

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order –4:37pm

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), kʷikwə́ləm (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

Council Composition Student Union Representatives

Archeology Student Society (ASS).....	Seniha Inceoz
Bachelor of Environment Student Union.....	Tiana Andjelic
Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society (BNSS).....	Aarthi Srinivasan
Biology Student Union (BSU)	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Student Association.....	Jovan Gnjatovic
Business Administration Student Society	Vacant
Chemistry Student Society	Vacant
Cognitive Science Student Association	Bhuban Karim
Collective of Arts and Cultures Studies Students.....	Vacant
Computing Science Student Society	Mabel Ling
Criminology Student Association	Ava Wood
Dance Student Union	Vacant
Data Science Student Society.....	Jennifer Hung
Earth Science Student Union.....	Eden Lien
Economics Student Society	Rafid Rahman Chowdhury
Education Student Association	Vacant
Engineering Science Student Society	Tony Kooliyath
English Student Union.....	Vacant
Environmental Science Student Union	Grayson Barke
Faculty of Applied Science	Vacant
Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology (FCAT)	Vacant
Film Student Union	Sofi Badzio
Fine and Performing Arts Student Union.....	Vacant
Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies Student Union(Vice-Chair)..	Ashley Flett
Geography Student Union	Erik Makinen

Global Asia Studies.....	Vacant
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union.....	Ishika Rathore
History Student Union.....	Emilio Da Silva
Humanities Student Union.....	Vacant
Indigenous Studies Student Union.....	Evan Accettola
Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union (IATSU).....	Karishma Sen
International Studies Student Association (ISSA)	Sebastian Mujica
Labour Studies Student Union	Vacant
Linguistics Student Union.....	Vacant
Mathematics Student Union.....	Vacant
Mechatronics System Engineering Student Society.....	Aiden Maymandy
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry Student Union	Sam Killawee
Music Student Union.....	Vacant
Operations Research Student Union	Vacant
Philosophy Student Union	Nava Karimi
Physics Student Association.....	Vacant
Political Science Student Union	Aliyah Apolonio
Psychology Student Union	Hilary Tsui
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS).....	Catherine Ho
Semester in Dialogue Student Union	Vacant
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS)	Rajdave Gill
Sociology and Anthropology Student Union (SASU).....	Andres Sosa
Software Systems Student Society (SSSS).....	Ngan Ngoc (Lynn) Nguyen
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association.....	Van Nguyen
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society.....	Andrew Nathan
Visual Arts Student Union	Vacant
World Languages and Literature Student Union	Vacant

Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA).....	Denise Arias Guillén
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association (FNMISA).....	Vacant
International Student Advocates	Vacant
Out on Campus Collective (OOC)	Adriana Cumming-Teicher
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA)	Yaye Balde
Women Centre Collective	Vacant

Affiliated Student Groups

Residence Hall's Association (RHA).....	Emmanuel Adegboyega
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)	Vacant
Teach Support Staff Union (TSSU).....	Pranjali J Mann
Embark Sustainability.....	Vacant
SFPIRG	Tuleen Awad-A

SFSS Executive Committee

President (Chair)	Liam Feng
VP Internal and Organizational Development	Leonarda Ognjenovic
VP Finance and Services.....	Jadvinder Bolina
VP University and Academic Affairs.....	Thomas Lueth
VP External and Community Affairs.....	Navleen Brar
VP Equity and Sustainability.....	Priyanka Kaur Dhesa
VP Events and Student Affairs.....	Ayooluwa Adigun

3.1 Society Staff

Board Organizer	Vacant
Temporary Operations Organizer	Sindhu Dharmarajah
Administrative Assistant	Hope Alica

3.2 Guests

Executive Director of Campaigns	Selina Yano
Vice-President Alumni Engagement	Erin Morantz
Member.....	Abhishek Parmar

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

Be it resolved to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1.1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Council and Committee Minutes -MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21:01

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

- Council 2023-06-07
- EXEC 2023-04-06

4.1.2.- RATIFICATION OF REGRETS-MOTION 2023-06-26: 02 SUBMITTED BY: President

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from, “Emilio Da Silva” History Student Union, “Aarthi Srinivasan” Behavioral Neuroscience Students Union, and “Jovan Gnjatovic” Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Student Association for Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21:03

PRESIDENT/ VP Finance

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- The President moved to include item 4.1.2 titled as “Ratification of Regrets”.
- The VP Equity and Sustainability moved to strike new business item 9.5 “HR & Personnel Sub-Committee Election”.
- The President moved to suspend the rules to move the first business item “Electing New Student Healthcare Committee members” before the presentation.

6. NEW BUSINESS

**6.1 Move to suspend Robert Rules of Order to address motion 6.2 first-
MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21: 04**

President/MBB Councilor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.2 Electing New Student Healthcare Committee Members - MOTION
COUNCIL 2023-06-21:05**

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

President / VP External

Whereas the Student Healthcare Committee's purpose is to ensure that students have input when deciding changes to the Student Healthcare Plans; and will have appointed members of the Out on Campus, Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance, and Women's Centre;

Whereas the Student Healthcare Committee also has three designated seats for Councillors;

Be it resolved to elect Science Undergraduate Society, Health Science Undergraduate Student Union, and Out on Campus Collective councillor(s) to serve on the Student Healthcare Committee for the 2023-2024 Council term.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- VP Internal declined to speak on the role of this committee because of a lack of information and requested Temporary Operations Organizer to speak.
- Temporary Operations Organizer shared that, this designated committee will

allow for specialized support regarding changes in the student health care plan by working with different groups such as OOC, DNA, Women's Centre etc. The Council members on this Committee will be working on student healthcare plans, making sure everyone has one.

- SFSS Member shared that this committee will make sure that student needs are covered and in case they feel that the care plan is missing something, they can be able to step up to address this.
- President called for nominations: SUS Councilor accepted the nomination by MBB Councillor, VP Equity nominated themselves, HSUSU Nominated themselves, Data Science accepted the nomination by the Statistics Councillor, and OOC Nominated themselves.
- VP Equity and Data Science retracted their nomination.
- Final Nominations were from SUS, HSUSU, OOC

7. PRESENTATION

7.1 VP Advancement and Alumni Engagement

SUBMITTED BY: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Student Union

PRESENTED BY: Selina Yano (Executive Director of Campaigns) & Erin Morantz (Vice-President Alumni Engagement)

SFSS Campaign Update

- Erin Morantz mentioned that their team is Currently Planning SFU's next Comprehensive Campaign following the last one which was on SFU's 50th anniversary. Thoughts Feedback and ideas from Councillors will be appreciated.
- Selina Yano explained the role of advancement and Alumni Engagement is a fundraising arm of SFU that helps raise funds for fundraising priorities that the University does not have to expand on certain goals through working with donors.
- Selina Yano explained the purpose of the campaign which is to help SFU achieve some of its strategic goals with donor support. Furthermore, now is a great time for the campaign because it is key to advancing the Academic mission of SFU, attracting, and retaining students, researchers, and teaching talent, strengthening SFU's brand and reputation as a world-class University, to boost student, alumni, and community engagement, to introduce research initiatives and finally to increase SFU's annual fundraising capacity.
- The last 18 months have been focused on Campaign readiness, identifying funding priorities, and campaign themes, and taking steps to build a strong

- culture of philanthropy across SFU campuses. At the same time, identifying gaps and areas that have failed within other institutions and SFU to focus on what can be expanded.
- Interviews, meetings, focus groups and surveys were used to assess top donors, leadership volunteers and stakeholders across the institution if the team is on track to the goals that are aimed for the campaign.
 - Campaign themes include the need to be evergreen and align with SFU plans, these themes include Unlocking Student Potential, Advance Solutions for Health and Wellbeing, Propel Innovation for Sustainability, and Enrich Lives and Learning through Art, Knowledge, and Culture, all these themes will be committed to SFU's commitment to Indigeneity and Equity.
 - Funding priorities include 150 priorities valued at 850 million in potential fundraising needs and each of them aligns with a current campaign theme, these could be subject to change over the next few months through continuous liaison with the dean and leadership. The fundraising goal is 500 million and 10% of it has been achieved so far.
 - Next steps will involve lots of planning with Erin and others in AAE, although 150 priorities have been identified, they all have varying degrees of development and deadlines, so priority order will be given to them in that manner. A campaign cabinet is being set up at this time, and the campaign will continually foster a culture of philanthropy and community.
 - Selina Yano completed the presentation by asking two Questions, 1) What student needs do you feel should be funded through the campaign? What funding priorities might we be missing? 2) Who from SFSS should be invited to sit on the Campaign Steering Committee?
 - President asked what a culture of philanthropy means to which Selina Yano explained that everyone would understand the role of fundraising/donors in making programs such as student aid and research initiatives available to students. As well as those who work in institutions can see the need for their areas as priorities within the campaign.
 - VP Equity made a request for a focus on low-barrier funding and scholarships for marginalized groups on campus since SFU has announced the removal of the Open Undergraduate Scholarship whose funds will be reallocated to students in another form. However, some students who were relying on this funding will be struggling to make ends meet while attending school.
 - Erin Morantz asked what low barrier meant and VP equity stated that low barrier can be understood as removing requirements for applicants being

- required to share aspects of their life that they may not be comfortable sharing with the application committee, or the removal of the requirement for having a higher GPA. Reducing the requirements for students to receive funding with ease.
- Email to forward ideas are sjyano@sfu.ca, VPAAE@sfu.ca
 - Out on Campus Councillor asked about the scope of the project, how much of an interdepartmental project is it; whether is it specific for certain departments or can the funding be reallocated to other faculties or departments. For example, EI in student services and CAL are facing drastic budget cuts which will possibly affect the student body, subsidizing existing services would be more beneficial to students.
 - Erin Morantz replied that there is interest in what some of those areas of interest are for specific groups and students. More knowledge of the areas of need will help to address these issues.
 - Out on Campus Councillor suggested Erin Morantz contact Wendy the Director of CAL at wendy_norman@sfu.ca , and the Associate Director of Equity and Inclusion in Student Services.
 - VP Equity asked if funding for student mental health programs was a priority in this campaign and what does that look like?
 - Selina Yano shared that several faculties have identified this funding need to support that and specific examples include, student funding related to providing programming related to that in Athletics.
 - Erin added that SFU has a Health and Counselling Services fund promoted through the Annual Giving Plan through students calling alumni to request for funding.
 - VP Equity appreciated SFU showing engagement in improving Health and Counselling services and expressed interest in learning more information from the Campaign that pertains to the health and counselling front.
 - President asked about the length of this campaign since most current students will be done with school.
 - Erin Morantz agreed that while this is a long period of time, the use of the funds will be staggered for numerous projects getting worked on and placed to use throughout the duration of the campaign that way current students are able to see the outcome of the campaign.
 - Finally, if there is any interest among Councillors to participate in the Campaign Steering Committee, Councillors should reach out.
 - Out on Campus raised the issue of SFSS is still responsible for the former

- football arena no longer being used. How does SFU envision use for the arena going forward given that it is driving SFSS into much more financial stringency in the way things are planned out in the student body and specific burden on how things are planned in the student body?
- Erin Morantz shared that the arena has a wide range of uses, however a plan for how to make the best use for it moving forward is something that should be addressed since students were funding it.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Funding for SOCA Wellness Retreat - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21:06

SUBMITTED BY: Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA)

Out on Campus/ Residence Hall's Association

Whereas the Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA) is a constituency group that advocates for African, Caribbean and greater Black student population at SFU with a mandate to voice concerns, plan events and programs to encourage community building and act as role models within the community;

Whereas in a survey, several of SOCA's members have expressed interest in attending a mental wellness retreat;

Whereas the cost for the retreat is beyond what SOCA can financially support alone in their summer budget;

Whereas SOCA is requesting a grant from the SFSS Council to fund portions of the retreat, including food, accommodation, speakers, and transportation fees;

Be it resolved that SFSS Council approves SOCA's pending grant request of \$5,875.00 from 5000/G.

NOT CARRIED

In favour of Soca (3): SOCA, RHA, VP UAA

Against Soca (17): Bachelor of Environment Student Union, Criminology Student Association, Engineering Science Student Society, Gender Studies Students Union, Health Science Undergraduate Student Union, Science Undergraduate Society, Mechatronics, Molecular Biology, President, VP Internal, VP Finance, VP External, VP Equity, DSSS, Engineering Science Student Society, Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association, Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society.

Abstentions (13): Biology Student Union, Cognitive Science Student Society,

Computing Science Student Society, Political Science Student Union, Psychology, Society of Art and Social Sciences, Sociology and Anthropology Students Union, Software systems, DNA, OOC, TSSU, VP Events, Earth Science Student Union.

- VP UAA asked if funding was secured another way for this event given that the initial request was for 10,000 dollars and now it is \$ 5,875. Why has the amount changed?
- RHA replied on behalf of SOCA as the SOCA representative was having technical difficulties. RHA stated that after staff reviewed the request, funding was secured from the Student Union Grants On behalf of SOCA. While initially, the funding had not gone through the grant procedure so the request for up to \$10,000 was an estimate of what might be needed. SOCA request for Council funding since this is something they can approve of.
- VP Finance stated SOCA has other avenues of securing funding that could have been used, and SOCA had a bank account with SFSS and asked if RHA was informed by the SOCA treasurer of this. Is SOCA requesting more funds on top of other venues they have access to?
- Temporary Operations Organizer clarified that this account likely refers to it might refer to the levies.
- RHA on behalf of SOCA stated that having gone through the grant process, SOCA is coming to Council as a final resort since other avenues have been tried.
- President stated that going through the proper grant process does not mean the grant will go through and the fact that SOCA has come to SFSS, directly affects students' funding.
- VP Events stated that regardless of the price, operations for this started before the grant process was approved or executed. Half of the funds were secured through BIPOC however this means that other groups within BIPOC will have to work around only half of their funding for the rest of the year. The request for 10k came before the proper audit of what SFSS would be liable for. It is important that Councilors take it to their Constituency groups through the correct process for grants. There needs to be fiscal responsibility for these decisions within leadership, especially considering the deficit SFSS carried out last year. A proper review of the books needs to be had before a request for a large amount of money is put forward. No one

from SFSS or SOCA tried to stop this irreversible use of these funds. This happened under a set of leaders and there needs to be responsibility taken.

- RHA: The people putting this together were initially unaware of the grant process. The grant is only based on the expenses of SOCA. Once the correct process was followed, the request came down. On the other hand, no group has come to the Council to request permission to carry out an event. Having gone through the correct process, SOCA has returned to request for Council's funding. BIPOC Committee gets to decide how they allocate their funds, which is why SOCA secured some funding. The funding is not only a down payment, but also to pay for the transportation, food, and facilitators. Some costs came up that were not foreseen, and this was not a result of being unplanned.
- VP UAA stated SOCA should not use large amounts of money without securing the funding first. If this is approved, it will set a bad precedent.
- President stated that he does not support this motion because the cost breakdown was not accurate and there was an overestimation with a comparatively twofold difference. Had the Council agreed to \$10,000, this would be a huge amount compared to \$5,875.00. VP Finance mentioned additional accounts SOCA has with SFSS therefore there are more sources of revenue for SOCA. SFSS on the other hand is in a \$1M deficit and any funding that goes out should be towards those in desperate need. President does not want SFSS does not want to be responsible for the financial decisions made by a Constituency group.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Modifying Council Meeting Time- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21:07

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

President / VP External

Whereas Council meetings should be flexible to Council members' schedules;

Be it resolved to strike R-7.6 and replace it with: It is suggested Council meetings shall occur Wednesdays starting at 4:30 pm and ending at 8:30 pm but will be up to the discretion of Council at the beginning of the Council term. Meetings shall occur on a biweekly basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- President stated that in the past the consensus was to keep them for 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Wednesday. Therefore, many people have already reallocated their time for this. This time will be kept as such.

9.2 Governance Composition- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21:08

SUBMITTED BY: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Student Union

President / Gender Studies Councillor

Whereas the governance committee is crucial to the ongoing procedures and functions of the SFSS, and is chaired by the VP Internal;

Whereas the VP Internal was not consulted on changes made to the governance committee;

Whereas changes to the governance committee composition have increased the minimum quorum count, making it challenging to meet quorum;

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

Composition:

[Ex-officio] President

[Chairperson] VP Internal & Organizational Development

Four Councillors

[Non-Voting] Policy and Research Coordinator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Vice-Chair explained that the idea is to return the old composition of the governance committee to return to how it was previously. If Councillors would like to make more changes in the future, it can be revisited. This change is to ensure the governance committee functions smoothly.

9.3 Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21:09

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance Services

ATTACHMENT: Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget

President / Internal

Whereas the 2023-2024 annual budget was developed in the spring term and approved by the 2022-2023 Board of Directors on April 28th, 2023, as a preliminary

budget;

Whereas Bylaw 6.13 requires Council to approve a final budget by no later than June 30th each year;

Be it resolved that Council approve the "2023-24 Budget - Final" document as the final budget for the 2023-2024 year.

Be it resolved that Council approve this years budget final document as the final budget for the rest of the council year.

Be it further resolved to also task the finance committee at the August 2nd Council Meeting to prepare a financial report to address cost-saving measures to address SFSS's current deficit.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- MBB Councilor requested an amendment to add to the Be it resolved clause of the Motion.

9.4 Nominating Committee Election - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21:10

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

President / Gender Studies Student Union

Whereas the Nominating Committee is responsible for providing Council with formal

recommendations relating to appointing at-large members to committees in consultation with all Council Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

Be it resolved to elect VP External and Criminology Councillor(s) to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2023-2024 council term.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Temporary Operations Organizer stated the Committee would be responsible for appointing At- Large Members
- SFSS Member stated the Committee recommends people to various committees however they do not get to decide who is chosen by given committees.
- President made 3 calls for the nomination- VP External nominated themselves, Criminology Councillor nominated themselves.

9.5 HR & Personnel Sub-Committee Election - MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21:11

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

Mover / Seconder

Whereas the Executive Committee shall maintain the HR & Personnel Sub-Committee as a standing Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee. This committee shall act as the Labour Committee for the purposes outlined in the Collective Agreement.

Be it resolved to elect X Councillor to serve on the HR & Personnel Sub-Committee for the 2023-2024 council term.

9.5.1.- Move to Strike 9.5- MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21:12

VP Equity/President

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.30 MINUTES Q&A

- VP Internal asked how Councillors are doing in their departments?
- Psychology Students Union shared that SASS is holding a picnic, rainbow picnic. If students are in the DSU's coming, attend in your DSU colour.
- President asked if the event was Pride related, Psychology Councillor stated she was not aware it was.
- President called on Engineering Science, Computing Science, and Mechatronics Councillor if there are any potential issues they are facing.
- Mechatronics Students Union mentioned his Union had a Pancake breakfast and asked if Councillors work for SFSS or the Union
- President responded Councillors are the representatives of Student Unions at the Council. Any issues on behalf of your students in your Union would arise from the Councillor.
- Psychology Student Union Councillor asked if SFSS has a say in the end of the Open Undergraduate Scholarship ending.
- President stated Council can voice concerns about it and possibly ask for scholarship funding to come from other parts of SFU.
- VP Equity stated in terms of student advocacy, making a push for it can get it

to the front of the Senate. There is a push to change the language to Suspend as opposed to discontinued.

- SFSS Member stated this has not come up on the Board of Governors and he will be used to voice that. However, Information on the outcome of the Agenda Planning Committee will be shared with Council.
- HSUSU Councillor asked about Council interest in Trans Equity Efforts happening across campus- Gender-affirming care to be put into care packages for university students. If there is interest, the group will be notified to share with Council.
- VP External requested more information on information on gender-affirming trans care and requested Council to reach out to VP Internal, and VP Finance who are working closely with Student Affairs. President requested to be kept abreast of this as well. informed as well.

11.ADJOURNMENT

11.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2023-06-21:13

President/ VP Equity

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY