



1. CALL TO ORDER

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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), Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitlh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəł̓əm (Kwkwetlem) and ḡicəy̓ (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 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 Union.....	Jovan Gnjatovic
Business Administration Student Society	Meha Sidhu
Chemistry Student Society.....	Xiaohan (Hana) Li
Cognitive Science Student Association	Bhuban Karim
Collective of Arts and Cultures Studies Students	Vacant
Computing Science Student Society	Mabel Ling
Criminology Student Association	Henry Do
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	Vacant
Film Student Union	Vacant
Fine and Performing Arts Student Union.....	Vacant
Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies	Vacant
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.....	Vacant
International Studies Student Association (ISSA)	Vacant
Labour Studies Student Union	Vacant
Linguistics Student Union	Vacant
Mathematics Student Union.....	Vacant
Mechatronics System Engineering Student Society	Aiden Maymandy
MBB Student Union (Vice-Chair)	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	Vacant
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	Tal Zaloilov
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	Richa Daiya

Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA)	Den Arias Guillen
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association.....	Chris Sanderson
International Student Advocates	Vacant
Out on Campus Collective (OOC)	Vacant
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



SFSS Executive Committee

President (Chair)	Liam Feng
Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development.....	Ashley Flett
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

3.2 Society Staff

Facilities Manager	Vacant
Temporary Operations Organizer	Sindhu Dharmarajah
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator.....	Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant	Hope Alica

3.3 Guests

3.4 Regrets

Philosophy Student Union	Nava Karimi
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS)	Catherine Ho
Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union.....	Jovan Gnjatovic

3.5 Leave of Absence

Role	Full Name
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3.6 Alternates

Role	Full Name
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3.7 Absents

Role	Full Name
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4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

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

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

**4.1.1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Council and Committee Minutes -
MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-03:01**

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

- Council 2023-11-22

- Council 2023-12-06
- HRP 2023-12-04
- MSAC 2023-11-20

4.1.2. Ratification of Regrets- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-03:02

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Philosophy Student Union, Science Undergraduate Society (SUS), and Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union Councillors for the Council January 3rd meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-03:03

Mover / Seconder

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

6. PRESENTATION

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7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Western Engineering Conference Funding-MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-03:04

SUBMITTED BY: Engineering Science Councillor

Mover/Seconder

Whereas WEC (Western Engineering Competition) provides an outlet for engineering students across western Canada to demonstrate their skills and develop invaluable connections;

Whereas WEC will be hosted in the University of Manitoba on January 26th - 29th, 2024;

Whereas 17 winners as a result of 2024's EC SFU will be attending WEC for the categories: programming, senior & junior design, consulting, and re-engineering;

Whereas they are seeking financial support above what admin and staff are allowed to approve;

Whereas they are seeking \$20,000 of funding to support students for this event;

Be it resolved to approve of allocating \$X for the trip.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

8.2 Approval of Finance Policy- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-03:05



SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development

ATTACHMENTS: SFSS Finance Policies 2023-11-02

Mover/Second

Whereas the Science Undergraduate Society is hosting the first iteration of their Women in Science (WinSci) Empower Seminar with speakers including SFU's Dean of Science and Founder of Northern RNA Inc.

Whereas this event will establish SUS's connections to the science industry, and other SFU student organizations.

Whereas showcase opportunities for SFU Science students to get involved in the community.

Be it resolved that Council approve additional spending up to \$1,300 to support their event.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

8.3 Staff Gift Cards - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-03:06

SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas SFSS gives staff gift cards annually at the end of the calendar year as a gesture of gratitude for their work.

Be it resolved to approve \$5,813.62 from 816/31 to purchase gift cards for all staff members.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 SFSS Calls for a Permanent Ceasefire and Defends Palestinian Liberation Solidarity at SFU- MOTION 2024-01-03:07

SUBMITTED BY: Archaeology Councillor

ATTACHMENTS: SFSS Motion - 2024 SFSS - Call for Ceasefire and Defend Palestine Liberation Solidarity at SFU

Mover/Second

Whereas in 1948, the current state of Israel was established through the expulsion of a majority of the Indigenous Palestinian population, turning them into refugees who decades later still cannot exercise their fundamental right to return as stipulated in UN General Assembly resolution 194;

Whereas since 1967, Israel has occupied and colonized the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, building illegal Jewish-only settlements – which the UN has called a “flagrant” violation of international law – as well as an 8-metre segregation wall – condemned by the International Court of Justice;

Whereas Israel is currently conducting a ruthless bombing campaign and genocide killing at least an estimated 20,000 Palestinians and displacing over 2 million people multiple times to date since

October 7, 2023 in Gaza and the West Bank, similar to the 2014 and 2021 bombing campaigns on Gaza in which so many Palestinian civilians were killed by the Israeli military;

Whereas Israel continues to suppress and enact violence and occupation across Palestine, allowing the proliferation of illegal settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, as well as continuing a current siege and military blockade of Gaza, controlling Gaza's air, land and sea ports;

Whereas on July 9, 2005, 171 Palestinian civil society organizations called upon people of conscience around the world to implement a global campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel, similar to those applied to South Africa in the apartheid era;

Whereas the SFSS Council Passed a Motion opposing the Colonization of Palestine in May 2021 which called for the end to the Occupation and established a working group to draft and formulate SFSS' support for Palestine through a SFSS Palestine Liberation Issues Policies;

Whereas the SFSS Free Palestine Working Group and various additional groups endorsed the Palestinian Liberation Issues Policy, namely, SFU Student for Justice in Palestine (SJP), UBC Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR), the Palestinian Youth Movement Vancouver (PYM), BDS Vancouver – Coast Salish, SFU Arab Student Association (ASA), SFU Migrants Students United (MSU), SFU International Student Advocates (ISA), SFU First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association (FNMISA), SFU Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA), SFU Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA), The Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG), SFU Radical Individual's for Solidarity and Equity (RISE), SFU International Studies Student Association (ISSA), SFU 350, Anti-Racism Coalition Vancouver (ARC), Canadian Voices Against Racism (CVAR), and The Caucus among many others;

Whereas all departmental student unions, faculty student unions, constituency groups and affiliated groups as part of the SFSS Council that were present on April 20, 2022, unanimously voted in favour and passed the Palestinian Liberation Policy which outlined SFSS support for Palestine after widespread membership support for and multiple groups endorsing;

Whereas the SFSS constitution outlines the purpose of the society to coordinate and promote all undergraduate student activities, of, by, and for the undergraduate students of Simon Fraser University, to promote, among other goals democratically determined by the Society, the principles of public, universally accessible, high-quality post-secondary education, and of meaningful undergraduate student participation in all aspects of University governance, and to facilitate collective action by undergraduate students at Simon Fraser University, within the Province of British Columbia, and elsewhere in support of these principles, in a manner that is reflective of the anti-oppressive mandate of the SFSS as outlined in SFSS Bylaw 6(16);

Whereas the student movement has historically been a driving force in advocating for social justice and change, actively participating in and supporting various movements, from opposing the

Vietnam War, championing the Black Power movement in the 60s, aligning with labour rights movements, endorsing movements including Idle No More, and opposing apartheid in South Africa up until the 1990s, illustrating our unwavering commitment to societal progress, justice, and equity;

Whereas the SFSS has supported and empowered marginalized students, actively participating in past student movements such as the Tuition Action against government defunding of public education and campaigns for divestment, sanctions, and boycotts against apartheid South Africa, leading to the establishment of the Issues Policies that protect and clarify the society's stances on crucial matters, including Reproductive Rights, Black History Month, Accessibility, Living Wage, Tuition Affordability, Climate Justice, Indigenous Inclusion and Reconciliation, Disability Justice, Anti-Racism, Policing and Militarization, Palestinian Liberation and an ongoing commitment to further causes, in furtherance of Bylaw 6(16) which outlines that all activities and endorsements of the Council reflect the anti-oppressive mandate of the Society;

Whereas the SFSS is yet to make a statement, take action or support student advocacy on campus in the face of the recent bombing campaign, complete siege, and genocide in Gaza to align itself with the SFSS Issues Policies which states the society supports such actions,

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council call for a permanent ceasefire in Palestine, the end to the siege and genocide in Gaza, and for an end to the Israeli occupation in occupied Palestinian territories, and reaffirm its support for the current Palestinian Liberation Issues Policy previously passed by Council;

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council call upon the Canadian Government to put all the resources at their disposal to ensure a permanent ceasefire;

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council announce the passing of this motion and outline the previous motions passed with the resources in the Background as outlined;

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council endorse the SFU Students for Justice in Palestine open letter to SFU, currently signed and endorsed by multiple groups including: the SFU Graduate Student Society, Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU), Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM), Independent Jewish Voices Youth Bloc, United in Struggle, Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG), SFU Disability & Neurodiversity Alliance, SFU Ukrainian Students Society, SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA), Psychology Student Union (PSU), SFU Music + Sound Student Union, Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Association, The Peak Publications Society, Muslim Students Association (MSA), Arab Students Association (ASA), SFU350, Bangladesh Student Alliance (BSA), Undergraduate Student Solidarity (USS), Migrant Students United at SFU, SFU Slam Poetry Club, Ambedkar Reading Group, United Migrant Front, Roots on the Roof, Sustainabiliteens, Thaqalyn Muslim Association (TMA), and counting;

Be it further resolved that the SFSS Council put to the next referenda to adopt at Membership level by referenda, the current Palestinian Liberation Issues Policy previously passed by Council in 2022 as attached, to be voted on by Membership via a vote at referendum, with the submitter of this motion submitting the referendum question, and the question be outlined to membership as follows:

Whereas an Issues Policies may be adopted by Membership at the Membership level and if passed can only then afterwards be repealed at the Membership level, as per bylaw 6(11);

Whereas non-passage of an Issues Policies by referenda would mean the Policy will continue to be an Issues Policies at the SFSS Council level;

Whereas the SFSS Council previously unanimously passed the SFSS Palestinian Liberation Issues Policy in solidarity with the Palestinian people after the previous bombardment of Gaza in 2021, and now there is a continuing genocide and siege on Gaza since October 7, 2023, resulting in the death of an estimated 20,000 Palestinians and further displacement of 2 million people;

Whereas the people of Palestine continue to face occupation and blockade by the current State of Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Issues Policy was adopted to be in solidarity with the Palestinian people and passed unanimously,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Membership adopt the SFSS Palestinian Liberation Issues Policy at the Membership level, as permitted by SFSS Bylaw 6(11)

Be it further resolved that the referendum question is accompanied with the following references as background to be accompanied with the motion for referenda:

- 1) The actual Palestine Liberation Issues policy itself as attached
- 2) Original motion submitted during the original passage of the policy,
- 3) The SFSS Council statement after SFSS Council passed the policy

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

10.1 ISSUES POLICY REMOVAL- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-03:08

SUBMITTED BY: SFSS President

ATTACHMENTS: SFSS-Issues-Policies-2023-12-05

Whereas, the Simon Fraser Student Society aims to maintain political neutrality and ensure fair representation of all its members; and

Whereas, the Issues Policy may inadvertently introduce bias or preference towards specific political stances, potentially compromising the society's commitment to impartiality; therefore;

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy of the Simon Fraser Student Society be removed to uphold the principles of political neutrality and provide equitable representation for all members.

This motion seeks to safeguard the student union's commitment to inclusivity and fairness by eliminating any potential sources of bias or partiality arising from the Issues Policy.

11. IN-CAMERA

11.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-03:

SUBMITTED BY:

Mover / Seconder

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

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12. EX-CAMERA

12.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-03:

Mover / Seconder

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

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13. 30 MINUTES Q&A

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ATTACHMENTS

15.1 SFSS Motion - 2024 SFSS - Call for Ceasefire and Defend Palestine Liberation Solidarity at SFU

15.2 SFSS-Issues-Policies-2023-12-05

15.3 SFSS Finance Policies 2023-11-02

16. ADJOURNMENT

16.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-03:09

Mover / Seconder

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at

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