



1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 5:35 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

Faculty of Applied Sciences

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

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS)	Ayooluwa Adigun
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.....	Vacant
Philosophy Student Union	Ashley Flett
Political Science Student Union.....	Malk Hayder Ouj
Psychology Student Union.....	Andrea (Ely) Diaz Pena
Public Policy Student Union.....	INACTIVE
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
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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
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Faculty of Environment

Environmental Science Student Union (ESSU).....	Grayson Barke
Archeology Student Society (ASS)	Mina Parry
Geography Student Union.....	Jeffery Collinson
Resource & Environmental Management	Ethan Fukuhara

Faculty of Health Sciences

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

Science Undergraduate Society (SUS)	Catherine Ho
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
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association	Vacant

School for the Contemporary Arts

Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies Student Union.....	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
Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU).....	Kanksha Chawla

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

Board Organizer.....	Vacant
Facilities Manager.....	Vacant
Operations Manager.....	Sindhu Dharmarajah
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator.....	Araba Etrew
Administrative Assistant.....	Simar Thukral

3.3 Regrets

Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU).....	Kanksha Chawla
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3.4 Absents

Chemistry Student Society.....	Landy Liu
Biology Student Union (BSU).....	Nicolas Bonilla
Computing Science Student Society.....	Micah Baker
Earth Science Student Union.....	Eden Lien
Economics Student Society.....	Hamza Issa
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union (HSUSU).....	Shoron Alam
Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union.....	Caleb Wu
Mathematics Student Union.....	Ananga Bajgai
Software Systems Student Society.....	Fabian Siswanto
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society.....	Sebastian Olano
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World Languages and Literature Student Union.....	Richa Kalpesh Daiya

VP Finance and Services Simar Sahota

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 2024-08-28:01

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

- COUNCIL 2024-08-07
- EXEC 2024-07-26
- EXEC 2024-08-02
- ECA 2024-07-22
- ESAC 2024-07-26
- ESAC 2024-08-09
- FASC 2024-08-02
- MSA 2024-07-25
- OC 2024-07-30
- OCEO 2024-07-25

4.1.2 RATIFICATION OF RESIGNATION – MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:02

Be it resolved to ratify the resignation of Linguistics Student Union Councillor “Amari Barillas” from Council effective immediately.

4.1.3 RATIFICATION OF REGRETS – MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:03

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from “Teaching Support Staff Union” for the COUNCIL August 28th meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:04

President / VP Internal and Organizational Development

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The Engineering Science Student Society moved to amend the agenda to include the ESSS Frosh Grant Presentation. The President and the Operations Organizer in response mentioned that this is yet to be reviewed by the staff and can be postponed to the September 4th Council Meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 SASS GRANT APPEAL - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:05

SUBMITTED BY: President

President / VP Internal and Organizational Development

Whereas SASS requested a grant of \$6550.00 for FASS Fest;

Whereas grant #2053 was approved for \$2050.00 based on the funding guidelines;

Whereas SASS appealed the grant to the Executive Committee;

Be it resolved to approve up to 3500 in grant funding from line item 5000G.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

Exactly (\$3,500) - Mechatronic Systems Engineering Student Society

More than (\$3,500) - Criminology Student Association (Vice-Chair), Science Undergraduate Society, Philosophy Student Union, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Student Union (MBBSU), Geography, Society of Arts and Social Science, and Psychology Student Union.

Less than (\$3,500) – VP Events, VP External, Political Science Student Union, Health Science, Data Science, Education, International Studies Student Association, DNA, SFPIRG, English Student Union, Engineering Science Student Society, and Environmental Science Student Union.

- The Operations Manager mentioned that the initial request for this event was \$6700. Based on the funding policy for grant the amount of money that can go for food as per the funding guideline was \$500 – capped up to \$100 per day.
- The Science Undergraduate Society Councillor shared that the event is their FROSH. The idea is to introduce students to SFU. It is targeted at the first-year students.
- The event is scheduled for September 21st, 2024 from 10:30 am to 7:00 pm.
- It will be held at the SFU Burnaby Campus in the ballroom.
- The set up will take place at 10:30 am, there will also be professors who will come to join the lunch at 10:30 am and then the bingo scavenger hunt will take place at 2:00 pm. The Dance and Dinner will take place at 5:00 pm.
- There will be a closing ceremony at 6:30 pm and then the cleanup for the event will be done at 7:00 pm.
- The floor plan for the event was shared to the Council members.
- The grand funding for \$5000 was requested. The amount \$1000 came from SASS Core funding. The budget for the event was \$6,000.
- The lunch and dinner cost around \$4,406.80 – lunch - \$1,181.80 and dinner - \$3,225.00
- The DJ and equipment will cost \$800.
- The decoration cost will come up to \$100.
- The prize cost will be \$500.
- The Contingency cost for the event will be \$193.20
- In terms of safety and accessibility – they are mindful of bus schedules. Leaders will escort to appropriate locations.
- It is also a wheelchair friendly event open to all SFU Students.
- The food for the event will accommodate all dietary restrictions. It is an all-day event, ensuring everyone is well fed. Leaders will also ensure proper disposing of wastes.
- The Society of Arts and Social Sciences Councillor requested Council to increase \$2,050 amount to \$5000.
- The Geography Councillor suggested to postpone this item as the other item is urgent and

needs to be taken care of.

- The President suggested that this item is also crucial and that is why it was put up on the agenda as they have to start planning the event.
- In response to the SFPIRG Councillor, the Society of Arts and Social Sciences Councillor mentioned that they have done this kind of event twice or thrice with turnouts of 30-80 people in the past. They want the grant done quickly so they can work on various aspects of the event.
- The Philosophy Councillor suggested that previous frosh has gotten about 100 students and cost around twice of what they are asking for. They are expecting more students at a lower cost.
- The Science Undergraduate Society Councillor spoke in favor of this motion and in response to them regarding what the organizers have done to cut down the costs, the Society of Arts and Social Sciences mentioned that event like this cost up to \$9,000. They have already taken measures to cut down the cost.
- The Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Councillor mentioned that FROSH is an essential part of FSU introductions to our incoming first years, it is an amazing way for students to meet new people, and create more engagement opportunities at SFU. With inflation, and trying to keep in mind keeping the cost down, \$6000 sounds quite reasonable in comparison to the \$10,000 previous amounts especially since the price of the food has sky rocketed.
- The VP Finance mentioned that the only concern they had is this event is one day event and the other events where the grant was approved in the past was multi-day event. Also, there is a certain amount of money they can approve for food as they have done for other groups in the past as per the policies.
- The Society of Arts and Social Sciences Councillor suggested that the food part of this event was for lunch and the dinner.
- The VP Finance mentioned that the policy team has suggested a \$500 cap for food per day according to the funding guideline.
- In response to the VP External regarding the caterer for this event, the Society of Arts and Social Science Councillor mentioned that they are expecting seasons caterer for this event to support for providing food.
- VP External mentioned that Caterdash expressed interest in wanting to support students with catering.
- The VP Events mentioned that Seasons Catering is on the expensive side of the industry and suggested exploring other options.
- The President suggested that if finger foods are being done for the lunch, then there are other cheaper options available which can be explored.
- The Society of Arts and Social Science Councillor in response mentioned that they are not locked in with the Seasons Catering. If they found any other options, they can look into that. Seasons is experienced when it comes to students and student catering and they used Seasons as a template. However, they will look at the other alternatives.

