

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 7:09 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<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwtulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əłəm (Kwkwetlem) and qícəy (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 UAAC Composition

Ex-Officio (President) .....	Liam Feng
VP University and Academic Affairs (Chair) .....	Thomas Lueth
VP Equity and Sustainability .....	Priyanka Kaur Dhesa
Philosophy Student Union (Vice-Chair) .....	Nava Karimi
Bachelor of Environment Student Union.....	Tiana Andjelic
Psychology Student Union .....	Hilary Tsui
Computing Science Student Society .....	Mabel Ling
Student At-Large .....	Moksha Moksha
Student At-Large .....	Baryer Samantha
Student At-Large .....	Shayna Dandina
Student At-Large .....	Chengming Jin

### 3.2 Society Staff

Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator .....	Muriel Adarkwa
Temporary Operations Organizer.....	Sindhu Dharmarajah
Administrative Assistant .....	Hope Alica

### 3.3 Regrets

Student At-Large .....	Moksha Moksha
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### 3.4 Absents

Student At-Large .....	Chengming Jin
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Student At-Large..... Baryer Samantha  
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 - UAA Minutes- UAA 2023-09-25:01**

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- UAA 2023-09-11

##### **4.1.2. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS-MOTION UAA 2023-09-25:02**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP University and Academic Affairs

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from Student At-Large “Moksha Moksha” from the September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, UAA meeting.

#### **5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

##### **5.1 MOTION UAA 2023-09-25:03**

**VP University and Academic Affairs / Bachelor of Environment Student Union Councillor**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- The Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator would like to add Discussion items on Surveys, including 8.2 Course Enrollment Survey, Student Satisfactory Survey, Student Tuition Consultation Survey
- VP UAA moved to Strike 6.1 from the agenda.
- VP UAA under Discussion item 8.3 Food items for Munchie Mondays 8.4. FAL/FAN X99

#### **6. PRESENTATION**

##### **6.1 UAAC Onboarding At-Large Members**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP University and Academic Affairs

##### **6.1.1. Move to Strike 6.1 from the Agenda-MOTION UAA 2023-09-25:04**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP University Academic Affairs

**VP University and Academic Affairs / Student At-Large**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Munchie Mondays for Food Security - MOTION UAA 2023-09-25:05**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP University and Academic Affairs

**VP University and Academic Affairs / Student At-Large**

Whereas Munchie Mondays is a food security project;

Whereas the University and Academic Affairs Committee, the Equity and Sustainability Committee, and the External and Community Affairs Committee are collaborating to provide Munchie Mondays for students in the SUB;

Be it resolved to pass \$500 from line item 20 from the University and Academic Affairs Committee budget to purchase food for Munchie Mondays

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Bachelor of Environment Student Union Councillor asked if this is the same as the breakfast events that happened in the spring semester or is different.
- VP UAA replied that this is different; the committee tries to do this every Monday; the committee goes around the SUB distributing snacks to students. This motion is to request more money to get more snacks for students.
- Student At Large asked what floors of the SUB or this is at the entrance.
- VP UAA replied it is all floors, and they usually start at the first-floor handing things out. However, this week, the committee was not able to because the food ran out since
- Student-At-Large asked what kind of snacks are given out.
- VP UAA replied in the past, they have passed out granola bars, dad's cookies, and veggie chips. Today, they use small packets of Pringles, Lays, Doritos, and Cheetos chips. Typically, small snacks are used for students to get energy while studying.

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Volunteering for Food Security Projects**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP University and Academic Affairs

- Student-At-Large would like to help as soon as they confirm their schedule.
- Bachelor of Environment Student Union Councillor saw in the SFSS newsletter, the link to sign up for the community Fridge, to stock or clean.
- VP UAA asked to confirm that Student-At-Large and Bachelor of Environment Student Union Councillor would like to participate in this.
- Student-At-Large wanted to know where the community fridge will be located.
- VP UAA stated it is located on the SUB first floor.
- VP UAA asked if anyone would like to help at the pancake breakfast this Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Student-At-Large asked what time the breakfast would run from.
- VP UAA replied 9am to 11am or 12 noon.
- Student -At-Large replied that she would like to help.

**8.2 Course Enrollment Survey, Student Satisfactory Survey, Student Tuition Consultation Survey**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator

- VP UAA asked that the Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator to share more on this.
- Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator shared that at the beginning of October for about a week, SFSS would like to talk to SFU Communications to have the Student Tuition Consultation survey done within two weeks because it will be done at a busy time of the semester, particularly during the Thanksgiving week. By the time the meeting after Thanksgiving is done, the survey will be over. Every year as part of the process of allocating how much students should pay in tuition, the university requests students' responses on how to allocate tuition and this year, it will be done in October, It would be great if the committee would reach out to students to complete the survey, especially this year with the increase in the cost of living, there will be increases in tuition and it is important to let the University know how students feel about how high the tuition can go. According to provincial laws, the university cannot raise tuition above 2%. The University is considering a full 2% increase for domestic students and between 4% to 6% for International Students. Since the University cannot raise tuition cannot raise tuition above 2%, they are considering raising the

whole 2% as it is not enough. The University is scraping the Open Undergraduate scholarship; although the bursary is merit-based, it is largely need-based. If a student uses the scholarship, they must find another bursary to make up for it. Since the decision of Bursary is made within the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> week and each month that tuition is not paid, a percentage is added to it. According to the University, it is always the Undergraduates who participate in these surveys, and both the University and SFSS had almost the same number of responses to the survey. It is important for students to participate in this in order for students to decide how their money is spent and if they would like the tuition not to be increased.

- Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator added that the second issue was course enrollment. If the University is increasing tuition, it does not make sense that students are having issues enrolling in classes and graduating on time, not because of failing to sign up for the class but due to enrollment caps. According to the University, it is a faculty issue but they are looking into it. Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator suggested it is good to know which courses or departments are having these issues in order to be able to argue for something to be done when facing the University.
- Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator requested for a working group to be formed and asked for anyone interested in creating or test running the survey to reach out to her or to VP UAA.
- Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator added that the student satisfaction survey is important because the SFSS needs to know how the students are doing. It would be important to know what students like and what activities they participate in and how they can get involved or how the survey can get better. This survey timeline would be to go out in December.
- The Student Tuition consultation Survey is estimated for October, the Enrollment Survey for November, and The Student satisfaction for December.
- Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator urged the committee members to send an email to VP UA or to herself.
- The University reported that International student enrollment is going down however, this is needed because the province has not provided adequate financial support to Post -Post-secondary institutions, which means that most Institutions are relying on International students' tuition for operational expenses.
- SFU International enrollment is going down, and SFU is planning on putting

more things to attract more International student enrollment. However, the issue is that the Federal government plans to cap International students because there is an assumption that they are responsible for the housing shortage. However, as International enrollment is going down, we have to ensure that the currently enrolled International students are not burdened with a 4 to 6% increase in tuition.

- Therefore, the increase in tuition includes mandatory fees to SFU as well.
- Student-At- Large shared she would like to participate in the survey, and she will share with her boss at Student Central to get a QR code at the entrance to have more people participate.
- VP UAA shared that, hopefully, this will be sent out soon, and this is a good idea which will be discussed later as well.

### **8.3 Food items for Munchie**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP University and Academic Affairs

- VP UAA stated he would like some feedback on this.
- Student-At-large shared that granola bars and Rice Krispie squares would be good, especially for people with dietary restrictions; chips and gummies offered in the past were great. She suggested Rice Krispie squares.
- VP UAA agreed that Rice Krispie squares would be added to the list of snacks offered.
- Student -At -Large asked if the committee offers drinks on the cart.
- VP UAA shared that drinks are not on the menu now but asked if this would be something good to add.
- Student-At-Large shared that drinks may not be a great option since there is Starbucks and bubble tea on campus. Although she suggested adding drinks such as Pepsi would be a great idea.
- VP UAA suggested juice packs as a healthy option.

### **8.4 FAL/FAN X99**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator

- VP UAA shared that this has been an issue recently and asked if anyone is familiar with the FAL/FAN X99.
- Student-At-Large shared they were not familiar but had heard of it.
- VP UAA shared that this is the foundation of Academic Literacy and Numeracy requirements that everyone must fulfil before enrolling at SFU.

Most people will have completed these at Grade Eleven.

- They are used as a basis for deciding who gets into University and a lot of International Students are forced to take FAL/FAN X99 in order to take classes here. The University is now giving credit for this course, while in the past, students have not received credit for this course. Many students now want this credit, and the VP of UAA would like to know the committees' thoughts on this.
- Student At-Large shared that there should be credit given to all students still enrolled in the University who have taken this course in the past. Additionally, International Students have to take English Language courses to prove their proficiency; it is unfair that they must take this again.
- The Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator asked if there is a way to add this to their transcripts to show they took these tests while at the University, especially since University policies are changing continuously. Campaigns and Mobilization Coordinator added that some of the offers given to International Students are conditional, and upon acceptance, students have agreed to take the classes
- This is unfair since Domestic students take these classes for free in high school and International students who have to do TOEFL or IELTS have to pay for this classes again.
- VP UAA stated that the committee can try and see if the University can provide credit to students who have completed the FAL/FAN X99. VP UAA shared that he will bring this to Council and hear what the rest of Councillors have to say.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

### **14.1 MOTION UAA 2023-09-25:06**

#### **VP UAA / Student-At-Large**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**