

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 5:10 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), Selílwitlh (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem) and ǵícəy̓ (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

Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development (Chair) Peter Hance
 Psychology Student Union (Vice-Chair) Mark Giles
 Ex-Officio (Acting President)..... Abhishek Parmar
 Society of Arts and Social Sciences Councillor..... Hilary Tsui

3.2 Society Staff

Board Organizer Emmanuela Droko
 Temporary Operations Organizer..... Sindhu Dharmarajah
 Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator Beatrice Omboga
 Administrative Assistant..... Simar Thukral

3.3 Absents

Psychology Student Union (Vice-Chair) Mark Giles

3.4 Guest

VP External and Community Affairs Eshana Baran
 Member Aiden Cummings-Teicher

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 2023-03-17:01

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- GOV 2023-03-06

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION GOV 2023-03-17:02

Peter / Abhishek

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- The Acting President moved to include new business item titled as “HRP Composition amendment.”

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Addition of DNA representative seats to the Accessibility Committee - MOTION GOV 2023-03-17:03

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

Peter / Abhishek

Whereas it is important to have Constituency representatives at the table for matters that may impact their constituents directly on the various committees;

Whereas the SFSS has an accessibility committee that must be formed that deals with matters of accessibility and approve grant requests;

Whereas DNA is the recognized constituency group that represents issues relating to accessibility, neurodiversity and disability justice on campus;

Be it resolved to amend the Council Policies SO-11 to add the following under the Composition subsection (below 11.4):

Composition

1. [Ex-Officio] President
2. [Chairperson] VP Equity and Sustainability Executive Officer as designated by Council; or, on recommendation of the Committee, another member of the Committee
3. Four Councillors
4. up to two representatives of the Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA)
5. Minimum 2, up to 4 at-large members
6. Up to 1 DNA Councillor Representative (i.e.: optional on if the councillor representative accepts the nomination and appointment)"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The VP External mentioned that this has gone to DNA before coming to Governance. They brought it to the DNA executives and members of the DNA that includes our

DNA graduates students.

6.2 Increasing the Diversity and Equitable Makeup of the Governance Committee to Include Additionally Marginalized Equitable and Diverse Perspectives - MOTION GOV 2023-03-17:04

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

ATTACHMENT:

Peter / Abhishek

Whereas it is important for the governance committee to have a makeup and representation that is reflective of the perspectives of diverse equity seeking communities and groups that typically not included on governance and policy making tables;

Whereas the VP Equity and Sustainability role is one role that enables equity perspectives in the SFSS and should be present during policy conversations;

Whereas constituency groups and affiliate student groups have valuable insights on equity and their various groups perspectives may be helpful;

Whereas there can be a mechanism for appointment where if groups are at capacity, all reps can be nominated for the seat and one selected at a vote at council, or none appointed if none of the groups want for the case of CGs or ASGs;

Whereas 1 member at large perspective from the membership would be good to include student voice to ensure the representation of student voices that may not directly be at the council and get to get an outside perspective;

Be it resolved to amend the following to governance committee terms of reference under Council Policies SO-5 under composition (below 5.1):

Composition

1. [Ex-officio] President
2. [Chairperson] VP Internal & Organizational Development
3. VP Equity and Sustainability
4. up to 1 Constituency group council representative seat
5. up to 1 Affiliate student group council representative seat
6. Four Councillors
7. Up to 1 member at large
8. [Non-Voting] Policy and Research Coordinator

CARRIED

- The Acting President mentioned that there is a concern regarding meeting quorum. If a member within this committee becomes disengaged it could be a concern.

- The AVP Suggested to have two student group representative instead of the VP External representation.
- In response to if the VP Equity was consulted on this, our VP External mentioned that they have not consulted.
- The Acting President abstained on this motion.
- The VP External mentioned that they will communicated with the VP Equity before the Council meeting and would report back to Council before the meeting.

6.3 Orientation and Retention Policies 2.4 and OTP3.4: - MOTION GOV 2023-03-17:05

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

Peter / Abhishek

Be it resolved to Amend OTP2.4.c to add another sentence and subsection as outlined:

" Other Orientation sessions must include a workshop on 'Past and Continuing SFSS Advocacy and campaigns ', 'Upholding Indigenous Inclusion and Reconciliation ', 'Intersectional climate justice and activism', and 'Racial justice, and centering Black, Indigenous and People of Colour' workshops.

- i) Additionally, the Board Organizer is designated to in collaboration with the VP Equity, President and Executives to ensure a presentation on the historical context and continuity of the SFSS Issues Policies with an summary and context of each is held during orientation.
- ii) Follow up development sessions on each of the SFSS issues policies must be held (including bringing in student and community groups and organizations related to them who are aligned with them as written) throughout the year on each of the previously passed SFSS Issues policies as coordinated by the VP Internal and the VP Equity and Sustainability with the support of the Board Organizer."

Be it further resolved to amend OTP3.4 to add subsections:

H) SFSS Issues Policies and past and ongoing campaigns and information related to each

I) advocacy and campaigns training

J) Upholding Indigenous Inclusion and Reconciliation

K) racial justice and centering Black, Indigenous and People of Colour training

L) Intersectional climate justice and activism

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The Acting VP Internal mentioned that there is no issue with this and these are topics which we had been working on from the last year and the current year.

6.4 Increasing Voter Turnout During SFSS Elections through Clarifying Campaigning

online and in person during Voting Period rules - MOTION GOV 2023-03-17:06

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

Peter / Abhishek

Whereas on August 20, 2023 notice was given and an eventual vote for a motion to disallow campaigning online during voting period,

Whereas this motion has caused considerable issues and disallowed campaigns from being able to liaise with their prospective constituents during the most vital time during election period;

Whereas in person campaigning is not suspended during this time but printed campaign paraphernalia is to be taken down before voting period;

Whereas the removal of Printed paraphernalia during voting period was restricted being up for legitimate purposes of past candidates not cleaning up the physical printed mess after they lost on campus;

Whereas those concerns of physical mess would not apply to online platforms;

Whereas these changes to policy of prohibiting online campaigning resulted in a suppression of the vote and lead to massively lower voter turnout than previous year and than turnouts lower than votes prior to COVID years;

Whereas the SFSS needs to encourage high vote elections and turnout especially to get important referenda passed;

Whereas lack of increased engagement via social media has been quoted in the SFSS Elections 2023/24 report by the SFSS Independent Electoral Commission as having been a reason for the low voter turnout;

Be it resolved to amend the policy Elections and Referenda Policies as follows:

Replace the additional section that was as added to CP4-15 from being “Approval of Campaigning Materials”, to read as the following:

CP-4 (15) Campaigning literature and campaigning material shall be removed by voting period. Regarding digital campaign materials, removal may entail:

- a. a permanent deletion from social media platforms used for campaigning,
- b. a temporary archival or deactivation, un-listing, or privatization, of platforms,
- c. a temporary unpublishing of websites that are tied to the campaign until the announcement of the elections results.

To being this below instead:

"Be it resolved to add an additional section 15 to C-4, "Approval of Campaigning Materials", to read as the following:

CP-4 (15) Campaigning literature i.e. printed campaign material and paraphernalia shall be removed by the start of the voting period. This only applies to printed campaign material and not to digital campaign material or in person campaigning.

a) Regarding digital campaigning during voting period, there is no obligation to remove digital campaign materials, however candidates may do so if they which. If they do not remove online campaign material, the same rules of campaigning apply during the voting period as that applies during campaigning period"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The Acting VP internal mentioned that they spoke to people involved with the digital campaign from last year and students have had difficulty been engaged with the digital material during campaigning period. It is very vital to be engaged.

6.5 HRP Composition amendment - MOTION GOV 2023-03-17:07

SUBMITTED BY: Acting President "Abhishek Parmar"

Peter / Abhishek

Whereas the VP Finance and Services has to adjust the budget based on the employment status of staff;

Whereas the previous VP Finance and Services, current VP Finance and Services, and future VP Finance and Services all think there is value to having the VP Finance and Services on HRP.

Be it resolved to add the VP Finance and Services to the composition of HRP.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The Acting President mentioned that the old President and future President, and the old VP finance and new finance both they feel there is value adding VP Finance to this committee. They also spoke with Temporary Operation Organizer as well and feel by adding VP Finance to the committee it would be helpful.
- The Acting VP Internal spoke in favor of this motion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 MOTION GOV 2023-03-17:08

Peter / Abhishek

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY