

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 5:44 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓ílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəłəm (Kwkwetlem) and q̓icəy̓ (Katzie) Nations. Unceded means that these territories have never been handed over, sold, or given up by these nations, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE**3.1 Council Composition Student Union Representatives****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	Aiden Maymandy
Software Systems Student Society.....	Fabian Siswanto
Sustainable Energy Engineering.....	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 Dhani
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	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.....	Vacant
World Languages and Literature	Amrit Kullar

Beedie School of Business

Business Administration Student Society.....	Meha Sidhu
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Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology

Faculty of Communications, Arts & Technology.....	Vacant
Communications Student Union (CMNSU).....	Vacant
Interactive Arts and Technology.....	Caleb Wu
Semester in Dialogue Student Union.....	INACTIVE

Faculty of Education

Education Student Association (ESA).....	Victoria (Tori) Minty
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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
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Faculty of Science

Science Undergraduate Society (SUS).....	Catherine Ho
Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society.....	Aarthi Srinivasan
Biology Student Union (BSU).....	Vacant
Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology.....	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.....	Ariana Shamsuddin
Operations Research Student Union.....	Vacant
Physics Student Association.....	Vacant
Statistics and Actuarial Science.....	Sharneet Kaur

School for the Contemporary Arts

Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies.....	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.....	Chris Sanderson
International Student Advocates.....	INACTIVE

Out on Campus Collective (OOC).....	INACTIVE
Student Athletic Advisory Committee.....	INACTIVE
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry	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 & 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

HR Lead.....	Chandra Trinh
Services Lead	Cat Affleck
Operations Lead.....	Patience Spinoza
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator.....	Matthew Cornfoot
Administrative Assistant.....	Mary Toma

3.3 Regrets

First Nations, Métis & Inuit.....	Chris Sanderson
Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society.....	Aarthi Srinivasan
Economics Student Society.....	Hamza Issa
VP External and Community Affairs.....	Joel Gilani

3.4 Guests

SFPIRG Staff.....	Noëll Cousins
Visitor	Joseph K. Yuruk
Visitor	Tijana Radovic
Visitor	Bobby Davidson
Visitor	Fiona Wong
Visitor	Xavier Delaney
Visitor	Avera Parent

3.5 Absents

Business Administration Student Society.....	Meha Sidhu
Chemistry Student Society.....	Landy Liu



Mechatronics System Engineering	Aiden Maymandy
Political Science Student Union.....	Malk Hayder Ouj
Resource & Environmental Management.....	Ethan Fukuhara
Residence Hall’s Association (RHA)	Tulika Varma

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

Be it resolved to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1.1 RATIFICATION OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-02-05:01

Be it resolved to receive and ratify regrets from the FNMISA, BNSS, and Economics Councillors, and VP External for the February 5th, 2025, meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-02-05:02

VP Internal / VP Equity

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Strike Discussion Item titled Council Grant Appeal and Staff Recommendation Process and Guidelines.
- VP Internal listed for In-Camera session titled Studentcare Updates.
- VP Equity listed for Presentation Item titled Referendum Volunteering

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Referendum Volunteering

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability

PRESENTED BY: SFPIRG Staff

- SFPIRG staff is seeking volunteers to endorse the referendum question that seeks to adjust funding for independent student societies.
- Students can support the referendums by pledging to vote ‘YES,’ sharing material on social media, talking about the campaign to different groups, and putting up posters.
- SFPIRG provided resources to share and use in endorsing the referendum.
- VP Equity listed to mention the last time that the student groups had their fees increased.
- ISSA listed to question when the referendum endorsements can be shared with their respective student groups.
 - VP Internal responded that Monday February 10, 2025, is the official start date.
- SFPIRG staff encouraged members to fill out the pledge form.
- SFPIRG staff notified members to join one of the group chats created for interested volunteers to help hang posters and endorse the referendum.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 VP Internal

- Worked on referendum questions.

- Currently working on a policy review that will be brought to council soon.

VP Equity and Sustainability

- Worked on healthcare and fee levies.

VP Finance

- Visited Vancity regarding investment changes.
- Worked on policy review for investment policy.
- Worked with student unions and groups to discuss budgets.

VP External

- Worked with SFU senate to advocate for open education resources.
- AVP training and learning open forum.
- Met with Brenda Bailey and Anne Kang.
- Attended voter trade events.
- Attended BCFS conference.
- Planning for Provincial lobbying.
- Rebuilding leadership with SFU Security.

VP University and Academic Affairs

- Worked on Naloxone training event for students.
- Will be attending town hall in the coming week.
- Working with student advocacy regarding grade appeals for students.

VP Events

- Lunar New Year event was successful.
- Worked with VP External to meet with government officials.
- Worked with SFU Security.

8. DISCUSSION ITEM

8.1 Town Hall

SUBMITTED BY: VP University and Academic Affairs

- Will be taking place on Monday February 10, 2025.
- Encouraging students to attend.

9. IN-CAMERA

9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-02-05:03

CSA / VP Internal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Studentcare updates

10. EX-CAMERA

10.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-02-05:04

CSA / Philosophy

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NEW BUSINESS**11.1 REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS – MOTION COUNCIL 2025-02-05:05**

SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal

CSA / VP Internal

Whereas the Council has reviewed three proposed referendum questions

“General Fee motion”

Whereas CJSF, Embark, the SFPIRG, the SFSS, and the Peak are independent student societies at SFU that are at the heart of student life and are a crucial vehicle for building a more vibrant campus culture. These societies encompass the campus radio, sustainability efforts, social justice advocacy, student events, and our campus newspaper;

Whereas fee revenues have been static for many years (in some cases since the 1990s), and inflation (i.e. rising costs) has limited their ability to serve students and enhance campus life;

Whereas the independent student societies were created “by students, for students,” empowering us to make this campus our own and allowing us to address our evolving needs, by creating opportunities for connection, belonging, wellness, and personal and professional growth;

Do you support (1) the fee levies for CJSF, Embark, the SFPIRG, and the Peak being increased in the fall of 2025 by \$1.50 each for full-time students and \$0.75 for part-time students; (2) given the range and scale of its mandate, the SFSS fee levy being increased in the fall of 2025 by \$12.00 for full-time students and \$6.00 for part-time students; and (3) all of these groups’ fee levies being increased annually by the rate of inflation (as reported by the Government of British Columbia) beginning in the fall 2026?

Health and Dental one-time increase

Whereas the Health and Dental Plan is one of the most utilized services by SFSS members, and has seen significant premium increases year over year;

Whereas the SFSS Board of Directors does not have the ability to further increase the current Health and Dental Plan Fees of \$267.08 per year without a successful referendum;

Whereas the SFSS Board of Directors has exhausted all avenues of reducing plan premiums, including by reducing coverage and benefits;

Whereas without an increase to the SFSS Health & Dental Plan Fees, the Board of Directors will be forced to further reduce benefits next year and every subsequent year;

Whereas the SFSS Health and Dental Plan ranks one of the lowest in coverage among other comparable student societies across the province and the country;

Whereas 85% of surveyed SFSS members have expressed interest in improving essential benefits under the Health and Dental Plan;

Whereas a successful referendum will allow the SFSS Board of Directors to enhance essential benefits;

Whereas students will retain the option to choose a lower level of coverage at a lower fee (Basic Plan), or opt out completely if they have equivalent alternative coverage;

Q: Knowing that without the ability to increase the SFSS Health & Dental Plan Fees the SFSS Board of Directors would be forced to further cut more benefits, do you consent to raise the SFSS Health & Dental Plan Fees from \$267.08 to \$364.08 per year for the policy year starting September 1, 2025?

Note: The basic plan fee would equally increase from \$207.40 to \$304.40 per year

Health and Dental Inflationary increase

Whereas the actual cost of the SFSS Extended Health and Dental Plan varies every year given increases in the cost of health and dental services, and increases in the number of claims made by undergraduate students;

Whereas the Health and Dental Fee collected to provide all members with health and dental insurance cannot be adjusted to keep pace with the increases in the cost of coverage;

Whereas without an increase to the SFSS Health & Dental Plan Fees the health and dental plan services will be cut next year and every subsequent year;

Whereas the Board will communicate the value of, and reason for making any change to the fee;

Whereas the SFSS board of directors will be required to have a two week notice of motion period before considering a fee increase motion.

Q: Do you authorize the SFSS Board of Directors to adjust the Health & Dental Plan Fees by up to a maximum of 5% annually as needed to maintain sustainable coverage starting September 1, 2026, to account for inflation?"

Be it resolved to approve the attached text of the three questions and put them forward as referendum questions alongside the 2025 executive elections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- VP Internal listed to take an informal vote in chat to select a number for the fee increase.
 - SASS requested a roll call vote
- **\$97:** Computing Science, Engineering Science, Software Systems, SASS, CSA, French, GSWSSU, Labour Studies, Public Policy, WLLSU, Environmental Studies, Health Science,

Data Science, DNA, SOCA, SFPIRG, VP External, VP Internal, VP University and Academic Affairs.

- **\$130:** English, ISSA, Geography, Philosophy, BPKSA, MBBSU, Embark, President, VP Equity, VP Events, VP Finance.
- The vote concluded that the healthcare plan fees will be increased by \$97.

12. 30 MINUTES Q&A

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15.1 Nominations for SFSS close on Friday February 7th, 2025.

14. ATTACHMENTS

14.1 Referendum Volunteering Presentation

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-02-05:07

CSA / VP Internal

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a volunteer toolkit for

The Vote for Student Life Campaign

THE PEAK
SFU's independent student
newspaper since 1965




EMBARK



simon fraser
student society

what is this about?

- Getting enough **YES votes** out for our referendum question on **Feb. 27 & 28**
- These Q's **ensure long-term (inflation-adjusted) funding for independent student societies (i.e. CJSF Radio, Embark, the Peak, and the SFPIRG) and the SFSS** who are already doing a lot to support students without enough funds!
- [Pledge to vote here](#) and [check out the FAQ](#)

the referendum question:

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things you can do to help:

- 1) **Get 5+ SFU students to pledge** to vote YES & confirm that they did on Feb. 27 & 28
- 2) **RSVP & share** the Facebook event
- 3) **Share our posts** on social media
- 4) **Endorse** the campaign
- 5) **Talk to your group** about the campaign
- 6) **Put up our posters**

See the next slides for details!

note: check out the “speaker notes” section for additional things you can copy, paste and use!

messaging friends/peers

More example messages here if you need them! <https://bit.ly/StudentLifeScripts>

- “Voting for the SFSS is happening Feb 27 & 28 and there will be an email sent to your SFU email! Student groups and organizations are counting on folks to support the referendum questions ensuring long-term, inflation-adjusted funding for independent student societies (like CJSF Radio, Embark, the Peak, and the SFPIRG) and the SFSS. They are already doing a lot with very little.
- “Today is voting day for SFSS elections! You can vote here: <https://bit.ly/votesfss-2022> (to be published).

We would love your support! You can pledge to vote YES here: <https://bit.ly/RefPledge>

If you have any questions, there’s aFAQ sheet: <https://bit.ly/RefFAQs>”

Don’t forget to vote yes to the referendum questions for long-term, inflation-adjusted funding for independent student societies and the SFSS! Now more than ever we need to have well-funded services for students SFU.

The vote ends on Feb. 28 at 11:59 pm. Let me know if the link works for you!

RSVP & share the FB event

Here's [the link](#) to our Facebook page!

Please RSVP “Going” or “Interested” & share the event :)

Vote **YES** on
Feb 27th & 28th to
support student-led
organizations this
referendum.

A vibrant campus
doesn't happen
by accident.

#Vote4StudentLife

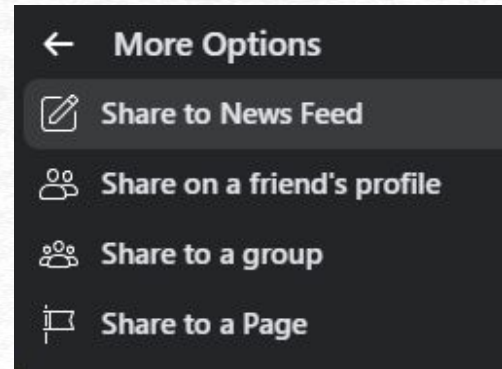


how to share a post (facebook)

Share from [@cjsfradio](#), [@embarksustainability](#), [@thepeakatsfu](#), [@sfpirg](#), and [@sfss_sfu](#) FB pages!
(click on links above to see posts)

Write something nice – you can say something about the group and their work! Writing something personal helps.

Examples in speakers notes below!



like/comment in FB groups

We've got posts shared in Facebook groups!

Liking & commenting helps get us more visibility in those groups. (click on links below)

- [SFU Undergraduate](#)
- [Must knows](#)

share a post (instagram)

Share from [@cjsfradio](#), [@embarksustainability](#), [@thepeakatsfu](#), [@sfpirg](#), and [@sfss_sfu](#) Instas!
(click on links above & check our profiles for more posts)



List some reasons why equitable student support is needed or examples of past work the groups have done! The [FAQ sheet](#) has more info on the groups if you need!

(link in ur bio can help too)

Go to a post & click on the arrow to share it to your stories!

You can also **highlight the story** so it stays on your profile longer than 24 hours.



vote4studentlife

Following ▾

Message



0 posts

24 followers

9 following

Vote4StudentLife

Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

Followed by ncoocsfu, embarksustainability + 7 more

how to endorse

- this is similar to sharing posts except you can write your own paragraphs explaining why you endorse a certain group or groups
- for example, u can say these are the people whose values you believe in, and bring up their previous work and why equitable support is important
- see speaker notes below for an example!

talking to groups

groups you can reach out to:

- clubs
- departmental student unions
- unofficial class group chats

● ~~your class canvas~~

“No SFU listserv mail lists or SFU course platforms shall be used to campaign on behalf of any candidate.” – SFSS Elections and Referenda Policies

“Hey everyone! Hopefully you’ve heard SFSS elections are coming up. I’m hoping folks will support the Student Life Campaign, which is being run by a coalition of the independent student societies (i.e. CJSF Radio, Embark Sustainability, the Peak, and the SFPIRG) and the SFSS. All of these groups are BY and FOR students, and they’re looking to secure long-term, inflation-adjusted funding for their so they can build a more vibrant campus community! There’s going to be a referendum question about this on the ballot on Feb. 27 & 28 sent to your SFU Mail, and I encourage you to vote YES. You can learn more here:

<https://bit.ly/StudentLifeFAQ> ”

requesting a classroom talk or time to speak at a meeting

Dear [insert name here],

I hope the semester has been off to a good start! [i hope you've been well]

I am reaching out to see if it would be possible to speak for a couple of minutes at the beginning or end of the next [class, meeting] about a couple of referendum questions that are being submitted in the upcoming SFSS elections. The first is a question about adopting an increase and inflation adjustment for the fee levies of the independent student societies (e.g. the campus radio and newspaper, our sustainability hub and social advocacy centre and the SFSS itself). These student-led organizations are independent from the university and are funded by students through our fee levies, so if we're to have well-resourced organizations that are by students, for students, this is an important question to consider. There is also a question about securing funding for our health and dental plan, which is provided to students by the student government – not the university, contrary to popular belief.

I think it's important that students know that the referendum is coming up, as voter turnout is historically quite low and these questions have a real impact on student welfare and the vitality of campus life. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about me sharing. I'm looking forward to hearing your reply.

Warm regards,
[insert name here]

putting up posters

We've got a lovely set of posters designed by our talented volunteers!

If you want to help with putting up posters around any of the SFU campuses, let us know using our [pledge form](#)! We'll get you hooked up :)

getting all of the volunteer tea!

we encourage folks to join one of the volunteer chats so you can see campaign related updates, hear about posts we'd like folks to share, and coordinate canvassing & postering efforts!

whatsapp



messenger



****for links, see the speaker's notes**

time to fill out [the pledge form!](#)



also, please fill out this questionnaire about student-led from [the Peak!](#)



thank you so much!!

we can't do this without our volunteers so
thank you for helping get the vote out!

