

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:37 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^wəy^{əm} (Musqueam), S^kw^xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəł^{əm} (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 Council Composition

Student Union Representatives

Applied Science.....	Vacant
Archeology.....	Damon Tarrant
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies	Vacant
Asia Canada Studies	Vacant
Bachelor of Environment	Tiana Andjelic
Behavioral Neuroscience	Aarthi Srinivasan
Biology.....	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology	Kashish Mehta
Business.....	Vacant
Chemistry.....	Vacant
Cognitive Science	Gurmehar Singh
Communications.....	Ashran Bharosha
Computing Science	Vacant
Criminology.....	Charlotte Taylor-Baer

Dance.....	Vacant
Data Science Student Union.....	Vadym Shakhraichuk
Earth Science	Vacant
Economics.....	Vacant
Education.....	Jihye (Jin) Choi
Engineering Science	Sarah Raisuddin
English Councillor.....	Liz Giardin
Environmental Science.....	Paige Ripley
Faculty of Applied Science	Vacant
Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology	Vacant
Faculty of Environment Event	Vacant
Film Student Union	Vacant
Fine and Performing Arts	Vacant
French.....	Kylee Pocrnich
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies.....	Sophonie Priebe
Geography	Natasha Kearns
Gerontology Student Union	Vacant
Global Asia Studies Student Union	Eunice Kwok
Health Science	Jocelle Refol
History	Vacant
Humanities.....	Vacant
Indigenous Studies Student Union	Vacant
Interactive Arts and Technology	Jeremy Felix
International Studies Student Association	Deanna Short
Labour Studies	Justin Chen
Latin American Studies	Vacant
Linguistics	Alev Maleki
Mathematics.....	Ben Tischler
Mechatronics System Engineering	Ryley McWilliams
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	Avneet Kaur

Music Student Union	Vacant
Operations Research.....	Ashutosh Dubal
Performing Arts	Vacant
Philosophy	Nicole Kirigin
Physics	Graham Rich
Political Science	Abhishek Parmar
Psychology	Tiffany Liu
Public Policy.....	Vacant
Science Undergraduate Society	Zaid Lari
Semester in Dialogue	Vacant
Society of Arts and Social Sciences.....	Akum Sidhu
Sociology and Anthropology	Kayla Chow
Software Systems	Shashank Thanalapati
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA).....	Jia So
Sustainable Community Development.....	Vacant
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society	Mohammad Al-Sheboul
Theatre Student Union	Vacant
Visual Arts.....	Vacant
World Literature	Vacant

Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance.....	Vacant
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association.....	Keianna James
International Student Advocates	Quynh Chi Bui
Out on Campus Collective	Vacant
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry	Linda Kanyamuna
Women Centre Collective	Nim Basra

Affiliated Student Groups

Residence Hall’s Association (RHA).....	Vacant
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Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)..... Paul Ursu

SFSS Executive Committee

Acting President (Chair) Corbett Gildersleve
Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development Chloe Homenuke
VP Finance and Services..... Almas Phangura
VP University and Academic Affairs Serena Bains
VP External and Community Affairs Matthew Provost
VP Equity and Sustainability..... Marie Haddad
VP Events and Student Affairs..... Jess Dela Cruz

3.2 Society Staff

Operations Organizer..... Ayesha Khan
Board Organizer Emmanuela Droko
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator..... Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant Christina Kachkarova
Administrative Assistant Simar Thukral
Building Manager..... John Walsh

3.3 Alternates

SASU Alternate Arthur Lee

3.4 Regrets

Software Systems Shashank Thanalapati
Mechatronics System Engineering Ryley McWilliams

3.5 Leave of Absence

International Studies Student Association Deanna Short
Science Undergraduate Society Zaid Lari

External and Community Affairs Matthew Provost

3.6 Guests

GSS Director of Access & Equity Hafsa Sadiq
 SFPRIG Director of Engagement Chantelle Spicer
 Member
 Member Craig Allan
 Member Gabriel
 Member Karissa Ketter
 Member Anita Shen
 Member Dennis Gyursey
 Incoming VP Equity & Sustainability Rea Chatterjee
 Member Adel Foroodian
 DNA Member Vivian Ly
 Member Daniel Wang
 Incoming VP Internal & Organizational Development Judit Nagy
 Member Samuel
 Member Jenny Lu
 Member Harjap Dhaliwal
 Member Balqees
 Member Ethan
 Member Ali Sokhanavar
 Member Gui Araujo
 Member Jared
 Member Shabbir Yusufali

3.7 Absents

Data Science Student Union Vadym Shakhraichuk
 Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society Mohammad Al-Sheboul
 First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association Keianna James

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- Council Minutes- MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:01

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

- Council 2022-01-19
- Council 2022-02-02
- Council 2022-02-16

4.1.2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-Committee Minutes- MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:02

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

- AC 2021-10-19
- EXEC 2022-02-22
- OCEO 2022-02-18
- OCEO 2022-02-25

4.1.3. Amendments to SFSS Personnel Policies Regarding Office Closures and Building Closures– MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:03

SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development “Chloe Homenuke”

ATTACHMENT: Proposal - Personnel Policies: Closures

Whereas recent inclement weather events have demonstrated that SFSS Personnel Policy 1 (Office Closure) is inadequate and outdated.

Whereas the Society needs robust and clear policies and processes regarding closure of spaces due to inclement weather or other reasons.

Whereas, the President, alongside Management, have drafted policy language for the consideration of Council regarding Office Closures and Building Closures.

Whereas, the Executive Committee, at its January 4th, 2022 meeting, recommended that Council pass the draft policy.

Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to SFSS Personnel Policy 1 (Office Closure)

Be it further resolved that Council approve establishing the new SFSS Personnel Policy (Building Closure), designating it as SFSS Personnel Policy 2, and renumbering subsequent Personnel Policies as required.

**4.1.4. Outreach Committee Terms of Reference – MOTION COUNCIL
2022- 03-16:04**

SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development “Chloe Homenuke”

ATTACHMENT: SO Outreach Committee

Whereas the previous iteration of Council had a standing committee dedicated to student outreach.

Whereas there is currently no standing committee dedicated to engaging with students directly to raise awareness around the SFSS.

Whereas the terms of reference for such a committee have been drafted by the Outreach Working Group.

Be it resolved that council amend council policy by adding a new section labelled “SO-13: Outreach Committee” containing the attached terms of reference and by renumbering other sections of council policy accordingly.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:05

Corbett/Ben

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Acting VPIOD amended to include New Business Item 11.2 Governance Committee Appointments.
- Health Science Counsellor amended agenda to move New Business Item Simon Fraser Student Society Statement in Solidarity with SFU Community Members Detained for Protesting Against Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project (TMX) to after Presentation 8.1 No Cops on Campus
- President amended agenda to include Section 7. Ratification of Regrets.
- In response to a question from Philosophy Councillor about an item she had submitted regarding reimbursement turn around time, President clarified that it had been moved to March 30th Council meeting.

6. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

6.1 Council Minutes- MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:06

Corbett / Abhishek

Be it resolved that Council approve the regrets for the Software Systems Student Society Councilor and Mechatronic Systems Engineering Student Society Councilor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. PRESENTATION

7.1 No Cops On Campus

PRESENTED BY: Chantelle Spicer

ATTACHMENT: Updated - No Cops on SFU Campus Presentation_Nov22_2021

- RCMP over police, maintain the dispossession of land from Indigenous people, criminalize Black bodies, and violently discipline not only labor uprisings, but have also suppressed student actions, even at SFU. In 1965, SFU Admin relied heavily on RCMP to suppress student protest.
- More recently, Black, Brown, and Indigenous have been disproportionately stopped by SFU security, including inappropriate escalation including the violent arrest of an alumnus in December 2020 at Burnaby campus. At other universities, there have been violent wellness checks. SFU has also had inappropriate responses from RCMP and security to instances of sexual assault.
- Even prior to the December 2020 violent arrest, the SFU community was calling for action following the University statement released in May/June 2020 under Andrew Petter. This statement was rejected by the EDI committee which said that anti-Black, anti-Indigenous, and anti-Asian racism was real and often perpetrated by security.
- After the December 2020 incident when campus security called police who then tased, pepper sprayed, and charged a Black student, lots of student groups including the SFSS spoke up to condemn the racial profiling that had caused harm to Black and Indigenous people. Under Joy Johnson, SFU published the MacKay Report which received lots of pushback by SFSS and TSSU due to lack of consideration the role of policing in the incident.
- In April 2021, a student safety committee was formed. Racialized students were not included on the committee until it was late and were not centred in the discussion. They also were not able to see the full MacKay report. In only discussing how to consult with students, SFU missed the mark and the actual opportunity to consult with students.
- In the Summer of 2021, SFPIRG held a transformative justice summer camp where the no cops on campus community collective formed. This is the result of decades of work across country with other

students and other Cops off Campus collectives such as those of UofT, UAlberta, Stanford, and other post secondary institutions as well as K-12 schools. The main aspiration of this collective is a future where there is no reliance on violent institutions of community safety, prioritising strong communities with mutual aid and peer support networks with less violent crime.

- The calls to Action and Policy Recommendations for Cops off Camps collective are clear that this is a structural issue. Like organizations taking action against climate change do not condemn workers but take action against structural problems, Cops off campus takes a stand against a structure and ideology that is causing harm. As a student and workers collective, their goal is to eliminate policing presence on campus through the following actionable steps:
 1. SFU must invest into student-run transformative justice practices.
 2. SFU must provide data and a breakdown on the current cost of security, both in house and contracted. The budget for security for the 2020-21 fiscal year was 6.4million, an increase of around 4 million from the previous year. Know that 6.4 million for 2020-21 this increase 4 million from previous year.
 3. No police, military or border patrol recruitment on campus.
 4. Expunge records from security encounters. If students are stopped by security and provide them with their name, this goes on a permanent record.
 5. Transparency on whether SFU invests into war, arms, and weapons research or funding.
 6. An internal review of personnel who escalate stations.

*Break taken at 5:27 PM and returned at 5:41 PM

- Chantelle explained that consultation for student safety and wellness would start with SFSS equity groups as they intended to have a survey and events to ensure consultation occurred. The collective

was also looking to host an ongoing education and training series about futures without policing and transformative justice.

- Chantelle explained that they were currently in the early work of this collective and encouraged members to contact if interested about the initiative through the following email: engagement@sfpirg.ca. Councillors could also reach out if they wanted a similar presentation to be done for their DSU/student group to have a more informed perspective on the topic.
- VP Equity and Sustainability mentioned that the collective could reach out if there was any other way Council or the SFSS could help.

8. New Business

8.1 Simon Fraser Student Society Statement in Solidarity with SFU Community Members Detained for Protesting Against Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project (TMX) – MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:07

SUBMITTED BY: Health Science Councillor “Jocelle Refol”

ATTACHMENT: TMX Briefing Note & Dr. Tim Takaro & Zain Haq Solidarity Statement

Jocelle / Chloe

Whereas the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) project is currently increasing their tanks twofold, adding fourteen new tanks to their already-existing thirteen tanks, in which one existing tank will be replaced, within the Burnaby Terminal located next to the Simon Fraser University (SFU) Burnaby campus,

Whereas, despite the threat the expansion poses to its students and the environment, SFU has yet to take a clear stance against the Trans Mountain Expansion project,

Whereas the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the səł ilw ətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh), skwɣ wú7mesh (Squamish), and xwməθkwəy əm (Musqueam) Nations on which the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) pipeline is trespassing and being built without their free, prior, and informed consent,

Whereas the SFSS opposes TMX on the grounds of violation of Indigenous

sovereignty and supports actions of Indigenous land and water defenders against TMX,

Whereas the 2020-2021 SFSS Board Directors passed Issue Policy IP-6 Climate Justice and Sustainability which outlines on pg. 24 “The SFSS Opposes under 2(a) “Funding and construction of new and existing fossil fuels infrastructures such as the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) and Coast GasLink (CGL) Pipeline”,

Whereas the current SFSS stance is in full opposition to the TMX Pipelines and continues to advocate and support climate justice initiatives and calls to action,

Whereas SFSS believes in the right to peaceful protest and assembly,

Whereas the activism work of Zain Haq and Dr. Tim Takaro contributed to the pressure towards SFU to fully divest from fossil fuels and was successful,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council endorse, sign, and release a statement in solidarity with SFU student Zain Haq and SFU professor Dr. Tim Takaro for their arrest(s) and/or upcoming trial immediately.

Be it further resolved that SFSS Communications sends the statement to the SFU Administration upon release to request they share, amplify, and stand in solidarity with Zain Haq and Dr. Tim Takaro.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Health Science Councillor explained that since the SFSS has previously made their anti-TMX stance clear, they should release a message of support for Zain Haq and Dr. Tim Takaro.
- Jaden Dyer, who had previously worked with both Dr. Tim Takaro and Zain Haq, explained that Dr. Tim Takaro was arrested for allegedly breaching an injunction at Lost Creek. Dr. Tim Takaro dedicated his career to studying to studying the human health effects of climate change and organized a parliamentary petition against TMX with received 5500 signatures in one month. Zain Haq had also been fighting against TMX as well as being involved in the

Save Old Growth campaign. Zain had vowed to hunger strike if SFU did not divest from fossil fuels.

- Elyse from SFU350 emphasized the risks to community posed by the TMX expansion including increased likelihood of a fire and high chance of oil spill in next 50 years. By moving to support Dr. Tim Takaro and Zain Haq, SFSS could protect those on frontlines. Elyse emphasised the believe that these individuals should not be prosecuted.
- Political Science Councillor spoke in favour of the motion and urged Councillors to vote in favour. He highlighted that since the actions had been nonviolent and not caused property damage, it made sense for SFSS to support this given SFU's recent divestment from fossil fuels.
- VP Equity and Sustainability thanked speakers for their time and spoke in favour of the motion. She mentioned how both Dr. Tim Takaro and Zain Haq had put their bodies on the line and taken time away from families and friends to stop TMX and did not deserve to be prosecuted. She clarified that there could be no TMX approval on unceded lands that had never been sold or given up by nations and that TMX was imposing on Indigenous sovereignty.
- Acting VPIOD encouraged Councillors to vote in favour.

9. PRESENTATION

9.1 SUB Updates (Event Guidelines and SUB Bookings)

PRESENTED BY: VP Events and Student Affairs "Jess Dela Cruz"

ATTACHMENT:

- VP Events and Student Affairs briefly review the updates to the Event guidelines and SUB bookings that had been sent out to Clubs and DSUs. She explained that Meeting rooms were now able to be booked as well as tables for tabling. Events would be able to be held in the SUB as of early April. She explained that there were rooms on

the 4000 level for individual study and that the small music booths were for immunocompromised students.

- Internal Event Guidelines had also changed with a minimum 15 business day submission of the for, for events under 30 people and all other events requiring submission 20 business days prior to the event. Forms and questions should be sent to sub.booking@sfss.ca
- VP Events and Student Affairs briefly discussed the lockers policy and how ownership, turnover and renewal would be handled. She reminded Council that this information had already been sent out to Student Unions.

9.2 Executive Transition Plan

PRESENTED BY: Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development “Chloe Homenuke” and Board Organizer “Emmanuela Droko”

ATTACHMENT:

10.2.1 Motion to table the motion to the March 30th, 2022, Council Meeting. Council Minutes- MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:08

Abhishek / Ben

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

10.1 Executive Committee

- Acting President mentioned that the execs had talked about potential PHO changes, other previously discussed items that had been tabled for today’s Council meeting and leave of absences.

10.2 Executive Officers Committee

- Acting President explained, since his return from a LOA, he had been attending many meetings including transition meetings and

development sessions as well as meeting with Women's Centre and OOC about space furnishing. He also worked on completing the new Peak Lease Agreement.

- Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development discussed her work regarding Elections as well as Governance Committee and Policy review. She had also been participating in onboarding and attending other meetings as well as planning for meetings.
- VP Finance and Services discussed reviewing Budget and other administrative tasks as well as other meetings related to consultation and a hiring committee.
- VP University and Academic Affairs discussed several meetings they had attended as well as several committees. They had also been doing administrative work on top of working on a Tuition Waiver with the Indian Residential School Survivor's Society.
- VP Equity and Sustainability discussed attending several meetings and committees. She mentioned a meeting regarding the naming of the 1000 level community of the SUB which involved conversations with elders. She had also been working on Black History Month event advertising as well and the Van Black Library initiative.

10.3 Committee on Councillors Breaching Confidentiality

- The Committee had convened and discussed its purpose as well as electing Mathematics Councillor as it's Vice-Chair. what needed as in staff support from meeting, moved in camera to discuss instance, investigation needs to be finished before public discussion

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Governance Committee Appointments– MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:09

SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development 'Chloe Homenuke'

ATTACHMENT:

Abhishek / Chloe

Whereas there are currently 2 vacancies on Governance Committee,

Be it resolved to appoint Paige Ripley and Abhishek Parmar to Governance Committee.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

Paige Ripley (23 Votes)

Nikki Kirigin (10 Votes)

Abhishek Parmar (16 Votes)

Alev Maleki (13 Votes)

- Voting was performed through WebSurvey.
- Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development explained that a full committee was needed to make policy changes so that the burden of the changes would not be passed on the incoming VP Internal and Organizational Development.
- Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development nominated Paige Ripley.
- Nikki Kirigin nominated self.
- Abhishek Parmar nominated self.
- Alev Maleki nominated self.
- In response to the results of the vote, Acting President moved to amend motion to “Be it resolved to appoint Paige Ripley and Abhishek Parmar to Governance Committee.”

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

12.1 SFSS 2022-2023 Budget Discussion - Department 20 (Council)

SUBMITTED BY: Acting President “Corbett Gildersleve”

ATTACHMENT:

- Acting President explained that he wanted to give councillors the time to consult with their members for the necessary feedback to create the Preliminary Annual Budget. He clarified that the outgoing Council would present the preliminary budget, and the incoming Council would approve the Final Annual Budget.

- Acting President clarified that Department 20 was related to Council costs including stipends, CPP and WCB charges. There was an inclusion for childcare, but as there were not often Councillors with children, it was a smaller line item. He clarified that older line items for parking and transportation were removed due to increases in stipend. He highlighted that more than half of the budget was for administrative costs of Council adding that most of the department costs were labour related which was less flexible than programming.
- In response to a suggestion from Political Science Councillor, VP Finance and Services added on that since some committees do not use funds, it would be counterproductive to have money sit in line items where they were not used.

12.2 SUB Storage Options

SUBMITTED BY: Linguistics Councillor “Alev Maleki”

Blurb: Discussion on the different storage spaces and lockers in the SUB and current planning on their usage

- Linguistics Councillor explained that many DSUs lacked adequate space, forcing DSU members to store items at home.
- In response to a question from Mathematics Councillor, Political Science Councillor clarified that this was a discussion item, not a motion.
- Judit Nagy mentioned that she currently had merchandise in her home office and wanted space in the SUB lockers for storage. This lack of space was a particular concern during executive transfers and for students who did not have space for storage. Judit Nagy thanked Linguistic Councillor for raising this issue.
- VP Equity and Sustainability agreed that this lack of storage space was inaccessible and suggested tasking VP Events and Student Affairs in future conversation about this.
- Philosophy Councillor highlighted the need for transparency and clarity and highlighted that as an Exec club member, there were issues with storage.

- French Councillor highlighted that since the French Student Union lacked a room, their minifridge was stored in someone's dorm.
- VP Equity and Sustainability suggested that initials wanting to work on this work with VP Events and Student Affairs on this issue.

12.3 SUB Masking Mandate Consultation

Blurb: Consult with Council on maintaining a masking requirement in the SUB

- Acting President highlighted that this was being brought to Council due to PHO changed introduced recently. He clarified that today's consultation would be used, along with survey result from general students and staff and constituencies, to make inform discussion during the Executive Special Meeting on March 17th, 2022.

15.3.1 Motion to suspend speaking rules for speaking privilege for Councillors. Council Minutes- MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:10

Kylee / Jocelle

RETRACTED BY MOVER

- Mathematics Counsellor made a Point of Order stating that Policy 7.13 needed to be suspended not the rules.

15.3.2 Motion to suspend Policy 7.13. Council Minutes- MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:11

Abhishek / Nikki

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Mathematics Counsellor made a Point of Order stating that Policy 7.13 needed to be suspended not the rules.

- VP Equity and Sustainability clarified that a comprehensive report would be released but not be released prior to the Special Executive meeting. She clarified that Councillors were more than welcome to attend the special Executive meeting.
- Adel Foroodian spoke in favour of having students perform individual

risk assessments. As the pandemic had been ongoing for 2 years, many students had not had the ability to just be with their friends and socialize comfortably. If students wanted to wear a mask, they should have n95s and that the SFSS should provide masks. Adel Foroodian stated that groups hosting events should also have the ability to decide whether or not they would enforce masks at specific events and clarified that the mask issue was a free choice issue, not an equity issue.

- Vivian Ly, a member of DNA, explained that SFSS should prioritise disabled students and follow the lead that UBC and KPU had taken, mandating masks until the end of the semester. Vivian Ly clarified that disabled people did not have the freedom for free choice and were isolated by this policy and that telling people to stay home was discriminatory. They called on the SFSS to prioritize and act on the feedback they had received from their constituency groups. Vivian Ly also raised concerns about the more contagious BA2 variant currently spread and clarified that the pandemic was a mass disabling event. Vivian Ly called on the SFSS to implement a vaccine plus strategy which involved the use of vaccines as well as public health measures and financial support.
- Mathematics Councillor expressed that he was happy seeing the consultation and inquired if Council could see preliminary results.
- VP Equity and Sustainability mentioned that the preliminary results would be sent out. She clarified that Council often did not make decisions related to operational issues. She explained that while Council had made the decision to close the SUB, this had been because the decision to close the SUB was a pressing issue directly related to the services offered by the SFSS and would impact staff, students, and constituency groups. The mask mandate had been established previously and would not directly impact services.
- Daniel Wang, a self-identified neurodivergent student, clarified that the Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) did not represent everyone and expressed that all students had free choice and were not defined by their labels. Daniel Wang clarified that university

students were a young, healthy population who were significantly better off than the majority of students. Implementing a mask mandate would be mistrust in the provincial health organization and would insinuate that the provincial health organization made a rash decision. Daniel Wang explained that if the SFSS believed that they provincial health organization made a rash decision in removing the mask mandate, then the guidance should not had followed in the first place.

- Environmental Science Councillor self identified as living with a chronic illness and with several immunocompromised individuals. She explained that masks, when most or all individuals were masking were extremely effective in preventing transmission in indoor settings. She expressed surprise at the quick removal of the mask removal guidelines and mentioned how cases had previously cases had gone up once masks had been removed. Environmental Science Councillor suggested waiting several months. She added that since it was the middle of the semester, some students might have only made the choice to come back because of the mask mandate. She explained that she understood that there was a choice but that wearing a mask was a small kindness that could be done to keep students safe.
- VP University and Academic Affairs reminded that the province gave the general public a 12–15-hour notice about the mask removal, disabled people did not have time to stock up without being put at risk. Public Health measures like mask mandates required everyone to pitch in for them to work. They clarified that this was an equity issue and added that individuals might also be living in multigenerational homes.
- Health Sciences Councillor made a Point of Information regarding the nearing of the time for the end of the meeting.

15.3.3 Motion to extend Council Meeting by 1 hours to 9:30pm.

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Abhishek / BEN

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- SASU alternate reminded Council that masks do protect individuals especially those who are immunocompromised but does make it harder for those with hearing disabilities to communicate. He added that it made it harder for him to engage in student activities.
- Adel Foroodian clarified that using disabled and neurodivergent DNA as a broad term was misrepresentation. Those with sensory issues, who Adel Foroodian mentioned personally knowing, had expressed feeling single out when the mandate was ongoing. Adel Foroodian added that vaccines did not stop transmission and that cloth masks did not truly protect people like n95 masks did.
- Vivian Ly self-identified as an individual at high-risk for COVID. They explained that those at lower risk for COVID needed to protect the most vulnerable. Those with exemptions would not be made to wear masks but added that there were clear masks and other options for more accessible masking. Vivian Ly restated that a Vaccine plus strategy was the most effective and that the SFSS should strive to follow leading COVID researchers. They clarified that the BCPHO had been criticized, and Dr. Bonnie Henry was on record in stating that this decision was politically motivated which does not necessarily make it the safe choice. Vivian Ly clarified that SFU details about vaccination did not include boosters.
- Daniel Wang clarified that since the SUB, unlike lecture halls, was a recreational space. This was an optional space, and it was therefore not crucial that everyone feel comfortable to access the facility.
- Mathematics Councillor explained the MSU had held a survey which received responses from 209 respondents about masking in the SUB. In response to the question “Should the SFSS mandate masks?”, 31.1% of respondents answered yes. In response to the question “Should the SFU mandate masks?”, 35.1% responded yes. In response to the question regarding whether they would wear masks regardless of the lack of mandate, 67.3% said they would and 32.3% said they would not. Mathematics Councillor clarified that a concern raised was having masks on the SUB but nowhere else on campus.

- Health Sciences Councillor expressed an understand regarding concerns about free choice, but free choice did not remove the influence that individuals had on others. In this context, this could include unknowingly infecting others. Health Sciences Councillor pointed out the underreporting of testing and that case counts are not accurate. She pointed out how the UK lifted mandates resulting in an uptick of cases. She expressed support for a full mask mandate, some floors could be masked and some optional.
- Rastko Koprivica, an acting DNA executive, explained that it was a moral duty to advocate for immunocompromised individuals. Rastko Koprivica highlighted that the drop of a mask mandate would not remove COVID or stop transmission and highlighted that nobody should have to risk their safety to school. Rastko Koprivica called for an immediate reinstatement of the mask mandate for the semester with a comprehensive member outreach to talk about the benefits of the mandate and increase availability of n95 and how they protect others. Rastko Koprivica clarified that the SUB was not an optional recreational area as it houses valuable services for students.
- SACC Councillor clarified that for the past 6 months, student athletes have been travelling to where they are not subject to mask mandates. This has negatively affected them because they become depressed when they have to return to SFU and wear masks. SAAC Councillor stated that if the PHO had looked at data and decided that removing masks was good, then it was an informed discission. He clarified that whether or not it was a political decision should be put aside. He expressed that mandating something that should not be mandated is where he believed the line should be drawn.
- BPK Councillor explained that she was personally experiencing long COVID and clarified that it had nothing to do with age. She expressed hope that others would still wear masks.
- Judit Nagy referenced a survey that she had sent out to undergrads where 48% of undergrads surveyed had stated they would continue to wear masks for themselves and others, 5.7% would wear masks for themselves and 5% would wear masks for other people. Judit

Nagy suggested not forcing students to wear masks and to go about it in a polite and palatable manner instead.

- Political Science Councillor expressed mixed feelings on the motion as he was against a general mandate but understood a need for masked spaces in the SUB for immunocompromised students.
- BPK Councillor reminded Council that, according to the PHO, it was up to individual organizations and individual business to mandate masks or not.
- SAAC Councillor explained that he was in support of mask-only areas but drew a line at a general mandate.
- Acting President explained that, initially, there had been discussion about mask-required areas especially in equity spaces but that it would be easier to have a general mandate.
- SASU Alternate expressed that pushing a mask mandate might get more resistance which would be counterproductive.

13. 30 MINUTES Q&A

- In response to an inquiry from Vivian Ly about filters and air quality measurements in the SUB and lecture halls, Acting President mentioned that this concern had been raised to SFU administration. Acting President explained that he would check with the Building Manager to check the filtration capacity of the SUB. VPES added that VPECA had passed a motion about better ventilation through the purchase of air filters and that DNA would be able to access these filters.
- Vivian Ly asked a clarifying question about current ventilation on campus to which VP Equity and Sustainability responded explaining that there was no response from SFU admin, but there is some filtration information on the SFU website.
- In response to a question from Balqees, VP Equity and Sustainability clarified that the SFSS survey results will be released at the special Executive meeting on March 17th. The comprehensive report would be released the following week.

- In response to a question from Judit Nagy about the Council turnover discussion item, Acting President explained that it was moved to March 30th, 2022, to allow for time for adequate discussion for urgent items.
- In response to a question from Shariq about carrying over core, Acting President clarified that it was currently being looking into.
- In response to a question from Judit Nagy about a formal response about the situation in Ukraine, VP Equity and Sustainability mentioned that SFU had sent out email tagging health and counselling. She expressed that the SFSS would support Ukrainian students or family in Ukraine and that a statement was released with resources for those affected. VPES asked for Judit Nagy to connect if there were other suggestions for what could be done.

14. ATTACHMENTS

- 14.1 Updated - No Cops on SFU Campus Presentation_Nov22_2021**
- 14.2 Calls to Action - Clean Version**
- 14.3 FAQ for NCoC**
- 14.4 TMX Briefing Note**
- 14.5 Dr. Tim Takaro & Zain Haq Solidarity Statement**
- 14.6 Proposal - Personnel Policies: Closures**
- 14.7 SO Outreach Committee**

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022- 03-16:13

Abhishek / Ben

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



No Cops on Campus

Endorsement Request – Psychology Caucus

November 22 2021



**The Role of Police
and Policing**

**Maintain
Dispossession
of Land
(RCMP)**

**Criminalize
Black Bodies
(Slave Patrols)**

**Suppress
Student
Direct Actions
and Tactics
(SFU 1960s)**

**Violently
discipline
labor
(Pinkertons)**

**June
2020**

**December
2020**

**December
2020 -
March 2021**

**March
2021**

**April
2021**

**Student groups
approach SFU
admin**

**Violent arrest of Black
alumnus**

**Community
response to violent
incident**

**MacKay report
released**

**Safety committee
formed**

**In response to
recent murders by
police**

**Campus security
called police**

**Student groups condemn
incident, speak up on
racial profiling**

**External review on violent
arrest**

**BIPOC students
included late, not
centred**

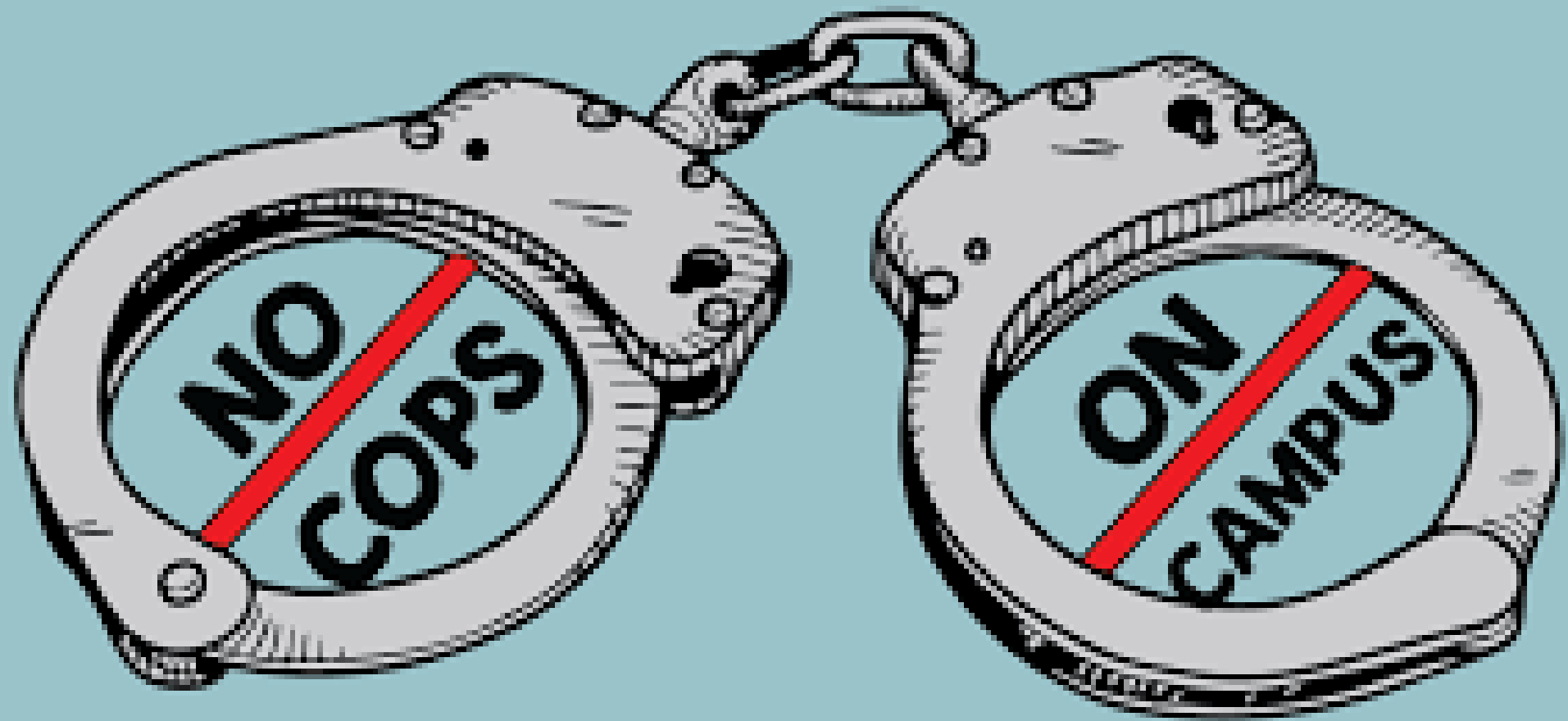
**Discussions on de-
escalation and not
calling police**


**Alumnus pepper
sprayed, arrested,
charged**

Media releases

**Student groups including
TSSU SSJC reject report**

**Full MacKay report
hidden**



The image features three raised fists against a solid black background. The fists are positioned at different heights and angles, creating a sense of movement and solidarity. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the contours of the hands. On the left side, there is a semi-transparent dark rectangular area containing white text.

Calls to Action and
Policy
Recommendations

A young Black man with a short haircut and a light beard is smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a white, ribbed sweater and is leaning his arms on a stack of several books. The background is a blurred library or bookstore with bookshelves filled with books. On the left side of the image, there is a dark grey vertical bar containing white text.

NCOC Next Steps

Our vision of community safety has to come from ourselves as students because the institution, which is firmly rooted in colonial ideologies and practices will never be able to create safety and wellness in ways that we need. We condemn any performative or superficial attempts to implement these calls to action. We further do not believe in reform for harmful policing and security structures and call for transformation change to the campus environments we exist in.

We as a student and workers collective are working toward the elimination of police and policing presence on all SFU campuses.

We know that the road to this goal is one which will require many intentional steps. In these first steps, our work is the work of harm reduction - we seek to push the University towards policies and practices that minimize the harm experienced by marginalized community members, and that maximize access to what good can be found within.

This includes:

- SFU investment in student-run and student empowering transformative justice practices & community safety. We believe a good first step would be moving away from structures like the Student Safety Engagement Program that “provides experience in the fields of safety and security” to invest in transformative justice response and practice. A student-run transformative justice response could be piloted and focused on residence to start with and expand from there.
- Not calling police to campus for wellness checks and mental health response and instead build capacity to support community members through supportive, experienced, and caring responses rooted in transformative justice and community wellness
- Providing complete and transparent data on the current cost of security at SFU both in-house and through firms such as Paladin
- Bringing community safety in house rather than relying on contract security firms so there is more control over what community safety means on campus.
- No police, military, border patrol, and/or corrections recruitment on campus. The presence of police and military on campus is harmful to students who have faced violence from these institutions.
- Allow for students to expunge names from security records when there is no crime.
- Divestment from arms manufacturers in SFU portfolio and prohibit monies related to arms industry research
- Tracking and accountability of security personnel who escalate on calls or cause harm to students while enacting their duties
 - Particular data must be collected about the types of contact security has with students whose identities are those most susceptible to over-policing.
- No carding by security
- Providing for the universal needs of students including low-cost and nutritious food, access to mental health and wellness, and affordable housing.

Regarding policy specifically, we call for:

- Clarity around the process for the RCMP to be brought onto campus by security personnel. The lack of clarity and transparency of policies and procedures related to current security practice makes it difficult for the campus community to make specific recommendations.
- Explicit policy language on the historical harms of policing caused to Indigenous, Black and Brown peoples as well as those communities who have been the target of law in the past (e.g. Asian and South-Asian peoples, disabled peoples, people persecuted for religious affiliation, sex workers, etc.)
- Providing a clear and community-driven definition of Health and Safety in [GP17](#)

The role students play in building real community wellness cannot be understated. There must be significant investment of peer-based alternatives to the current culture of security on campus.

This includes investing in student-led and/or centered:

- Crisis response teams with a focus on mental health
- Transformative justice and community accountability training
- Anti-racism and anti-oppression training
- Conflict reconciliation and de-escalation strategies
- Training about abolition and mutual aid

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Why call ourselves No Cops on Campus?

This campaign is part of decades of work to reduce or eliminate police and security presence across the country that organise under the banner No Cops On Campus. Other “chapters” of this work under the name No Cops on Campus or Cops Off Campus include at University of Toronto, McGill, University of Alberta, and University of Manitoba as well as numerous institutions across the US including Stanford and Princeton. Similar work is also taking place in the K-12 education system as seen in the successful campaigns in New Westminster and Vancouver for Cops Out of Schools.

The name No Cops on Campus speaks to our aspirations for a campus and larger societal environment that doesn't rely on violent institutions and practices for community safety. It also speaks to our desire for a society with less violence or extreme forms of violence to respond to.

Does endorsing the No Cops on Campus campaign mean that you think all police or security officers are bad?

No - this is a structural issue not an individual issue! When organisations declare a climate crisis, divest from fossil fuels, or take action towards climate change, those organisations are not condemning workers involved in industry and activities that affect the climate – they are making a statement and taking action against a larger structural problem that harms people, lands, and futures. In the case of endorsing the campaign No Cops on Campus, this means the organisation is taking a stand against a policing or security structure, ideology, and practice that historically and contemporarily causes harm to people, lands, and futures.

The history of policing in Canada is rooted in removing indigenous peoples from their landscapes through violent force, quashing non-violent civilian, student, and/or labour actions, and oppressing Black peoples and peoples of colour for the ongoing benefit of building Canada. These roots continue to be expressed today as is seen in the actions of [RCMP who killed Nuuh Chah Nulth woman Chantal Moore](#), RCMP who violently [dragged a student by their hair during a wellness check at UBC-Okanagan](#), and [RCMP who tasered a Black alumni at SFU in December of 2020](#) when the situation was harmfully escalated by the arrival of police.

Endorsing the campaign No Cops on Campus means that you are supporting the fact that policing and security as an institution is not the way to enact or build real forms of community safety at SFU.

How can students provide input and be a part of the campaign?

We are asking as a collective and campaign to be endorsed for the movement to be supported with the understanding that students are the ones who will be impacted the most as a whole. Our plan is to create ongoing consultations that are student-run and lead by trained anti-

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oppressive consultation leaders to help guide us through student experiences and perspectives and that will center the voices who are most harmed by policing and security. At this time we welcome feedback, insights, and perspectives that students can bring that will strengthen our language and campaign. The focus of the campaign is to center and be led by the voices of those students who are most harmed by policing and security with the understanding that a more just and non-violent world benefits all students.

If you are interested in being a part of developing and evolving the campaign, please email NoCopsOnCampus@protonmail.com

Why stop recruitment to the RCMP, corrections, and the military on campus?

Students have advocated for years to stop this practice. The presence of police and military on campus is harmful to students who have faced violence from these institutions (think for instance of the many international students who have experienced tremendous violence at the hands of police and the military in their home countries or Indigenous students whose family and community members have been arrested for defending their lands and waters).

These institutions have plentiful resources for conducting recruitment in areas that are not post-secondary campuses. If students wish to join the military or police forces, they do not need these institutions to be present on campus to do so.

If there are no police or security on campus, who will make sure students are safe? Who gets called if there is a problem?

“Abolition is about presence, not absence. It's about building life-affirming institutions.”
- Ruth Wilson Gilmore

This is a chance for students to be a part of the solution. While working to remove police and security on campus, we are simultaneously and collectively working to find creative solutions to enact restorative justice and safety. This must start by building a collaborative and actionable understanding of what community safety and wellness means on campus (different from “security”).

A part of that is asking for the university to invest in different forms of community safety. We recognise the movement toward campuses without policing and security presence is one that will take many steps. The first part of this work is harm reduction-based and focused on building the structures and relationships we will have in the future.

This could look like a number of things including:

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- Growing experience and capacity through student-run transformative justice response teams that could be piloted and focused on residence to start with and expand from there.
 - There are organisations on campus that are committed to growing this kind of student and worker expertise on campus including the SFPIRG and TSSU, as well as numerous individual students and student groups such as SOCA.
- Bringing community safety workers in house to be SFU employees rather than relying on contract security firms so there is more control over what community safety means on campus and what practices constitute safety. This would be a stepping stone toward transformative justice based safety or other alternatives to security as it is known now.
- Better training, policy, and institutional accountability regarding violence on campus such as gender-based and sexual violence.
 - SFU currently has a policy and procedure that addresses “sexual misconduct,” but it is far from the best policy. For more information about sexualised violence policies, please see the [OurTurn National Action Plan](#) and [One Year Later Report](#) prepared by Students for Consent Culture, which analyse and provide recommendations on survivor-centered policy and responses, which include survivor-led support groups.
 - The Ending Violence Association of BC provides quality training around responding to disclosures of gender-based and sexual violence.
 - Through BC Campus engaged subject matter experts including students contributed to [documents](#) and criteria for evaluating the quality of anti-violence education and response. These resources are focused on student education, though the principles of supporting survivors following violence and trauma are important for those tasked with providing campus safety and wellness.
- Ensuring that the universal needs of campus community members are met by having low-cost food options, support for housing, and access to culturally-responsive mental health supports.

For more information on abolition and alternatives to policing, please see these resources as a starting place:

[Is Prison Necessary? Prison Abolition with Ruth Wilson Gilmore
Million Experiments Project](#)

[No Cops on Campus: We Keep Each Other Safe](#)

[Cops Off Campus: What Does That Actually Mean?](#)

[Ontario Universities Defund Campus Police](#)

[Removing Campus Security is a First Step Towards Police Abolition](#)

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Can SFU legally ban cops from campus?

Not all forms of policing can be banned. In the case of some emergencies such as terrorism, gun violence, and other violent crimes police must respond. It is the duty of police to respond to calls when they are made asking for police presence. It is within the power of the university to be intentional about when it is that police are called to respond to issues on campus.

Endorsing Statement of Solidarity for Arrested SFU Community Members Protesting Against TMX Project (Dr. Tim Takaro and Zain Haq)

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Supported by Jaden Dyer (SFU Student & Climate Activist) & Dr. Kate Tairyan (Senior Lecturer, Director of Undergraduate Programs in the Faculty of Health sciences)

March 12, 2021

BACKGROUND OF TMX PROJECT & RELATION TO THE SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY

As previously written for Anti-TMX Day of Action by Chloe Homenuke (previous Environmental Science Councillor, now current acting VP Internal) & Matthew Provost (VP External and Community Affairs) with editing by SFU 350 Members

As outlined by the project [overview](#), the purpose of the Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC (TMX) expansion project is to construct a pipeline next to their already-existing pipeline which serves to [transport](#) “crude oil, semi-refined and refined products” from Edmonton to the Westridge Marine Terminal in Burnaby. The expansion will triple capacity to move barrels of crude oil, going from 300,000 to 890,000 barrels per day. Trans Mountain already has thirteen tanks within the Burnaby Terminal, located next to the Simon Fraser University (SFU) Burnaby campus, with plans to add [fourteen new tanks](#) (one existing tank will be replaced) as a part of the expansion.

The building of the TMX pipeline and the addition of new tanks inevitably increases environmental risks and threatens the health and safety of SFU students, Burnaby Mountain residents, and especially Indigenous People(s) and their traditional and Unceded Territories that we are settled on. [An “affidavit](#) from the Burnaby fire chief, [states] the layout poses numerous potential fire scenarios that would be inextinguishable due to lack of safe firefighting positions. Approximately 240,000 people live within the 5.2 km radius of the dangerous Sulphur Dioxide exposure area, including Simon Fraser University. Yet the evacuation zone offers only a single road, which passes directly by the storage Terminal. Staff and students have been told to shelter in place in case of fire.”

Additionally, over the next fifty years, the likelihood of an oil spill in the Burrard Inlet as a result of the TMX pipeline is between [79-87%](#). This would lead to harmful environmental impacts for BC’s wildlife, as described by [SFU350](#). Furthermore, the City of Burnaby has

declared that additional tanks will increase the risk of a tank farm-caused fire [from](#) 1 in 1,000,000 per year to 1 in 2,000 per year. Note that this assessment does not include the hazard of potential forest fires leading to a tank explosion.

In March 2018, the B.C. Supreme Court granted the Trans Mountain Pipeline an injunction, which was later amended in June of that year. An injunction prohibits particular conduct [to](#) “prevent one party from interfering with the legal rights and interests of another party.” A TMX injunction [could](#) “occur in three ways: (1) obstruction of an entrance to a TMX facility, including facilities of TMX contractors and subcontractors, (2) destroying signage or fencing around TMX sites, or (3) coming within five metres of TMX property.” Trans Mountain can [report](#) ‘unauthorized activity’ to the RCMP who will investigate the situation. If they determine there has been an injunction breach, they can arrest the person(s). Crown Counsel under the BC Prosecution Service and the Ministry of Attorney General will [decide](#) “whether to charge a person with contempt and will recommend the sentence.” Sentence severities have risen since 2018, [from](#) a \$500 fine and community service to now, typically 2-4 weeks in jail, with some Indigenous land defenders, serving up to 90 days in jail. As of February 8, 2022, more than [248](#) people have been arrested for contempt and [48](#) have been sentenced to detention.

The ‘Brunette River 6’ is a group of six land defenders that were arrested and charged with criminal contempt for breaching the TMX injunction. They [are](#) “members of a nondenominational, multi-faith prayer circle and are residents of Burnaby and Vancouver.” The group is comprised of Catherine [Hembling](#), 79, Janette [McIntosh](#), 58, Ruth [Walmsley](#), 61, Zain [Haq](#), 21, Bill [Winder](#), 69, and Tim Takaro, 64.

The Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) has taken a stance in opposition to the TMX project, as seen in [IP-6](#) Climate Justice and Sustainability, passed by the 2020-2021 SFSS Board of Directors. IP-6 directly condemns the funding and construction of the TMX and supports: 1(j) “[a]mplifying departments, faculty and students doing climate justice work” and 1 (k) “[i]nvesting in student led activism, advocacy, and research around climate justice.” It is of paramount importance that the SFSS follows through in supporting these policies on anti-TMX action and student activism. Additionally, as councillors representing the SFSS, it would be negligent to fail to act against this injustice due to the health and safety threats it poses to our membership.

ISSUE: ZAIN & DR. TAKARO’S DETAINED FOR PROTESTING AGAINST TMX PROJECT

Zain Haq, 21, is an international student at Simon Fraser University. He was sentenced to [14 days](#) in jail for breaking an injunction against the Trans Mountain expansion (TMX) pipeline. In participating in non-violent civil disobedience, he’s been arrested a total of ten times. He’s also taken part in hunger strikes to maintain pressure on SFU to divest from fossil fuels.

“I am not motivated much by hope. I am telling the truth about the urgency of the climate catastrophe because I am doing my duty. [...] If you hope to see impact, you will burn out. Instead, I remember that this is the last chance to have a habitable planet. If I get arrested, it is not the end of the world. The end of the world is the end of the world.” – Zain Haq on [National Observer](#)

Dr. Tim Takaro, a professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at SFU, along with the [Protect the Planet Stop TMX Coalition](#), has been peacefully protesting against the TMX project by occupying the forest canopy in the Brunette River Conservation Area with the aim to delay the project and the hope it will be cancelled. In July 2021, Dr. Takaro initiated a parliamentary [petition](#) against the project that gathered over 5,500 within a month, but the petition was not presented in the House of Commons due to a federal election being called.

On November 26, 2021, Dr. Takaro was arrested for allegedly breaching a court injunction for the TMX project. This was the same day that [Trudeau came to British Columbia](#) to discuss the massive flooding in our communities. Dr. Takaro pleaded not guilty and his trial will be happening from June 13-16, 2022.

“We’re in a climate emergency. In a climate emergency, disruption is required when the government is not acting in the best interest of the people and the planet.” – Dr. Tim Takaro, [Video Documentary](#)

Despite the important activism that Zain and Dr. Takaro have done to not only protect the SFU community, but the planet, SFU has refused to clearly state opposition against the TMX Expansion Project and for support of these individuals.

CURRENT STATUS

Tim is awaiting trial for June 13-16, 2022.

Zain was jailed on February 15th for [14 days](#) after pleading guilty to breaching a court injunction for the TMX Expansion Project (on Burnaby Mountain). He has 4 upcoming trial dates regarding other peaceful civil disobedience instances, including one for Fairy Creek (on Vancouver Island).

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Background on Dr. Tim Takaro and Zain Haq’s climate activism, provided by Jaden Dyer

Dr. Takaro has long fought as an anti-TMX activist and member of the Protect the Planet Stop TMX Coalition for the safety of students, staff, faculty, residents on Burnaby Mountain, and in solidarity with Host Nations, endangered by the local and global threat of the expansion project poses. He has dedicated his career to researching the human health effects of climate change and played an essential role in halting construction and raising awareness on the project’s extreme threat to the livelihood, from organizing meetings with Burnaby residents and fire chiefs to participating in acts of civil disobedience such as tree sit-ins.

Zain has been fighting for a livable future since he first came to Canada and started at SFU in 2019. He consistently puts his freedom and safety on the line working to protect the community from the devastation it will face from a 2°C rise in global average temperatures, including mass crop failure and starvation. Last Fall, Zain vowed to go on a hunger strike on campus if SFU did not commit to full divestment from fossil fuels by 2025, as well as to take appropriate action to oppose the TMX. This included actively pursuing regional and national

media attention, assisting in lobbying for the immediate release of TransMountain's safety plans, and making an official statement educating the Burnaby Mountain community on the existential threat it poses to human lives and Indigenous sovereignty. Zain reached out to Dr. Takaro for his support in the campaign, which was integral in facilitating the organization process and gaining further publicity and support from faculty and the wider community, including members of Protect The Planet Stop TMX.

Despite their sentencing, Zain and Dr. Takaro continue to fight today for Indigenous rights, human safety, and a habitable planet, participating in political action and peaceful civil disobedience in the footsteps of the many social and environmental rights activists before them.

The Simon Fraser Student Society has in the past taken a stance in opposition to the Trans Mountain Pipeline as well as other extractive resource projects. Both IP-6 and IP-7 outline the following:

IP-6 Climate Justice and Sustainability:

- **The SFSS Supports:**
 - 1(a) Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination, the LandBack movement, and meaningful and proper consultation with Indigenous Host Nations and communities
 - 1(j) Amplifying departments, faculty and students doing climate justice work
 - 1(k) Investing in student-led activism, advocacy, and research around climate justice
- **The SFSS Opposes:**
 - 2(a) Funding and construction of new and existing fossil fuels infrastructures such as the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) and Coast GasLink (CGL) Pipeline,

IP-7: Indigenous Inclusion and Reconciliation:

- The SFSS Supports:
 - Indigenous Governance and Sovereignty:
 - 3(d) Indigenous People(s) inherent right(s) and title(s) to the land, as well as the right to self-determination in any possible circumstance
 - 3(f) Respecting the inherent rights and responsibilities of all living beings
 - 3(h) Standing in solidarity with Land Protectors and Indigenous Climate Action movements
 - 3(i) Affirm the work towards social and equity and social justice to enhance Indigenous self-determination
 - 3(j) Amplifying and support the work that has been done by Land Protectors since time immemorial
 - 3(j)(i) This includes statements of solidarity and/or reparations
 - Reconciliation and Decolonization:
 - 5(j) Land Back
- The SFSS Opposes:
 - 12. Any pipeline or extractive entity that causes harm to the land

MOTION

Whereas the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) project is currently increasing their tanks twofold, adding fourteen new tanks to their already-existing thirteen tanks, in which one existing tank will be replaced, within the Burnaby Terminal located next to the Simon Fraser University (SFU) Burnaby campus,

Whereas, despite the threat the expansion poses to its students and the environment, SFU has yet to take a clear stance against the Trans Mountain Expansion project,

Whereas the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the sə́l ilw'ətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh), skwx wú7mesh (Squamish), and xwməθkwəy'əm (Musqueam) Nations on which the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) pipeline is trespassing and being built without their free, prior, and informed consent,

Whereas the SFSS opposes TMX on the grounds of violation of Indigenous sovereignty and supports actions of Indigenous land and water defenders against TMX,

Whereas the 2020-2021 SFSS Board Directors passed Issue Policy IP-6 Climate Justice and Sustainability which outlines on pg. 24 "The SFSS Opposes under 2(a) "Funding and construction of new and existing fossil fuels infrastructures such as the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) and Coast GasLink (CGL) Pipeline",

Whereas the current SFSS stance is in full opposition to the TMX Pipelines and continues to advocate and support climate justice initiatives and calls to action,

Whereas SFSS believes in the right to peaceful protest and assembly,

Whereas the activism work of Zain Haq and Dr. Tim Takaro contributed to the pressure towards SFU to fully divest from fossil fuels and was successful,

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council endorse, sign, and release a statement in solidarity with SFU student Zain Haq and SFU professor Dr. Tim Takaro for their arrest(s) and/or upcoming trial immediately.

Be it further resolved that SFSS Communications sends the statement to the SFU Administration upon release to request they share, amplify, and stand in solidarity with Zain Haq and Dr. Tim Takaro.

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Relevant References:

[Burnaby Trans Mountain tree-sitter jailed for criminal contempt](#)

[SFU professor marks one year of civil disobedience against TMX pipeline expansion](#)

[Zain Haq willing to go to jail if it helps save the planet | Canada's National Observer: News & Analysis](#)

[Press Release: Two More Accused of Breaching Trans Mountain Injunction Sentenced to 14-21 days in Jail](#)

[Assessment of the Trans Mountain Pipeline and Tanker Expansion Proposal](#)

[An Assessment of Spill Risk for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project](#)

Other Resources:

Zain Haq's story: [!\[\]\(0f848bbd71cef6b345273b16f905912a_img.jpg\) Why did this young man get arrested 10 times?](#)

Tim Takaro's story: [!\[\]\(339a16584d5da0f0a3ca4e9ec17bf6a1_img.jpg\) Climate activist arrested the same day Trudeau comes to BC to tal...](#)

[PROTESTS & ARRESTS :: Protect the Planet. stop TMX](#)

[Free, Prior and Informed Consent](#)

[Read the Trans Mountain Assessment Report - Sacred Trust](#)

THE SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY IN SOLIDARITY WITH SFU COMMUNITY MEMBERS DETAINED FOR PROTESTING AGAINST TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT (TMX)

Last month, the SFSS learned SFU student, Zain Haq, and SFU Health Sciences professor, Dr. Tim Takaro, were charged for allegedly breaching a court injunction for the Burnaby Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC expansion project (TMX). On February 15, 2022, Zain was jailed for [14 days](#) upon pleading guilty and has three more court dates in March. Dr. Takaro pleaded not guilty and will go to trial from June 13-16, 2022.

“Civil disobedience has been an essential part of many social change movements, but it must disrupt if it is to be effective. It is not our purpose to disrupt. Our purpose is to create a profile so large that it cannot be ignored.” – Zain Haq, [National Observer](#)

The Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC (TMX) Expansion project is the construction of an additional pipeline, a twinning of an existing 69-year-old pipeline from Edmonton to Burnaby. The project will triple capacity to move [diluted bitumen](#), going from 300,000 to 890,000 barrels of highly toxic crude oil daily with the addition of 14 [new tanks](#) (one existing tank will be replaced) in Burnaby. This would lead to a total of 26 tanks on the same 1.89-acre tank farm site directly adjacent to the SFU campus on Burnaby Mountain. As stated in a [letter](#) to the Prime Minister by SFU's Students Against TMX group, “in light of the global climate crisis, we categorically reject the expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline, particularly as Canada is warming at twice the rate of the rest of the world”.

As outlined in Dr. Takaro's July 2021 petition to the House of Commons, the project has a history of violating environmental regulations. Additionally, data from the Canada Energy Regulator show that in “almost all scenarios the [TMX] project will not be financially viable.” On February 18, 2022, the federal government ceased further public funding of the project as its costs soared to [\\$21.4B](#), from earlier estimates of [\\$12.6B](#) (2020) and [\\$7.4B](#) (2017). This is a 70% cost increase in just two years, with [less than half](#) of the project completed and its [timeline](#) pushed to the third quarter of 2023.

In addition, the TMX project has not received consent from all the First Nations whose territories overlap the project, including the Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Coldwater Indian Band. Therefore, the activism of Zain Haq and Dr. Takaro is not only important to SFU community members but also an essential show of solidarity as settlers on Unceded Coast Salish Territories to these Host Nations.

“We’re in a climate emergency. In a climate emergency, disruption is required when the government is not acting in the best interest of the people and the planet.” – Dr. Tim Takaro, [Video Documentary](#)

Dr. Takaro is a physician-scientist with decades of experience in occupational and environmental health. His research on human health and climate change is valued not only by his colleagues and trainees at the Faculty of Health Sciences but also globally. Under his leadership as a 2-term Faculty of Health Sciences Associate Dean of Research, the Faculty

formed the [Planetary Health](#) research and learning hub, which elevated the profile of this work in local and global contexts. Further, he has long worked as an anti-TMX activist and member of the Protect the Planet Coalition to ensure the safety of students, staff, faculty, residents, and Indigenous Peoples (s) on Burnaby Mountain. His efforts aim to benefit all those locally and globally endangered by the threats of the expansion project. Dr. Takaro's colleagues and students at SFU stand in solidarity with him and his dedication to protecting the planet, and they expect SFU to take the leadership to do the same.

Haq has been fighting for a livable future since he first came to Canada and started as an SFU student in 2019. He consistently puts his freedom and safety on the line to protect the people from the devastation of a 2°C rise in global average temperatures. Haq established and currently leads the civil resistance campaign [Save Old Growth](#). The campaign is a team of youth participating in peaceful, civil disobedience to pressure the BC government to end the logging of old-growth forests immediately, of which several SFU students are involved.

Both Haq and Dr. Takaro were involved in organizing a hunger strike last Fall at SFU to pressure SFU to fully divest from fossil fuels and take a clear stance against the TMX pipeline. The hunger strike garnered significant publicity and support from the SFU community. Through external pressure and eight years of activism by SFU350, [SFU committed to full divestment from fossil fuels by 2025](#), only four hours into the hunger strike.

“SFU needs to embody its role as a climate leader to oppose a project that so clearly endangers the people they’re meant to keep safe and support their own community members who are putting themselves on the frontlines for the very same reasons.”
–SFU350

However, SFU has yet to put out a statement clearly stating their opposition against the construction of the TMX project or in support of Dr. Takaro and Haq. Dr. Takaro has been in discussion with SFU about the pipeline since 2014; however, only over the past seven years has SFU released [statements](#) of concern regarding the TMX, although there has been no clear opposition or acknowledgement of consequences of the project. With an increase in the total number of [tank farms](#) on Burnaby Mountain (26 total), the safety of the SFU community is at risk. Multiple risk evaluations, including one done by [Burnaby Deputy Fire Chief Chris Bowcock](#) and one by [SFU](#), have noted this increased risk. An [additional fire protection audit](#) by the Canadian Energy Regulator (CER) found that it could take up to 6 hours for a coordinated emergency response to an emergency from Trans Mountain's own firefighting team, who are located in Kamloops since there is no jurisdiction for the Burnaby Fire Department within the facility. Based on this information alone, SFU should release a statement expressing clear public opposition to the TMX project, and subsequently a statement in support of the activism of SFU community members. SFU recently declared that we are in a climate emergency and in doing so, must also recognize that significant action must be taken to protect our communities and future generations.

“We are slow walking in a climate emergency. The university must act so we can turn the ship.” – Dr. Tim Takaro

Therefore, as a student society that advocates for students – especially student safety – with the guiding principles of equity, community, empowerment, and sustainability, the SFSS fully supports Dr. Tim Takaro and Zaid Haq in their efforts to stop the TMX Project and oppose the active criminalization of climate activists and Indigenous land defenders by the Trans Mountain Corporation. We stand in solidarity with those putting themselves on the front lines in the fight against climate change. We support their rights to peaceful protest and non-violent demonstration. There is no right to an injunction on the stolen lands of Indigenous People(s); they are the unceded lands of the Coast Salish Peoples. The pipeline should not be constructed without the free, prior, and informed consent from all Indigenous nations directly impacted.

We encourage the SFU Administration to amplify this statement and release a public statement of their own in clear opposition to the TMX project. In addition, we call on SFU Administration to voice their support and solidarity of the political action and peaceful civil disobedience of Zain Haq and Dr. Tim Takaro. Their actions follow in the footsteps of many social and environmental rights activists that came before them, who advocate for Indigenous rights, human safety, and a habitable planet for all.

In Solidarity,

Simon Fraser Student Society Council

SFU350

PP-1: OFFICE CLOSURE

Policy

Employees will not suffer a loss of pay if the Simon Fraser Student Society closes due to inclement weather or other circumstances.

Definitions

“Office Closure” means that the SFSS operation is closed entirely, and that the Office closure is treated as an Office Holiday.

“Office Holiday” means a day off with pay.

Process

The President shall be responsible, with a recommendation from the Operations Organizer, for declaring an Office Closure due to inclement weather.

In the event of inclement weather an employee who is unable to attend work, or who feels that it would be unsafe to attempt to attend work, will receive no pay for that day, unless specifically instructed by the Operations Organizer or their designate to not attend work.

In the event that an employee is at work and requests to leave early because of inclement weather and is allowed to leave work early, they will be paid only for the hours they actually worked that day. In the event an employee is instructed by the Operations Organizer or their designate to leave work early because of inclement weather, the employee will be paid for the balance of hours they were scheduled to work.

If the ~~Operations Organizer or delegate closes the~~ Society closes due to inclement weather or other circumstances, employees will not be expected to work and will not suffer any loss of pay. If circumstances require that the SFSS remain closed beyond 24 hours, the Operations Organizer will review the possibility of layoffs, seeking approval from the Executive committee for any such layoff.

If an employee requests or is directed to work remotely due to inclement weather, and an Office Closure has not been declared, they will receive pay for that day.

PP-X: BUILDING CLOSURE

DEFINITIONS

“Building Closure” means the closure of the Student Union Building, but isn’t an Office Holiday or Office Closure. This definition does not include spaces managed or leased by the Society at the SFU Surrey, Vancouver campuses, or elsewhere.

“Space Closure” means the closure of any Society space that is not the Student Union Building. This includes the SFSS’s space in SFU Surrey and SFU Vancouver.

PROCESS

The President shall be responsible, with a recommendation from the Operations Organizer and/or the Building Manager, for declaring a Building Closure or any Space Closures.

Building Closure

If a Building Closure is declared, employees will be directed to conduct their shifts remotely.

If a Building Closure has not been declared due to inclement weather, and a staff member chooses to stay home or end their shift in the Student Union Building early, staff will be directed to complete the remainder of their shift remotely, where possible.

Space Closure

If a Space Closure is declared at any Society space, employees there may be directed to conduct their shifts remotely.

SO-13: Outreach Committee

Relevant By-Laws

- By-Law 6(16)(c), By-Law 6(16)(d)

Outreach Committee

13.1 The Outreach Committee is a standing committee of Council as per By-Law 4.

Preamble

13.2 SFU has frequently struggled with student engagement, and has become known as a “Commuter School”. Due to this, the SFSS also struggles to engage and inform the student body. This committee seeks to try and improve SFSS member outreach.

Purpose

13.3 The purpose of this Committee shall be to ensure students are knowledgeable about business before the SFSS’s Governing Bodies.

13.4 Provide an opportunity/space for the general membership to have a voice

13.5 Act as a resource for students to learn more about the society.

Composition

[Chairperson] 2 members of the committee as Co-Chairs, elected by the committee.

[Vice Chair] 1 member of the committee, elected by the committee.

Council Members

- Up to 7 Non Executive Councillors
- 1 Executive Officer
- 1 Councillor who represents a Constituency Group
- 1 Councillor who represents an Affiliated Student Group

Student-At-Large Members

- Up to 5 Student At-Large Members

Selection

13.6 The selection of Student At-Large members for this Committee will be prioritized to first year students. A “first year student” shall be defined as a member of the society who has been enrolled in less than 3 terms at Simon Fraser University.

Quorum

13.7 Quorum shall be a Simple Majority of voting members in meetings that take place during the Spring or Fall semester(s)

13.8 Quorum shall be 40% of voting members in meetings that take place during the Summer semester.

Terms of Reference

13.9 Make recommendations on SFSS policies, resources, and proposals, regarding issues relating to student outreach

13.10 Organize outreach initiatives that seek to increase SFSS member engagement.

13.11 Ensure that the members of the Simon Fraser Student Society are informed of business that is being brought to council in a way that is accessible to members.

13.12 The Committee shall establish working groups wherever possible and may strike sub-committees, when necessary, to be used sparingly, in order to conduct the business of the committee.

Governance

13.13 The committee will strive for consensus. Where no consensus is reached, the committee will make decisions by simple majority vote.

13.14 The committee shall take into consideration and respect Indigenous forms of governance and recognize how often other forms of governance overrule Indigenous ways of knowing, especially on occupied stolen territories.

13.15 When the committee takes into account Indigenous forms of governance, the committee shall consider other aspects and ways of knowing in order to properly support this decision-making process. This can include:

(a) Inviting Indigenous Elders of the Territories and asking for advice or support in the decision-making process.

(b) finding ways to include Indigenous forms of governance i.e. talking circles, transparency process and community engagement

Relevant Policies

The members of the committee should be familiar with the following:

- (a) SFSS Council Policies
- (b) SFSS Communications Policies
- (c) SFSS Issues Policies