



1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – at 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^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəł̓əm (Kwkwetlem) and ǰícəy̓ (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
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	Vacant
Education Student Association.....	Shivali Sisodraker
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	Jeffery Collinson
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)	Chloe Arneson
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
Resource and Environmental Management.....	Amos Kang
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	Teagan McFarlane

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 Regrets

Indigenous Studies Student Union	Evan Accettola
Resource and Environmental Management.....	Amos Kang
Cognitive Science Student Association.....	Bhuban Karim
Political Science Student Union.....	Aliyah Apolonio
Philosophy Student Union	Nava Karimi
History Student Union.....	Emilio Da Silva
Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society (BNSS)	Aarthi Srinivasan
SFPIRG	Tuleen Awad
VP Equity and Sustainability.....	Priyanka Kaur Dhesa



3.4 Guests

Building Coordinator	Cicely A
SFSS Member	Eden Chipperfield
SFSS Member	Keith Vermeulen
SFSS Member	Kilian Jean-Mairet
SFSS Member	Jason George
SFSS Member	Tara Jackson
SFSS Member	Grace Hernberg
SFSS Member	Laura Stephan
SFSS Member	Ashfaq Rahman
SFSS Member	Joshua Li
SFSS Member	Dyson Glavas
SFSS Member	Termeh Moini

3.5 Absents

Archeology Student Society (ASS)	Seniha Inceoz
Chemistry Student Society	Xiaohan (Hana) Li
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union.....	Ishika Rathore
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS).....	Rajdave Gill
Teach Support Staff Union (TSSU)	Pranjali J Mann
Engineering Science Student Society.....	Tony Kooliyath
Sociology and Anthropology Student Union (SASU)	Andres Sosa
Women Centre Collective	Teagan McFarlane

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

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

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1.1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Council and Committee Minutes - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:01

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

- Council 2024-01-03
- Council 2024-01-31
- BIPOC 2023-11-10

- ECA 2023-09-25
- EXEC 2024-01-26
- GOV 2023-10-30
- GOV 2023-12-11
- MSA 2023-12-18
- MSA 2024-01-30
- OCEO 2024-01-12
- OCEO 2024-01-26

Ratification of Regrets- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:02

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Indigenous Studies Student Councillor “Evan Accettola”, Resource and Environmental Management resource and environmental management councillor "Amos Kang", Cognitive Science Student Association Councillor “Bhuban Karim”, Political Science Student Union Councillor “Aliyah Apolonio” Philosophy Student Union Councillor “Nava Karimi”, History Student Union Councillor “Emilio Da Silva” Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society Councillor “Aarthi Srinivasan”, SFPIRG “Tuleen Awad” and VP Equity and Sustainability “Priyanka Kaur Dhesa” for the Council February 28th meeting

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:03

President / Criminology Students Association Councillor (CSA)

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- SSSS Councillor shared that the 10.2 date needs to be changed to Saturday March 2nd, President seconded this.
- Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development (AVPIOD) responded this can be added when Council gets to motion 10.2.
- AVPIOD moved to add Building Staff Presentation, an In-Camera presentation titled Student Union Grant Budget and an announcement titled Orientation Survey, President seconded all these amendments.
- VP Finance and Services moved a to add New Business Item titled IATSU Eunoia Design Jam 2024 Grant, VP University and Academic Affairs seconded this.

- VP University and Academic Affairs moved to add a club proposal titled Capital Markets Student Association Club Proposal under new business items
- MBBSU requested the addition of an In-Camera Item Titled: Emergent OCEO Concern, at the beginning of the meeting as it is important, President seconded this.
- BASS Councillor moved to add the BAS Common Room Space item in Old Business to the top since she has the young women in Business event to attend.
- MBBSU Councillor requested that if this item is moved to the top, can it be moved to after In-Camera items as the greatest number of councilors would be needed In-Camera.
- AVPIOD mentioned that staff would like to do their presentation as soon as possible in order for them to leave so right after adoption of the agenda, and she would like to move that.
- President responded that Presentations are usually after Adoption of the Agenda so that should not be an issue. However, for MBBSU's item would go before staff presentation
- BAS Councillor shared she has an event to run at 6pm and since she has business students at this meeting, they will not know when to speak during In-Camera Sessions.
- President shared that while he understands, there are many people requesting for their items to be prioritized.
- AVPIOD shared that staff are willing to wait and therefore they would suggest having the In Camera, Presentation then Staff presentation and the BASS presentation as the staff presentation presents context for the BAS Presentation.
- MBBSU Councillor retracted their response.
- President shared that the new order would be the two In-Camera Items, then the Staff Presentation and the BAS Presentation would come last.
- VP UAA suggested that the In-Camera item Emergent OCEO go after staff presentation, given that staff are on the clock and so is BASS, these items can go first as the OCEO item is not as urgent compared to these items. and have the staff and BASS item first as he does not believe this
- AVPIOD shared that staff have shared they are willing to stay as long as

they go before BASS and they would preferably like this not to go last.
Going After Camera go first.

