

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 3:06pm

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitlh (Tseil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (Kwkwetlem) and qícəy (Katzie) Nations. Unceded means that these territories have never been handed over, sold, or given up by these nations, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Governance Committee Composition

VP Internal and Organizational Development (Chair).....	
Ex-Officio.....	Helen Sofia Pahou
VP Finance and Services.....	Abhishek Parmar
Mathematics Councillor.....	Ben Tischler
Psychology Councillor (Vice-Chair).....	Mark Giles
Society of Arts and Social Sciences Councillor.....	Hilary Tsui

3.2 Society Staff

Policy Research & Community Affairs Coordinator.....	Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant.....	Riane Ng

3.3 Regrets

Policy Research & Community Affairs Coordinator.....	Beaty Omboga
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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-Governance Committee
Minutes- MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:01**

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- GOV 2022-06-20
 - Approved

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:02

VP Internal/Abhishek

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended:

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Strike items 9.5, 10.1 and 10.2 from the agenda.
- Add items 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, and 6.10.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: R-3 UPDATES - MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:03

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

ATTACHMENT:

VP Internal/Ben

Be it resolved that Governance Committee recommends the following updates and changes to R-3 of Council Policies:

R-3 UPDATES

Whereas numerous updates are required for R-3 to make the policy cohesive;

Be it resolved to strike By-Law 4(10)-(16) and By-Law 5(3) from “relevant

bylaws” and replace it with “bylaw 7.”

Be it further resolved to strike “By-Law 4(10)-(16)” from R-3.1 and replace it with ‘bylaw 7.’;

Be it further resolved to add an extra space in R-3.6 “office hours in-person or electronically on the SFSS website.,” to read as “...in-person or...”

Be it further resolved to rename the second R-3.7 section as subsection “a”, as it is subsidiary to the first R-3.7;

Be it further resolved to strike “Exit reports shall take the place of work reports for the Spring Semester which must be completed before the end of Council term.” from R-3.7;

Be it lastly resolved to strike the words “isn’t” from R-3.11 and R-3.12 and replace them with “are not.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: R-8 UPDATES - MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:04

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

ATTACHMENT:

VP Internal/Abhishek

Be it resolved that Governance Committee recommends the following updates and changes to R-8 of Council Policies:

R-8 UPDATES

Whereas R-8 is referencing the wrong bylaws;

Whereas it is unclear who can fill in as an alternate at council meetings;

Whereas alternates under bylaw 6(24)(b) and (c) are entitled to the same voting, speaking, and in-camera privileges as regular directors;

Be it resolved to strike “bylaw 17(7)” from “relevant bylaws” and replace it with “bylaw 15(7).”

Be it further resolved to add:

“8.2 (a). As per the membership definition of the SFSS Constitution, any and all, alternative councillors must be in good standing of the Society and must be an undergraduate student at SFU.”

Be it further resolved to add:

“8.3(a). The appointment of alternate councillors must be communicated to the President and VP Internal and Organizational Development prior to the alternate's attendance at the Council meeting.

8.3(a)(i) The groups shall provide the alternate's or alternatives': full name, student number, and student email.”

Be it lastly resolved to strike “bylaw 17(7) from R-8.6 and replace it with “bylaw 15(7).”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.3 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: R-17 UPDATES - MOTION GOV
2022-07-04:05**

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

ATTACHMENT:

VP Internal/Ben

Be it resolved that Governance Committee recommends the following

updates and changes to R-17 of Council Policies:

AVP HOUR REQUIREMENTS AND UPDATES:

Whereas Associate Vice Presidents (AVP) for Executive Committee members do not exist in bylaw, only in policy;

Whereas AVPs are unpaid and are required to work at least fifteen (15) hours weekly for their Executive Officers;

Whereas there is not enough funding to pay AVPs for their work;

Whereas AVPs may be non-executive Council members, but can also be non-Council members students;

Be it resolved to strike the “relevant bylaws” section of R-17;

Be it further resolved to fix the missing space in R-17.1 and 17.1(a);

Be it lastly resolved to strike R-17.5 and replace it with:
"Associate Vice-Presidents shall work no more than 10 hours per week."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.4 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: SO-1 UPDATES - MOTION GOV
2022-07-04:06**

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

ATTACHMENT: SO-1 (Reviewed by JN)

VP Internal/Ben

Be it resolved that Governance Committee recommends the following updates and changes to SO-1 of Council Policies:

SO-1 UPDATES

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

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

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

Be it further resolved to renumber as attached in SO-1 (Reviewed by JN)

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Add “Be it further resolved to renumber as attached in SO-1 (Reviewed by JN)”

6.5 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO R-2 – MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:07

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

VP Internal/Ben

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally approves the following recommendations to Council:

HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO R-2

Whereas there is a minor error in R-2 based on inconsistent wording due to past amendments not fully considering all language that exists in R-2

Be it resolved to amend R-2.7 by striking the word “semi-monthly” and

replacing it with “monthly”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.6 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: CHANGE TO CONFLICT RULES IN R-4
– MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:08**

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development
VP Internal/Abhishek

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally following recommendations to Council:

CHANGE TO CONFLICT RULES IN R-4

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

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

Whereas one method of ensuring that these rules is a stipend reduction under R-4

Be it resolved to amend R-4 by adding a new heading "Conflict in Seats Held" that contains a new R-4.17 that reads:

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

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

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

Be it resolved renumber the policy accordingly.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Strike the words “Affiliated Student Group” in the new R-4.17

**6.7 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO R-5 –
MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:09**

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development
VP Internal/Abhishek

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally following recommendations to Council:

HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO R-5

Whereas R-5 has several minor errors and typos/spelling mistakes that need to be corrected to ensure the consistency of the policy with established practice

Be it resolved to amend R-5.1 by striking it and replacing it with:

- 5.1. Proper operation of a democratic student organization requires that students elected or appointed to Council or a Society Committee be duly responsible to the membership. To this end, it is imperative that:

Be it further resolved to amend R-5.3 by striking R-5.3 and replace it with "Members of Council and Society Committees shall not:"

Be it further resolved to amend R-5.3 by adding the word “the” in between the words “at” and “Council” in R-5.3(iii)(c)(v)

Be it further resolved to amend R-5.4 by striking the phrase “- with Council or Council initiating the proceedings for removal.” from R-5.4(c)

Be it resolved to renumber the policy accordingly.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Strike “R-5.3(c)(iii)(v)” and replace it with “R-5.3(iii)(c)(v)”

6.8 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO R-6 – MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:10

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

Ben/Abhishek

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally following recommendations to Council:

HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO R-6

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

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

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

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Strike the first be it resolved clause outlined in the recommendation

6.9 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO R-7 –

MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:11

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

VP Internal/Ben

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally approves the following recommendations to Council:

PROCEDURAL CHANGES TO R-7

Whereas R-7 has numerous procedures in it that are completely inconsistent with established practice by the previous chair(s) of council

Whereas R-7 should be corrected to ensure that the procedures within it are consistent with established practice, so that Council begins to follow the policy as written

Be it resolved to amend R-7.21 by striking all occurrences of “Board” within R-7.21 and replacing it with “Council”

Be it further resolved to amend R-7.23 by striking all of R-7.23

Be it further resolved to amend R-7.24 by striking “isnot” and replacing it with “is not”

Be it further resolved to amend R-7.30 by striking all of it and replacing it with “The agenda, time, and location of Council Meetings shall be published on the Society Website and/or Social Media prior to these meetings.”

Be it further resolved to fix the indenting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.10 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: PROCEDURAL, DEFINITIONAL,

AND HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO SO-18 – MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:12

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

VP Internal/Abhishek

Be it resolved that Governance Committee formally approves the following recommendations to Council:

PROCEDURAL, DEFINITIONAL, AND HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES TO SO-18

Be it further resolved to amend SO-18.3 by striking “involves” and replacing it with “involves:”

Be it further resolved to strike the 8th point in the “Composition” section of SO-18

Be it further resolved to strike the 10th point in the “Composition” section of SO-18

Be it further resolved to strike “Constrains” and replace it with “Constraints”

Be it further resolved to amend SO-18.10 by adding a new section (a) that reads:

- a. Notwithstanding SO-18.10, the committee may not approve additional funding for projects where funding has already been granted for that project by Council.

Be it further resolved to strike SO-18.11 and SO-18.12, and renumber accordingly

Be it further resolved to amend SO-18.19 by striking “Annual Budget” and

replacing it with “Annual Budgets”

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Strike the first be it resolved clause from the recommendation

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Policy Review: Check-In

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

BLURB: Review completion of Council Policies, MSGP, Privacy and Information Management, and Orientation and Retention Polices. What is ready to be signed off on, and what needs to go to Council.

- The committee has almost finished all of the assigned policies to review. They will be spending the next week or two drafting notices to push to council.
- They will then move on to retail services policies and policy manual.
- The committee discussed the policies they reviewed and their recommended updates.
- VPIOD will soon assign new policies for the committee to review.

8. In-Camera

8.1 MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:13

VP Internal/Ben

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Ex-Camera

9.1 MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:14

VP Internal/Abhishek

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ATTACHMENTS

10.1 SO-1 (Reviewed by JN)

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 MOTION GOV 2022-07-04:15

VP Internal/Ben

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 4:38pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY