

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 5:45 PM

## 2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy<sup>ə</sup>m (Musqueam), Sk<sup>w</sup>xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>əłəm (Kwikwetlem) 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.....	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 Dhami
Gerontology Student Union.....	Vacant
Global Asia Studies Student Union.....	INACTIVE
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.....	Ria Clores
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.....	Vacant
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**Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology**

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

**Faculty of Education**

Education Student Association (ESA) .....	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 .....	Vacant

**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 .....	Vacant
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 .....	INACTIVE
Dance Student Union .....	INACTIVE
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).....	Vacant
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**

Interactive Arts and Technology.....	Caleb Wu
Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society .....	Aarthi Srinivasan
VP Finance and Services .....	Simar Sahota
Embark Sustainability .....	Anne Tran
Women Centre Collective.....	Gurnoor Nijjar

**3.4 Guests**

SFU .....	Peter Hall
SFU .....	Mary Holmes
MOSAIC .....	Matthew Levan

**3.5 Absents**

Computing Science Student Society.....	Micah Baker
Data Science Student Society .....	Pranay Ratan
Earth Science Student Union .....	Eden Lien
Economics Student Society.....	Hamza Issa
Indigenous Studies Student Union.....	Kil Daagwiiya
Linguistics Student Union.....	Ria Clores

Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) .....	Catherine Ho
Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) .....	Anthea MwanaW'Bantu
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry .....	Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo
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**

**4.1.2 RATIFICATION OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:01**

Be it resolved to receive and ratify regrets from the Interactive Arts, BNSS, Embark, and Women's Centre Councillor's and VP Finance for the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:02**

**President / ISSA**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- VP External amended to include In-Camera item and New Business item titled "Approval of MOU with Mosaic."
- President amended to include two In-Camera items titled "Scholarship Funding decision" and "Proposal for next steps."
  - New Business item titled "Council Abandonments."
- VP Internal amended to include a New Business item titled "SFSS Health and Dental Plan Renewal,"
  - In-Camera item titled "Insurance renewal."
  - Notice of Motion titled "R-11-16," and "SO-8."
  - Discussion item titled "SO-8."
- VP University amended to include Presentation and New Business item titled "Academic Plan SFU 2025-2030."

**6. PRESENTATION****6.1 Academic Plan SFU 2025-2030**

**SUBMITTED BY: VP University**

**PRESENTED BY: Peter Hall**

- The purpose of the academic plan is to layout the goals and strategies that drive the academic mission of the university.
- SFU in the last 2 years has re-oriented itself towards a central focus on the provostial model.
- The model must also be iterative by bringing SFU's faculties and support units together in consolidating a final academic plan.
- There are 6 focus areas in the academic plan.
  1. Program Development and Curriculum Renewal.
    - Launch SFU School of Medicine.
    - Introduce streamlined curriculum and pathways for program completion.

- Deliver credit and non-credit courses.
  - Establish strategies for use of AI.
- 2. Research Excellence.
  - Support interdisciplinary research.
  - Research informed teaching and learning.
- 3. Indigenization and Decolonization.
  - Honour and amplify Indigenous knowledge systems.
  - Expand program pathways and outreach for Indigenous learners.
  - Strengthen Indigenous partnerships with communities and scholars.
- 4. Inclusive Excellence and Access.
  - Promote diversity in student recruitment and admission.
  - Foster accessible learning environments.
  - Provide venues for dialogue and problem-solving on issues facing BC.
- 5. Internationalization and Global Engagement.
  - Mobilize SFU's global reach.
  - Increase international student enrolment.
  - Increase engagement with international alumni.
- 6. Institutional Effectiveness.
  - Increase academic instruction delivered by continuing faculty.
  - Ensure technologies align with academic mission.
  - Establish resilient continuity plans.
- ESA questioned how the focus on research programs helps undergraduate students in this academic mission? As well as whether it will take funding away from undergraduate students during these difficult financial times?
  - Peter responded that this plan does consider the needs of undergraduate students and commitments are being made to promote direct research opportunities for undergraduates.
  - In terms of funding, there is an incentive for faculty to seek external funds for research.
- ISSA questioned what tools will be used to diversify student enrolment for international students.
  - Peter responded that there will be attempts to recruit from new countries.
- VP University listed to mention that mandatory Indigenous courses might result in pushback from students.
  - Peter responded that while it is important to consider the politics involved, Beedie has a mandatory Indigenous course and SFU's new School of Medicine will require applicants to have enrolled in Indigenous courses.
- VP External listed to question whether there will be instructor teaching for researchers, greater inter-department focus on graduate and undergraduate students for teaching positions, and what the impact will be on increasing class sizes.
  - Peter responded that when faced with resource constraints, the academic plan aims to support smaller class sizes, hybrid courses, and improved course offerings.
  - Peter also mentioned that reliance on continuing faculty for teaching means that more TA's will be needed, and funding will be allocated to support students

looking to be TA's .

- Peter mentioned that the academic plan aims to be implemented by Fall 2025.

## 7. IN-CAMERA

### 7.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:03

#### President / VP Internal

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

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Scholarship Funding decision
- Proposal for next steps
- Insurance renewal

## 8. EX-CAMERA

### 8.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:04

#### President / VP Internal

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 9.1 President

- Completing ongoing projects.
- Committee meetings.
- Management meetings and exit interviews.
- Completed final undergraduate exam and is now ready to graduate.
- Communicated with incoming President about plan for upcoming year.
- Received fellowship award from FASS.

#### VP Equity

- Completed final undergraduate exam and is now ready to graduate.
- Communicated with incoming VP Equity about plan for upcoming year.

#### VP Events

#### VP External

- Completed final undergraduate exam and is now ready to graduate.
- Communicated with incoming VP External about plan for upcoming year.

#### VP Finance

#### VP Internal

- Studying for final exams.
- Working with incoming VP Internal on insurance renewal.
- Working with incoming VP Internal on policy reviews.
- Governance committee.

**VP University****10. DISCUSSION ITEM****10.1 SO-8****SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal**

- Over the last couple months, VP Internal had sent out emails and feedback on standing orders.
- The governance committee received feedback and the notice of motion titled “SO-8” was reviewed and resulted in changes.
- The other standing orders sent out were also reviewed but did not result in changes.

**11. NEW BUSINESS****11.1 R-6-10 POLICY EDITS - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-02:05****SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal****VP Internal / President**

Whereas the governance committee reviewed R-6-10;

Whereas the changes streamlined policy;

Be it resolved to approve the changes R-6-10;

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.2 R-4 POLICY EDITS - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-02:06****SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal****VP Internal / President**

Whereas the governance committee reviewed R-4;

Whereas the changes streamlined policy;

Be it resolved to approve the changes R-4;

**CARRIED**

**Dissent: SASS**

- ISSA listed to question why the policy mentions classes and not credits.
  - VP Internal stated that it is more manageable to balance a fewer course load and not a fewer credit load since some 2-credit courses require more time and energy than some 4-credit courses.

**11.3 APPROVAL OF MOU WITH MOSAIC – MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:07****SUBMITTED BY: VP External****Mover / Seconder**

Whereas, the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) and M.O.S.A.I.C. (Multi-Lingual Orientation Service Association for Immigrant Communities) have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support SFSS members through discounted IELTS test preparation and related services;



Whereas, the MOU provides SFSS members access to discounts on IELTS tests and prep classes, referrals for volunteer opportunities, and potential for customized testing sessions;

Whereas, this partnership aligns with SFSS's mission to support the academic and professional advancement of its members;

Be it resolved, that SFSS Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (dated April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026) between SFSS and MOSAIC as presented;

Be it further resolved, that the SFSS President be authorized to sign the MOU on behalf of the Society.

**POSTPONED**

## **12. MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:08**

**President / ISSA**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- **Health and Dental plan renewal.**

## **13. EX-CAMERA**

### **13.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:09**

**President / VP Internal**

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **14. NEW BUSINESS**

### **14.1 SFSS HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN RENEWAL - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:10**

**President / Geography**

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

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **14.2 COUNCIL ABANDONMENTS - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:11**

**Mover / Seconder**

Whereas SFSS Bylaw 17(7) states that "Any member of Council who, without prior authorization by Council, is absent from five (5) regularly scheduled meetings of Council, or is absent from three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of Council, whichever occurs first, shall be deemed to have abandoned their position and the Council Chair shall declare that seat vacant forthwith;"

Whereas three (3) or more consecutive absences have been italicized;



Be it resolved to accept the resignation of the following X Councillors.

**POSTPONED**

**15. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**15.1 R-11-16 - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:12**

**SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal**

Whereas the governance committee reviewed R-11-16;

Whereas the changes streamlined policy;

Be it resolved to approve the changes R-11-16.

**15.2 SO-8 - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:13**

**SUBMITTED BY: VP Internal**

Whereas the governance committee has reviewed SO-8 and recommended changes;

Be it resolved to approve the change as recommended.

**16. 30 MINUTES Q&A**

**17. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**15.1** Appreciation Night Formal event will be held on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - after the final council meeting - in the SUB ballroom to celebrate and recognize everyone who contributed to a successful year at SFSS.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

**18.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-04-16:14**

**President / CSA**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**