- President read out Admin Assistant reminder that SFSS Members attending as guests provide their first and last names in the chat in order for their names to be added to roll call that will be published in the minute's attendance.
- President shared that the new order would be In-Camera Items, Staff Presentation and then followed by old business and then new business, AVPIOD seconded this. AVPOID shared she would create a break out room

6. IN-CAMERA

6.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:04

SUBMITTED BY: MBBSU Councillor

President/ Acting VP Internal and Organizational development Seconder

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Emergent OCEO Concern
- MBBSU Councillor declared before going In-Camera, that this In-Camera discussion will be for only Councillors as some Executives will be in conflict, guest will not be included In-Camera, and the Temporary Operations Organizer will be included In-Camera

7. EX-CAMERA

7.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:05

MBBSU Councillor/ Geography Student Union Councillor

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.1. Suspend the rules- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:06

MBBSU Councillor/CSA Councillor

MBBSU Councillor moved to suspend the rules to add a motion titled "OCEO Chair Tasking".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2. OCEO Chair Tasking - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:07
MBBSU Councillor/CSA Councillor

Whereas matters discussed in-camera have been deemed to be of great importance;

Be it resolved to task the OCEO Chair with communicating with an external advisor to gain further information about the matters discussed in-camera;

Be it resolved to task the OCEO Chair with reporting back on their progress in-camera at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the OCEO.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. IN-CAMERA

8.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:08

SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development
President / AVPOID

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Student Union Grant Budget

9. EX-CAMERA

9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:09

President/CSA Councillor

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. PRESENTATION

10.1 Building Staff Presentation

SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development

PRESENTED BY: SFSS Building Coordinator

- SFSS Building Coordinator shared that they understand the BASS motion is on the agenda for today's meeting and this presentation will provide more context to the BASS Motion.
- The Building Coordinator explained that most people attending may only know the building coordinators as they sit at the entrance of the SUB,

however the role involves setting up for events, admin work such as completing timesheets, front desk duties related to SUB room bookings, information and seasonal décor, Safety through OFA certification, Mental Health First Aid, and acting as a contact for security, and finally building maintenance.

- Related to today's meeting, she shared that her role involves making sure that the rooms are well used the role. In terms of rooms used in the SUB, there is the 2120 which is the Community Kitchen, Dance Rehearsal Room 2420, Rooms 2440,3210,4200 and the SUB Ballroom. As for who uses these rooms, there are 171 approved active SFSS clubs, SFU Departments and external groups through SFU. SUB rooms are the only ones SFSS groups can use free of charge, meaning there are only 5 rooms available to members.
- As she is in charge of booking room statistics, she has evidence to show that the number of rooms booking has increased, in 2023 there were 1418 events across the SFSS bookable space, on average 20 events per week. SUB rooms had 118 events in January and February and March are set to have the highest number of bookings to date. She has statistics available if anyone is interested. All rooms are used on average at least once a week, or more often than that. The reason she is here to present today is to address concerns raised by BASS about their current space and to find solutions for these concerns.
- The Building Coordinator attended some of the past Council meetings and would like to address some of the concerns such as current rooms are too small for people during office hours and she agrees with that because once it is re-organized it can only fit 2 to 3 people. This is something she has spoken to the Temporary Operations Organizer about in the event that it is possible to use the Space Expansion fund. She also addressed the issue that the current room is too small for events by stating that BASS has access to event space through Beedie and the SUB already and the current room may be taken away however this can be prevented through advocacy by Council and Exec. BASS is point of having a space in the SUB would enable them to have regular office hours. Within SUB guidelines, they can book approximately once a week. Any group in SFU can have a recurring booking for a semester. The current space is available for two to three people if the space expansion fund is used.

- Business bookings in the SUB, only 14 of 171 active clubs are Business related so this arrangement would only benefit 8% of student groups compared to 92% who are currently benefitting from accessing these rooms. Since price increases with MEC some groups are struggling to afford spaces. Business groups can get funding from Beedie for events and can afford other spaces more easily and also Beedie is able to book spaces through SFU when SFSS cannot. It is important for SFSS to have rooms accessible to all groups and with video conferencing in only two groups, it makes it much harder to access these rooms as resources.
- As a collective it is important to keep all spaces equally accessible to all groups. The Building Coordinator suggested that as a step forward, council needs to advocate for BASS to keep the current space since there isn't space in the SUB. Using the Space Expansion fund will improve the functionality and organization of the space.
- In terms of other considerations, as BASS has an active team this year, she has also seen in her experience rooms such as the SASS room stay empty for a year. Some rooms can therefore stay unused depending on the team yet other groups could use these rooms. Additionally, if BASS is given space, other groups may also request space and there are only 4 rooms left if BASS receives its own. Especially with SASS and SUS who have rooms that they were not meant to have before. Business groups would also take space in the SUB even when they have their own space. Finally, the cost to completely furnish the space would be greater if using a SUB room. As opposed to just furnishing BASS' current room.
- AVPIOD thanked staff for presenting at council and thanks staff for coming forward to share their expertise as they have been here longer and know a lot more of the inner workings than them as EXEC's do, and they encourage Councillors to really take this information into advisement. As Directors and employers, they do have ultimate say, their decisions are best made when informed by experts and councillors should keep this in mind when making a final decision.
- SFSS Member thanked Councillors for the opportunity to speak, in response to the speaker before, he wanted to make his own comments on this just to establish some ethos. He introduced himself as Jason George, a member of BASS, he was an Operations Coordinator this year so he helped plan many of

the pillar events such as the BNP program, next year he will be VP of Corporate Relations Portfolio. To respond to some of the points, when the Building Coordinator said the BASS room would only represent 8% of all clubs, even though this is a small number, right now they are sitting at 0%. Although compared to 92%, 8% might seem small it is better than 0%. There was also this worry about BASS being an inactive team because of the SASS room being empty, however, BASS has had an eleven-year running event such as the BNP program. He does not believe that this should be a worry although he understands why this was brought up. Although the biggest point he wants to emphasize is that the reason why BASS is making this request is because the room they have is inadequate, if members have seen the space in the West Mall Centre, by his estimates it is a 3 by 2-meter room where a lot of their equipment for all events are stored. According to him, it does not matter how much money and reorganizing is put into that room, it is not enough space for them to operate as a Business Student Union. Having the space helps them run events properly as well as all the other clubs affiliated with them to use their space, and it frees up a lot of space in the WMC because for meetings they are using other rooms that could be used by others.

- VP Events and Students Affairs shared that he wanted to address the idea of a room being empty because neither SASS nor SUSrooms are empty for too long because they typically have events running which they notify their students about and he does not agree this is the best retort to not getting a room. He shared that it appeared the discussion that happened last week was not taken into account because he recalls there being a request for BASS to have a conversation with the Building Team and since this is the outcome. He believes that this discussion was not had and finds it very disappointing especially because it highlights why this discussion is still happening. As mentioned, there are a lot of requirements the BASS room is going to need and had the meeting with the Building Coordinators happened given the Reading break, it would have given time to mull over some of the requirement, and not slide into destruction territory. It is not helpful that this back and forth about wanting a room, a room not being present etc., and what room they get if and when this motion goes through. He wishes there was more communication between the BASS team and the building team. He is disappointed that this is a discussion about the pros and cons as this should be a discussion about what room BASS gets or why they cannot get a room.

Councillors should be getting the final solution in regards to that.

- President informed Councillors that he will be cutting off lists after the Student Society one submitted at 5:59pm. Afterwards, BASS will have the chance to submit one direct response.
- BASS councillor addressed VP Events 'point. She shared that she did actually meet and she has a presentation that is going to talking about the pros and cons and not being repetitive about last week and would like Councillors to hear her out. Since VP Events already mentioned that this should be a discussion of what room they get, she agrees as the 2-to-3-person room for BASS as a big student society to be using. They do have a lot of material. The 8% of 92% produces the most events and contributes the largest portion of campus culture. Additionally, they are committed, passionate and active on the campus room. She also believes she has seen the SASS and SUS room being used more than other meeting rooms so the once a week use of the meeting rooms, pales in comparison to how often SASS and SUS use their space. BASS would like specifics on how each meeting room is used. She asked Councillors to listen to her presentation.
- Geography Councillor shared that the space is WMC 2369. He shared he was looking at the floor plans and this room is bigger than the Geography Student Union group. His groups can have about twenty people a day. Additionally, according to BASS Meeting minutes, their space appears to be mostly commercialized with thrift shop items put in. In one meeting it showed they were removing benches for storage. It sounds like the use of the space is bad and not the size of the room.
- AVPIOD shared that the point she wanted to address the point that BASS is only 8% of the population and right now there is only 0%. She would like to affirm that right now all groups including BASS have equal access to all rooms and what this would do is take one room way from 100% of people and give it to only 8%. Right now, although BASS does not have a permanent room, it is important to note that they have access. She would like to reassert to VP Events that the reason why a room is not being picked is because the building team cannot say No to Council because Council is the employer so essentially what is happening is that they are saying there is no space and no room. She like to share that personally like to give BASS a room because she has been working the past two to three weeks trying to find a room and the answer is

that there is no room, that is why this presentation was put on, to show that these rooms are well used and to demonstrate that these groups use these rooms. While BASS does not have a permanent space, they do have access. She would like to reassert that all the rooms are adequately used and overbooked and to take the room away from 100% to give it to 8% of the student population is not a proportional way of handling SUB Space. Rather, she would like to advocate for a bigger room outside the SUB, perhaps West Mall, to provide them with a substantial larger space to work out of. It is disingenuous to say that staff is simply going over the pros and cons list again when they are providing an argument for why this is not going to work and suggesting a search for alternatives. They deserve to have a good space and the SUB cannot accommodate them and provide them with the resources they deserve. As BASS Councillor shared, there has been communication. The person who does the bookings is telling Councillors the room are in use with the numbers in front of her.

- The Building Coordinator shared that she would like to clarify that there are no unused rooms in the SUB, and giving a room to one group would remove it from everyone else who would use it. Business clubs already have access to the SUB and are able to use these rooms. Regarding the SASS and SUS room space, it is difficult for anyone in the room to say that BASS, SASS or SUS will have an active group. Again, as she has sat at the front desk for over a year, she has watched the SASS room stay empty for a year with the lights never turned on. Although they are well used right now, there is no way to say that it is in a few years from now, those spaces will be as well used. This way, rooms are used by everyone and not chancing that an active group will come in to use a space this year.
- The BASS Councilor shared that she is excited to share her presentation. BASS has been an active GSU; they have a student engagement office that ensures that students are engaged; the advocacy is not for only BASS but for the other 14 clubs representing 4200 students.

10.2 BASS Common Room in the SUB

SUBMITTED BY: BASS Councillor

PRESENTED BY: BASS Councillor

- BASS Councillor shared that at this meeting she will be answering four key

questions including; how BASS contributes to campus culture, why BASS needs a common room, why now, and how BASS aims to align with the SFSS mission when using this space. Councillors can review the previous meeting minutes to be reminded.

- What they have learned is that BASS is entitled to a space on campus and it is Council's duty to advocate for a space. Additionally, SUB rooms are in frequent use and packed with bookings well into the next few months well into the evenings. There are so many groups in need of accessing these five rooms and are there better spaces to use. She would like to ask if there is a better place for these meetings to occur. Staff provided information on that. The biggest question is where these other students will go. It is important to preface that BASS is not trying to take space from other student groups such that they are stuck and have to fight over four rooms only. Alternatively, there are solutions to the overwhelming bookings in the SUB; Student groups can book recurring meetings in classrooms at SFU on a semesterly basis at no-charge depending on their AV request and this can be covered by resource funding and can make bookings on classroom spaces on a semesterly basis. Bookings can be made via SFSS portal which goes to the student centre for staff to manage.
- With this in mind, is this the time to reframe how the student Union building is used. She asked three questions; are we enhancing the sense of community at SFU, can we have better use of this space and should we reprioritize how the SUB should be used because she thinks she heard staff say in the previous presentation that there is one room that at most or at minimum booked once a week when she has seen SASS and SUS use their room from open to close of the day. BASS would like an open-door policy so it would be accessible for all students not just students who are part of student groups meaning people from any faculty whether or not they are with a group or not can use this space.
- The next step is for staff to provide BASS with potential options. BASS is okay with not being in the SUB; they would prefer it because they would like to be associated with other groups and close with other groups. They have worked with SASS for their recent event, and she thinks it is good to centralize all resources in the SUB and have the SUB as a resource centre, not just a meeting place. So, the next step is to task staff with finding a

potential space for BASS. She will write this as a motion to be voted on today. That's all from BASS.

- President asked about any questions or comments.
- AVPIOD asked BASS, as she understands they would like to use the SUB, given that other groups would like to use the SUB and in fact they are often told that they can make recurrent booking through the West Mall and AQ, but advocate to use the SUB and take the extra work to do so. She is wondering why priority should be given to BASS when they, too, can go to those other spaces and make recurring bookings in ways that BSAA is recommending that other groups do.
- BASS councillor responded that since they are one of the larger student societies, it would be best to have that space. She does not mean to take away a space from other groups however, if they are only going to use that space for meetings once a week, she does not believe that is a suitable space for them, and the AQ or West Mall would be a better use of their space because they are student society, they would like to provide resources and would like to share office hours, they want to have meeting for all 14 affiliated clubs there, and they would like to have posters about their upcoming events their and they would like to be a marketing hub and for other students to grab resources such as the Beedie survival Hub. As she mentioned in the previous meeting, Business is in literally every industry and they can connect students to so many resources that Beedie provides them which most students may not be aware of for example, there is an E-Co-op that most students do not know about that a lot of Engineering students participate in which is a 10,000 dollar grant for them to do a start-up and they can set them up with the right people.
- BAS has a huge network and if any student groups needs marketing or support setting up an event, they are the Business Student group, they do that operations, logs, and marketing and they are a resource hub for anybody to use and would be accessible for everyone to use, literally from SUB opening to close.
- AVPIOD stated that she would like to make it clear that the SUB is the hub for all clubs and community. There seems to be no reason to delegate BASS marketing for all clubs when that is what the SUB does. She also wants to make it clear that when we say these groups have one or two

meetings a week, this is over 150 clubs that use these rooms, so 150 groups, twice a week for five rooms, which are booked constantly. Whereas these rooms might appear unused, because they are often not in use in the morning hours due to classes, they are often booked in the evening and afternoon. This cuts off groups like SWIFTIES and UNICEF and would like to be in the SUB which is the centre of community for all student groups. She would also like to make it clear that what she is saying is not that we should prioritize other groups over BASS, what she means is that we are currently capable of having all groups, including BASS book through the SUB and have everything located here rather than limiting space and forcing other groups to find space elsewhere. The key here is that not all of the events would work in a common room. Giving the room to BASS would be great however this 92% of student groups. Even if BASS is going to do marketing, the SUB already does that. She would like to make this work for BASS in finding a community HUB, however she does not believe that the SUB is going to be that space.

- Geography Councillor asked why Council is discussing this today, he suggested the talking to staff as the BASS councillor suggested. So this motion can be postponed until then
- VP UAA agreed with Geography Councilor that this motion be postponed. However, he would also like to state that 150 clubs that constantly use this space, he thinks it is best to show who has been using this space, because to be honest a lot of the clubs are inactive. He would like to make the point that Beedie clubs are very much involved for example on the 3rd floor.
- AVPIOD chimed in that inactive clubs were not counted.
- VP UAA suggested finding out which are the most active and are often using the rooms instead of talking about all these rooms when they have not found one yet.
- President responded that unfortunately he will not be taking AVPIOD's direct response as he has cut direct responses off and she has already had two direct responses.

10.3 Presentation for SSSS SystemHacks Hackathon Grant Proposal

SUBMITTED BY: Software Systems Student Society Councillor

PRESENTED BY: Software Systems Student Society & SSSS Vice President

- SSSS Councilor introduced himself, the SSSS President Joshua and Kevin SSSS Vice President. They are presenting today to ask for funding for the annual Systems Hack.
- SSSS Councillor started off by explaining that the SSSS is a student Union whose goal is to promote the interests of students within the Software Systems Program at SFU Surrey focus is to prepare students for careers in Software Engineering. System Hacks is a 12 Hour beginner-oriented hackathon run annually since 2017. They have had an estimated 117 attendees.
- IT is a large group of people coming together to make software products in groups of three, their items are presented to judges, the only restriction is that the product needs to be created at the event and tied to the Hackathorne themes, Quackathone which was duck related, the year before was tree related. Not everyone needs to know how to code as graphic designers and others are needed on these teams.
- Many cool Hakathones have gone ahead to become start ups such as Carousell, GROUPME, which raised about 10.5 million dollars and sold to skype. Zaarly raised from 15 million dollars. Easy Taxi was set to be a BUS monitoring app in 2012 and currently have raised over 75 million dollars.
- System Hacks are hosted to engage applied skills, they teach important skills such as product designs, soft skills, team-work, working under pressure etc, they help to build a sense of community among the close knit SFU Surrey campus.
- This year the theme is Chaos Hacks, which will be hosted on the SFU Engineering space in Surrey on March. It will be their 15th Anniversary.
- It is a full day event starting at t 8am, opening ceremony, people come to build groups at the start of the event with breakfast, lunch and Hacking period starting at 9am, sponsor groups provide co-op to students present. At 6pm, it is submission time and 7 pm judging time and the event closes at 10pm.
- The budget breakdown is the total event costs, \$10,327.68 and the money raised from company sponsorships and FAS is \$4200, SFSS request is 6000 dollars, this comes up to 40 dollars per person at this event which covers food, items such as shirts etc.

- Costs are higher due to SFU budget cuts, and they have to hire their own IT guy which comes up to \$1000 dollars. He shared that as costs have increased, it is much more expensive, specifically to use MECS, which is more expensive than outside catering.
- President thanked SSSS for his presentation and invited councillors to list any questions, concerns, etc.
- SASS councillor asked what the difference is between the different costs for the IT guy.
- SSSS responded that the second one included both the cost of equipment and the services from the IT guy while the first only included the services of the IT guy.
- MBBSU asked how our grant item line is doing as we get close to the end of the fiscal year and whether the VP Finance can share information on whether this fits within the budget.
- VP Finance responded he will have a look at that, he requested MBBSU Councillor to send an email.

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1 BASS Common Room Space in the SUB-MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:10

SUBMITTED BY: Business Administration Student Society

BASS Councillor/Biochemistry Councillor

Whereas BASS does not have a suitable space on campus;

Be it resolved for staff to work with BASS to recommend suitable spaces options for a BASS common room by the March 27th Council meeting.

Be it further resolved to include specific statistic about the proposed spaces including length of use, especially for pilot programs, room capacity, room technology such as video conferencing, etc.

Be it further resolved to provide details in-camera of the current use of SUB meeting rooms including the Business student groups statistical use per semesterly, and what types of events are being held in these spaces.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

- BASS stated that based on the conversations had, she suggested amending

the motion from January 31st, she shared the new motion into the chat.

- President requested unanimous consent for the amendment, which was received. President suggested that given the controversial nature of this motion, he suggests voting by roll call of attendance list and asked if there was any opposition to this.
- MBBSU Councillor shared that with the current motion, as it does not say the previous stuff that were talked about, it incorporates the Geography councillors point of talking to staff to find a suitable space for BASS and it incorporates VP UAA's request for information on details of the use of the common rooms. It assigns staff to find a suitable space.
- AVPIOD added that as of right now, they are voting on the amendment for the motion however they would agree with the use of the roll call of attendance for counting the votes for the overall motion. They also suggested that the BASS councillor tweak the motion to state that the details of SUB use be provided in -camera as this would be in violation to present ex-camera.
- President clarified the roll call vote was for the overall vote although the amendment would be worthwhile.
- AVPIOD stated in that case, they would like to suggest an amendment to the motion to point out the in-camera nature of the discussion regarding details on room usage. President moved this and BASSS seconded.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 First Year Engagement Committee – MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:11

SUBMITTED BY: MBBSU Councillor

President/ Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas the First Year Engagement Committee is scheduled to Coordinate activities and engagement events and initiatives, such as community building events for first years;

Whereas there is one vacant Council seat in First Year Engagement Committee;

Be it resolved to elect Councillor X to serve on the First Year Engagement Committee for the rest of 2023-2024 council term.

POSTPONED

- During moving and seconding VP UAA asked that the motion was moved

to after 10.5.

- AVPIOD shared that this was going to be postponed as the councillor who submitted this is not present, and as soon as a mover and seconder are received for the motion, she will do so herself. Postponing to next week.
- After moving and seconding the motion, AVPIOD moved to postpone this to next meeting and President seconded this.

12.2 System Hacks Hackathon -MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:12

SUBMITTED BY: Software Systems Student Society Councillor

President /CSA Councillor

Whereas Systems Hacks is an annual hackathon held by the Software Systems Student Society;

Whereas Systems Hacks 2024 will be held on March 4, 2024 at the Surrey campus Engineering building;

Whereas events at the Surrey campus require more funding than usual due to recent budget cuts to critical campus staff;

Whereas System Hacks is among the only annual large-scale events for the SFU Surrey community and brings together students, mentors, faculty, and industry professionals from all over the Lower Mainland;

Whereas the Software Systems Student Society is requesting \$6000 of funding to support this event;

Be it resolved to approve spending up to \$6000 for Systems Hacks 2024;

CARRIED BY MAJORITY

ABSTAIN (1)-MBBSU Councilor

- MBBSU stated before this is approved, he would like to request from VP Finance present which budget line item this will come from the current health of that budget line item and the capacity to do this. He would like to support events; however, he would like to ensure we are fiscally have the capacity to support this event especially in order to keep the SFSS deficit down.
- VP Finance requested to come back to MBBSU Councilor on that.

- Temporary Operations Organizer shared that we are well over our allocated budget line, which would come out of the Grants line item. By our funding guidelines, we approved about \$4,159 dollars, and this is a large annual event that happens, and this group receives top-ups for this event. That being said, we are over our budget for that line item and still have a few months to go with other events, so this would be up to the discretion of Council. A reminder is that as for the funding guidelines, this was already pre-approved for a little over 4000 dollars, and this event technically gets extra funding from Council.
- MBBSU Councillor asked if there is another line item that we have in our budget that can fit this event so we can support this large-scale event.
- Temporary Operations Organizer shared that unfortunately, there is a specific line items delegated for such events and, if overspending occurs, it is a good indicator for preparing budgets for next year to let us know how much has been spent. If councillors look through the minutes, they can see that Council approved a lot of funding through meetings; however, they would have to use the same budget because that is what it was allocated for.
- VP Finance retracted his list as everything was already said in the previous direct response.
- SSSS Councillor responded to make this as value oriented as possible, they event submitted for the motion to be read on the 14th, two weeks ago, but it was cancelled due to No Quorum. This is the only large-scale event their program hosts this year, and their community looks forward to it. It would mean a lot for them, like the past 7 years, to continue to hold this event.
- AVPIOD shared that she will be voting in favour of this motion despite the overspending in this line item because she believes it is unfair to smaller groups like Software Systems in the sense that they have one big event, as they said. It would be unfair to cut them off because larger groups like Software Systems in the sense that they have one big event and it would be unfair to cut them off from funding because other groups that are larger have received funding. I think it is important to prioritize smaller groups who have once event and she urge councillors to vote with this in mind.
- MBBSU Councillor retracted their list and added they would like to remain

aware of fiscal responsibility but do not want to stand in the way of the Software Systems event.

- The President stated he will proceed with a vote for Unanimous consent however if one or more people wish to go against or abstain, he will go to the roll call vote.

12.2.1. Suspend the rules- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:13

VP UAA/President

VP UAA moved to suspend the rules to address motion titled “Capital Markets Student Association Club Proposal” before the Outreach Committee Elections

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.3 Capital Markets Student Association Club Proposal- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:14

SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs

VP UAA/SOCA

Whereas members Keith Vermeulen, Kilian Jean-Mariet, and Ashfaq UrRahman have submitted a club proposal to the Member Services Coordinators for proposal;

Whereas the member Services Coordinators denied the club approval, stating that it was too similar to other clubs, (i.e., Finance Student Association (FINSAs) and Investment Club);

Whereas the members dispute this claim stating that Investment Club is non-operational and FINSAs is focused on personal finance (e.g., saving, investments, estate planning)

Be it resolved the SFSS Council approves the club proposal of the Capital Markets Student Association.

POSTPONED

- Temporary Operations Organizer stated she was wondering why this was brought to Council because in terms of process, for Councillors to be aware, we have the SFSS Club Approval Terms of Reference which allows our Club Coordinators to evaluate different clubs based on a number of factors, which are all on the website, some of which include ensuring the club aligns with our

policies, by-laws, issues policies and terms of reference. She was not aware of this proposal. Usually the procedure is that if there is an escalation which there shouldn't be because the rejection of a club proposal is final, that would come to the Temporary Operations Organizer and the Member Services Committee and then potentially Executives and the final step would be Council. She does not know if staff were informed of this because she does not see any of them here to speak on this as to explain why they rejected it, because that could be one reason but there could be many others. She does not believe Council approving this without any context is the right move here but if someone wants to give more context, she is more than happy to work with them on that.

- AVPIOD responded and stated she would echo what the Temporary Operations Organizer said, it would be good to have the staff present to speak to why the club was rejected and she thinks it is disappointing that proper policy and procedure was not followed into putting this on the Agenda, not only was this amended onto the Agenda with notice to either councillors or to relevant staff but that it was not brought to Executives first. She asked VP UAA if he had read our proper policies and procedures on this and if they know it and why are they not following it.
- President responded before allowing VP UAA to speak and stated he would prefer to keep things civil in this chat, let's not keep things passive, we are Councillors let us make a proper discussion
- VP UAA responded that if one read through the club's approval terms of reference, it says by member services or SFSS Council and Exec. The way things could go is staff can look at it. HE stated that a lot of students have come to him to share that their club approval was denied and stating they felt it was unfair and that the students did not get a chance to share why they would like to be in said club. He thinks that as student representatives, it is their duty to prioritize the needs and cares of students so he thinks that Councillors should at least hear what these students have to say and if they have a solid case, and that they should bring club forward and it is not against the guidelines, he does not see why Councillors should reject it.
- Geography Councillor responded and stated isn't there due process for appealing the club and he does not know if taking it to the highest point. Councillors can hear them out but they have to go through the workings of

SFSS first.

- AVPIOD stated that it is good students are coming to VP UAA asking about their clubs appealed. She added that we have a proper appeal process and it is not to ask an Executive to amend it onto the agenda on the day of. She would like to see that if Councillors are going to hear out this club, she would like to see both sides of the issue and to hear why staff rejected them in the first place. She does not see how a one-sided conversation is the best way to facilitate healthy debate. She also thinks Councillors should have been given due notice of this ahead of time.
- VP UAA responded that he should have put this in earlier however, he was busy the last week with other stuff and he thought he would just amend it on the meeting. However, as for the reason staff denied the request, it was clearly in the motion because it was too similar to existing clubs and he has stated Investment Club is non-operational and FINSA is related to other things.
- Geography Councillor asked if it not possible to start a non-operational club with a new set of executive and membership. He added that sounds perfect for the investment club being dead.
- MBBSU Councillor added that first of all Geography Councillor had made a good point and he would also say is this something that can be postponed to the next meeting so they can receive feedback from Member Services Committee, some more process so that councillors can get a briefing note on this, so that they can understand the context, because while the Be it resolved clause of this motion makes sense, he would also like to hear a bit more from Member Services and potentially a presentation from both because that would help all councillors in making a decision.
- SFSS Member Keith shared he is one of the club organizers and he has a presentation ready and he would like to make a case for their new club approval
- President asked MBBSU if he had moved to postpone in his speakers list.
- MBBSU Councillor responded and stated he had not moved to postpone but will do so now because giving a presentation without both sides present like having Member Services present does not seem fair to him. So, he moved to postpone this motion to the next meeting so we can have Member Services and the Proposed Capital Markets Club Presentation. He thanked the

members for having a presentation ready for today and would be interested to hear it next time.

- AVPIOD seconded this.

12.4 Outreach Committee Elections-MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:15

SUBMITTED BY: GSU Councillor

Geography Councillor/ Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas the Outreach Committee is responsible for engaging the Membership in Council matters;

Whereas there are two vacant Council seats in the Committee;

Be it resolved to elect Geography Councillor and Criminology Student Association Councillor to serve on the Outreach Committee for the remainder of the 2023-2024 council term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

- President asked if someone would like to give a pitch on what this committee is about otherwise, he can go straight to nominations.
- AVPIOD stated she does not believe she is in this committee but she stated this committee tries to organize outreach with the community. Basically, the committee participates in Student engagement, they usually collaborate with the first year's engagement committee, although she does not believe they have consistently in the last while. It lets students know about what the SFSS is and what is it that we do.
- President made the first call for nominations and the Geography Councillor nominated themselves.
- CSA nominated themselves on the second call.
- President moved to strike Councillor X and Y and replace them with CSA AND GSU Councillors to serve on the outreach committee, CSA seconded this.

12.5 Fall Reading Break-MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:16

SUBMITTED BY: Vice President Equity and Sustainability

President/ CSA

Whereas mental health and well being is a prominent concern among post secondary students;

Whereas reading break helps alleviate stress faced by the student body during the semester;

Whereas SFU is currently one of the only post secondary institutes in Canada to not offer some form of a fall reading break;

Whereas UBC and UVIC have allocated 3 days to reading break within their fall calendars;

Whereas SFU should explore the routes to implement a similar calendar to support student well-being and academic success;

Be it resolved the SFSS release a petition to garner student support for a Fall Reading Break;

Be it further resolved that DSUs share this petition with their membership;

Be it further resolved that the SFSS call upon SFU and relevant bodies such as SFU Senate to implement a Fall Reading Break for the Fall 2024 semester as a pilot.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- President stated he agrees with this sounds like a wonderful thing to pitch for as he would love a fall reading break.
- Geography Councillor stated that he thinks as long as SFSS works with SFU to ensure it is added in a responsible way, because he is scared of the semester being pushed back to later close to Christmas so as long as we work with SFU that's great.
- President stated he agreed with that.

12.6 IATSU Eunoia Design Jam 2024 Grant - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:17

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services

VP Finance/ CSA

Whereas IATSU is hosting Eunoia UX Design Jam once again on March 16, 2024.

Whereas IATSU requested \$6120.00 for their event, which is aligned with the



funding guidelines.

Whereas IATSU's grant request exceeds the allocated amount that VP Finance and Executive Committee could approve.

Be it resolved to approve \$6120.00 from line item 5000G.

CARRIED BY MAJORITY

ABSTAIN (16)- President, Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association, Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union, Computing Science Student Society, Criminology Student Association, Data Science Student Society, Earth Science Student Union, Environmental Science Student Union, International Studies Student Association, MBB Student Union, Software Systems Student Society, Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society, First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association, Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA), Residence Hall's Association (RHA), Education Student Association

AGAINST (1)-Geography Student Union

FOR (6)-Science Undergraduate Society, Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development, VP Finance and Services, VP University and Academic Affairs, VP External and Community Affairs, VP Events and Student Affairs.

- AVPIOD asked for clarification on which line item it was exactly.
- President replied it is line item 5000G, although he is not sure what this refers to. He asked Temporary Operations Organizer to assist with clarifying this.
- Temporary Operations Organizer responded it is a Student Union Grants line item.
- MBBSU Councillor responded he was going to ask the same thing.
- President responded if there are no to her lists they can move to voting
- Geography Councillor asked if there was any presentation or budget breakdown.
- President responded it seems not.
- Temporary Operations Organizer responded just to clarify SFSS has a general granting process where Student Unions submit grants and based on the funding guidelines, they recommend a certain amount. The reason it comes to council is because the group wants to appeal the amount that is approved that is why they do a presentation and budget breakdown. Usually when they apply for the grant there is a budget breakdown and staff and the VP Finance

review that. So, for this group, based on the funding guidelines, that is the amount they were granted. Usually if it is below \$1600, the staff member approves, if it is above that VP Finance approves but because it is a grant over \$5000 it is coming to council. Grants over a certain amount come to Council.

- President moved to voting, to clarify this will be for the voting to approve \$6120.00 from line item 5000G for the IATSU Eunoia UX Design Jam. If anyone wishes to dissent, they can add that to the chat, unmute themselves.
- CSA asked VP Finance if he has pasted the motion into the chat.
- Geography Councillor stated he abstained because of the absence of a budget breakdown.
- President abstains
- SASSA chose to abstain.
- President decided to use roll call of attendance to vote.

13. 30 MINUTES Q&A

- He will set up a method for how the voting process will go inside of the email and overall they are looking for the top 10 logos and the top 10 submissions will receive a gift basket.
- Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society Councillor asked how money can be got from the space expansion fund
- VP Finance responded it depends on what they want to get done and if that is the case, it can be submitted via motion when the president send out the jot form for the next meeting and make sure to specify what it is and what the line item is
- President found a page for it and it can be used for common room expansion, expansion and maintenance of student spaces at SFU, he believes it went through the Space expansion fund
- Temporary Operations Organizer responded the proposal would go to the Space expansion committee, but in the absence of SPOC this would come directly to campus.
- He asked if its for Surrey campus, would this go to the Surrey Campus. He mentioned it is the Engineering space in the Surrey Campus
- Temporary Operations Organizer responded that if SPOC is not meeting, the motion can be brought directly to council.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Orientation Survey
- AVPIOD responded an anonymous survey has been prepared to preparer oncoming Executives and Councillors. For now, they need candid responses for what Councillors think Orientation should be like for the next year. The proposed deadline is March 1st, if anyone has specific questions on the process, now would be the time to ask, however councillors should not provide their feedback now since it is anonymous.

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-02-28:18

President/ CSA

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY