

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:41 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^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitlh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (Kwikwetlem) 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 Equity and Sustainability Committee Composition

Ex-Officio (President).....	Liam Feng
VP Equity and Sustainability (Chair)	Priyanka Kaur Dhesa
VP University and Academic Affairs	Thomas Lueth
VP External and Community Affairs	Nancy Brar
Environmental Science Student Union	Grayson Barke
Gender, Sexuality and Women Studies Student Union	Ashley Flett
Councillor	Vacant
Student At-Large	Vacant

3.2 Affiliated Student Groups

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA)	Denise Arias Guillén
Out on Campus Collective (OOC).....	Adriana Cumming-Teicher
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA).....	Yaye Balde

3.3 Society Staff

Facilities Manager	John Walsh
Temporary Operations Organizer.....	Sindhu Dharmarajah
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator	Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant.....	Simar Thukral

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 - MOTION ESC 2023-07-27:01

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes:

- ESC 2023-03-07
- ESC 2023-03-21

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION ESC 2023-07-27:02

VP Equity / GSWS

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- The VP Equity moved to include a discussion item titled as “Tabling for Welcome Day”.

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Equity and Sustainability Committee Presentation

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability

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- The VP Equity mentioned that according to by-law 9.1, the council shall maintain the Equity and Sustainability as a standing committee. Any change to these terms shall be at the discretion of the Council with proper consultation with all student groups that have a representative on this Committee.
- The VP Equity mentioned that according to by-law 9.2, the purpose of this Committee shall be to center historically excluded students in the community at Simon Fraser University within the framework of the Simon Fraser Student Society. These spaces have been notoriously governed by dominant figures in societies while excluding the most marginalized people, such Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color; poor or low socio-economic status; immigrants; international students; sex workers, women, queer, transgender, gender non-conforming people and other LGBTQIA2S+ communities; youth and the elderly; and people with disabilities, mental health exceptionalities, and drug-addictions, etc. The SFSS acknowledges that knowledge and experience of marginalized individuals who have lived experience are key to properly practice anti-oppression and Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI).
- The VP Equity mentioned that according to the by-law 9.3 This Committee’s purpose is to work towards dismantling intersecting forms of systemic oppression which includes but is not limited to: classism, ableism, capitalism, colonialism, anti-Blackness, misogyny, gender-based violence, xenophobia, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, ageism, homophobia, transphobia, fatphobia, the various types of racism, etc.
- The VP Equity mentioned that the roles and responsibilities of the chair and vice chair is as follows:
Review and approve draft of the agenda prior to sending to the Committee. Chair will send the feedback or approval to the admin assistant cc'd Admin Coordinator.

Record the meeting and send the meeting files to the Admin assistant and Admin

Coordinator after the meeting.

Review and approve draft of the minutes (prior to adding to the next meeting agenda to be received and file by the committee) and send the feedback or approval to the admin assistant cc'd Admin Coordinator.

Submit the Chair's approved minutes to the next committee Meeting agenda Via JotForm under Consent agenda section Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Submit the Committee's approved minutes to the next Council Meeting agenda Via JotForm under Consent agenda section Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- The VP Equity mentioned that the role of the committee members is to:
Review and approve draft of the agenda prior to sending to the Committee. Chair will send the feedback or approval to the admin assistant cc'd Admin Coordinator.

Record the meeting and send the meeting files to the admin assistant and Admin Coordinator after the meeting.

Review and approve draft of the minutes (prior to adding to the next meeting agenda to be received and file by the committee) and send the feedback or approval to the admin assistant cc'd Admin Coordinator.

Submit the Chair's approved minutes to the next committee Meeting agenda Via JotForm under Consent agenda section Matters Arising from the Minutes.

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- The meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday at 4:40 pm on a biweekly basis.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 ESC Vice-Chair Election - MOTION ESC 2023-07-27:03

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability

VP Equity / VPUAA

Whereas the duties of the Vice-Chair include convening meetings in the absence or at the discretion of the Chair and any other tasks that may be assigned.

Be it resolved to elect GSWS Councillor to serve on the Equity and Sustainability Committee as Vice Chair for the 2023-2024 council term.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- Three calls for nomination were called by the chair.

- The GSWS Councillor nominated themselves.

7.2 Grants for Menstrual Product Program - MOTION ESC 2023-07-27:04

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability

VP External/ VP University

Whereas menstrual products are important for students and should be a service provided to them free of charge;

Whereas the SFSS can start a trial run on providing menstrual products in SUB washrooms, to show SFU that there is a need for this service on a larger institutional scale;

Be it resolved to allocate \$500 from the Equity and Sustainability fund for menstrual products to be distributed in SUB washrooms.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The VP Equity mentioned that this motion was brought up by our former VP Equity and was assisted on further by our former VPUAA. The motion was itself passed the previous year. However, the money was never sent.
- The GSWS Councillor mentioned that this is all true and they can confirm about this.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Meetings – Hybrid, In-Person, or Online

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability

- The VP Equity mentioned that we do not have a lot of meeting left for this semester. However, they would like to open the floor for everyone to suggest if they would like to keep the meeting hybrid, in-person, or online for the next semester.
- The DNA Councillor mentioned that meeting through zoom is convenient for them as compared to meeting in-person. They personally prefer online meetings.
- The VP Equity, the VPUAA, and the VP External mentioned that the hybrid option is better as it is accessible for the members.

8.2 Tabling for Welcome Days

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability

ATTACHMENT:

- The VP Equity mentioned that there are two tables at the SUB for the Welcome Days to have students be informed about what SFSS are, what services it offers, and how they can join or contribute within the SFSS. They would like to know if someone would like to be part of this event. The event would be on Tuesday, September 5th.
- The GSWS Councillor expressed their interest to participate as a volunteer for this event. The VP Equity mentioned that they themselves would be there at the event.
- The VPUAA mentioned that they would like to help out for the event.

- In response to the VP Equity regarding if the VP External would be volunteering for this event, they mentioned they would not be in the country and can support virtually if possible.
- In response to the VP Equity regarding if the Environmental Science Councillor would be willing to volunteer for the event, they mentioned that they are not aware of their schedule at this moment so are unable to confirm.
- In response to the VP Equity regarding if the SOCA Councillor would be willing to volunteer for this event, they mentioned that they are able to volunteer on this day and requested the VP Equity to put their name down as a volunteer for tabling.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 MOTION ESC 2023-07-27:05

SOCA / VPUAA

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY