1. CALL TO ORDER
Call to Order – 5:38 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT
We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selíl̓witulh (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem) and q̓icə̓y̓ (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... Vacant
Criminology Student Association (Vice-Chair)... Henry Do
Economics Student Society... Hamza Issa
English Student Union .... Fatima Tu Zahara
French Student Union .... Adria Diallo-Leconte
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... Kil Daagwiiya
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 .... Johnny Gates
Sociology and Anthropology Student Union (SASU) .... Vacant
World Languages and Literature Student Union... Amrit Kullar

Beedie School of Business

Business Administration Student Society .... Meha Sidhu

Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology
Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology .... 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) .... Vacant

Faculty of Environment
Environmental Science Student Union (ESSU).. Grayson Barke
Archeology Student Society (ASS)... Vacant
Geography Student Union... Jeffery Collinson
Resource & Environmental Management ....Ethan Fukuhara

Faculty of Health Sciences
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union.. 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 .... Sharneet Kaur

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) .... INACTIVE
Student Athletic Advisory Committee .... INACTIVE
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) .... Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo
Women Centre Collective .... Gurnoor Nijjar

Affiliated Student Groups
Embark Sustainability .... Anne Tran
Residence Hall's Association (RHA)... Tulika Varma
Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group .... 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 .... Matthew Cornfoot
Administrative Assistant .... Mary Toma

3.3   Regrets
Labour Studies Student Union .... Mamduh Almughrabi
Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group .... Rebecca Ballard
Data Science Student Society... Pranay Ratan
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union...................................... Shoron Alam
Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society (BNSS)................................ Aarthi Srinivasan
Economics Student Society... Hamza Issa

3.4   Guests
Computing Science Student Society (Director of Events)....................... Emily Qin
Computing Science Student Society (President)..................................... Isabelle Kwan

3.5   Absents
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society .... Sebastian Olano
Political Science Student Union.. Malk Hayder Ouj
Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union.................................... Caleb Wu
Resource & Environmental Management ....Ethan Fukuhara

Biology Student Union (BSU) .... Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union................................ Maryam Niaz
Chemistry Student Society.. Landy Liu
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association .... Sharneet Kaur
Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA).. Anthea MwanaW'Bantu
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) .... Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo
Residence Hall's Association (RHA)... Tulika Varma
Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) .... Kanksha Chawla
VP Equity and Sustainability .... Chloe Arneson
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator .... Matthew Cornfoot

4. CONSENT AGENDA
4.1 CONSENT AGENDA
Be it resolved to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1.2 RATIFICATION OF REGRETS – MOTION COUNCIL 2024-12-18:01
Be it resolved to receive and ratify regrets from the Labour Studies, SFPIRG, Data Science, Health Science, Behavioral Neuroscience, and Economics Councillors for the December 18th Council meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2024-12-18:02
CSA / VP Finance
Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PRESENTATION
6.1 CSSS SILICON VALLEY 2025
SUBMITTED BY: Computing Science Student Society
PRESENTED BY: Computing Science Director of Events
ATTACHMENTS: CSSS Silicon Valley 2024 Presentation
- CSSS hosts an annual trip to Silicon Valley where students are given the opportunity to visit tech companies to network, meet alumni, and build connections.
  - The trip is not exclusive to CSSS students and is open to other DSU's as well.
- CSSS is seeking $10,500 in grant funding to subsidize the costs of the trip for students attending.
- VP Finance confirmed that CSSS received $7,500 in funding for the previous year's trip. She also mentioned that the Student Union grant budget is nearly capped out and that they are estimated to go over budget by the end of January.
  - VP Finance mentioned that CSSS has been recommended $5,000 in funding from staff.
- Geography listed to question whether there is any way to lower expenses for the trip.
  - CSSS responded that they are using the same accommodations that were previously used, and that flight pricing tends to fluctuate.

- o CSSS also mentioned that they are willing to pursue less costly options.
- Operations Manager clarified that CSSS can be given $5,000 in grant funding from staff, but the additional $2500 in funding for travel and conference would have to be appealed to council for approval.
- CSSS clarified that they were awarded $7,500 in grant funding last year, however this was a significant reduction in what they had received the year before that where they received $12,000.
  - o VP Finance spoke about the many grants that have already been awarded to CSSS and that the SFSS is seeking to minimize spending so that they do not go over budget.
- President questioned if the event will be ticketed.
  - o CSSS stated that the event will be at a cost for students but hope to receive funding to subsidize expenses.
- CSSS listed to state that $5,000 is too little, and he agrees that $10,000 might be a lot to ask for, so they are open to seeking another offer that is more equitable.
- VP Finance listed to clarify how much it would cost per student after receiving grant funding.
  - o CSSS responded that the $750 paid per student is assuming they receive funding.
  - o VP Finance asked whether it would be possible to obtain funding through the department.
  - o CSSS responded that a portion of the cover provided by CSSS is coming from the department.
- FNMISA listed to ask whether CSSS has considered sponsorships, and if the tech companies are willing to assist in any way.
  - o CSSS responded that the tech companies do not typically assist students in hosting these events.
- English listed to mention that CSSS was previously awarded $7,500 in funding but are requesting $10,500 this year. Wondering why there is such a drastic jump in the requested amount.
  - o CSSS responded that they had been given more funding through the faculty which means they were able to receive less in grant funding.
- Philosophy listed to question how much funding is being allocated for the trip from CSSS themselves.
  - o CSSS responded that the cost breakdown provided in the presentation shows how much CSSS is covering.
- Geography listed to question why the event must take place in Silicon Valley and whether it can be hosted in a geographically closer location, such as Seattle.
  - o CSSS stated that Silicon Valley is the heart of tech innovation and that there is a great number of SFU alumni located in Silicon Valley. So, there is a better opportunity for students to connect with others.

7. OLD BUSINESS
7.1   CSSS Silicon Valley 2025 – MOTION COUNCIL 2024-12-18:03
Submitted by: Computing Science Student Society
CSA / VP Finance
Whereas the Computing Science Student Society is planning to organize a trip to Silicon Valley

from April 29th to May 3rd, 2025;

Whereas the Computing Science Student Society has successfully ran the trip to Silicon Valley four times since 2017, touring companies including Apple, Google, Meta, and more;

Whereas the students are able to network and learn about careers at these companies;

Whereas they are seeking financial support above what admin and staff are allowed to approve;

Whereas they are requesting $10,500 of funding to support the students for this event;

Be it resolved to approve spending up to $5,000 ($2,500 from 5000G, $2,500 from 5016T) for the trip.
CARRIED AS AMENDED
Abstain: VP Events
Dissent: Philosophy
- VP Events listed to state that they have a conflict of interest, and will therefore be abstaining.
- Philosophy listed to mention that they would not be willing to approve more than $3000 in funding to be allocated towards this event.
- CSSS listed to ask what is the remaining amount of funding left in the Student Union grant budget.
    - VP Finance responded that she does not have the exact total at the moment and referred to Operations Manager for this.
    - Operations Manager responded that she does not have the exact total either but based on calculations, it is estimated that the budget will be depleted by the end of January.
- MBBSU listed to mention that it would be better to seek a more local alternative for the event and seconds Philosophy's statement that $3000 should be the maximum amount approved for the motion.
    - CSSS stated that this is the last major event hosted by CSSS and that $3,000 is severely low to host the event.
    - CSSS also mentioned that they are seeking local collaborations for other events, however students derive inspiration and a sense of satisfaction from attending this event when it is hosted in Silicon Valley.
    - MBBSU responded to this to clarify that the SFSS cannot fully cover the expenses of the event.
    - CSSS clarified that the asking amount is not meant to cover the entire expenses since they have already raised funds through other events. The asking amount is only to help students in subsidizing some of the costs.
- Geography listed to request a breakdown of the costs.
    - CSSS provided the calculations.
- CSSS stated that they would be willing to accept $7500 instead of the full $10,500 That was originally requested.
- CSSS listed to clarify whether the travel conference funding is included in the motion.
    - VP Finance responded that the breakdown would have to be included in the motion.
- VP Finance listed to agree that $3000 might be too little funding, but $7500 is too much to

approve. So, $5,000 would be the ideal amount for approval.
- o CSSS is willing to accept this.
- Philosophy listed to voice their dissent.

8. **ATTACHMENTS**
16.1 CSSS Silicon Valley 2024 Presentation

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
9.1   MOTION COUNCIL 2024-12-18:04
CSA / VP Events
Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SFU CSSS

Silicon Valley

APR 29 – MAY 3

WHO ARE WE?

Computing Science Student Society
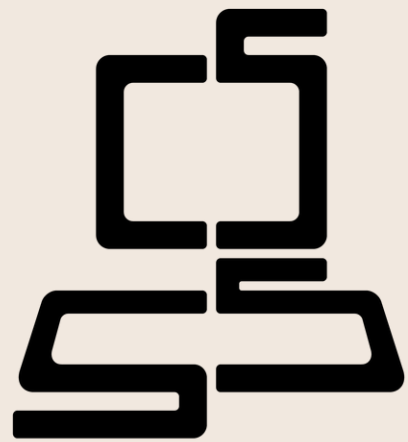
(Other DSU's are participants on this trip too!)

The Organizers

ISABELLE KWAN
CSSS PRESIDENT
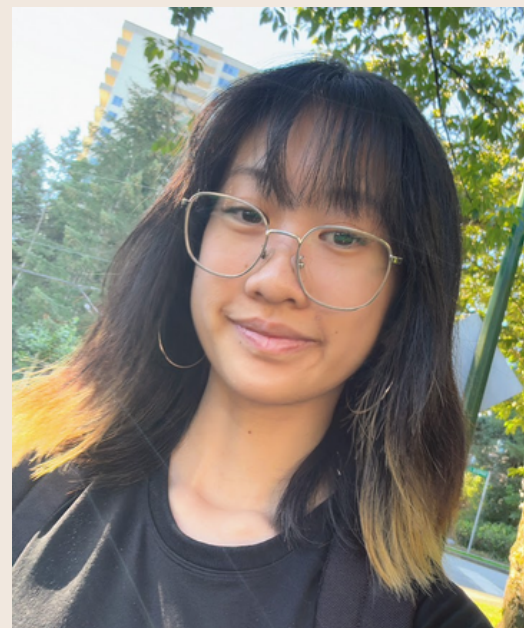
EMILY QIN
CSSS DIRECTOR OF EVENTS

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP

This trip is **not** a job hunting trip

This trip is **not** a partying trip

This trip is **not** a trip to visit family/friends in the area

This trip is a **networking trip**, an opportunity to meet SFU alumni, learn about different tech companies, and what the Silicon Valley area is like

01. Our Plans

LOGISTICS & SAFETY

- RENTED BUS INSTEAD OF INDIVIDUAL UBER OR DRIVING

- CSSS IS BOOKING THE PLANE AND HOTEL ROOMS

- SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS AND DIETARY RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR

- ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED

OUR (TENTATIVE) SCHEDULE

April 29
ARRIVAL

COMPUTER HISTORY MUSUEM

April 30
GOOGLE

META

May 01
NVIDIA

ROBLOX

May 02
DISCORD

LINKEDIN

ALUMNI RELATIONS DINNER

May 03
DEPARTURE

During the company visits we will receive a tour, a chance to speak with alumni, speak to employees at the companies, and gain valuable information about the company/industry.

COST BREAKDOWN

	APPROX COST
FLIGHTS (ROUND TRIP)	550 CAD
HOTEL (2 PEOPLE PER ROOM FOR 4 NIGHTS)	650 CAD
BUS TRANSPORTATION	320 CAD
MUSEUM ADMISSION	20 CAD
CONTINGENCY	90 CAD
CSSS COVER	**–400 CAD**
SFSS COVER	**– 480 CAD**
TOTAL (PER PERSON)	**750 CAD**

SFSS Cover x 25 participants = $12000 $1500 (T&C) + $10500 (grant)

With your help we can reduce the cost of the trip per person and make it accessible for all!

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Lunch/Dinner will not be covered

Breakfast is included with the hotel

Participants who want to visit the Bay Area are responsible for their own travel costs (Uber, BART, other public transportation etc.)

PAST TRIPS

GOOGLEPLEX

NVIDIA HQ

DISCORD

PAST TRIPS

INTEL MUSEUM WITH FUTUREWEI

TESLA

FEEDBACK

5/5 Trip

- Networking and panels was the most helpful part!
- There were a diversity of companies, from software to hardware.

"Networking with industry players and making friends"

"Motivates me to work harder to achieve my goals"

"It opened my eyes to the opportunities outside of Vancouver"

QUESTIONS?

Thank you so much for your time and consideration!