

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 6:31pm

## 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>əy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓ílwtulh (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

Faculty of Applied Science.....	INACTIVE
Computing Science Student Society .....	Matthew Wong
Engineering Science Student Society .....	Lexis Leung
Mechatronics System Engineering .....	Diyadeep Bal
Software Systems Student Society.....	VACANT
Sustainable Energy Engineering .....	Jacob Fu

#### Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Society of Arts and Social Sciences.....	Jade Stephenson
Cognitive Science Student Association .....	VACANT
Criminology Student Association .....	Henry Do
Economics Student Society.....	VACANT
English Student Union .....	Fatima Tu Zahara
French Student Union .....	Adria Diallo-Leconte
Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies .....	VACANT
Gerontology Student Union .....	VACANT
Global Asia Studies Student Union .....	INACTIVE
History Student Union .....	VACANT
Humanities Student Union.....	VACANT
Indigenous Studies Student Union.....	VACANT
International Studies Student Association .....	Lisa Kim
Labour Studies Student Union .....	Mamduh Almughrabi
Latin American Studies Student Union .....	INACTIVE
Linguistics Student Union.....	Ria Clores
Philosophy Student Union .....	VACANT
Political Science Student Union.....	VACANT
Psychology Student Union.....	Asha Devi Reetoo
Public Policy Student Union .....	VACANT
Social Data Science Student Union .....	Aidan Gough
Sociology and Anthropology Student Union.....	VACANT
World Languages and Literature .....	VACANT

### Beedie School of Business

Business Administration Student Society ..... Nicole Villaraso

### Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology

Faculty of Communications, Arts & Technology ..... INACTIVE

Communications Student Union ..... VACANT

Interactive Arts and Technology ..... Zariyan Mansoor

Semester in Dialogue Student Union ..... INACTIVE

### Faculty of Education

Education Student Association ..... Tori Minty

### Faculty of Environment

Environmental Science Student Union ..... Grayson Barke

Archeology Student Society ..... VACANT

Geography Student Union ..... Jeffrey Collinson

Resource & Environmental Management ..... Arden English

### Faculty of Health Sciences

Health Science Undergraduate Student Union ..... Shoron Alam

### Faculty of Science

Science Undergraduate Society ..... Sam Killawee

Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society ..... Joe Cavalcanti Melo Renzi.

Biology Student Union ..... Maryam Niaz

Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology ..... Inaya Alibhai

Chemistry Student Society ..... Narin Malhotra

Data Science Student Society ..... Pranay Ratan

Earth Science Student Union ..... VACANT

Mathematics Student Union ..... Ananga Bajgai

Molecular Biology and Biochemistry ..... Tiffany Deng

Operations Research Student Union ..... VACANT

Physics Student Association ..... Sammy Salmi

Statistics and Actuarial Science ..... Sharneet Kaur

### School for the Contemporary Arts

Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies ..... INACTIVE

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 .....	VACANT
First Nations, Métis & Inuit .....	Roland Williams (Alternate)
International Student Advocates .....	INACTIVE
Out on Campus Collective .....	VACANT
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry .....	Kerlinda Chatwin
Women Centre Collective .....	Gurnoor Nijjar

### Affiliated Student Groups

Embark Sustainability .....	VACANT
Residence Hall's Association .....	VACANT
Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group .....	VACANT
Student Athlete Advisory Committee .....	INACTIVE
Teaching Support Staff Union .....	VACANT

### SFSS Executive Committee

President (Chair) .....	Landy Liu
VP Equity and Sustainability .....	Hyago Santana Moreira
VP Events & Student Affairs .....	Albert Radu
VP External and Community Affairs .....	Jessica Lamb
VP Finance and Services .....	Philippe Bamba
VP Internal and Organizational Development .....	Ash Powers
VP University and Academic Affairs .....	Rishu Bagga

### 3.2 Society Staff

Human Resources Lead .....	Chandra Trinh
Services Lead .....	Catherine Affleck
Operations Lead .....	Patience Okuku
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator .....	Matthew Cornfoot
Administrative Assistant .....	Riane Ng

