

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 7:13 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 qícəy̓ (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 First Year Engagement Committee Composition

Philosophy Councillor & Council Vice Chair (Chair) Ashley Flett
Behavioural Neuroscience Councillor (Vice-Chair) Aarthi Srinivasan
Ex-Officio (Acting President)..... Abhishek Parmar
Engineering Councillor Liam Feng
Student of Caribbean & African Ancestry..... Amina Hassan

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

Engineering Councillor Liam Feng

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 - First Year Engagement Committee Minutes – MOTION FYEC 2023-02-28:01

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- FYEC 2022-11-01

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION FYEC 2023-02-28:02

Ashley / Aarthi

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Review of TOR

SUBMITTED BY: Philosophy Councillor & Council Vice Chair "Ashley Flett"

- The Philosophy Councillor shared and reviewed the TOR with the First Year Engagement committee members.
- The Council shall maintain the FYEC as a standing committee.
- First Year is defined as a student in their first or second semester at the University.
- The composition has the President, the Chair Person, at least two councillors, and up to one other councillor on recommendation of Council, and up to 6 first year at-large members.
- The committee coordinate activities and engagement events and initiatives, such as community building events.
- It coordinates first year advocacy activities and projects.
- The committee shall establish working groups wherever possible and may strike sub-committees when necessary, to be 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.

6.2 Preparation for Student-at-large recruitment

SUBMITTED BY: Philosophy Councillor & Council Vice Chair "Ashley Flett"

- The Philosophy Councillor mentioned that there are two committee meetings since FYEC meet monthly. Their goal is to have all the documents together so it can be handed off to the next FYEC in the upcoming year so that they can get running right away and have first year engagement in the upcoming year.
- The Philosophy Councillor mentioned that one of the things they would like to do for students at-large membership is to have a bunch of question ready to be able to ask them while recruitment.
- They would be creating a google document and one of the thing they requested the committee member is to brainstorm question and the next committee meeting they can decide which questions would be staying and which ones can go off the list.
- The next step they mentioned is to task the FYEC Vice-Chair to email our communications coordinator to ask what is needed in order to reach out to student at-large recruitment to see what is needed from our end.

6.3 1st Year Satisfaction Survey

SUBMITTED BY: Philosophy Councillor (Chair) “Ashley Flett”

- The Behavioral Neuroscience Councillor mentioned that they came up with a proposal that we should create and send a survey to the First year students studying at SFU or FIC to get their opinion about the first year life at SFU, if they know about SFSS, know about what services are offered to them, etc. in order to improve their experience.
- The Philosophy Councillor mentioned that they will be creating a google document where the committee members can brainstorm questions or other things they would like to put on the survey and during the next FYEC meeting on March 28th they can go through which questions should stay and which can go off.
- The next step they mentioned is to task the FYEC Vice-Chair to email Beaty and Emilio on behalf of the FYEC to ask what is needed from our end – do they need a jot form, or do they need to review the questions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 MOTION FYEC 2023-02-28:03

Ashley / Aarthi

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY