

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:39 PM

## 2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selíłwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əł̓əm (Kwíkwetlem) and ḡicəy̓ (Katzie) Nations. Unceded means that these territories have never been handed over, sold, or given up by these nations, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

## 3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

### 3.1 Council Composition

#### Student Union Representatives

Applied Science.....	Vacant
Archeology.....	Vacant
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 .....	Gurleen Grewal
Business .....	Vacant
Chemistry.....	Vacant
Cognitive Science .....	Aaron Fung
Communications.....	Alan Ropke
Computing Science .....	Shariq Ahsan
Criminology.....	Ava Wood

Dance.....	Vacant
Data Science Student Union.....	Vadym Shakhraichuk
Earth Science .....	Eden Lien
Economics.....	Rafid Rahman
Education.....	Christine Yoo
Engineering Science .....	Liam Feng
English Councillor.....	Vacant
Environmental Science.....	Vacant
Faculty of Applied Science .....	Vacant
Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology .....	
Faculty of Environment Event.....	Vacant
Film Student Union .....	Vacant
Fine and Performing Arts .....	Vacant
French.....	Ethan Dungey
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies.....	Simran Basra
Geography .....	Natasha Kearns
Gerontology Student Union .....	Vacant
Global Asia Studies Student Union.....	Vacant
Health Science .....	Priyanka Dhesa
History .....	Matthew Reed
Humanities.....	Vacant
Indigenous Studies Student Union .....	Vacant
Interactive Arts and Technology .....	Jung-yeon Lee
International Studies Student Association .....	Sude Guvendik
Labour Studies .....	Vacant
Latin American Studies .....	Vacant
Linguistics .....	Alev Maleki
Mathematics.....	Ben Tischler
Mechatronics System Engineering .....	Ryley McWilliams

Molecular Biology & Biochemistry .....	Houman Mirhossein
Music Student Union .....	Vacant
Operations Research.....	Vacant
Performing Arts .....	Vacant
Philosophy .....	Ashley Flett
Physics .....	Daniel Alder
Political Science .....	Brydan Denis
Psychology .....	Mark Giles
Public Policy.....	Vacant
Science Undergraduate Society .....	Ayooluwa Adigun
Semester in Dialogue .....	Vacant
Society of Arts and Social Sciences.....	Hilary Tsui
Sociology and Anthropology .....	Arthur Lee
Software Systems .....	Gurmehar Singh
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA).....	David Taeil Ahn
Sustainable Community Development.....	Vacant
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society .....	Mohammad Al-Sheboul
Theatre Student Union .....	Vacant
Visual Arts.....	Vacant
World Languages and Literature .....	Raghava Payment

**Constituency Group Representatives**

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance.....	Aiden Cumming-Teicher
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association.....	Keianna James
International Student Advocates .....	Vacant
Out on Campus Collective.....	Vacant
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry .....	Vacant
Women Centre Collective .....	Vacant

**Affiliated Student Groups**

Residence Hall’s Association (RHA) ..... Emmanuel Adegboyega  
 Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)..... Vacant

**SFSS Executive Committee**

President (Chair) ..... Helen Sofia Pahou  
 VP Internal and Organizational Development .....  
 VP Finance and Services..... Abhishek Parmar  
 VP University and Academic Affairs ..... Nicole Kirigin  
 VP External and Community Affairs ..... Eshana Baran  
 VP Equity and Sustainability..... Vacant  
 VP Events and Student Affairs..... Vaibhav Arora

**3.2 Society Staff**

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

**3.3 Alternates**

Archeology ..... Seniha Inceoz

**3.4 Regrets**

Cognitive Science ..... Aaron Fung  
 Communications ..... Alan Ropke  
 Computing Science ..... Shariq Ahsan  
 Engineering Science ..... Liam Feng

Physics ..... Daniel Alder

**3.5 Leave of Absence**

President..... Helen Sofia Pahou

**3.6 Absents**

Biology ..... Nicolas Bonilla  
Criminology..... Ava Wood  
French..... Ethan Dungey  
International Studies Student Association ..... Sude Guvendik  
Linguistics ..... Alev Maleki  
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry ..... Houman Mirhossein  
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society ..... Mohammad Al-Sheboul  
World Languages and Literature ..... Raghava Payment  
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. Policy Manual Repealing Process Clarification - MOTION COUNCIL  
2022-09-14:02**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas section 1.3 outlines the process and voter threshold required to adopt different types of policies;

Whereas the repeal process and voter threshold is implicit, but not clear in the policy;

Be it resolved to amend section 1.3(a) of the Policy Manual to add a

subsection that reads: “1.3(e)(i). To re-appeal a policy which is a rule, a two-thirds (2/3) threshold is required.”

Be it further resolved to amend section 1.3(b) of the Policy Manual to add a subsection that reads: “1.3(f)(i). To re-appeal the above outlined policies, a simple majority threshold is required.”

**4.1.2. Policy Manual: Process for Spelling and Formatting Adjustments -  
MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:03**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas the Policy Manual outlines the process whereby Society policies can be amended;

Whereas all amendments to policies are required to undergo the process outlined in sections 1.2 and 1.3;

Whereas the policy amendments can range from housekeeping changes, such as spelling fixes and formatting, and higher order concerns;

Whereas simple housekeeping changes do not alter the interpretation of policies;

Whereas enacting housekeeping amendments under the process of section 1.2 and 1.3 takes up unnecessary amount of time of Council, and relevant committees;

Be it resolved that Council approves the addition of section 1.8 to the Policy Manual to read as follows: “1.8 Minor fixes that do not impact the intent or meaning of the policy may be updated by the Policy, Research, and Community Affairs Coordinator (PRCA) without process outlined in sections 1.2 and 1.3. These fixes are limited to:

- (a) Spelling mistakes
- (b) Formatting fixes

- (c) Updating adoption dates, when incorrect
- (d) Renumbering, when necessary
- (i) The PRCA is required to submit a brief written report to Council at the next available Council Meeting when changes are made by them under 1.8(c) or 1.8(d).

**4.1.3. Acceptance of SOCA Councillor's Resignation - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:04**

**SUBMITTED BY:** President "Helen Sofia Pahou"

Whereas the SOCA Councillor has resigned;

Be it resolved to accept the resignation of the SOCA Councillor

**4.1.4. P-3 Housekeeping Fixes -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:05**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas there are several minor housekeeping and numbering changes required in P-1;

Whereas these minor issues should be fixed to ensure clarity within P-1;

Be it resolved that council approves the changes to P-1 outlined in the attached document "P-1 Fixes".

**4.1.5. P-3 Housekeeping Fixes -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:06**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mathematics Councillor "Ben Tischler"

Whereas there are several minor housekeeping and numbering changes required in P-3;

Whereas these minor issues should be fixed to ensure clarity within P-3;

Be it resolved that council approves the changes to P-3 outlined in the attached document "P-3 Fixes".

**4.1.6. P-4 Housekeeping Fixes -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:07**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mathematics Councillor “Ben Tischler”

Whereas there are several minor housekeeping and numbering changes required in P-4;

Whereas these minor issues should be fixed to ensure clarity within P-4;

Be it resolved that council approves the changes to P-4 outlined in the attached document “P-4 Fixes”.

**4.1.7. Privacy and Information Management Policy: Empty Page Removal -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:08**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mathematics Councillor “Ben Tischler”

Whereas there are several empty pages in the Privacy and Information Management Policy that contain no policy language within them;

Whereas these pages should be removed to ensure that the policy is the appropriate length;

Be it resolved to amend the Privacy and Information Management Policy by removing all empty pages.

**4.1.8. Procedural Changes to R-7-MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:09**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas R-7 has numerous procedures in it that are completely inconsistent with established practice by the previous chair(s) of council;

Whereas R-7 should be corrected to ensure that the procedures within it are consistent with established practice, so that Council begins to follow the policy as written;

Be it resolved to amend R-7.21 by striking all occurrences of “Board” within R-7.21 and replacing it with “Council”;



Be it further resolved to amend R-7.23 by striking all of R-7.23;

Be it further resolved to amend R-7.24 by striking “isnot” and replacing it with “is not”;

Be it further resolved to amend R-7.30 by striking all of it and replacing it with “The agenda, time, and location of Council Meetings shall be published on the Society Website and/or Social Media prior to these meetings.”

Be it further resolved to fix the indenting.

**4.1.9. OTP-3: Incoming Executive Officers -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:10**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas the current Orientation and Retention Policies are outdated;

Whereas the current Orientation and Retention Policies are insufficient in preparing incoming executive officers for their roles;

Whereas further and more rigorous training is required for incoming executives to ensure the Society continues to operate optimally during transitional periods;

Be it resolved that Council adopts the proposed addition of “OTP-3: Incoming Executive Officers” as attached “OTP-3: Incoming Executive Officers”;

Be it further resolved that Council approves the renumbering of the Orientation and Retention Policies from OTP-3 onwards.

**4.1.10. Appointment of Acting Staff Liaison Officer based on President’s Leave of Absence-MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:11**

**SUBMITTED BY:** President “Helen Sofia Pahou”

Whereas the President has requested to take a leave of absence from September 12th to 23rd, which has been approved by the VPIOD;

Whereas, to manage the affairs of the Society relating to Staff and HR matters, an interim SLO needs to be appointed as the President acts as a Staff Liaison Officer for the Society, alongside the Operations Organizer and Temporary Organizer;

Whereas the VP Internal and Organizational Development, as per SFSS By-Law, “[shall] assume the duties and obligations of the President if the President is unwilling or unable to act, or in the event that the President position becomes vacant;”

Be it resolved to temporarily remove the President as a Staff Liaison Officer from September 12th, 2022 to September 23rd, 2022, reappointing them as a Staff Liaison Officer on September 24th, 2022.

Be it further resolved to appoint the VP Internal and Organizational Development as an Acting Staff Liaison Officer from September 12th, 2022 to September 23rd, 2022.

**4.1.11. Appointment of Acting Legal Liaison Officer based on President’s Leave of Absence- MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09:14:12**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas the President has declared that she is taking a leave of absence from September 12th to 23rd, which has been approved by the VPIOD;

Whereas, to manage the affairs of the Society relating to legal matters, an interim LLO needs to be appointed as the President acts as the Legal Liaison Officer for the Society;

Whereas the VP Internal and Organizational Development, as per SFSS By-Law, “[shall] assume the duties and obligations of the President if the President is unwilling or unable to act, or in the event that the President position becomes vacant;”

Be it resolved to temporarily remove the President as the Legal Liaison Officer from September 12th, 2022 to September 23rd, 2022, reappointing them as the Legal Liaison Officer on September 24th, 2022.

Be it further resolved to appoint the VP Internal and Organizational Development as the Acting Legal Liaison Officer from September 12th, 2022 to September 23rd, 2022.

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

### **5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:13**

**VP Internal / Abhishek**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- The Mathematics Councillor moved to include a new section titled Ratification of Regrets, which contains one motion.
- The VP Internal moved to strike 7.1
- The VP Internal moved to include a new section titled announcements, which contains one motion.

## **6. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS**

### **6.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:03**

**VP Internal / Abhishek**

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from the Behavioral Neuroscience Councillor “Aarthi Srinivasan” and the Science Undergraduate Society Councillor “Ayooluwa Adigun” for the Wednesday, September 21, 2022 Council meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7. PRESENTATION**

### **7.1 Student Care Extended Mental Health Benefits**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

**ATTACHMENT:**

**PRESENTED BY:** Student Care “Sophia Haque”

- In terms of determining costs for your plan, it contains three main items – projected claims, inflation trend, and administrative expenses.
- As per the data from 2016-2019 there was a high utilization of these services by the students. However, in 2019-2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic a lot of the services were shut down and not as much utilization was done by the students. They received data from 2021-2022 year and it shows that \$4,475,653 value service were utilized by the students.
- Static fees mean internal funds have been depleted in past two years.
- In terms of other things SFSS has done in order to manage plan costs – they had worked on reducing risk: funding model change to protect deficit by allowing for \$1.6 million to be returned to replenish SFSS internal funds. Also, they took the plan to market and secured a 2-year rate guarantee. This offers stability and an artificial lowering of plan costs to work on a fee strategy.
- They mentioned that so far, SFSS has been successful in effectively managing costs without needing to reduce plan benefits.
- Students have been surveyed on plan costs and 81.5% of students are in favour of increasing plan cost to maintain or increase benefits. And, 88.7% of the students rated health practitioners including mental health, as important or higher. This data is based from 2021 Health and Dental Plan Survey.
- Compared to other universities, the SFSS plan costs come in the middle. The student has the coverage they want and at a reasonable price.
- In terms of enhancing mental health support, in recognition of mental health needs on campus and desire to give back a tangible benefit to students as they work together to manage plan costs, their goal is to give back students in an area of demonstrated need while protecting plan financials.
- Effective January 1st, 2023, the students could have access to enhanced mental health supports; virtual, long-term counseling, at no out of pocket costs.
- Conversation is a long term counseling service and a mental health service that provides students with cost-controlled counseling access. It reduces barriers to seeking mental health support by allowing students to speak to a mental

health professional quickly at no out-of-pocket cost.

- In terms of the next steps, they urge council to approve the question for a student vote. If successful, the new fee will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. And, increased mental health support will be available on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- The VP Internal mentioned that if the referenda kept on postponing over and over again, the services would need to be cut. This is a great initiative in order to give back students what they have been asking for.
- The VPUAA mentioned that last time people were not aware of the purpose of increase in plan fees. They appreciated the Student Care representative for providing detailed information. They mentioned that coming into their role, they feel it is their priority in improving offerings of mental health support services for the students. They expressed that currently the student care does not offer much services around counseling and this is something of huge benefits for students.
- In response to the VP External regarding if the increase in mental health services would be virtual or in-person, the student care representative mentioned that proposed plan is for virtual services only.

## 7.2 What's Next? Program by SFU

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

**ATTACHMENT:**

**PRESENTED BY:** SFU Associate Vice President Communications and Marketing  
"Kristin Linklater"

- The Presenter shared activity plan for the students. The work towards this approach has been ongoing since 2021.
- Phase 1 consisted on laying groundwork.
- Phase 2 (April – October) deepening the conversation.
- Phase 4 – Delivery of proposed vision of what's next SFU.
- They find themselves to currently being in Phase 3 (September – November) sharpening their focus. Getting close to conclusion of the project.
- They mentioned that input from staff on this has been great. However, they have not been doing well with the engagement with the students until last

week. They are asking for feedback from students about the values of SFU, what they would like SFU to be, and their learning / campus experience.

- They hope to have a new strategic plan for the university early next year.
- In terms of input process so far, they appreciate inquiry-based approach to find out what is working, next opportunities, who are at our best.
- Survey, thought exchange online dialogue, roundtable conversation has also been a great way to get input.
- Their have been good participation from faculty, staff, alumni, and partners.
- They are looking for more input from students: engagement starting September.
- In terms of the student engagement, the centre for dialogue student engagement team is circulating student-only survey.
- Small group discussions are being organized. (50 maximum)  
In person: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 - 8:00 pm.  
Virtual: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 7:30 pm.
- For next steps, they will be sharing full reports of input to date.
- Roundtable discussions to test emerging framework.
- Town hall sessions with the President and Provost to share and shape the plan.
- Leadership discussions to finalize plan: Senate, Executive, Deans, SLT.
- Endorsement of the plan by Board of Governors.
- Our VP Internal thanked the presenter for coming to Council and for sharing what the university is up to as that ways everyone is aware about the student body and then find ways they can support the students.

## **8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **8.1 Executive Committee Report**

- **President :**
  - LOA
- **VP Internal and Organizational Development:**
  - Calls with Student Care.

- HR training preparation for Executives with Operations Organizer.
  - By-elections logistics meeting with BO/OO/VPFS/PRCA/IEC.
  - SAWG meeting.
  - Management meeting.
  - Referenda discussions with Student Care.
  - AGM, by-elections, and referenda planning and BN drafting.
  - DEV Session content planning for next week.
  - Agenda reviews and minutes approval backlog.
  - Staff check-ins.
  - Chairs meeting.
  - Gondola Celebration (S/O to Eshana).
  - DSU executive and student meetings.
  - Admin: reports, AGM logistic emails, email backlog, audit concerns, cheque requisition, staff/exec/stakeholder's check-in, management benefits.
- **VP Finance and Services:**
    - By-election logistics discussion.
    - Pancake breakfast setup.
    - Semester chair meeting + RR review.
    - Attended Gondola Celebration.
    - Contract signing for clubs.
    - Admin including signing cheques, emails, and payroll.
    - Assisting student groups with accessing grants, core, and other funding methods.
  - **VP University and Academic Affairs:**
    - Scheduling and prioritization of meetings with university administrators.
    - Regular office hours and open dialogue with students.
    - Meetings with Associate Vice-President – Gurmehar Singh and Emilio Da Silva.
    - DSU meetings centered around academic advocacy.
    - Met with executives of the TSSU to discuss ideas for academic advocacy and the relation of research assistant advocacy to their portfolio.

- Logistics planning with the administrative staff, finalizing meeting times, individual check-ins with members, Vice-Chair appointment discussion, drafting of agenda items, interviews with shortlisted candidates for the member at-large position, prioritization of UAA annual plan and preparation for the 2022 AGM.
- SFU Fall 2022 Welcome day event and SFSS Fall 2022 Club days' event – meet and greet and help with organizing and tabling.
- Attended the Educational Seminar at the Centre for Socialist Education.
- Attended the Trout Lake Labour Day Event.
  
- **VP External and Community Affairs:**
  - Planning for gondola celebration.
  - MSAA Interviews.
  - MSU button making for the rally.
  - Working on the post-secondary formula funding review written submission with the SFSS President.
  - Attended the SFSS Pancake Breakfast in Burnaby.
  - Attended the SFSS Breakfast in Surrey.
  - Tabled with MSU for the rally coming up to eliminate the International Student Health fee.
  - Attended the first Friday carnival.
  - The Gondola celebration.
  - Planning for municipal elections – tabling, poster, and debate.
  - Attended the Services fair.
  - Planning for the TransLink RoundTable.
  
- **VP Events and Student Affairs:**
  - Event lead for Pancake breakfast: More than 800 students served.
  - First day event + Movie Night: 300+ students served.
  - Club days: Planning and processing.
  - Tabled for Services fair.
  - ESAC Meeting.
  - Diwali night planning.



- Self defence workshop.
- Movie nights in Surrey.
- Halloween event.
- Street Fest.

## **8.2 CCBC Report**

- CCBC has met briefly and they are continuing the discussions and will soon update some progress.

## **9. IN-CAMERA**

### **9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14: #**

**Mover / Secunder**

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

**CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## **10. EX-CAMERA**

### **10.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14: #**

**Mover / Secunder**

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

**CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **11.1 Formal appointment of the SFSS IEC - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:14**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

**ATTACHMENT:**

**VP Internal /**

Whereas an IEC must be appointed to ensure that there are people ready to oversee the By-Election for VP Equity and Sustainability;

Whereas By-Law 13(7)(c) states that “All members of the Independent Electoral Commission shall be elected by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of Council”;

Whereas the IEC consists of 1 Chief Commissioner and 4 Electoral Commissioners;

Whereas Staff and Relevant Executives have already hired these commissioners, but they were never formally appointed by Council;

Be it resolved to appoint Farhan Shahriar as the Chief Commissioner of the IEC effective immediately, with a term ending on April 30, 2023.

Be it further resolved to appoint Alan Wong, Tanishvir Singh, Nadia Ahmed, and Shayan Bombal as IEC Commissioners effective immediately, with a term ending on April 30, 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.2 Calling a By-Election for the role of VP Equity and Sustainability - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:15**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development  
**/ Abhishek**

Whereas the VP Equity and Sustainability “Rea Chatterjee” has resigned and had her resignation accepted at the August 31st Meeting of Council;

Whereas this vacancy has occurred at least two weeks before the start of the nomination period of the Fall By-Election;

Whereas SFSS By-Law 14(4) states that “a by-election must be called to fill a vacant office if the vacancy occurs (2) weeks before the start of the nomination period of the Summer or Fall by elections”;

Whereas this means that, even though Council can appoint an Acting VP Equity and Sustainability in the interim, a By-Election must be held to replace the VP Equity and Sustainability;

Whereas Council has now formally appointed an IEC to oversee the conduct and operation of the By Election;

Whereas consultations have taken place between relevant members of Staff and Executive Committee to determine an optimal timeline for the By-Election;

Be it resolved that Council call for a By-Election for the role of SFSS VP Equity and Sustainability with the following timeline:

Notice of Election Period: September 26, 2022 to October 3, 2022.

Nomination Period: October 3, 2022 to October 17, 2022.

Campaigning Period: October 18, 2022 to November 1, 2022.

Voting Period: November 1, 2022 to November 3, 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.3 Call for referenda - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09:14:16**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

**/ Ben**

Whereas By-Law 16(3) states that referendums may be proposed alongside with general and by elections in the Society;

Whereas referendums are expected to follow the same timeline as elections;

Be it resolved that Council approves calling for a fall referendum alongside the Executive Committee By-Election, in the outlined timeline:

Notice Period: Sept 26 to October 3, 2022.

Nominations: October 3 to October 17, 2022.

Campaigning: October 18 to November 1, 2022.

Voting Period: November 1 to November 3, 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*\*5 Minutes break taken at 5:52*

**11.4 Appointment of Acting VP Equity and Sustainability – MOTION COUNCIL  
2022-09-14:17**

**SUBMITTED BY:** President "Helen Sofia Pahou"

**ATTACHMENT:**

**Ben /**

Whereas the VP Equity and Sustainability "Rea Chatterjee" has resigned and had her resignation accepted at the August 31st Meeting of Council;

Whereas SFSS By-Law 14(2)(a) states that, in the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, "Council may appoint a temporary replacement to the vacant office from amongst the members of Council, other than members of the Executive Committee, to undertake the duties befalling the vacant office, until the office is filled by way of a by-election";

Be it resolved that Council appoint Arthur Lee as the Acting Vice-president Equity and Sustainability, starting immediately and until such time the by-election is concluded and a new VP Equity and Sustainability is elected.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**In Favor of the Sociology and Anthropology Councillor (16):** Archeology, Bachelor of Environment, Behavioral Neuroscience, BPK, Data Science, Economics, FCAT, MESS, HSCI, SUS, IATSU, Software Systems, SASU, VP Internal, VPUAA, and VP External.

**In Favor of the Philosophy Councillor (11):** Biology, Cognitive Science, Education, GSWS, Geography, History, Philosophy, Psychology, RHA, VP Finance.

**Abstain (6):** Earth Science, Mathematics, SASSA, Mathematics, DNA, and VP Events.

- Three calls for nomination were called by the Vice-Chair.
- The SUS Councillor nominated the Sociology and Anthropology Councillor and they accepted the nomination.
- The FCAT Councillor nominated the Physics Councillor and they accepted the nomination.
- The Sociology and Anthropology Councillor mentioned that equity as per their perspective is about connection, connecting with the students. They would like to foster openness in the student community. They are currently the chair of

accessibility committee and are working on more projects to work on. Their experience allows them to connect with the students and people to build equity and sustainability to have open conversation with everyone.

- The Physics Councillor mentioned that they agree with the Sociology and Anthropology Councillor regarding the concept of connection and its importance. So, as equity and sustainability and the projects associated with them. They expressed that they have a lot of experience in this area as a marginalized individual and they have been on the Equity and Sustainability committee in the past and would love to work in this capacity to further work on the vision of SFSS.
- In response to VP External regarding how would they make council more welcoming to constituency groups?  
And, how would they follow on the work that has been done previously from the last two VP equity's, the Sociology and Anthropology Councillor mentioned that they just met with our Policy Research Coordinator to discuss about accessibility concerns. They would openly work with constituency groups, they would have meeting in future with DNA Executives and would communicate with previous VP Equity work report to follow through what projects they have been working on.
- In response to VP External, the Physics Councillor mentioned that their have been great work being done by our previous VP Equity and this is something they would like to carry on with to build upon. They would love to see constituency groups more involved in the Council. Currently there are not many sitting in the Council and to have the seats filled is something they would look into to ensure their concerns are heard, they have a space to speak and voice their concerns and would make sure that when they speak, we do listen.
- In response to the VP Equity regarding what is the importance of centering Black, Indigenous, and other equity student groups for the candidates, the Sociology and Anthropology Councillor mentioned that as a person from a minority group, they feel it is important to include these people in discussion because if these people are excluded it is not fair.
- The Physics Councillor mentioned that it is obviously important as these groups are often excluded from governances. To non-include their voices is

something they would not appreciate. They would like to make them a part of the decision making process.

**11.5 Digital Campaigning during Voting Period - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:18**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**/ Abhishek**

Whereas past practice for online campaigning during Executive Committee elections had been unclear;

Whereas online campaigning is a key asset for electoral success;

Whereas there are clear policies about physical campaigning literature, but less so for online campaigning material;

Whereas the policy gaps pertaining to digital campaigning materials allow room for unfair campaigning;

Be it resolved to add an additional section 15 to CP-4, "Approval of Campaigning Materials", to read as the following:

CP-4 (15) Campaigning literature and campaigning material shall be removed by voting period. Regarding digital campaign materials, removal may entail:

- a. a permanent deletion from social media platforms used for campaigning,
- b. a temporary archival or deactivation, un-listing, or privatization, of platforms,
- c. a temporary unpublishing of websites that are tied to the campaign until the announcement of the elections results

**CARRIED**

**In Favor (15):** Archeology, BPK, Earth Science, FCAT, Mathematics, MESS, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, SASS, SASU, VP Internal, VP Finance, VPUAA, VP Events.

**Against (2):** DNA and VP External.

**Abstain (10):** BESU, Cognitive Science, Data Science, Education Economics,

GSWS, Geography, History, SUS, Software Systems.

**11.5.1 Move to amend the motion to replace with two subsection-  
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**Eshana / Matthew**

**NOT CARRIED**

- VP External mentioned that if we are asking people to vote digitally, there is a possibility that people may find it hard to vote online. They would like to add the amended as follows:
  - a) Campaign literature such as the printed posters around campus must be taken down prior to the start of voting period as outlined in campaign period regulations, however, this does not apply to online campaign materials.
  - b) No member must coerce or intimidate another person into voting for a candidate or group of candidates. Candidates found to be coercing or intimidating Society members are subject to progressive discipline.
- VP Internal mentioned that this is the amendment to the policy. This was in place before they got to the governance committee. In essence this policy is to ensure that certain practices are being followed as to SFU Senate elections. Certain policies are in place in regards to the literature such as printed posters have to be taken down and that is done. And, the IEC enforce these practice currently. If you would like to post digital material on social media, you would have to be signed up by the IEC in regards to all platforms where you will be posting these.
- In response to the FCAT councillor regarding if this amendment was approved by the oversight committee or the governance committee, the Mathematics councillor mentioned that as a chair of the OCEO and as a member of governance committee, this amendment has not been approved by either of the committees.

**In Favor (1):** VP External.

**Against (10):** BPK, Earth Science, FCAT, Geography,

Mathematics, Mechatronics, Philosophy, VP Internal, VP Finance, VPUAA.

**Abstain (17):** Bachelor of Environment, Biology, Cognitive Science, Data Science, Economics, Education, GSWS, History, Political Science, Psychology, SUS, SASS, SASU, Software Systems, Archeology, DNA, and VP Events.

**11.5.2 Move to call the question - MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:20**

**Abhishek / Ashley**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**12.1 CORPORATE RECORDS REPOSITORY ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES -  
MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:19**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas the current copy of the CIP-1, "Corporate Records Repository" is not consistent with Society Staff or Council's roles;

Whereas CIP-1 makes references to role that no longer exist;

Whereas CIP-1 is not representative of the roles and responsibilities outlined for the Society;

Be it resolved that Council approves and adopts the following changes to CIP-1 as attached in the document "CIP-1 role synchronization".

**12.2 CORPORATE RECORDS UPDATES -MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:20**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas the SFSS Corporate Records Policies are outdated and not reflective of the governance model we currently have;

Whereas there are numerous errors in the Corporate Records policies regarding referring to staff roles incorrectly;



Be it resolved that Council approves the outlined changes in the document attached, "CIP housekeeping updates".

### **13. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **13.1 Motion for Yearly Donation to Indian Residential School Survivors**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP External and Community Affairs "Eshana Baran"

- The VP External mentioned that last year \$10,000 was donated to this organization during the orange shirt day. We have issues policy and since we are committee to reconciliation at SFSS they wanted to bring this up and bring a new motion to next council meeting.
- Instead of \$10,000, they would like to propose \$5000 or \$6000 yearly and they spoke to our VP finance and was given two alternatives for this. They would prefer to have this out from the Council budget.
- They also spoke to the FNMISA coordinator and they went through the motion.
- In response to the DNA councillor regarding what made them think or change the funding amount, the VP External mentioned that this was brought to them by an indigenous student and they thought of making this to be like a yearly donation. They also had conversation regarding how residential schools have always impacted indigenous folks being a generational trauma. Being a SFSS community, they wanted to bring this forward.
- The VP Finance appreciated our VP External for their due diligence for coming to them before presenting the huge amount to Council.
- The Board Organizer mentioned that the VP External's intention here is to have this on a reoccurring basis and they have had conversation with the executives about the financial things regarding this in the couple of years. They are trying to make sure that this is continued knowing the financial restrictions may come up.

## **14. 30 MINUTES Q&A**

## **15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 15.1** President Leave of Absence – September 12 to September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 15.2** Regrets Jotform added to your Council Calendar invites.

## **16. ATTACHMENTS**

- 16.1** CIP housekeeping updates.pdf
- 16.2** CIP-1 role synchronization.pdf
- 16.3** OTP-3 Incoming Executives.pdf
- 16.4** P-1-Fixes.pdf
- 16.5** P-3-Fixes.pdf
- 16.6** P-4-Fixes.pdf

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

- 17.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-09-14:21**  
**/ Ayooluwa**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM

### **CARRIED**

- The SUS Councillor, the FCAT Councillor, and the VP Finance voted against.