### 3.3 Regrets

Computing Science Student Society .....	Matthew Wong
French Student Union .....	Adria Diallo-Leconte
Social Data Science Student Union .....	Aidan Gough
International Studies Student Association .....	Lisa Kim
Linguistics Student Union .....	Ria Clores
Interactive Arts and Technology .....	Zariyan Mansoor
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union .....	Sharon Alam
Chemistry Student Society .....	Narin Malhotra
First Nations, Métis & Inuit .....	Chris Sanderson
Criminology Student Association .....	Jade Stephenson
Women Centre Collective .....	Gurnoor Nijjar

## 4. CONSENT AGENDA

### 4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

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

**SKIPPED****4.1.1. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-05-21:01**

Be it resolved to receive and ratify regrets from the “Molecular Biology and Biochemistry” and “Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology” councillors for the May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting.

- Skipped

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-05-21:02****VP University / Science**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

- Criminology Councillor added New Business item “Ratification of Regrets”
- VP Equity added New Business item “HRP Elections”

**6. REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVES**

- 6.1** President has been meeting with staff, councillors, SFU staff, and learning about the initiatives of the VPs. He met with government officials at SFU residence to discuss the residence and childcare expansion.
- 6.2** VP Equity is getting familiar with the by-laws, collective agreement, and policies. He is looking to move the Council development session right before Council meetings. These development sessions will provide outreach skills for councillors so they can better connect with their student unions. VP Equity and the Biology Councillor are working on a recycling campaign that the previous VP Equity started. He is also working on an event for the summer term where students can learn more about green companies and NGOs. Additionally, he is attending outreach events and working on the food security programs. There will be a fundraiser to hopefully expand the breakfast program.
- 6.3** VP Events is currently looking at the events for the year. He wants to encourage student-led events this year while also bringing back popular and financially responsible events. One of his goals is to create a club audit system that will help categorize clubs. This will help the SFSS understand what kind of financial or resource support they might need. A mandatory training for club executives will be included in this system. VP Events will also work on a sponsorship package to help both the Society and student clubs to find sponsors. In terms of events, he plans to work more frequently with the AMS to connect the student of UBC and SFU. There are discussions about an inter-school sports competition. The executive team is also discussing a welcome event with a vendor-based approach – like the Surrey Fusion Festival or Richmond Night Market. Pet therapy, LinkedIn photoshoots, and Clubs Day events will be continuing. VP Events will also focus on increasing social media outreach and presence. The next event is Clubs Night at The Pit with AMS on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.4** VP External has been attending meetings with potential partners and organizations. She is also meeting with AMS to discuss advocacy and campaign collaborations. VP External and the President had a meeting with the founder of Student House – an organization focused on providing housing for students. She is currently working on an Open Education Resources campaign with SFU library. VP External is also preparing a presentation with the PRCA and Campaigns Coordinators for the BC budget consultation on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Overall, she is planning

out her advocacy plans for the council term and establishing priorities. She will be continuing an initiative started by the previous VP External with MOSAIC. MOSAIC is offering students and alumni a discount on the IELTS exam. It is still in the works but the discount will likely be based on the number of referrals they receive per period. VP External and the President will be attending a BCFS conference over the weekend and participate in workshops on lobbying, media relations, conflict resolution, etc.

- 6.5** VP University has been taking on a leadership role as the senior executive and working on internal/HR related matters. Continuing on projects from last year, he has been working on career opportunities with the firehall, student care, MOSAIC partnership, international student outreach. He is also setting up meetings with campus services, student services and other SFU departments and introducing them to the new executives. One of his biggest initiatives this year will be the push for hybrid classes.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **7.1 2025 Holi Cancellation**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Geography Councillor

- In April, Council approved \$25,000 towards deposits for the event. The event was cancelled.
- Geography Councillor asked how much was lost, what went wrong, and where the SFSS stands financially.
- VP University stated that there is no financial stress, the total loss was about \$800. Most of the \$800 will be credit for next year. The event timing was an issue. The previous VP Events couldn't work on event planning as he had to resolve matters at Council first. By then, the expected loss had doubled so the Holi event was cancelled. Due to the good relationships SFSS has with the vendors, there were no cancellation fees.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 RATIFICATIONS OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-05-21:03**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Criminology Councilllor

**Criminology / Biology**

Be it resolved to receive and ratify regrets from the International Studies Student Association, Linguistics Student Union, Interactive Arts and Technology, Health Science Undergraduate Student Union, Chemistry Student Society, Social Data Science Student Union, Computing Science Student Society, French Student Union, First Nations, Métis & Inuit, Criminology Student Association, and Women Centre Collective councillors for the May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.2 HRP - MOTION COUNCIL 2025-05-21:04**

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Equity and Sustainability

**Health sciences / Data science**

Whereas the Executive Committee shall maintain the HR & Personnel Sub-Committee as a standing Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee. This committee shall act as the Labour Committee for the purposes outlined in the Collective Agreement;

Whereas there is one seat is available for members of Council;

Be it resolved to elect the SFPIRG Councillor to serve on the HR & Personnel Sub-Committee for the 2025-2026 council term.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**ABSTENTIONS:** Science

**AGAINST:** Geography

- Executives are calling for nominations at this meeting because the SFSS is in collective bargaining. This is an urgent matter.
- VP University and SFPIRG councillor self-nominated.
- **Roll call vote:**
  - **VP University (12):** Criminology, Health Sciences, MSESS, Science, Data Science, Earth Science, Political Science, President, VP University, VP Finance, VP External, VP Events
  - **SFPIRG (18):** Sustainable Energy Engineering, Geography, Environmental Health Science, Business, Molecular Biology, Labour Studies, Mathematics, World Literature, SASSA, SASS, SOCA, SASU, Biology, SFPIRG, Engineering Science, Education, Psychology, English.
  - **Abstain (1):** Physics
- Replaced "X" with "the SFPIRG"
- Operations Lead stated his concerns about the low number of official councillors. He suggested postponing the motion.

*\*Council took a 10minute recess.*

- The motion will proceed with the President acknowledging the Operations Lead's perspective.

## 9. 30 MINUTES Q&A

**9.1** MBB states that they have not received access to goSFSS even after submitting their first meeting minutes and list of executives. She is wondering what the timeline for that is.

- President stated that the transition has been hectic and some staff are on leave/transitioning back to their positions. Some work has been delayed.
- Operations lead apologized for the delay and will check with the relevant staff.
- Services lead offered to answer questions via email: [services@sfss.ca](mailto:services@sfss.ca)

**9.2** Councillors asked about the future meeting time and location.

- VP Equity stated they are looking to equip a bigger room with the right technology to host Council meetings. Currently only the 2000 level rooms have a TV, room microphone, and camera. He also shared that he is trying to organize the development sessions to happen right before Council meetings. This would mean that development sessions start at 4:30pm and Council meeting start at 5:30pm. The meeting start time will depend on the schedules of councillors. The time can be changed through a vote.
- Science Stated that the policies require Council to hold at least one meeting on each campus per year.

**9.3** Mathematics asked if there will be a hybrid option for Council meetings.

- President is encouraging in-person attendance. Councillors are expected to show up for meetings as it is a part of their role. Meetings will be on Zoom during bad weather conditions. Emergency meetings will likely be hybrid.
- Multiple councillors added that engagement and communication is better when councillors are in-person.

**9.4** Concerns were raised about going home at night after Council Meetings.

- President is hoping to keep meetings efficient and within 2 hours.
- Councillors discussed carpooling together after meetings and will set up the discord to arrange that.
- SFPIRG suggested moving the meetings earlier in the winter so it won't be as dark when councillors go home.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**10.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2025-05-21:03**

**VP Equity / Science**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**