- The President mentioned that about \$4000 amount goes to food as per the grant request and this is something which can be worked on since there are cheaper options available.
- The VP Events asked what the organizers want to order and the number of people being served, and what cuisine or dishes they are looking at.
- The President suggested that \$4000 only for food is something which we should not look at approving considering the event is also for a single day. We should look at alternate options for food to bring the cost down.
- The VP External mentioned that all our free breakfast program run on an annual budget of \$10,000 provided by external sponsors and serve around 200 students per event.
- The VP Events suggested a grant up to \$3000 for the event of this scale from an events perspective.
- The VP Finance mentioned that they are still uncomfortable with \$3000 for a one-day event. But that would be a maximum suggestion.
- The Society of Arts and Social Science Councillor suggested that this is not setting a good precedence. In the past \$4000 was approved for an executive retreat. It is unfair that management gets to decide which event is expensive or not.
- During their tenure they decided not to go on a retreat to ensure groups and student body do not suffer.
- They could have easily gone out for pizzas or hotdogs as it is a cheaper option but that does not set a good precedence.
- The President mentioned that this was not brought to Council to save money but to ensure grant guidelines are being followed and to ensure every single group equal amounts.
- The Psychology Councillor mentioned that SASS does represent one of the biggest faculties and when they did FASS frenzy in the past it was significantly more expensive. Providing higher quality food does make it more memorable event that FASS students will be interested in.
- The Philosophy Councillor mentioned that SASS has held one day event at a similar scale and at \$10,000 budget before. They have cut down a lot and want to get quality food.
- The VP Equity suggested that this is a process they are working towards and workshops in the past has been held to ensure groups learn how they can get sponsorships for food. They would like to ensure grant guidelines are being followed.
- The VP Internal suggested that this was one of the most overspent items the previous year. Last February our previous VP Internal brought this up and how much grants were going to Council instead of granting policy process.
- The VP Finance mentioned that they spent \$172K on grants on a \$100K budget. This year they budgeted \$150K but are hoping to stay under \$125K.
- The Health Science Councillor requested if they can go a little higher from \$3000 to \$3500.
- The VP Equity suggested if departmental student union can collaborate to support for this

event. In response the President suggested that this is something the groups can come together to contribute to.

6.2 CALL FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:06

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal and Organizational Development

President / VP Internal

Whereas the Members' Meeting Planning Committee has not met throughout the Summer 2024 semester;

Whereas holding a virtual Annual General Meeting provides more flexibility for students to attend;

Be it resolved that Council calls the virtual Annual General Meeting for Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The President mentioned that this is something they have to do as per the procedure to call the AGM meeting so they can start planning various things for the meeting.

7. IN-CAMERA

7.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:07

President / VP Internal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Loan Renewal

8. EX-CAMERA

8.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:08

President / Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Student Union

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Move to suspend the agenda to include new business item 9.2 - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:09

President / VP Internal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Abstentions: VP External, VP Events, VP Equity, Archeology, Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union, Resource & Environmental Management and SFPIRG

9.2 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:10

President / VP University

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society entered a mortgage loan agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia for a 5-year term as of December 2015 for the construction of the Student Union

Building;

Whereas the term is coming to an end on September 30, 2024 and requires a renewal and refinancing on a 3- or 5-year commitment;

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society cannot switch banks without SFU's approval due to tripartite agreement;

Whereas the bank could call in the loan if the agreement is not renewed, and the SFSS would be liable to pay back the remaining balance on the loan of over \$30,000,000 in one lump sum, which it does not have;

Be it resolved that Council approves the three year renewal with the Bank of Nova Scotia.

POSTPONED TO AFTER IN-CAMERA

Abstentions: Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union, VP External, SFPIRG, VP Events, DNA, ISSA, Women's Centre, Data Science, CSA, Psychology, Philosophy, Society of Arts and Social Science, and Archeology.

- The VP Equity clarified that an abstention means councillor does not have enough information to come up to the decision.
- The VP Internal suggested to move in-camera.

10. IN-CAMERA

10.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:11

President / VP Internal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. EX-CAMERA

11.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:12

President / VP University

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:13

President / VP University

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society entered a mortgage loan agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia for a 5-year term as of December 2015 for the construction of the Student Union Building;

Whereas the term is coming to an end on September 30, 2024 and requires a renewal and refinancing on a 3- or 5-year commitment;

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society cannot switch banks without SFU's approval due to

tripartite agreement;

Whereas the bank could call in the loan if the agreement is not renewed, and the SFSS would be liable to pay back the remaining balance on the loan of over \$30,000,000 in one lump sum, which it does not have;

Be it resolved that Council approves the three year renewal with the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Be it further resolved to task Council and the Equity and Sustainability Committee to create a working group to align with our issues policies and move forward with another bank at the end of the 3 year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The President moved to amend on another Be it resolved clause that says “Be it further resolved to task Council and the Equity and Sustainability Committee to create a working group to align with our issues policies and move forward with another bank at the end of the 3-year term.”

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-08-28:14

President / VP University

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY