they honestly feel that work for on the inside before we work out, because again, when conflict, similar relations, donations are really appreciated on our good way to foster relationships. But at the same time we are not necessarily, especially when we have students within struggling, because I know once I personally know one person who has to drop out now because she cannot afford to stay on. So that's pretty much my concern with this, in a sense that if we have that kind of funding, I feel we should prioritize our students first before we move into the realms of donations externally.

- The GASSU Councillor mentioned that they agree with that it is our fiduciary
duty to be accountable to our students, and they cannot sit here and tell their constituents that they approved, which is a lot of money, which is student funds going externally with no checks or balances on it overall.

- Their concern is that we have some very vague explanations from our VP External saying that she consulted with those indigenous individuals
- But, who were those people? where did you pull the number from? what is the impact of that extra four thousand dollars? Do you have any reports on the impact of the six thousand dollars from last year for the budget projection? Do you know what percentage or the actual funds that students are sending out are actually going directly to them? How? What's the not? The charity takes from it, and then per the bursary idea. It matches based on what they have read your mission. The people who are financially would graciously take something to help students who suffer intergenerational trauma
- In order to go and facilitate their success at SFU, and if you were to change it to that, rather than going externally, they would support this. So they requested clarity on these and what the impact was for the money donated last year.
- If they want to donate personally and donate your money. That's fine. The fact that this is the student funds, and they can't support this because of that.
- The President reminded council to be mindful of their words.
- The SASS Councillor asked why specifically choose this organization? They think that a lot of places that are equally deserving of this ten thousand dollars exist, and why, specifically chose this,
- And if helping out by donating is considered then, we can actually maximize this impact on helping survivors of the of the Indian residential schools by donating to different organizations, but like a lesser amount. So, they feel spreading the resource out can be helpful.
- The Computing Science Councillor mentioned that they do not appreciate the fact that our VP Finance is being asked to find the money from random line item. If proposals have been consulted with them before hand it would be much better.
• They are in support of the first and third clause of this motion. However, the annual donation is something they are hesitant to vote for considering that we do not have anything for within the university for students.

Shariq / Arthur
Be it resolved that Council continue to support and amplify Calls to Action from Indigenous communities in all capacities, including letters of supports, sharing resources, donations, and taking individual action to educate ourselves on ongoing colonial violence.
Be it further resolved that the SFSS continues to advocate and push back on acts of genocide and colonialism that has impacted Indigenous People(s) since contact, this includes but not limited to: the condemnation of the so-called Canadian government denying acts of genocide against Indigenous People(s) of Turtle Island; calling on the so-called Canadian governments to stop fighting cases that are brought against the government by Indian Residential School survivors; amplifying Indigenous students and organizers calls in our lobbying and advocacy efforts and other such actions.
Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council donates $6,000.00 as an annual donation in the month of September, and prior to National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSS) from the appropriate line item to be determined from VP Finance and Services to reflect the SFSS’s commit to reconciliation efforts.
CARRIED
In Favour (17): Archaeology, BSU, Computing Science, Data Science, Earth Science, Criminology, Economics, GASSU, Health Science, Linguistics, Mechatronics, Psychology, SASS, WLL, President, VP Internal, VPUAA.
Against (4): GSWS, Geography, DNA, and VP External.
Abstentions (8): BESU, VP Events, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Philosophy, SUS, VP Finance, and Acting VP Equity.
• The VP External mentioned that they think we really need to think about what like reconciliation really is and how we do
that. So they brought all of these emotions kind of together for what? they asked, because it all goes together to the indigenous community.

- We have to think about first of all, why is this motion being brought up. For the truth to make sure that we are supporting indigenous communities. It is our responsibility because this responsibility cannot be only put on indigenous folks. They cannot be the ones to only be talking about truth and reconciliation. We also have to be a part of those conversations, and help amplify and share the truth of what has happened, and this includes monetary donations, and they want to make sure that, we just do not talk about it but we really act on it.

- We can say that we are doing things where we actually have to act on it, and acting on it, our monetary donations. So in a result of that we need to think about. Why all of these things are coming together, and why the ten thousand dollars is within the cost to action.

- A call to action is our monetary donations as well.

- So they wanted to make sure that folks, and also a question was asked, Why this organization specifically?

- That is because it is the main organization that control indigenous communities and not only access resources within. So that's why they are external. So students can access them.

- The DNA Councillor spoke against dividing the rule.

- The Computing Science Councillor mentioned that they are just trying to get the reasoning behind why they think we should divide this. We as a council, not not only have a responsibility to our constituents now, but have a responsibility for our future constituents, regardless of the time, right what we do today impacts how we move along ten years from now, fifteen years from now, twenty years from now. And so they would ask that we ask, is this the most
effective possible donation we could make? Is there stuff that we could do within our community? Are there other groups? could we optimize this to make the impact be far greater, and if the answer is yes, they think we at the very least, should be doing more due diligence to figure out these and seeing as this is something that will stand long after basically any of us are here, right. This is going to be something that will continuously be done year after year after year, we should at least look through it and make sure that there are other avenues that potentially maybe divided and given to other groups. Maybe do scholarships maybe give more to other groups. But they think we just need to give it a little bit more time before we sort of just have this be indefinitely punched in forever.

- The VP Finance mentioned that as long as this motion is considered, our VP External did bring it to them well in advance of this meeting and just to clarify where the money itself is coming from. The money will be coming from a deficit, and they will be creating a new line item to allocate this money on a yearly basis.
  - The VP External voted against.
  - The DNA Councillor, Archeology Councillor, and Geography Councillor abstained.
  - The PSU Councillor expressed their concern regarding lack of knowledge provided about this non for profit organization and about how this money will be used.
  - The GASSU councilor expressed that if there is a possibility to provide our VP External more time to give council clarity on the questions coming up and once the due diligence is done we can vote for it.
  - The WLL Councillor expressed that they would like to highlight that they don't think anyone here is opposed to supporting truth and reconciliation financially, or supporting survivors of residential schools. But the
money amount being donated is $10,000 because of that, they think it is really important for us to be careful with how we use this money. The student money first of all.

- Also, the organization that we are donating this money to does not have any reporting of how they are using the money. And if we really do want to help survivors of residential schools, we have to be making sure that this money is going towards an organization that is actually doing the work to help survivors of residential schools. They don't feel personally comfortable donating such a large sum to an organization that we don't know is actually giving the funds to right people and doing the right work.

- The President mentioned that it seems there is some sort of hesitancy in voting in favor for this motion because a majority of us has no knowledge of this non for profit organization and as the society the previous year donated $6000 to this organization they would suggest if we can keep the same amount of donation instead of adding $4000 extra.

8.14 Move to Extend the meeting until 10:00 pm - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09:28:23
Helen / Arthur
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.15 Move to postpone 8.13 - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09:28:22
Emilio / VPUAA
NOT CARRIED
In Favour (7)
Against (13)
Abstentions (1)
• The VP Finance mentioned that the timing of this motion should be considered as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation day is coming up. And, whether we vote yes or no on it, we should make it now.
• The criminology councillor mentioned that this is a reoccurring thing. So, is there any way we can make this one time and the SFSS councillors would have the ability to revisit this with all detailed information before committing to something reoccurring for future periods in terms of yearly donations.

8.16 “Municipal Election Debate” - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09:28:24
SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs “Eshana Baran”
Abhishek / Arthur
Whereas, Municipal Elections are coming up;

Whereas, the SFSS is hosting a Get Out to Vote Campaign;

Whereas, we are aiming to help students learn more about Municipal Elections;

Whereas, the External Office has been working on preparation for the Get Out to Vote Campaign for the past two months;

Whereas, the SFSS is hosting a debate for Surrey Mayoral Candidates and Burnaby Councillor Candidates;

Whereas, there is funding required for the venue, live streaming, set up and cleanup, snacks;

Where as the venue in Surrey costs around $350 CAD, whereas live streaming will cost around $600 in Surrey and Burnaby, snacks will cost around $400 for both debates, whereas set up and clean up will cost around $220;

Be it resolved to pass up to $1800 CAD for the Municipal Election debates in Surrey and Burnaby by a line item determined by the VP Finance,
Be it further resolved, for the VP External to report back to Council on Municipal Election Debates at Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The VP Finance mentioned that our VP External came to them with this way in advance and it is reasonable cost considering the two events.

8.16.1 Move to Call the Question - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:25
Abhishek / Ashely
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.17 Annual General Meeting Prize Budget Allocation” - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:26
SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development
Helen / Arthur
Whereas it is customary to provide raffle prizes to the SFSS membership during the annual general meeting;

Whereas prizes can encourage membership turnout;

Whereas the AGM has its own line item designated for in the budget;

Be it resolved that Council allocates up to $3,500 for the AGM prize purchases and to account for taxation from line item determined by VP Finance and Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.17.1 Move to Call the question - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:27
Abhishek / Arthur
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS
9.1 AGM outreach and clarity
SUBMITTED BY: Computing Science Councillor “Shariq Ahsan”

- The Computing Science Councillor mentioned that this is a conversation we can have going through. They expressed that the language we use in terms of councillors is not the most understandable and considering we have the AGM coming up and we would be voting on By-laws changes, they think it is irresponsible to put out language in front of the membership and they have no understanding on what they are voting on without knowing what their votes on certain by-laws will do going down the future.

- They suggested doing outreach to make students understand on what they are voting on by making the language clear. So for example, information guide – for Roberts rule of order.

- The President agreed to what what said about the language and not everyone knows what the by-laws are. They suggested we can do tabling to provide information on this. There is a members meeting planning committee soon and they can start looking into info guide and organize tabling sessions to do outreach and some sort education.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

10.1 Executive Committee Report

- President:
  Back from LOA.
  Onboarding the new Acting VP Equity & Sustainability.
  Management Meetings.
  Orange Shirt Day Statement.
  Municipal Elections Tabling & Debate Planning w/ VP External.
  Multiple Staff & Community Check-In’s.
  Check-In’s with:
  VP Finance, VP External, Temporary Operations Organizer, Building Manager,
  Board Organizer.

- VP Internal and Organizational Development:
Signing the WUSC scholarship deed.
IEC lawyer retainer signed and they are good to go.
Staff meeting chairing with the new structure.
HRP meeting.
Had a discussion with SFU regarding: SAWG, SVSPO, and the Equity office /w Arthur.
FASC meeting.
Gaming Lounge shipment arrival.
Temp. OO check-ins.
JHSC inspections walkthrough.
W.E. consulting company meeting w/ Abhi.
Meetings with BO.
Agenda submissions for committee without chairs and agenda approvals.
Council meeting minutes feedback.
Councillor meetings and onboarding scheduling.
Chancellor’s dinner w/ Vaibhav.
Drafting and sending off thank you note.
HR related matters, cheque reqs, tracker updates, budgeting.

- **VP Finance and Services:**
  Clubs day tabling.
  Tour & lunch at the new Dining Commons.
  Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
  Viewed audited financial statements.
  Nominating committee.
  Check in with some execs.
  SFSS Exempt Employees Contract work.
  IEC retainer agreement signed.
  SFSS Food Security Program meeting.
  Admin: Nearly daily meeting with the temp OO, emails, signing cheques, approving payroll, helping with misc. issues.

- **VP University and Academic Affairs:**
Onboarding of Acting VP Equity and Sustainability - Arthur Lee
Multiple meetings with staff & check-ins with community groups.
Meetings with Executives, Councillors, and students.
Check-ins and housekeeping meetings with AVPs.
UAAC / ECA Update Meeting with Staff
University and Academic Affairs Committee (UAAC) strategy and planning meetings with members and staff.
Council Mental Health and Wellbeing Working Group strategy and planning.
Drafting of agendas and consultation with members for the above.
Drafting of the 2021/2022 UAA Strategic Annual Plan.
Lots of admin work.

- VP External and Community Affairs:
  Helping out at Clubs Day. (Burnaby and Surrey)
  Tour and Lunch at Dining Commons.
  Prep for Get Out to Vote Campaign.
  Tabling.
  Debates.
  Food Security Projects.
  Helping with Street fest.
  Attended the Vancouver Rally for Rights.
  Prep for the Rally to Eliminate The International Student Health Fee.
  External and Community Affairs Committee Meeting.
  Volunteering at the SFU food Pantry.
  Attended the Migrant Students United Social.
  Check in with President.
  Planning for Tran slink Roundtable. (new date: November 3rd, 2022 from 1pm-2pm)
  Preparing motions for Council.
  Preparation for Lobby Days.

- Acting VP Equity and Sustainability:
  Gearing up for ESC, BIPOC, and Accessibility Committees.
ESC has been called - next Monday, October 3, from 1pm-2pm. 
Attended SFPIRG’s rally for Iran. (with CBC photographs) 
Planning for Rally for Iran - happening next week. 
Check-in with the President, and other execs. 
Finished onboarding on Monday. (heaviest Monday I’ve ever had!) 
Finished catching up on emails - took a week to complete. (at a whopping 178+ emails when I got access) 
Preparing Briefing Notes and Presentation to Council regarding the response for Iran. 
Check-ins with Constituency Groups. 
Attended Equity Compass Conversation with VP Internal. 
Planning to attend the indigenous performance at SFU games tomorrow. (September 29, 2022 at the 5pm games, 7pm; performance is at 7pm)

- VP Events and Students Affair:
  - Street Fest. 
  - Managing Clubs Days, both in Burnaby and Surrey. 
  - Chancellor’s Dinner. 
  - Halloween Carnival on 31st October. 
  - Thanksgiving lunch on 13th October. 
  - Pet therapy on 17th October. (Tentative) 
  - Diwali Morning Celebrations on 20 and 21 October. (Burnaby and Surrey respectively) 
  - Diwali Night Party on 21st October. 
  - Movie nights bi-weekly. 
  - Movie Night Surrey: 28th September(today) - Everything Everywhere All at once Imagines Posters Sales happened from 20th to 23rd September. 
  - Many more events coming up for October and November. 
  - Attended BBOT’s National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Event on 27th September.

10.2 CCBC Report
  - The President mentioned that there is nothing to report at this time as the
CCBC did not convene.

11. 30 MINUTES Q&A

- One of the members asked why the motion of passing $10,000 was not passed as well as the commitment to reconciliation from executives and councilors point of view.
- The VP External mentioned that they feel this motion should have passed with $10,000 amount but instead $6000 were approved for this year.
- The PSU Councillor mentioned that $10,000 is a lot of money and there were not enough substantial reasoning explaining where the funding is going to, how appropriately it will be used. So, committing to something we do not have the information to for future years was something most councillors were not comfortable with.
- Our VP Finance mentioned that the donation was reoccurring, which means that, regardless of how the budget or the economic status of the SFSS was, that we had to be committed to providing that money, and they think that seemed to turn some people off.
- Another thing that one councillor mentioned was, the financial statements for the group that we are donating the money to, wasn't available on the website, and that seemed to turn some people off as well.
- Personally they feel if we had kept the original motion it would have gotten voted down, so they wanted to make sure something got passed, so they voted in favor of amending the motion to six thousand dollars. So at least something got passed.

12. ATTACHMENTS

12.1 _BN- Indian Residential School Survivors and Commitments to Reconciliation (1).pdf.
12.2 Motion for Council 9.28.docx
13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-28:28
Ashely / Abhishek
Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY