



1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 5:45 pm

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), S^kwx^wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (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

Computing Science Student Society	Micah Baker
Engineering Science Student Society	Adam Ma
Faculty of Applied Science (FAS)	INACTIVE
Mechatronics System Engineering Student Society	Aiden Maymandy
Software Systems Student Society	Fabian Siswanto
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society	Vacant

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Cognitive Science Student Association	Bhuban Karim
Criminology Student Association (Vice-Chair).....	Henry Do
Economics Student Society.....	Hamza Issa
English Student Union	Fatima Tu Zahara
French Student Union	INACTIVE
Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies	Jasleen Dhami
Gerontology Student Union	INACTIVE
Global Asia Studies Student Union	Vacant
History Student Union	Vacant
Humanities Student Union.....	Vacant
Indigenous Studies Student Union.....	Evan Accettola
International Studies Student Association (ISSA)	Hyago Santana Moreira
Labour Studies Student Union	Mamduh Almughrabi
Latin American Studies Student Union	INACTIVE
Linguistics Student Union.....	Amari Barillas
Philosophy Student Union	Ashley Flett
Political Science Student Union.....	Malk Hayder Ouj
Psychology Student Union.....	Vacant
Public Policy Student Union.....	INACTIVE
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS)	Ayooluwa Adigun
Sociology and Anthropology Student Union (SASU).....	Vacant
World Languages and Literature Student Union	Richa Kalpesh Daiya

**Beedie School of Business**

Business Administration Student Society Meha Sidhu

Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology

Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology (FCAT) Vacant

Communications Student Union (CMNSU) Vacant

Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union Caleb Wu

Semester in Dialogue Student Union INACTIVE

Faculty of Education

Education Student Association (ESA) Shivali Sisodraker

Faculty of Environment

Environmental Science Student Union (ESSU)..... Grayson Barke

Archeology Student Society (ASS) Mina Parry

Geography Student Union..... Jeffery Collinson

Resource and Environmental Management Student AssociationEthan Fukuhara

Faculty of Health Sciences

Health Science Undergraduate Student Union (HSUSU)..... Shoron Alam

Faculty of Science

Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society (BNSS) Aarthi Srinivasan

Biology Student Union (BSU) Nicolas Bonilla

Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union Maryam Niaz

Chemistry Student Society Landy Liu

Data Science Student Society Pranay Ratan

Earth Science Student Union Eden Lien

Mathematics Student Union..... Ananga Bajgai

Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Student Union..... Ariana Shamsuddin

Operations Research Student Union Vacant

Physics Student Association Vacant

Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) Catherine Ho

Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association Vacant

School for the Contemporary Arts

Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies Student Union (APCSSU)..... Vacant

Dance Student Union Vacant

Film Student Union..... Vacant

Fine and Performing Arts Student Union INACTIVE

Music Student Union Vacant

Theatre Student Union Vacant

Visual Arts Student Union Vacant



Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA)	Anthea MwanaW'Bantu
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association	Chris Sanderson
International Student Advocates	INACTIVE
Out on Campus Collective (OOC)	Adriana Cumming-Teicher
Student Athletic Advisory Committee	INACTIVE
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA)	Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo
Women Centre Collective	Gurnoor Nijjar

Affiliated Student Groups

Embark Sustainability	Vacant
Residence Hall's Association (RHA)	Tulika Varma
Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG)	Rebecca Ballard
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)	Vacant
Teach Support Staff Union (TSSU)	Vacant

SFSS Executive Committee

President (Chair)	Emmanuel Adegboyega
VP Equity and Sustainability	Chloe Arneson
VP Events and Student Affairs	Chitransh Motwani
VP External and Community Affairs	Joel Gilani
VP Finance and Services	Simar Sahota
VP Internal and Organizational Development	Sam Killawee
VP University and Academic Affairs	Rishu Bagga

3.2 Society Staff

Facilities Manager	Vacant
Operations Manager	Sindhu Dharmarajah
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator	Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant	Hope Alica

3.3 Regrets

Computing Science Student Society	Micah Baker
Cognitive Science Student Association	Bhuban Karim
Economics Student Society	Hamza Issa
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union (HSUSU)	Shoron Alam
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS)	Catherine Ho
Biology Student Union (BSU)	Nicolas Bonilla

3.4 Guests

Student Care Representative	Ali
The Peak	Hannah Fraser



3.5 Alternates

Resource & Environmental Management Student Association..... Vee Babbar

3.6 Absents

Resource and Environmental Management Student Association Ethan Fukuhara

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 2024-06-26:01

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

- EXEC 2024-06-04
- EXEC 2024-06-11
- FYEC 2023-09-29
- OC 2023 09-25

4.1.2. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-06-26:02

- Be it resolved that the Council ratifies the regrets of Economics Student Society Councillor “Hamza Issa” for the Council meeting held on July 12th, which were missed during the meeting and now require ratification by the Council.
- Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Biology Student Union Councillor “Nicolas Bonilla”, Cognitive Science Student Association Councillor “Bhuban Karim”, Computing Science Student Society Councillor “Micah Baker”, Economics Student Society Councillor “Hamza Issa”, Health Science Student Union Councillor “Shoron Alam”, Science Undergraduate Society Councillor “Catherine Ho” for the Council June 26th Council meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-06-26:03

President /Out On Campus Councillor

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- President clarified a few things including a new system based on requests received so far. For councillors with amendments, they can paste them to the document attached to the calendar link invite. Councillors can post them in the chat however, they need to be added to this document as well.
- President amended the agenda to have the Presentation for the budget. He also moved to In-Camera before New Business. VP Equity Seconded this.

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Budget 2024-2025

SUBMITTED BY: President

PRESENTED BY: VP Finance and Services

- VP Finance and Services mentioned that the budget was smaller. The Excel sheet was what was underspent last year, subject to \$1000 so anything under \$1000 was not reflected on this. These were just line items that were not used in the entire budget, and they hope to make cuts given the financial situation the society is in and hopefully balance the budget. The highlighted items were decided upon by FASC and herself to further cut, as Councillors can see new items are right below. An example was External and Community Affairs had 10,000 budgeted from last year and only \$1,500 was used leaving approximately 8,000 underspent therefore the budget was made \$8,000 with a 2000 decrease, therefore it was adjusted for this year. She stated Councillors could ask for clarity if they had any questions.
- VP Finance mentioned cuts were kept to under 20% just to be prudent and that totals about 37,000 decrease.
- The decrease is necessary because while we are running our organization, our revenue amount is staying the same while our expenses given inflation, and everything post-COVID is necessary. To have a balanced budget, these cuts are necessary. This is evident in the consolidated budget presented, there are some line items from communications, student unions and the events committee being a larger portion. This is cutting only line items that were underspent last year.
- VP Finance asked if anyone had any other questions and urged President and VP Internal to jump in if anything.
- President mentioned that anyone who would like to list or direct response they can raise their name tag, for a direct response, raise hands, Points of order and Information would signal a "t". Those online can continue to list and direct response as has been done in the past.
- Out On Campus Councillor mentioned she is on FASC so for clarity she explained some of the line items were underspent and have not been needing the money spent on them. The society is running a deficit. It is important for all constituents that stark cuts are made to ensure that society can continue to provide essential services to students.
- Geography Councillor asked about why at the last meeting, the underspent amount was \$400,000, and how has it got to 37,000 dollars.
- VP Finance responded that \$400,000 is the total underspent on the sheet, however, they were not able to cut a huge amount of what they have for various reasons because of policy, or FASC and the EXEC team feel an item needs not to be cut. VP Finance added that for some of these items, last year may not be reflective of the spending so they may need to be looked at, they need to look at 3 to 5 years ago because cuts will affect student services.
- Out On Campus mentioned that rather than engaging with all cuts at once, engaging in progressive cuts, the council can be involved in the decision for line items to be cut back.
- VP Finance and Services added that just because there are line items that are underspent may not be cut this year, because they may have different goals for this year that involve using these line items. The sum of 40k is based on items they are proposing to cut within the next budget. Equity-seeking groups would need to be consulted regarding cuts to their budget, so

the team decided to be prudent in making any budget cuts for this group

- VP Internal and Organizational Development mentioned that they would follow the Issues policy regarding consulting the Equity Groups.
- VP Finance mentioned that it is exactly the reason why some items have not been cut, especially regarding policies
- Out On Campus asked what some aspects of society or line items are where Councillors may expect to see specific cuts.
- VP Finance mentioned that would be some of the items in the sheet provided, line item 20 and some departments may see cuts, discussions with student union groups can help them to solidify what can be cut based on the goals of the year and how prudently they can spend on this budget. Line items 13 and 12, discuss those things with these group leaders and discuss the budget with them. She is aware that a budget cannot be balanced by simply cutting costs, they plan to increase the revenue.
- Out On Campus asked about increasing revenue, especially regarding student fees, what is the ethos of approaching student fees, is it keeping it minimal with small increases over the years, is the plan to future proof for student fee increases
- VP Finance mentioned that if it is presented as an investment that benefits students, that would help. Overall doing what is possible with what they are given including increasing as much as possible to at least balance if not more.
- VP Internal mentioned that the Executive team was aware of some of the concerns facing the Society, brought up during the elections and campaign. Financially, and they have been given the opportunity to do things to improve the future of the organisation and students. That is the approach they are planning on taking.
- Operations Manager stated mentioned that the goal is to try and break even and as of right now, the budget is budgeted for a deficit. The goal over the year for FASC and Council would be to plan the budget as much as possible and make it feasible.
- President clarified that the budget is in everyone's email if they cannot see the numbers clearly. Otherwise, if there are no questions or lists, a motion to vote on this will come up soon, and there is time for more discussion on this.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- President mentioned that the executive has been working on the budget over the past two weeks to minimize the deficit as much as possible. There have also been management restructuring discussions going on, they hope to keep the council updated through that process, and consultations will start soon. Meeting with folks at SFU, President and some VPs to speak on issues affecting memberships and some of those are layoffs and budget cuts that SFU is making. Executives also spoke of new initiatives that SFU is planning on bringing this fall such as a demographics survey. They also met with the GSS.
- VP Internal and Organizational Development shared that they worked on the budget, health care plan, and development session. Providing support for other executives. Starting up some committees and getting emails sent out for others, there were other administrative tasks such as signing cheques.

- VP Events shared that it has been an exciting couple of weeks, they have been working towards the fall welcome month events and planning a lot of things with SFU. Apart from that, summer programming is going smoothly, last week there was the Eid celebration, and the LinkedIn photoshoot. There has been high engagement for summer which is a big deal because summer often has low enrollment. Lots of talking to DSU's
- VP Finance shared that a lot of work on the budget, talking Exec team and, the same thing with health care seeing where that will go next year, with the dental plan as well. Seeing how the strategic goals will align with the budget, and how they will forecast those events and budget. Increasing student enrollment and the usual signing cheques,
- VP Equity and Sustainability mentioned she has been prepping for healthcare budgets with the student body. Preparing for whether to campaign for increased fees or benefits, either through AGM or referendum. She is meeting with the Peak. Discussing tabling ideas with the Women's Centre and DNA. She is meeting with the student engagement office to discuss their equity concerns regarding external sponsorships. Met with the acting CAL Director, met with no cops on campus who are starting programming regarding conflict solutions and on de-escalation training something that can provided to groups in the society. Media strategy stuff and held the first Accessibility Committee meeting today.
- President spoke on behalf of VP External. He has been having a lot of meetings with SFU and externally. He has been working on food security stuff. He has been meeting with a few people, building relationships and connections, and met the CAL Director as well as VP Equity.
- VP University mentioned that he has been trying to get a handle on new staff post-SFU layoffs. Working with VP External on food security and providing ample food resources for membership. University and Academic Affairs Committee met last week and looked at new ways to increase student engagement, he is working with VP Equity, planning on working on a little town hall so that members can come and put forward their concerns. Resources for students during finals week.
- VP External posted in the chat "A lot of my last two weeks were spent supporting other execs with ongoing society work such as internal tasks and events. On FASC and Student Care Committee so that took a good chunk. Also meeting SFU community members to enhance Society's role in SFU's decisions. Met with SFU's CSRO and acting CAL director to discuss a few pieces around student life. Also setting up a meeting with GSS for SFSS execs to rebuild our relationships. Met with UFV external and discussed opportunities for future collaborations. Lastly, looking to set up ECA schedule today for the summer term."

8. IN-CAMERA

8.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-06-26:04

SUBMITTED BY: President

President / VP University and Academic Affairs

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Student Care Recommendations

9. EX-CAMERA

9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-06-26:05

Criminology Student Association Councillor/ VP University and Academic Affairs

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Break at 7:20 pm*

**Resume at 7:30 pm*

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Approval of the 2024-2025 Budget - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-06-26:06

SUBMITTED BY: VP Finance and Services

President/VP University and Academic Affairs

Whereas the 2024-2025 annual budget was developed in the spring term and approved by the 2023-2024 Board of Directors on April 30th, 2024, as a preliminary budget;

Whereas Bylaw 6.13 requires Council to approve a final budget by no later than June 30th each year;

Be it resolved that Council approve the "2024-25 Final Budget" document as the final budget for the 2024-2025 year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Geography Councillor asked about the increased costs of running events, the student union grants budget has remained the same, will this be increasing, will this change since last year there was an over expenditure?
- Operations Manager responded that last year was overspent, however, the idea was to try and maintain within that area, 50k of that was approved through the council and that is something they will monitor.
- Geography Councillor asked about the Bursary contribution line item, the scope says it would be expanded and it was cut by 49% on the explainer document, are there actual expenditures?
- President asked for clarification.
- VP Finance asked for clarity on the question of whether it was for consolidated or the underspent budget
- Geography clarifies that it was department 31, on the consolidated it was \$49,000.
- Operations Manager mentioned it was not cut because not much was spent by what was budgeted, the following year, they realized there were rules on spending on that, and so it was changed
- Operations Manager mentioned some of the departments requested that to be budgeted that year, there was an increase however, because it was not spent, it was placed back on the projected cost
- President responded that there is a plan to utilize this budget to give back to students
- Operating Manager responded it will come up in upcoming council meetings

- International Studies Student Association Councillor responded most of what is spent on events becomes revenue or pays for itself, he could not find it on the Operating budget, and that he would like to know why we are decreasing what we invest in events, how this works with the reduction of the budget
- VP Events mentioned that most of the budget is used for deposits but budgeting is mostly in case of events that are making money. The \$80,00 is mostly for deposits and for sponsorship that can lead to an increment in the amount.
- VP UAA mentioned there is going to be events that are free to students such as Munchy Mondays.
- Operations Manager added that We might be able to see more of that under the events department.

10.2 SFSS Health and Dental Plan Renewal-MOTION COUNCIL 2024-06-26:07

SUBMITTED BY: President

President/VP University and Academic Affairs

Whereas Council has been notified about the status of the Student Health and Dental plan;

Whereas maintaining the service has been a priority for the SFSS;

Be it resolved to approve the SFSS Health and Dental Plan renewal as proposed by the Executive Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Geography Councillor asked what the proposal looked like
- VP Internal responded that two years ago, SFSS switched to a two-year rate guarantee, keeping health care rates below the fee collected by students, over these years, the expectation was that the Council and Executive would run an information campaign and a referendum on the health care plan to get funding permissions from students to levie an inflation increasing yearly fee for the student care plan. However, that was not executed, especially in the information campaign. Now that we are not on the fixed rate guarantee, there has been a significant increase. The health care plan has two insurance benefits, one is the enhanced plan and the basic plan. Majority of students are on the enhanced plan, with that the reductions recommended by Executive Committee are a 25 dollar decrease for eye care, and 20 dollar decrease in the amount provided for eye exams.
- Student Care Representative added it there was a \$10 reduction for dental practitioners, within the dental preventative service is being reduced by 10% is being reduced, basic coverage by 10% of the total cost.
- VP Internal mentioned this was something that the Executive committee had a lot of discussions on. This is something that was happening with the goal of this being an investment in students and to hopefully be able to do what the predecessors did not and increase the fees and return to the same level of benefits from before. This is important because for many students this is the only care they have. More information on the importance of this for everyone will be provided.
- VP Equity mentioned this is a tough situation and one they do not want to be in, while she won't speak on the exact finance numbers because she is not a finance person. During

discussions with executives, this is hard for them. They are happy with the discussions with council, and why this issue matters, and how they can prevent further harm in the reduction of care. The plan is to discuss it in referendums and AGM. She is grateful to the councillors for the work they are doing on this.

- VP Internal added that the two-year guarantee allowed Council to add an amount to the reserves for the last two years, the reduction take into account using the reserves. This is the year to be able to make changes to the plan otherwise the next Executive Team and Council will be in the same position.
- Geography Councillor asked how they decide on which benefits to cut.
- VP Equity responded that it is a finance question
- VP Internal mentioned that although most details are confidential, they did receive options from student care and it was a serious discussion among Executives and staff.
- VP Equity asked what conversations make some discussions In-camera.
- Student Care Representative responded there are existing networks to offset out-of-pocket costs to students that they would incur while accessing these benefits, they have tried to limit the impact to benefits that might be life-altering for students for example prescription drugs, whereas the reductions are more targeted, too, benefits that can be accessed through other savings and discounts through networks
- VP Internal responded to VP Equity that the section under ongoing contracts limits the discussion to In-Camera.
- President responded Executives would think of parts of this that would not impact students, and there would not be a significant issue because of the networks
- Out On Campus asked if there is a timeline for the scope of services they plan to restore.
- President responded this is something possibly the health care committee can work on, or hopefully something with the current executive team. They are looking at what is the best way to run a successful campaign. President added that although they had to make some of these plans, there is an operational or strategic plan to bring back these benefits. He would like students to know that this decision was made with the Executive Team being forward-looking and the plan is to put them either in the same or in a better place.

11. 30 MINUTES Q&A

- President mentioned concerning the health and dental plan, any details regarding the current plan are public and the information can be sent to the student groups various councillors represent. Things that have to do with the plan that are public can be discussed with all student groups
- VP Equity added that she has been working on a brief that summarizes information that can be provided accessibly to constituents. In terms of campaign strategies, this will be announced in the coming stages, and they are quickly working on it.
- VP Internal mentioned there is an event this Friday, Club Night.
- President added that students can get tickets for the BBQ for those on campus
- The president mentioned updates on the Development Session will be happening next week so councillors should keep an eye out for that.
- The Operations Manager mentioned that it may be virtual, and details will be sent out soon



- President wished good luck to students completing their midterms.
- Resource & Environmental Management Student Association Alternate mentioned a yoga session on Burnaby Mountain, and if people do not like sitting on the grass, they can bring their mats
- International Studies Student Association Councillor asked if SFSS has anything to do with club decisions.
- President responded its Staff not the Executives, information on the timeline for club releases is being worked on
- Operations Manager mentioned Member Services Advisory Committee Meets every Thursday.
- VP Events added club decisions are made at these meetings.

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-06-26:08

President / VP University and Academic Affairs

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY