

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 5:53 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>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓ilwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əłəm (Kwikwetlem) 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

### Faculty of Applied Sciences

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| 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

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| 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

**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 &amp; Environmental Management ..... Ethan Fukuhara

**Faculty of Health Sciences**

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

**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**

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| 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**

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| 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**

|  |                     |
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| 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**

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

**3.3 Regrets**

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| Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) .....       | Ayooluwa Adigun   |
| Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies .....             | Jasleen Dhami     |
| Philosophy Student Union .....                         | Ashley Flett      |
| Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union .....  | Maryam Niaz       |
| Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Student Union ..... | Ariana Shamsuddin |

**3.4 Leave of Absence**

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| VP Finance and Services ..... | Simar Sahota |
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**3.5 Absents**

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|---|--------------|
| Chemistry Student Society .....             | Landy Liu    |
| Cognitive Science Student Association ..... | Bhuban Karim |
| Computing Science Student Society .....     | Micah Baker  |

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|---|-------------------------|
| Economics Student Society.....                      | Hamza Issa              |
| Earth Science Student Union .....                   | Eden Lien               |
| Resource & Environmental Management.....            | Ethan Fukuhara          |
| Political Science Student Union.....                | Malk Hayder Ouj         |
| Software Systems Student Society.....               | Fabian Siswanto         |
| Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society..... | Sebastian Olano         |
| World Languages and Literature Student Union .....  | Richa Kalpesh Daiya     |
| Out on Campus Collective (OOC).....                 | Adriana Cumming-Teicher |
| Women Centre Collective.....                        | Gurnoor Nijjar          |
| Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU).....            | Kanksha Chawla          |

#### 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 2024-09-04:01**

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

- COUNCIL 2024-07-24
- ESAC 2024-07-12

##### **4.1.2 RATIFICATION OF REGRETS – MOTION COUNCIL 2024-09-04:02**

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from the Society of Arts and Social Sciences Councillor, Philosophy Student Union Councillor, and the Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Student Union Councillor for the COUNCIL September 04<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

##### **5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-09-04:03**

##### **President / VP University and Academic Affairs**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

##### **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- The VP External moved to amend the agenda to include the new motion titled “Provincial Election Campaigning”.

#### 6. PRESENTATION

##### **6.1 SFU TUITION CONSULTATION**

**SUBMITTED BY:** President

**PRESENTED BY:** Simon Fraser University

- The SFU Administrative members presented on the SFU Budget Basics and Student Consultation to talk about budget, how consultation work, and financial aspects.
- The agenda is – planning framework and financial context, current institutional priorities, thoughts on tuition, and student consultation.
- The fiscal year end and outlook updated: Financial results from the previous year are reported, and financial projections for the next year are updated.
- Campus consultations: Meetings regarding priorities are held, student feedback is gathered

on fees and priorities, and options are considered.

- Development: Priorities are established and resources designated. Detailed budgets are developed for departments across the university.
- Review and Approval Budgets are collected, reviewed, and then sent to the SFU's Board of Governors for Approval.
- The SFU's consolidated budget is \$980 million. But a significant portion of that is restricted.
- The party contributing the funds – e.g., Government agencies, donors, and companies.
- The SFU operational budget - \$720 million. The operating budget is largely made of funds designated for teaching and operations – they can be used at the university's discretion over the longer term.
- Over the shorter term there is little flexibility given contractual agreements.
- 50% of the funding comes from the government grants and 45% from tuition and student fees. And various other includes 5%.
- The factors influencing budget includes inflation that raises the cost of operating expenses.
- BC tuition limit policy caps the increases on tuition and mandatory fees.
- Decline in international students' enrolments as a result of domestic policy updates and geopolitical events.
- Strategic and priority investments.
- These increases are not fully funded by increases to the provincial operating grants; some salaries increase for faculty and staff are funded, but not all.
- In response to the Archeology Councillor, the SFU administrative mentioned that all information regarding revenues and investment of SFU is posted online.
- The Health Science Councillor mentioned that previously a lot of employees were laid off, tuition is increasing and is so much higher than domestic students. Yet there is not same number of services offered. Inflation can be blamed, but as students it is in their right to demand for services.
- The SFU Administrative member mentioned that it's a very tight situation. They can barely pay from expenses they have. Last year they had laid off and beside the inflation which is partly to be blamed. There were few factors that affected their budget significantly which included signification reduction of international students that caused a lot of shortfall \$15-16\$ million.
- In response to how they will communicate to the government regarding more money is needed if international students do not come in future years as well. They mentioned that BC government has been very supportive. Whereas the federal government has strict policies.
- In terms of student priorities there is financial support including graduate student support, academic excellence and academic support, health and wellbeing, housing, food, career exploration and preparation, transportation and campus life.
- The Psychology Councillor mentioned that one key observation from numerous student interactions is the importance of student engagement. They believe this aspect is crucial for both the overall wellbeing of students and the quality of their university experience. The SFU admin mentioned that student faculties and the dean have been working on this to have the students involved.
- The ISSU Councillor mentioned that one thing that they and other students have noticed is that scholarship like open scholarship have been dramatically reduced and made very inaccessible. Raising tuition should not come with lowered access to funding from

accessible scholarships.

- The Archaeology Councillor asked whether in the previous years the demographic of those who fills the surveys out were an accurate representation of the diversity in the university. The SFU Administration members mentioned that this is something they would not know.
- The ISSU Councillor mentioned that open scholarship eligibility was decreased by bringing up GPA minimum so that there is not a proportionate change and its reduction and they only did that after backlash from cancelling open scholarship all together.
- The Center of Accessibility has demanded more services for the students. There also has been a new accessibility act. The SFU is moving away to a social model and is trying to remove barriers so students can access services that they deserve and they can ask easily.
- The Computing Science asked that students after graduations struggle to find a job, if SFU can consult students on it and provide guidance it would be great. The SFU admin mentioned that apart from Co-op this is something they are looking into.
- The SOCA Councillor asked that what plans have been made to streamline healthcare career process for students. The SFU admin team mentioned that this would be a better question for career service department.
- In response to the VP External regarding with the survey coming up and considering rate cuts coming, what do the SFU Admin have in mind and if it have any impact on the survey. The SFU admin team mentioned that the plan is that in October they will analyze the data, the executive will review and report out on engagement and survey results. It will be reviewed by the budget committee.
- In November the tuition fees proposal will be shared with SFSS and GSS.
- They will collect feedback from SFSS and GSS.
- In December they will submit proposal with SFSS/ GSS feedback for January BOG.
- In response to what are the key priorities for the SFU administration for the students, they mentioned that academic excellence, health and well being, housing, food, career exploration, transportation, and campus life are key areas of need.
- The VP Equity mentioned that the process through which faculty or department spending decisions are made they mentioned are based autonomous. Is there any sort of standardization of how students are included in that process or that is sort of determined by faculty, the SFU Administration mentioned that right now they are trying to get money put through students directly and that goes through faculties. They are aware that they try to engage students but it is not standard. This supports generally the student experience that they are seeing. They think that people want to do well academically and they want to be in a good financial situation to do so. They want to be physically safe and well enough to do that.
- In response to the VP University regarding their concerns regarding food security and there are stories as such as extreme case of financial destitution, housing issues etc. has something changed, is there a greater issue around food security around housing security that is going to change in current environment to help the students. The SFU administrative members mentioned that they recently announced 475 beds / spaces for students coming. The government also made that announcement recently. But they are not going to be able to necessarily meet all of the distinct needs and individual needs of students. What they want to
- They would like to arrange for councillors to potentially obtain feedback from a form on each individual subject and then they can send it to their executives.



- In response to the Health Science Councillor regarding if in terms of the feedback which they can definitely obtain from the student groups, is there a deadline or a certain time that the administrative team would like to obtain it from the Council to be working with. The administrative team from SFU responded that by the end of September is when the sample survey is closing, so within the next few weeks is something that will work.

*\*3-minute break taken at 7:23 pm*

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Move to reorder to agenda and move in-camera item before the ESSS Frosh Funding Proposal Presentation - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-09-04:04

**SUBMITTED BY:** President

**President / VP Internal and Organizational Development**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8. IN-CAMERA

### 8.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-09-04:05

**President / VP University and Academic Affairs**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Management Restructuring Working Group Report

## 9. EX-CAMERA

### 9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-09-04:06

**President / VP Internal and Organizational Development**

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### 10.1 RESTRUCTURING WORKING GROUP REPORT APPROVAL - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-09-04:07

**SUBMITTED BY:** President

**President / International Studies Student Association**

Whereas Council formed an SFSS restructuring working group in June 2024 to review and modernize its current model, improve the structure of its organization, and more efficiently serve the student body;

Whereas the working group has concluded its consultation and research and will present its findings to Council on September 4, 2024;

Be it resolved that Council approve the working group's proposed restructuring model as presented;

Be it further resolved that the SFSS will publish the report within the next month.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 11. PRESENTATION

### 10.1 ESSS FROSH FUNDING PROPOSAL

**SUBMITTED BY:** Engineering Science Student Society Councillor

**PRESENTED BY:** Engineering Science Student Society Councillor

- The Engineering Science Student Society encourages healthy relationships, creating learning opportunities, celebrate accomplishments, and host events and socials.
- The Frosh 2024: Camp Frosh event is scheduled as follows:  
 On Monday – Welcome to Camp FROSH Social and Lunch. This will include welcome to FROSH speech and presentation. There will be premade sandwiches and juice boxed served and then time for mingling and introduction. The Costco sandwiches would cost \$561.12 and juice boxes would cost \$76.85.  
 On Tuesday – Trivia and Geoguessr night. Chips and juice boxes will be served. Chips would cost \$51.50 and juice boxes would cost \$57.09.  
 On Wednesday – Engineering Competition: Spaghetti Summit Challenge and Hot cocoa will be served. The members will use marshmallows and spaghetti to create structures. The winner will receive small prize.  
 On Thursday – Yard Games. Chips (\$51.50) and juice boxes (\$57.09) will be served. The yard game will cost \$161.78.  
 On Friday – Midnight Madness in collaboration with SEESS and MSESS. There will be food costing upto \$1600 for the event on Friday. Following that there will be t-shirts costing up to \$2279.20, and security \$1400/2.
- The overall budget for the event is \$7000.
- In terms of safety, the SFU security will be in attendance the entire night and will ensure safety amongst all Froshees.
- Each Froshee will fill out a waiver which acknowledges the inherited risks that come with FROSH, particularly Midnight Madness.
- Several people at Midnight Madness will have food safe, however all food served will be premade or prepackaged.
- In response to the Operations Manager regarding if any faculty has provided any support or any financial support they have received, they mentioned that a little bit of funding has been received. The amount of \$2,500 will be short. The amount given by faculty is for the full year.
- In response to the VP External regarding if anything has been done to cut down the cost for merchandise, the Engineering Science Councillor suggested that they have not considered lanyards. They would like to apologise for submitting the grant little late.
- In response to the VP External regarding how many attendees would be there, the Engineering Science Councillor mentioned that 280 estimates students would show up.
- The President mentioned that food and merchandise is driving up the cost for this event and they suggested in the past council has been amendable on the food cost as there is \$500 allocated per day for food cost per event. The Council would not be able to do much on the merchandise part.
- In response to the VP Internal regarding how many attendees were there over the five days last event, the Engineering Science Councillor mentioned that there were 150 first year students. The barbeque food in addition was offered to volunteers and other years students.



- The President mentioned that they are okay to approving \$1100 as they approved this much amount for the Science Undergraduate Society as they approved similar amount for the other group.
- Also, their event is not similar to SUS as it would have more students / attendees. The president mentioned that for the food they are okay to approve \$3500 amount which is close to the amount requested.
- The President suggested to bring this to executive committee this Friday.

**\*Quorum was lost at 8:37 PM**

**\*Quorum was regained at 8:44 PM**

**\*Quorum was lost at 8:56 PM**

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### **12.1 Provincial Election Campaigning - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-09-04:08**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP External and Community Affairs

Whereas, External and Community Affairs (ECA) Committee reviewed campaigns promoting voting efforts for B.C.'s Provincial Election Day on October 19, 2024.

Whereas, ECA has recommended that SFSS join the Vacancy Control Issues Voting Campaign along with UBC and UVic Student Societies.

Whereas, ECA has recommended that SFSS join the Get Out The Vote Campaign along with BC Federation of Students and Alliance of BC Students

Be it resolved, that SFSS join the aforementioned provincial elections campaigns.

**POSTPONED**

### **12.2 FROSH FUNDING - MOTION COUNCIL 2024-09-04:09**

**SUBMITTED BY:** President

Whereas the ESSS is looking to hold annual FROSH events from September 9th to 13th,

Whereas the ESSS has hosted FROSH Weeks of similar scale and magnitude for the past 20+ years, hoping to ease the university transition for incoming students;

Whereas they require financial support above what has been approved by the Faculty of Applied Sciences;

Be it resolved to approve \$X from line item 5000G towards ESSS frosh event for the week of September 8th, 2024.

**POSTPONED**

## **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**13.1** When2meet fill out for new committees.

**13.2** Upcoming Council Social.

## **14. ATTACHMENTS**

**14.1** SFSS – 2024 Tuition Consultation Presentation

**14.2 2024 Tuition Conversation Student Survey**

**14.3 Frosh Funding Proposal Updated**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**15.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-09-04:10**

**President / Computing Science Student Society**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# SFU BUDGET BASICS AND STUDENT CONSULTATION

September 4, 2024

SFU



# AGENDA

- Planning framework and financial context
- Current institutional priorities
- Thoughts on tuition
- Next steps: student consultation

# **PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND FINANCIAL CONTEXT**

# BUDGET PROCESS

1. **Fiscal Year End & Outlook**  
**Updated:** Financial results from the previous year are reported, and financial projections for the next year are updated.
2. **Campus consultations:** Meetings regarding priorities are held, student feedback is gathered on fees and priorities, and options are considered.
3. **Development:** Priorities are established and resources designated. Detailed budgets are developed for departments across the university, reviewed and approved by those with fiscal responsibility for the areas (such as Chairs, Directors, Deans and VPs).
4. **Review and Approval:** Budgets are collected, reviewed and then sent to SFU's Board of Governors for approval.





# MAGNITUDE OF SFU'S BUDGET

**SFU's Consolidated Budget: \$980 million**

BUT a significant proportion of that is restricted

- The party contributing the funds—e.g. government agencies, donors or companies—can specify that those funds need to be used to support a specific activity, such as research, student support, or capital renewal.
- After you take away the restricted funds, you get ....

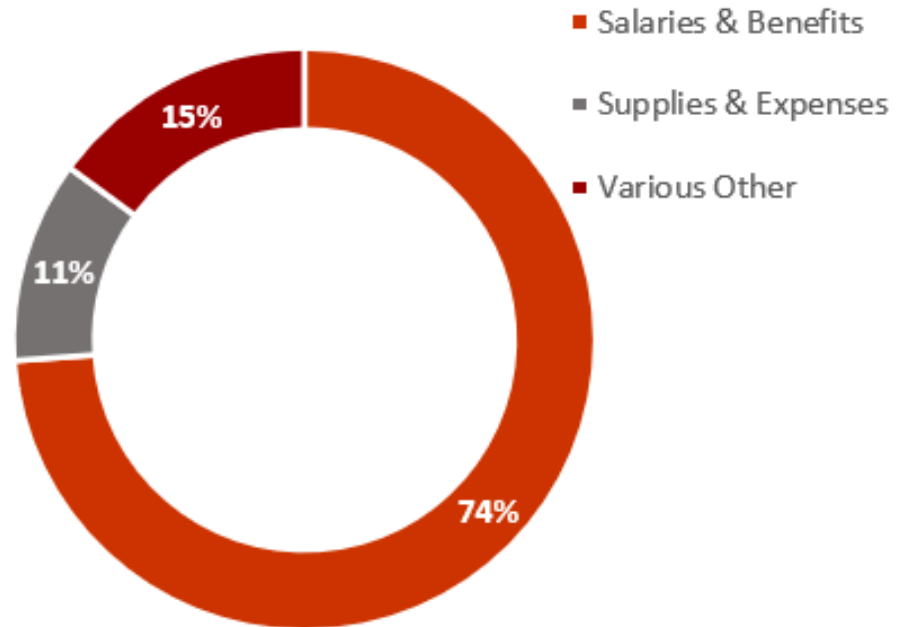
**SFU's Operating Budget: \$720 million**

- The operating budget is largely made of funds designated for teaching & operations—they can be used at the university's discretion over the longer term.
- Over the shorter term there is little flexibility given contractual agreements.
- Used for student supports (both undergraduate and graduate scholarships and bursaries), student services, academic program delivery, and the day-to-day operating & administrative costs for the university.

# OPERATING EXPENSES

## 2024/25 Operating Budget Expenses of \$724 million

- Salaries & Benefits (74%)
- Supplies & Expenses (11%)
- Various Other (15%)

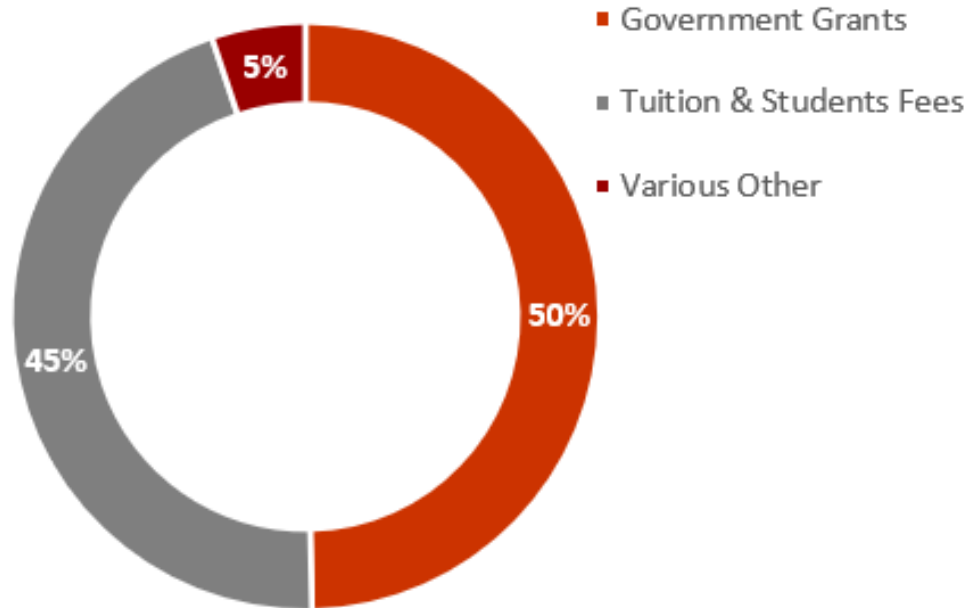


# OPERATING FUNDING

## 2024/25 Operating Budget Revenues of \$720 million

- Government grants (50%)
- Tuition and student fees (45%)
- Various other (5%)

While some of this funding is restricted, much of it can be used at the university's discretion, but only over the longer-term.



# FACTORS INFLUENCING BUDGET

Each year there are pressures on the budget as inflation raises the cost of operating expenses.

- BC Tuition limit policy caps the increases on tuition and mandatory fees. (No provincial funding is received for international students.)
- Decline in international student enrolments as a result of domestic policy updates and geopolitical events.
- Strategic and priority investments.
- Ongoing inflationary pressures, past commitments, and contractual obligations driving up operational costs.
- These increases are not fully funded by increases to the provincial operating grant; some salary increases for faculty and staff are funded, but not all.

# **CURRENT STUDENT PRIORITIES**

# UNDERSTANDING STUDENT PRIORITIES

We understand that a wide variety of factors contribute to student success and a positive university experience, and we aim to take a holistic approach to student support. Using this framework, we have identified key areas of student needs below:

- Financial support, including graduate student support
- Academic excellence & academic support
- Health and well-being
- Housing
- Food
- Career exploration and preparation
- Transportation and accessibility commuting to campus
- Campus life



# CURRENT INITIATIVES

## → Financial support

- Funding additional undergrad and graduate bursaries, including new funding for PhD students
- Development of a financial planning site and calculator
- Living wage employer

## → Academic excellence & academic support

- Academic Advising Review
- Indigenous Welcoming Procedure
- Development of the First Peoples' Gathering House
- Launching of the medical school

## → Health and wellbeing

- Equity data survey launches shortly
- New identity-based supports
- Development of the Black Student Centre
- Student accessibility improvements
- Elevating campus recreation with the hiring of a new Executive Director Athletics and Recreation

# CURRENT INITIATIVES

## → Housing

- Announcement of new residence building and daycare in July
- Courtyard expansion
- Piloting an off-campus housing coordinator

## → Food

- Development of the Campus Services Executive Director role
- Food security initiatives
- Establishment of “Rooted,” a program dedicated to showcasing Indigenous cuisine at SFU — both through the Dining Commons and a catering. Menus have been developed by Indigenous chef, Steph Baryluk.

## → Transportation and accessibility commuting to campus

- Continuing to advocate for the gondola

**NEXT STEP:  
STUDENT CONSULTATION**

# OVERVIEW

- Approach for 2024 student consultation
- Collect data in the month of September
- Approve tuition at the January Board of Governors meeting instead of March

# 2024 CONSULTATION TIMELINE

## September

- > Meetings with SFSS and GSS to hear their priorities
- > Sample survey with student population

## October

- > Analyze data (early Oct)
- > Report out on engagement/survey results (mid to late Oct)

## November

- > Share with SFSS/GSS the tuition fee proposal
- > Collect feedback from SFSS/GSS

## December

- > Submit proposal with SFSS/GSS feedback for January BOG

# AFTER HEARING FROM STUDENTS, WHAT'S NEXT?

- Input gathered from students analyzed and shared with SFSS and GSS
- SFU Executive considers input gathered on budget including feedback from SFSS and GSS
- Tuition proposal shared with SFSS and GSS with an opportunity for feedback
- Tuition proposal finalized by Budget Committee and submitted for approval to Board of Governors
- Updates regarding the tuition and budget consultation will be shared on the SFU website



# DISCUSSION: STUDENT PRIORITIES / AREAS OF NEED

What are you hearing or observing about these priorities/areas? Are there any themes that are not represented below?

- Financial support, including Graduate Student Support
- Academic Excellence & Academic Support
- Health and well-being
- Housing
- Food
- Career exploration and preparation
- Transportation and accessibility commuting to campus
- Campus life

# CURRENT THOUGHTS ON TUITION

## Undergraduate

- **Domestic students** – tuition increases are limited to 2% per BC tuition limit policy.
- **Existing international students** have had tuition increases of no more than twice the domestic tuition increase.
  - Returning international students tuition increases will be limited to a maximum of 4%.

## Graduate

- All grad program tuition rates increased by 2%\*
  - \*Except for programs with an already existing differential rate for international students, these are under consideration of tuition increases between 4% - 6%.



# 2024 Tuition Conversation: Student Survey

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Start of Block: Block 1

## Intro 2024 Tuition Conversation: Student Survey

SFU wants to hear what matters most to students. This survey is your opportunity to tell us what you care about in a way that helps the university understand student priorities. The last two years, SFU has surveyed both undergraduate and graduate students to hear from them about their priorities. This year, you are receiving this survey invitation as part of a random sample, and our goal is to validate what we've learned from the SFU student community from the past two years.

What SFU resources have helped you? What SFU supports are vital to you succeeding academically? Where should we focus our collective attention to keep our university community dynamic and resilient?

We are now in the process of budget planning and the information you share here will ensure your voice is included when SFU makes important budgetary decisions that affect you.

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Q1 What faculty are you currently in? (Please select all that apply.)

- ☐ Applied Sciences (1)
- ☐ Arts and Social Sciences (2)
- ☐ Beedie School of Business (3)
- ☐ Communication, Art and Technology (4)
- ☐ Education (5)
- ☐ Environment (6)
- ☐ Health Sciences (7)
- ☐ Science (8)
- ☒ None (9)

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Q2 I am a(n)...

☐ Undergraduate student (1)

☐ Graduate student (2)

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*If Q2 = Undergraduate student*

Q3 How many units/credits have you completed (including transfer credits)?

- ☐ 0-30 (1)
- ☐ 31-60 (2)
- ☐ 61-90 (3)
- ☐ 91-120 (4)
- ☐ More than 120 (5)

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*If Q2 = Graduate student*

Q4 What is your program of study?

- ☐ Master (1)
- ☐ Doctoral (2)
- ☐ Other (please specify): (3)

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*If Q2 = Graduate student*

Q5 Since you first enrolled in your current program, how many terms have you completed at SFU (excluding on-leave terms and the current term)?

- ☐ 0-3 (1)
- ☐ 4-6 (2)
- ☐ 7-9 (3)
- ☐ 10-12 (4)
- ☐ 13-15 (5)
- ☐ 16+ (6)

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Q6 What gender do you identify with?

- ☐ Woman (People whose current gender is woman. This includes cisgender and transgender people who are women.) (1)
- ☐ Man (People whose current gender is man. This includes cisgender and transgender people who are men.) (2)
- ☐ Non-Binary Gender (People whose current gender is not exclusively a woman or man. This includes people who do not have one gender, have no gender, are gender fluid, or are Two-Spirit.) (3)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (4)

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Q7 I pay...

- ☐ Domestic tuition fees (1)
- ☐ International tuition fees (2)
- ☐ I don't know (3)

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Q8 Do you currently live in, previously lived in, or ever thought of living in SFU Residence Student Housing?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (2)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer (3)

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Q9 What is/are your primary funding source(s) for tuition and living costs? (Please select all that apply.)

- ☐ Personal savings (1)
- ☐ Parent(s) / Guardian(s) (2)
- ☐ Employment (3)
- ☐ Government student loans (4)
- ☐ Scholarships / Bursaries / Grants (5)
- ☐ Bank loans / Credit cards / Lines of credit (6)
- ☐ All other sources (friends, spouse/partner, sponsorship for international students, band funding for Indigenous students, etc.) (7)

End of Block: Block 1

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Start of Block: Block 2



Q10 We recognize there are multiple factors that affect your daily life as a student, both on-campus and off. How have you been affected by affordability, mental health, food security and other factors? SFU has heard from and will continue to listen to students about what they value in the resources available to help with these and other challenges.

As part of this process, we have consulted with the SFU student societies to gain insights and validate the areas below. We understand these to be priorities for students. It is valuable for us to know what you think about them.

Which ones are most important to you? Please **drag and drop** to rank the choices below from highest to lowest priority: *(1 being your highest priority and 12 being your lowest priority.)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ SFU Residence Student Housing affordability (1)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SFU Residence Student Housing availability (2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SFU campus food affordability (e.g., Dining Commons, Mackenzie) (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SFU campus food quality (e.g., Dining Commons, Mackenzie) (4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SFU financial support (awards, bursaries, scholarships, etc.) (5)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Academic support (advising, study skills and learning supports, etc.) (6)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Academic excellence (quality of instructors, opportunities to engage with instructors, quality of courses, etc.) (7)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Health and wellbeing (variety of supports and resources, quality, accessibility, etc.) (8)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Campus life (campus student engagement, SFU community connections, social events, etc.) (9)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Career exploration and preparation (co-op, work study programs, etc.) (10)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation/access getting to and from campus (U-Pass, parking, etc.) (11)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify): (12)

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Q11 Each year, inflation raises the costs of providing instruction and services to students. For the higher education sector, inflation often runs higher than the BC Consumer Price Index.

When considering the impact of inflation on our budget, it is important to understand the following: The annual cost increases are not fully funded by the provincial operating grant. This grant, along with tuition fees, supports the operations of SFU. Compensation related expenses account for 75% of our operating costs. BC tuition limit policy caps the increases on domestic tuition and mandatory fees (currently set at 2%). No provincial funding is received for international students. Tuition is the only source of funding SFU receives to cover the cost of their education. Based on the rationale above, please rate your level of agreement with the proposed tuition increase for Fall 2025, 2% for domestic and 4% for international students.

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Somewhat agree (3)
- ☐ Undecided (4)
- ☐ Somewhat disagree (5)
- ☐ Disagree (6)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (7)

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*If Q2 = Graduate student*

Q12 Each year, inflation raises the costs of providing instruction and services to students. For the higher education sector, inflation often runs higher than the BC Consumer Price Index.

When considering the impact of inflation on our budget, it is important to understand the following: The annual cost increases are not fully funded by the provincial operating grant. This grant, along with tuition fees, supports the operations of SFU. Compensation related expenses account for 75% of our operating costs. BC tuition limit policy caps the increases on domestic tuition and mandatory fees (currently set at 2%). No provincial funding is received for international students. Tuition is the only source of funding SFU receives to cover the cost of their education. Based on the rationale above, please rate your level of agreement with the proposed tuition increase for Fall 2025, 2% for all programs, but 4% for programs having international student fees.

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Somewhat agree (3)
- ☐ Undecided (4)
- ☐ Somewhat disagree (5)
- ☐ Disagree (6)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (7)

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*If Q11 = Somewhat disagree*

*Or Q11 = Disagree*

*Or Q11 = Strongly disagree*

*Or Q12 = Somewhat disagree*

*Or Q12 = Disagree*

*Or Q12 = Strongly disagree*



Q13 Please tell us why you don't support the proposed tuition increase. Select the top three reasons or write in additional reasons in the space provided.

- ☐ Fees and tuition already cost too much (1)
  - ☐ A higher tuition would worsen my current financial strain (2)
  - ☐ Too many recent increases in tuition (3)
  - ☐ Alternative tuition structure, sources of revenue, or cost reduction should be considered (4)
  - ☐ Not satisfied with the level of investments in student support, academics, and in the student experience (5)
  - ☐ Limited financial aid and/or funding for students (6)
  - ☐ The tuition increase would negatively impact SFU's reputation (7)
  - ☐ If tuition is increased, I might not be able to finish studying at SFU (8)
  - ☐ Disagree with the difference in costs between domestic and international students (9)
  - ☐ Need more detailed rationale and data than provided here (10)
  - ☐ Not knowing the exact tuition increase is stressful, as I cannot properly plan my expenses (11)
  - ☐ Other (please specify): (12)
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*If Q11 = Strongly agree*

*Or Q11 = Agree*

*Or Q11 = Somewhat agree*

*Or Q12 = Strongly agree*

*Or Q12 = Agree*

*Or Q12 = Somewhat agree*

Q14 Please tell us why you support the proposed tuition increase. Select all that apply or write in additional reasons in the space provided.

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Satisfied with the rationale and data provided here (1)

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Satisfied with the level of investments in student support, academics, and in the student experience (2)

☐

Other (please specify): (3)

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*If Q11 = Undecided*

*Or Q12 = Undecided*

Q15 Is there a particular reason you said you are “Undecided” on the proposed tuition increase?

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Q16 Is there anything else that you would like to share with us that you value or want to prioritize at SFU?

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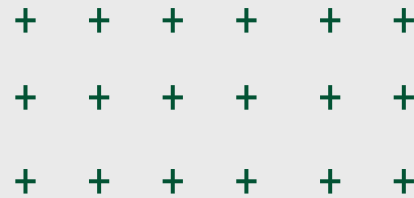
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# ESSS FROSH 2024 FUNDING PROPOSAL

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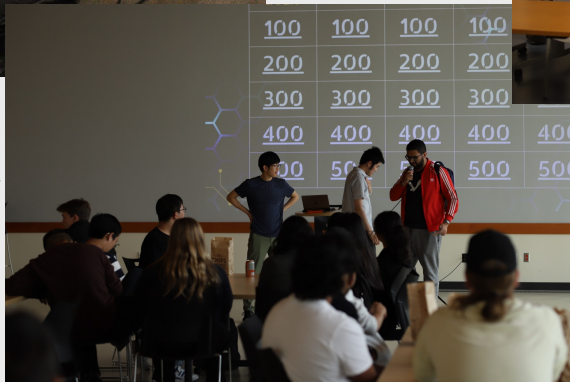
Engineering Science Student Society

Create  
learning  
opportunities

Host  
events and  
socials

Encourage  
healthy  
relationships

Celebrate  
accomplishments





# FROSH 2024: CAMP FROSH!

## Monday

Welcome to Camp FROSH  
Social & Lunch!

## Thursday

Yard Games!

## Tuesday

Trivia & Geoguessr night!

## Friday

Midnight Madness (Camp Out)  
in collaboration with SEESS &  
MSESS!

## Wednesday

Engineering Competition:  
Spaghetti Summit Challenge &  
hot cocoa!



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# Monday: Welcome to Camp Social

1. Welcome to FROSH speech and presentation
2. Premade sandwiches and juice boxes served
3. Casual mingling and introduction

Cost Breakdown:

| Item              | Cost     |
|-------------------|----------|
| Costco sandwiches | \$561.12 |
| Juice boxes       | \$76.85  |

Total: \$636.97



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## Tuesday: Trivia & Geoguessr

1. SFU trivia kahoot and campus geoguessr
2. Chips and juice boxes served

Cost Breakdown:

| Item        | Cost    |
|-------------|---------|
| Chips       | \$51.50 |
| Juice boxes | \$57.09 |

Total: \$108.59



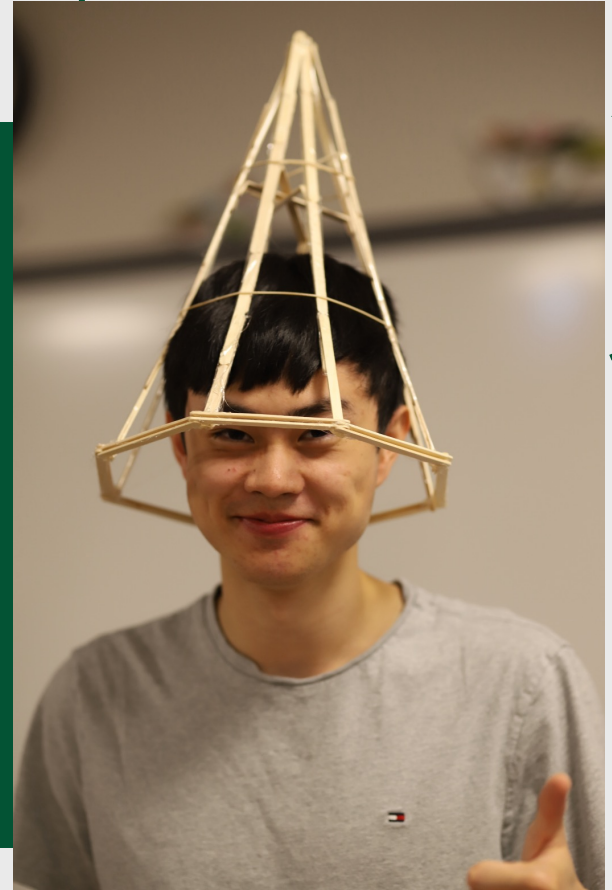
# Wednesday: Engineering Competition

1. Using marshmallows & spaghetti to create structures
2. Serving hot chocolate
3. Winner receives a small prize

Cost Breakdown:

| Item                     | Cost     |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Marshmallows & Spaghetti | \$109.72 |
| Hot Chocolate            | \$205.80 |

Total: \$315.52





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# Thursday: Yard Games

1. Outdoor yard games
2. Chips and juice boxes served

Cost Breakdown:

| Item        | Cost     |
|-------------|----------|
| Chips       | \$51.50  |
| Juice boxes | \$57.09  |
| Yard games  | \$161.78 |

Total: \$270.37



# Friday: Midnight Madness (Camp Out)

1. Games
2. Meals
3. T-Shirts
4. Security

Cost Breakdown:

| Item     | Cost               |
|----------|--------------------|
| Food     | \$1600.00          |
| T-Shirts | \$2279.20          |
| Security | \$1400.00/2 (CSSS) |

Total: \$4,579.20



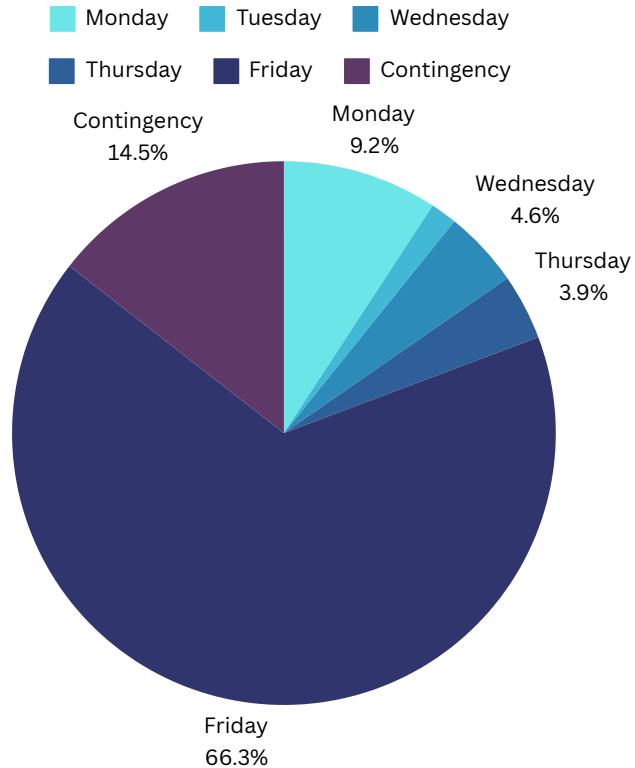


# Overall Budget

## Costs:

| Item:         | Price:           |
|---------------|------------------|
| Monday        | \$636.97         |
| Tuesday       | \$108.59         |
| Wednesday     | \$315.52         |
| Thursday      | \$270.37         |
| Friday        | \$4,579.20       |
| Contingency   | \$1000.00        |
| <u>Total:</u> | <u>\$7000.00</u> |

# FROSH EXPENSES





# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



## SECURITY

SFU security will be in attendance the entire night and will ensure safety amongst all Froshees.



## WAIVER

Each Froshee will fill out a waiver which acknowledges the inherited risks that come with FROSH, particularly Midnight Madness.



## FOOD SAFE

Several people at Midnight Madness will have Food Safe, however all food served will be premade or prepackaged.



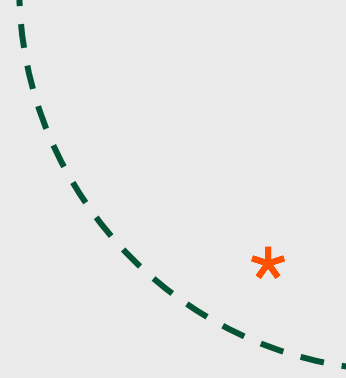
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# TRANSITION

Eases the transition from high school to university.



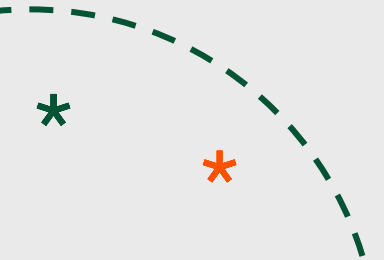
# TEAMWORK

Encourages teamwork between froshes & upper year students.



# NETWORKING

Fosters interpersonal skills and relationships between student groups.





# THANKS!

Do you have any questions?

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