

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 6:07 PM

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^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íl̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəł̓əm (Kwikwetlem) and q̓icəy̓ (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
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3.3 Society Staff

Operations Organizer Sindhu Dharmarajah
Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator..... Muriel Adarkwa
Administrative Assistant Simar Thukral

3.4 Guests

Member Rayan Al Hatti
Member Gurjot Gill

3.5 Absents

VP Equity and Sustainability Priyanka Kaur Dhesa

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 2023-08-28:01

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- ECA 2023-08-14

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION ECA 2023-08-28:02

VP External / President

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Community Fridge Volunteers

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs

- The VP External mentioned that they brought this up as they spoke with the lead volunteer and she mentioned that she is unable to carry on for the fall semester. Community Fridge is held on Thursday at 1:00, and this can be adjusted a bit earlier rather than at a later time.
- The VP External urged the ECA and Student At-large members if they would like to volunteer for this opportunity.
- One of the Student At-large members mentioned that they would be willing to volunteer for the Community Fridge but they cannot commit to all of the Thursdays.

6.2 Welcome Week Confirmation

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs

- The VP External mentioned that they are thinking to have their own booth for the External and Community Affairs Committee at the Welcome Week.
- They urged the ECA Members if they would like to volunteer at the booth or they would like to pass the opportunity.
- One of the Student At-large member mentioned that they are willing to volunteer for the Welcome Week ECA booth.
- The Schedule for the Welcome Week is as follows: Tuesday, September 5th from 12-3 at the Student Union Building.
- They would like to have the ECA members sign up for either 12-1 or 2-3 pm.
- The VP External mentioned that they would not be present at the event. However, they would have everything set up before the day of the event.

6.3 Meeting with Minister of Mental Health and Post-Secondary Chief of Staff Debrief

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs

- The VP External mentioned that they and our VPUAA had the meeting with the Chief of Staff of Post-Secondary and Minister of Mental Health and addiction.
- The VPUAA spoke about how the post-secondary funding formula is currently being reviewed and they highlighted concerns about the deficiency of mental health and housing support for the students.
- The response they got for the mental health concern was that there is a free program for post-secondary education for all students in BC.

The VPUAA joined the meeting at 6:22 PM

- The VP External during the meeting discussed about International Students rights and mainly international student health fees and food securities.
- The response they got for the international student health fees was that the chief of staff for the post-secondary understands that the international students pays more for the MSP (75\$ a month) because they or their parents have not paid into the system yet. Also, he shares that the active fees here in BC is much lower than other provinces.
- They mentioned that since enrollment has significantly declined and pose an issue for SFU as a large amount of money is related to international students, the chief of staff mentioned that there will be more information in the fall and currently they are working on having more information on outlying what tuition fees and expenses would look like for 1 year forward. Tuition increase has given international students what they can expect.
- The VP External mentioned that for housing, the response was that the goal is to have 8000 units until 2027 and the current government is on track to provide 7000 student housing units in 5 years and 7 buildings

are being constructed in BC.

6.4 Meeting with Minister of Housing

SUBMITTED BY: VP External and Community Affairs

- The VP External mentioned that before they meet with the Minister, they would like to inform the committee in hand before and then have a discussion regarding what should be discussed.
- In response to the President regarding if talks can occur regarding housing in residence at SFU, the VP External mentioned that they are not sure if the talks would be directly related to SFU as it ties to post-secondary. But, how they have their university apartment buildings might count as a discussion for the minister of housing.
- In response to the President regarding if the issue of paper towels at SFU Residence can be discussed, the VP External mentioned that this would be more of a SFU concern and more sort of Joy Johnson question.
- The VP External brought up the issue of waitlist at SFU dorm and mentioned that if students are able to reserve their spot for the dorm there is still no guarantee that they will have a place next term and this is a lot for the price they have to pay. The cost to rent around in Burnaby is also bad, the rent is high and then there is travel time that also accounts for.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 MOTION ECA 2023-08-28:03

VP External / Environmental Science Student Union Councillor

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY