1. CALL TO ORDER
Call to Order – 6:03 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 Úxwumíxw (Squamish), Seílíwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k̓ʷik̓ʷał̓əm (Kwikwetlem) and qiic̓áy (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 External and Community Affairs Composition
Ex-Officio (President) ................................................................. Liam Feng
VP External and Community Affairs (Chair) ...................... Nancy Brar
VP Equity and Sustainability............................. Priyanka Kaur Dhesa
VP University and Academic Affairs ..................... Thomas Lueth
Environmental Science Student Union Councillor ........... Grayson Barke
Philosophy Student Union.............................................. Nava Karimi
Student At-Large ................................................................. Vacant
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3.2 Constituency Group Representatives
Residence Hall’s Association (RHA)............................. Emmanuel Adegboyega
3.3 Society Staff
Operations Organizer .......................................................... Sindhu Dharmarajah
Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator ......................... Muriel Adarkwa
Administrative Assistant ...................................................... Simar Thukral

3.4 Leave of Absence
VP Equity and Sustainability ............................................. Priyanka Kaur Dhesa

3.5 Guests
SOCA .................................................................................... Yaya Seydi

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- ECA Minutes- ECA 2023-08-14:01
Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:
• ECA 2023-03-31

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
5.1 MOTION ECA 2023-08-14:02
VP External / Environmental Science Student Union Councillor
Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.
CARRIED AS AMENDED

• The VP External moved to include a new business item titled as “Community Fridge Cart and Cleaning Supplies Budget”.
• The VP External moved to include a new discussion item titled as “Volunteer Opportunities”.
• The VP External moved to include a new discussion item titled as
“Tabling for Welcome Day”.

6. PRESENTATION
   6.1 ECA First Meeting Presentation
SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs

- This Committee shall generally coordinate the advocacy work regarding federal, provincial, and municipal advocacy and lobbying campaigns and community-facing information campaigns.
- The committee identifies and prioritize issues of concern to students that are external to the University community.
- The committee develop and coordinate strategies to address those concerns.
- The purpose of this committee is to establish working groups to implement campaigns and take actions to address those concerns.
- This committee shall ensure that the Society members are informed of the issues, and the steps taken to address them.
- Review the progress of business from the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments or other decision-making bodies external to the University.
- Create information campaigns directed towards the Society membership regarding External and Community advocacy.
- This Committee shall establish working groups wherever possible and may strike sub Committees when necessary, to be and used sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the Committee.
- The committee will strive for consensus. Where no consensus is reached, the committee will make decisions by simple majority vote.
- The committee shall take into consideration and respect Indigenous forms of governance and recognize how often other forms of governance overrule Indigenous ways of knowing, especially on occupied stolen territories.
- When the committee takes into account Indigenous forms of
governance, the committee shall consider other aspects and ways of knowing in order to properly support this decision-making process. This can include:
(a) Inviting Indigenous Elders of the Territories and asking for advice or support in the decision-making process.
(b) finding ways to include Indigenous forms of governance i.e. talking circles, transparency process and community engagement.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Election of a Vice-Chair — MOTION ECA 2023-08-14:03
SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs

VP External / Environmental Science Student Union Councillor
Whereas the duties of the Vice-Chair include convening meetings in the absence or at the discretion of the Chair and other tasks that may be assigned;

Be it resolved to elect the RHA Councillor as the vice-chair of the External and Community Affairs Committee for the 2023-2024 Council term.
CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

• Three calls for nomination were called by the Chair.
• The RHA Councillor nominated themselves.

7.2 Community Fridge Cart and Cleaning Supplies Budget — MOTION ECA 2023-08-14:04
SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs

VP External / Environmental Science Student Union Councillor
Whereas as food security is a goal of the SFSS this fiscal term;

Whereas as the SFSS has taken on the Community Fridge Project and it has become SFSS’ responsibility to care for the fridge to ensure that it is stocked and cleaned weekly;

Whereas the current volunteers for the Community Fridge are using carts from Nesters to carry boxes of food back and forth between Cornerstone and the SUB.
As well as there are no more cleaning supplies at the fridge;

Whereas they require their own cart to keep at the SUB to limit the amount of travel time for volunteers. As well as, providing cleaning supplies to ensure that the fridge remains clean for the students;

Be it resolved to approve up to $550 from the ECA budget to purchase cleaning supplies and a shelf cart to support the Community Fridge Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

• The VP External mentioned that they have been doing this project since the start of their term.
• Currently they have one volunteer who uses nester shopping cart to carry boxes of food back and forth between Cornerstone and the SUB. As well as there are no more cleaning supplies at the fridge.
• They require their own cart to keep at the SUB to limit the amount of travel time for volunteers. As well as, providing cleaning supplies to ensure that the fridge remains clean for the students.

*The President left the meeting at 6:23 PM

8. IN-CAMERA
8.1 MOTION ECA 2023-08-14:05
SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs
VP External / Environmental Science Student Union Councillor
Be it resolved to go in-camera for the remainder of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

• At-large members.

9. EX-CAMERA
9.1 MOTION ECA 2023-08-14:06
SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs
VP External / RHA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Volunteer Opportunities

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs

• The VP External mentioned that they brought this item to share volunteer opportunities currently available. One of it is, SFSS Fall 2023 Free Breakfast Program.

• SFSS Women Centre and Out on Campus have decided to offer food security events on Wednesdays and Fridays for the Fall Semester, that will leave Monday or Tuesday or Thursday.

• They wanted to bring this discussion up to discuss few proposed days for the pancake breakfast.

• The free breakfast has usually been offered during the hours 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

• The temporary operation organizer mentioned that previously we had 8 events during the last semester. The funding from this does not come from the ECA. But, from external organizations for the food security efforts.

• The VPUAA and RHA Councillor mentioned that they would be able to make it for the event. However, they would have to check their schedule before they commit to volunteer.

• The other volunteer opportunity they want to share is about the community fridge. There currently is one volunteer and at times they are the only one to carry boxes of food back and forth between Cornerstone and the SUB.

• They urged the ECA members if they would like to volunteer for this opportunity and this would take 30 minutes to 1 hour.
• The Philosophy Councillor mentioned that they would like to volunteer for the community fridge and the VP External will get in touch with them before the start of the Fall term.

10.2 Tabling for Welcome Day

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs

• The VP External mentioned that the Welcome day is coming up and they would not be there. They would like to have their ECA committee members to be there.
• The event will occur on Tuesday, September 5th.
• The temporary operations organizer mentioned that they signed for the VPUAA from 1-2. And the slots open is from 12-1 and 1-3.
• The VP External mentioned that they would like if someone can make it for 1-3.
• The RHA Councillor mentioned that they will be there for the event and can help with the tabling.
• The VP External mentioned that by next council meeting, this committee would have at-large members and then they can ask them to support and volunteer for the event.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 MOTION ECA 2023-08-14:07

VP External / RHA
Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY