



1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:40 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəł̓əm (Kwkwetlem) and q̓icəy̓ (Katzie) Nations. Unceded means that these territories have never been handed over, sold, or given up by these nations, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Council Composition Student Union Representatives

Archeology Student Society (ASS)	Seniha Inceoz
Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society (BNSS)	Aarthi Srinivasan
Biology Student Union (BSU)	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union	Jovan Gnjatovic
Business Administration Student Society	Meha Sidhu
Chemistry Student Society	Xiaohan (Hana) Li
Cognitive Science Student Association.....	Bhuban Karim
Collective of Arts and Cultures Studies Students.....	Vacant
Computing Science Student Society	Mabel Ling
Criminology Student Association	Henry Do
Dance Student Union	Vacant
Data Science Student Society.....	Jennifer Hung
Earth Science Student Union.....	Eden Lien
Economics Student Society	Vacant
Education Student Association.....	Vacant
Engineering Science Student Society.....	Tony Kooliyath
English Student Union.....	Vacant
Environmental Science Student Union.....	Grayson Barke
Faculty of Applied Science	Vacant
Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology	Vacant
Film Student Union	Vacant
Fine and Performing Arts Student Union	Vacant



Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies	Vacant
Geography Student Union	Jeffery Collinson
Global Asia Studies.....	Vacant
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union.....	Ishika Rathore
History Student Union.....	Emilio Da Silva
Humanities Student Union.....	Vacant
Indigenous Studies Student Union	Evan Accettola
Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union.....	Vacant
International Studies Student Association (ISSA)	Chloe Arneson
Labour Studies Student Union	Vacant
Linguistics Student Union.....	Vacant
Mathematics Student Union	Vacant
Mechatronics System Engineering Student Society	Aiden Maymandy
MBB Student Union (Vice-Chair).....	Sam Killawee
Music Student Union	Vacant
Operations Research Student Union	Vacant
Philosophy Student Union	Nava Karimi
Physics Student Association	Vacant
Political Science Student Union.....	Aliyah Apolonio
Psychology Student Union	Vacant
Resource and Environmental Management.....	Amos Kang
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS)	Catherine Ho
Semester in Dialogue Student Union	Vacant
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS).....	Rajdave Gill
Sociology and Anthropology Student Union (SASU).....	Andres Sosa
Software Systems Student Society	Tal Zaloilov
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association.....	Van Nguyen
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society	Andrew Nathan
Visual Arts Student Union	Vacant
World Languages and Literature Student Union	Richa Daiya

Constituency Group Representatives

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

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) Yaye Balde
Women Centre Collective Vacant

Affiliated Student Groups

Residence Hall’s Association (RHA) Emmanuel Adegboyega
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Vacant
Teach Support Staff Union (TSSU) Pranjali J Mann
Embark Sustainability Vacant
SFPIRG Tuleen Awad

SFSS Executive Committee

President (Chair) Liam Feng
Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development Ashley Flett
VP Finance and Services Jadvinder Bolina
VP University and Academic Affairs Thomas Lueth
VP External and Community Affairs Navleen Brar
VP Equity and Sustainability Priyanka Kaur Dhesa
VP Events and Student Affairs Ayooluwa Adigun

3.2 Society Staff

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

3.3 Regrets

President Liam Feng
History Student Union Councillor Emilio Da Silva
Philosophy Student Union Councillor Nava Karimi
Behavioural Neuroscience Councillor Aarthi Srinivasan
Political Science Student Union Councillor Aliyah Apolonio
FNMISA Chris Sanderson
Engineering Student Society Tony Kooliyath



3.4 Guests

Member	Abhishek Parmar
Member	Chanelle Wong
Member	Jake Choi
Member	Shivali Sisodraker
Member	Mohammed Aqeeb
Member	Emily Zhang
Member	
Member	Kashish Mehta

3.5 Absents

Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS).....	Rajdave Gill
Chemistry Student Society	Xiaohan (Hana) Li
International Studies Student Association (ISSA)	Chloe Arneson
Sociology and Anthropology Student Union (SASU)	Andres Sosa
VP External and Community Affairs	Navleen Brar
World Languages and Literature Student Union	Richa Daiya
Teach Support Staff Union (TSSU).....	Pranjali J Mann

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 and Committee Minutes - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:01

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

- Council 2024-01-17
- Council 2024-01-03
- ESC 2023-07-27
- ESC 2023-10-12
- EXEC 2023-12-01
- EXEC 2023-12-15
- EXEC 2024-01-12
- HRP 2023-12-18

- OCEO 2023-11-03
- OCEO 2023-12-03
- UAA 2023-11-22

4.1.2. Ratification of Regrets- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:02

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from the President, History Student Union Councillor, Philosophy Student Union Councillor, Behavioural Neuroscience Councillor, Political Science Councillor, FNMISA, and Engineering Student Society Councillor for the Council January 31st, 2024 meeting.

4.1.3. RATIFICATION OF RESIGNATION –MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:03

Be it resolved to receive and file the resignation of the Geography Councillor “Erik Makinen” at the January 31st, 2024 Council Meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:04

MBB / RHA

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- The Acting VP Internal moved to include a discussion item titled as “Finance Policy Document Correction”
- The Acting VP Internal moved to include a discussion item titled as “Grammarly Briefing Note”.
- The Acting VP Internal moved to include a new business item titled as “CSS and ESSS Grant and Travel Conference Fund Use”.
- The Acting VP Internal moved to include a new business item titled as OCEO Election”.
- The MBB Councillor moved to reorder the agenda and move to OCEO Election at the top of new business.
- The SUS Councillor moved to include a presentation item titled as “Winter Formal Grant”.
- The VP Events moved to include a presentation item titled as “Holi 2024”.
- The VP Events moved to include a new business item titled as “Holi Event 2024”.
- The Business Councillor moved to reorder the agenda and move BASS

Common Room Space in the SUB discussion item after the OCEO Elections.

- The Acting VP Internal move to include a new business item titled as “ISSA Councillor Appointment”.
- The VP Events moved to reorder the agenda and move the Presentation item “Holi Event 2024” at the top of the agenda.
- The RHA Councillor moved to include a new business item titled as “Fireside Chat Event”.

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Holi Event 2024

SUBMITTED BY: VP Events

- The VP Events mentioned that Holi is the event of colors celebrated in India.
- It was a big success in terms of turnout and the feedbacks received.
- This cherished cultural and religious celebration transcends boundaries, inviting people from all walks of life to revel in its joyous spirit.
- Last year, they joyfully revived the tradition of Holi at SFU after a five-year hiatus, igniting a wave of cultural immersion and excitement not only within the SFU Indian community but also resonating across the Lower Mainland. The event served as a gateway for individuals of diverse backgrounds to experience the vibrancy of India firsthand.
- The Indian Student Federation (ISF) is thrilled to announce the return of this beloved event, aiming to uphold its legacy of success and to sustain the fervor among students.
- They invite everyone to orchestrate this grand celebration, leveraging your expertise and resources to ensure its seamless execution.
- The proposed budget for this event will be presented to the council, and they deeply appreciate SFSS's partnership in facilitating its smooth operation.
- One of the member from Indian Student Federation mentioned that this event was held in the north parking lot last year. More than 900 students attended the event last year.
- This year, they would propose to host the event in the North parking lot, a spacious venue strategically situated away from residential areas and campus buildings, thus minimizing noise disturbances and crowd inconveniences.
- Building upon last year's achievements, they anticipate a turnout of 1000-1500 attendees, with the potential for even greater numbers based on

enhanced marketing strategies, ticket pricing, and event accessibility.

- The SFU community will be accorded priority access, fostering a sense of inclusivity and camaraderie among students and participants alike.
- They propose hosting the event on three different dates, allowing flexibility for the council, committee, and organizing team to determine the most suitable option.
- Their preferred dates are the weekend of March 23rd/24th, April 27th/28th, or May 18th/19th.
- Their top choice is the weekend of March 23rd/24th, as Holi approaches and the festive energy permeates throughout the Lower Mainland. Considering the end of the semester and the subsequent summer break, they believe this proposed date will attract the largest crowd to the event.
- The elements that will be required for this event are mentioned below but not limited to the given list: Venue: \$250, Fencing: \$5,700, Mobile washrooms & washing station: \$1,000, Staging & sound system: \$20,000, Holi colors: \$500, DJ: \$1,000, Security: \$3,500, Marketing and printing: \$1000, Photographer & videographer: \$500, First aid attendance: \$1,000, Post event clean up: \$2,000, Heaters: \$1,500
- Totaling up to = \$38,000
- The cost breakdown provided reflects last year's figures, they anticipate the total cost of this year's event to range between \$40,000 to \$45,000 plus contingencies.
- This projection has been carefully calculated, factoring in market variables and inflation rates.
- They are seeking a pre-spending budget approval of \$25,000 plus contingencies from the council. This budget will be allocated towards advance payments and bookings for key event components such as staging and sound, fencing, portable washrooms, and more. Please note: the requested budget approval pertains solely to pre-spending on necessary vendors.
- As the majority of expenses will be offset by event-generated revenue, it's possible that the entire allocated amount may not be utilized.
- The event will be ticketed, providing a revenue stream to cover a portion of the event's expenses. Many of the event's components operate within a booking system, necessitating upfront payments, while ticket revenue

becomes accessible on the day of the event.

- They advocate for affordable ticket pricing, recognizing our student-focused audience. They believe that keeping ticket prices low will enhance the overall experience and attract a larger crowd compared to similar events.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 OCEO Election- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:05

SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development

History / Acting VP Internal

Whereas there are two vacant seats on OCEO;

Whereas OCEO is a crucial committee that requires active engagement;

Be it resolved to elect History Councillor and Internal Studies Student Association Councillor to sit on the Oversight Committee of Executive Officers for the remainder of the 2023-2024 Council year.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Three calls for nomination were called by the Chair.
- The International Studies Student Association nominated themselves.
- The History Student Union Councillor nominated themselves.
- The ISSA Councillor mentioned that they have been a part of Council from a long time, they have served as VPUAA in the past. Also, they know a lot about policies so they would love to be a part of the OCEO.
- The History Councillor mentioned that they have been in the OCEO from the last year. They are aware of the by-laws. Overall, they will ensure they come up so quorum is not an issue and they would also participate during the meetings.
- The Archeology Councillor nominated the SFPIRG Councillor and they did not accept the nomination as they feel the other nominees have more experience with policies and by-laws.

7.2 ISSA Councillor Appointment- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:06

SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development

MBB / ISSU

Whereas the ISSA Councillor Chloe Arneson has yet to be appointed to a committee;

Be it resolved to appoint the ISSA Chloe Arneson to sit on the Equity and Sustainability Committee, and the BIPOC Committee for the remainder of the 2023-2024 Council Year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 BASS Common Room Space in the SUB- MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:07

SUBMITTED BY: Business Administration Student Society

MBB / ISSU

Whereas the Faculty Student Unions have common room spaces in the SUB;

Whereas the Business Administration Student Society represents 4,200+ undergraduate students enhancing the undergraduate experience by fostering collaboration through events, providing extensive resources, and advocating for all Beedie Students and affiliated clubs;

Whereas the BASS affiliated Clubs hosts monthly events open to all SFU undergraduate Students across 14 clubs; Team Phantom SFU, Ascend SFU, ACE SFU, Finance Student Association, CaseIT, Axis Consulting, SFU JDC West, Student Marketing Association, Human Resources Student Association, Enactus SFU, Management Information Systems, AIESEC, and Accounting Student Association;

Whereas the Business Administration does not have a common room space, and there are no suitable spaces administered by the Beedie School of Business's Dean's Office;

Whereas the December 9th 2020 Council meeting affirmed the vital need for student spaces on campus;

Whereas the SUB has unused spaces on the 2nd and the 3rd floor which could be potentially used as a student union common room;

Whereas the SFSS has the power to allocate vacant meeting room "X" to BASS;

Be it resolved that the SFSS allocated the vacant meeting room "X" for the BASS;

Be it further resolved that the Council give BASS a common room;

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee in cooperation with the Temporary Operations Organizer write a MOU with BASS to outline the common room contract;

Be it finally resolved that Council approve the MOU no later than Council meeting February 28, 2024 or March 13, 2024.

POSTPONED

Abstained (1) : Acting VP Internal

Not in favor (1) : BASS

- The BASS Councillor mentioned that the SFU largest FSU'S have common room spaces. Besides Science Undergraduate Society, the Society of Arts and Social Sciences were successful on their campaigns to assign specific spaces in the SUB for their members.
- Their lively spaces have become a pillar for SFU culture to build community.
- There are also unused meeting spaces that needs to be put in their full potential and they believe that the BASS can leave a similar positive impact.
- BASS exists to enhance the undergraduate experience by facilitating collaboration through events, providing extensive resources, and advocating for all Beedie Students.
- It represents over 4200 students, 14 affiliated clubs and over 300 student leaders.
- It attracts over 2000 unique event attendees.
- BASS members include Business Majors, Double Majors, Joint Majors, Minors and anyone enrolled in a BUS course during the current term.
- BASS contribute to the campus culture by providing various programming promoting personal development, charity initiatives or social connection.
- It guides and merchandise by students for the students.
- They want to continue to foster positive relationships with stakeholders, industry professionals, and Beedie graduates.
- BASS requires a common room to internally create an accessible meeting space for Beedie clubs.
- Reach broader audiences for their upcoming initiatives.

- Foster great community within the Beedie Community.
- Have a permanent space for BASS's weekly office hours for students to ask business-related questions.
- Also, externally by having a common space, they want to allow anyone to grab resources and use the space.
- It wants to promote cross-collaboration like SUSSxBASS's "The Campus Club" fundraisers.
- And, share their professional network for FSU's networking or workshop events providing support in reaching out to industry professionals.
- In response to the Acting VP Internal regarding if the room location is decided yet, the BASS Councillor mentioned that this is something they have not yet decided onto.
- The Acting VP Internal and the Temporary Operations Organizer suggested to have this reviewed in order to ensure the exact statistic regarding what space can be allocated.
- The Temporary Operations Organizer mentioned that as of now there are only five bookable spaces left.

7.4 Move to Postpone 7.3 to next Council Meeting - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:08

SUBMITTED BY: VP Events and Services

VP Events / MBB

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 Call the Question - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:09

SUBMITTED BY: MBB

MBB / ISSA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. PRESENTATION

8.1 SFUEA Gamers' Lounge Equipment Renewal 2024

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services

- Founded in 2014, SFU Esports Association is one of the largest student-run clubs at Simon Fraser University, operating under SFSS.
- They are a unified organization that manages many gaming communities at

Simon Fraser University in order to serve as a centralized hub for all that is video-game related.

- Their goal is to help grow the casual and competitive
- Esports scene while maintaining a friendly, social aspect to our events.
- Opened in Summer 2023, SFU EA has been successfully staffing and managing the Gamer's lounge serving hundreds of students.
- The Space is currently managed by SFU EA VP Facilities, Facilities Coordinator, all day operations are managed by SFU EA Volunteers.
- At present the existing equipment lease sponsorship agreement with Memory Express is expiring February 1st, 2024. This means that the Society will have to ship back the current equipment consisting of 16 sets of desktop gaming computers and associated peripherals (such as keyboards, mice, headphones, etc).
- The SFU Esports Association consulted several vendors of gaming hardware and determined the best course of action with SFSS Management to be an outright purchase of new hardware from Memory Express. Sponsorship, lease, and outright purchase options were discussed with multiple vendors.
- As information concerning contract negotiation is considered of sensitive commercial nature, detailed negotiation strategies and quotes will be presented in-camera. Only the final quote and budget breakdown from the selected vendor is presented ex-camera for public Council approval.
- The final quote and budget breakdown is the result of competitive negotiations with several vendors.
- They are seeking funding from the Space Expansion Fund which Council can approve.
- The goal of the Gamers' Lounge is to provide students with the ability to play the most popular and common games from campus with their friends.
- The previous set of computers and peripherals in the Gamers' Lounge was directly sourced from Memory Express as part of the sponsorship agreement with the SFSS.
- While the previous set of equipment was optimized for this goal, the computers were approximately 2 years old at the time they were given to the SFSS.
- Their goal with this purchase is to provide equipment that can play all relevant and popular Esports titles at around 120 frames per second at 1080p.

- This allows them to provide an exceptional experience for the students in the lounge while keeping the budget at a reasonable
- cost.
- They opted for an outright purchase due to the longevity of the equipment, which is projected to last 5-6 years without major upgrades.
- Leasing the systems would lead to a much higher cost over 5-6 years.
- For a direct comparison, the Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) in the new system would be about 76% faster than the existing GPU in the previous system. The new CPU would be around ~36% faster than the current system.
- The performance increases will ensure that students get the best experience in the Gamers' Lounge over the next 5-6 years for all relevant titles without overburdening the budget.
- Since its opening in Summer 2023, the Gamers' Lounge has successfully catered to a diverse group of students representing various faculties and gender identities.
- A comprehensive survey was conducted among club members and lounge users, revealing an overwhelmingly positive perception of the space. Students see the Gamers' Lounge as a vibrant hub where they can engage in enjoyable activities, organize or participate in events, and connect with like-minded individuals who share a common passion for gaming.
- In addition, the space has seen many notable guests, both local and international. Examples include professional VALORANT players, collegiate players from Illinois State University and the Indian Overwatch World Cup Team.
- The lounge exists to fulfill a critical need in the student experience - a safe space where students can participate in shared interests with peers. It is where the SFU Esports Association builds its grassroots community, shared by people who are new to video gaming and those who play and practice on a regular basis.
- The Gamers' Lounge strikes a delicate balance in the Esports and Gaming community as a place that unites both the competitive and casual aspects of our groups.
- It is recommended that Council re-affirm its' support of the existing Memorandum of Understanding with SFU Esports Association (approved by Council on February 22nd, 2023) by:

- Approving an expenditure of \$35,000 from the Space Expansion Fund for Gamers 'Lounge equipment renewal expenses for the 2023-2024 fiscal year;
- Referring discussion on MOU adjustments and general space improvements to the Oversight committee on Society Spaces;
- Ensuring the President (or other competent authority) calls a meeting of the Oversight Committee on Society Spaces (also referred to as the Space Oversight Committee) for a discussion and approval on further improvements on the space that fall out of the immediate equipment renewal scope (e.g. fob access for the lounge).

**The ISSA Councillor left the meeting at 6:14 PM*

9. New Business

9.1 Move to Suspend the Rules to go In-Camera - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:10

MBB / SASSA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The MBB Councillor mentioned that the group is in the process of financial negotiations so the specific details about the agreement cannot be discussed ex-camera.

10. IN-CAMERA

10.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:11

MBB / VP Events

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. EX-CAMERA

11.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:12

MBB / Health Science Student Union

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. PRESENTATION

12.1 FAS Formal 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Computing Science Councillor

PRESENTER: Jake Choi, CSSS FAS Formal Lead Organizer

- It is a social event for all students in the Faculty of Applied Sciences.
- At the event, they host 200-250 students.
- The event consists of a catered dinner, dancing, speeches, photo booths, and much more.
- Last year the event was held at the Anvil centre; it will be the same this year as it is an easily transit accessible location.
- They are planning to host the event on Friday, March 15th in the evening.
- The venue cost will be \$26,200, the space rental is for \$3100, catering will be for \$18,500, service and insurance will be for \$4600, photographer cost will be \$500, contingency expense for the event is \$1500, and the decoration and lights cost will be \$400.
- The total cost of the event is \$28,600
- They are requesting a grant of \$14,850.
- Even with the large grant amount, DSU Contributions are as high as possible without impacting their ability to run other beneficial events in the year.
- The funds coming from CSSS Core will be \$1650, SFSS grant \$14,850, Ticket Sales \$8,800, 4 DSU's Contribution \$1800, and CSSS Contribution \$1500.
- Dietary restrictions noted when participants register, catering company will be notified well in advance.
- Security guards will be present at the venue.
- Identification wristband for those who are 19 and over.
- FAS Formal has been a tradition for 10 years, resuming for the first time last year after the Covid-19 pandemic.
- It gives an opportunity for students to relax during their semester and meet other people from their own and other faculties.
- It increases faculty engagement and boost morale of students to do well in their rest of the semester.

12.2 SUS Winter Formal 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Computing Science Councillor

PRESENTER: Jake Choi, CSSS FAS Formal Lead Organizer

- The CSS Councillor mentioned that this year's winter formal will have a capacity of 175 SFU Students (with a priority to science students 19+)

- It will be hosted on a boat cruise at dock location: Coal Harbour Route – along the shoreline in downtown Vancouver with a catered appetizer, dinner, and desserts.
- It is scheduled on February 23rd, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
- Through the Winter Formal, the SUS mandate involves seeking opportunities to establish community and sharing ideas among science students.
- This provides opportunity for upper-year science students to network.
- Student engagement event – enhancing the quality of the university experience.
- Throughout the past year, Winter formal has brought notable engagement within SUS.
- Many of their executives have been asked by the Students about this year's winter formal, providing high anticipation.
- This Magic Charm boat docks at the coal harbour.
- It has panoramic views.
- It sails around shore of downtown Vancouver.
- It will have four security guards on board.
- There are two washrooms on board.
- It will be centrally heated.
- The Sundeck is fully enclosed, protected from elements.
- The cocktail arrangement to accommodate more attendees.
- The appetizers and dinner menu contains –
- Cucumber and salmon rolls, Vegetarian spring rolls, Cauliflower bites, Grilled vegetable platter, European Chees platter, Truffle mac and cheese, Penne Pasta Primavera.
- The desert menu includes fruit, cake, tea and coffee provided by charter.
- The cost of tickets in 2022 were \$40 per students, and there were 120 students who attended the event and the event was hosted at the modern.
- The cost of tickets for this year will be \$35 per students, they are anticipating 175 students, and this time it will be hosted on a boat.
- The Winter formal is great for engagement, tradition, and networking.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 SUS Winter Formal – MOTION 2024-01-31:13

SUBMITTED BY: Science Undergraduate Society (SUS)

SASSA / VPUAA

Whereas the Science Undergraduate Society represents over 4,000+ students and aims to foster connections between our science students, faculty, and community;

Whereas SUS Winter Formal is an annual pillar event providing the opportunity for 170+ students to connect and engage to find their community within the Science Faculty.

Whereas this event will be held on a boat cruise with a catered dinner, DJ, and photographers, fostering a fun environment to bring vibrancy to the community;

Be it resolved that SFSS Council approves "\$13,505.69" amount in supporting SUS' Winter Formal 2024.

CARRIED

Abstentions (1) : MBB Councillor

- The SUS Councillor mentioned that the boat cruise has a capacity of 175 SFU Students (with priority to Science Students).
- This event is 19+.
- The boat cruise is with catered appetizers, dinner, and deserts.
- This event is scheduled for February 23rd, 2024.
- The SUS Councillor moved to amend "X" with "\$13,505.69".
- The VP Events and the CSA Councillor spoke in favor of this motion.

13.2 SFUEA Gamers' Lounge Equipment Renewal 2024-MOTION 2024-01-31:14

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services

VP Finance / SEES

Whereas, SUB 2400 is dedicated to a Gamers' Lounge as per Student Union Building (SUB) floor plans;

Whereas, on February 22nd, 2023 Council approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Society and the SFU Esports Association regarding the SUB 2400 space;

Whereas, currently there is equipment leased by the Society from Memory Express from a sponsorship agreement that came into effect on February 1st, 2023;

Whereas during the Summer 2023 semester the Gamers' Lounge opened to the campus community and has been well-received and popular among the campus community;

Whereas, the Memory Express sponsorship agreement ends effective February 1st, 2024 resulting in the existing leased equipment return;

Whereas, losing the equipment will be a negative to campus student life;

Whereas, the SFU Esports Association Executive Team has sought lease and purchase quotes from several vendors and determined the most fiscally responsible procurement option with SFSS management;

Be it resolved that, Council approve an expenditure of up to \$35,000 from the Space Expansion Fund to acquire new desktop gaming computers and associated peripherals (collectively referred to as the "Equipment") for the SUB 2400 Gamers' Lounge in the 2023-2024 fiscal year;

Be it further resolved that, Council ensures that a meeting of the Space Oversight Committee is conveyed within 30 days for further discussions into SUB 2400 space and agreement improvements.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- The VP Finance moved to amend the motion.
- One of the members raised their concerns regarding the amount being issued from the credit card. In response, the Temporary Operations Organizer mentioned that other options can be reviewed.

**The ESSU Councillor left the meeting at 7:35 PM*

13.3 FAS Formal 2024 -MOTION 2024-01-31:15

SUBMITTED BY: Computing Science Student Society

CSSS / SASSA

Whereas FAS Formal is being held by the student groups of the Faculty of Applied

Science on March 15th, 2024;

Whereas the Computing Science Student Society (CSSS) is organizing the event in collaboration with the student leaders of the Engineering Science Student Society (ESSS), Mechatronic Systems Engineering Student Society (MSESS), Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society (SEESS), and Software Systems Student Society (SSSS);

Whereas FAS Formal is a long-standing tradition of over a decade for students, staff, and alumni to celebrate their time within the faculty;

Whereas they were able to host and successfully run the event with over 200 tickets sold during its return following the Covid-19 pandemic;

Whereas these student groups are hosting the next iteration of FAS Formal for 220 students this year and hope to continue its tradition;

Whereas they are requesting \$14,850.00 of funding to support the event;

Be it resolved to approve spending up to \$14,850.00 for the event;

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Abstentions (1): MBB

- The CSSS Councillor moved to amend “X” with “\$14,850”.

13.4 Move to Call the Question - MOTION 2024-01-31:16

Indigenous Studies Student Union / MBB

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.5 Holi Event - MOTION 2024-01-31:17

SUBMITTED BY: VP Events

VP Events / Health Science

Whereas the Holi Event was held in the previous fiscal year;

Whereas it was an event with high attendance rates and encouraging feedback;

Whereas there have been student requests for the return of the event;

Whereas the Indian Student Federation approached the VP Events and Student Affairs for the SFSS to collaborate with them on this event;

Be it resolved for the SFSS to collaborate with the Indian Student Federation on this event.

Be it further resolved to approve a grant of up to \$26,000 for the holding of this event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The Temporary Operations Organizer requested if we can have a budget breakdown for this event as its only mentioned that the budget is similar to previous event. More information would have been helpful.
- The VP Events mentioned that these are an estimate so they can begin planning with the event.
- In response to the Temporary Operations Organizer regarding if the \$26,000 is asked from events line or from large scale events line, the VP Events mentioned that this will be coming from the large scale events line.
- The MBB requested clarification from the VP Finance as they recalled that large scale event line item will be restricted this year due to the deficits from previous years, the VP Finance mentioned that they cannot recall this information.
- The Temporary Operations Organizer mentioned that our large scale event line is healthy. And, we should mention in the motion that the the amount is coming from 816/20 and it is not from grants.
- One of the members requested to postpone this motion in order to get more clarity on the budget.
- The Temporary Operations Organizer mentioned that we have a healthy large scale event budget. However, postponing this motion is totally up to the Council to decide on.
- The MBB Councillor moved to postpone this motion to the next meeting as there are things staff should review in order to get a budget breakdown and two weeks' time period would not be an issue.
- The VP Events raised their concern regarding two weeks' time delay as they need to get the location booked and there is a lot of planning that needs to be

done in terms of sponsors and other things.

- The Acting VP Internal spoke in favor of postponing the motion. They mentioned that getting the funding is not the first step. If there are serious questions from staff and council, we need to ensure they are answered before funding is approved. Giving the money without knowing where the money is spent is something we do not do.
- The VP Events mentioned that the Temporary Operations Organizer mentioned that there is money available in the grant. The budget is similar to previous year. The event involves securing venue vendors and light and this is why it was brought here in the first place.
- The Acting VP Internal in response mentioned that even though the money is available in the line item, they do not want this to be a habit as every aspect of the budget request is reviewed before approval. They want to give the money and are not against the motion. But, they want to see the budget breakdown to be able to approve the request.
- The MBB Councillor retracted their postponement.
- The Acting VPIOD mentioned that they are wanting to retract their postponement if in the next council meeting we can get a finalized budget breakdown.

13.6 Be it resolved that the VP Events provide a detailed budget at the February 14th Council Meeting - MOTION 2024-01-31:18
MBB / Acting VP Internal
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.7 Move to Call the Question -MOTION 2024-01-31:19
Indigenous Studies Student Union / MBB
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. DISCUSSION ITEM

14.1 Grammarly

SUBMITTED BY: Temporary Operations Organizer

- The Temporary Operations Organizer mentioned that they wanted to bring this to Council as this is something which is work in progress for the students.

- The privacy concerns are the only thing here they wanted to highlight which is associated with Grammarly and it is something we should consider if we are to implement it for our students.
- The MBB Councillor suggested to have this as a discussion item for next Council meeting as well so more information can be discussed.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Move to Extend the Meeting until 9:00 PM -MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:20
MBB / SASSA
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.2 CSSS & ESSS Grant and Travel Conference Fund Use -MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:21

SUBMITTED BY: Acting VP Internal
MBB / SEES

Whereas per SFSS Club and Student Union Funding Guidelines mentions funding for Student Groups events cannot be combined with Student Union Travel and Conference funding unless approved by the SFSS Council;

Be it resolved to allow special permission to allow CSSS to use both Grant, Travel, and Conference fund for the Silicon Valley trip.

Be it further resolved to also allow ESSS to use both Grant, Travel, and Conference fund for the Western Engineering Competition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The Temporary Operations Organizer mentioned that this motion is very straight forward requesting two separate funding's for two groups.
- The MBB Councillor spoke in favor of this motion.

16. 30 MINUTES Q&A

17. ADJOURNMENT

17.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-01-31:22
MBB / CSA

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY