1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 5:48pm

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the Simon Fraser Student Society is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the səl̓ílwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), xwməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), q̓íc̓ə̓y̓ (Katzie), Kwantlen, Qayqayt, Semiahmoo, and Tsawwassen Nations. Unceded means that these lands were never handed over, sold, or given up, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Council Composition Student Union Representatives

Faculty of Applied Sciences

Computing Science Student Society ..... Melody Oh
Engineering Science Student Society ..... Lexiss Leung
Mechatronics System Engineering Student Society ..... Udhav Gupta
Software Systems Student Society..... Mara Liwayway Vasquez David
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society..... Alex Liniarski

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Society of Arts and Social Sciences..... Albert Radu
Cognitive Science Student Association ..... Shanin Khaled
Criminology Student Association ..... Priya Kaur
Economics Student Society..... Kiana Lazarus
English Student Union ..... Fatima Tu Zahara
French Student Union ..... Isabel Aderneck
Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies ..... Jasleen Dhami
Gerontology Student Union ..... Inactive
Global Asia Studies..... Inactive
History Student Union ..... Evan Pomeroy
Humanities Student Union..... Hannah Faner
Indigenous Studies Student Union..... Vacant
International Studies Student Association..... Harvey Riches
Labour Studies Student Union ..... Vacant
Latin American Studies Student Union ..... Inactive
Linguistics Student Union..... Elle Moore
Philosophy Student Union..... Paige Sangha
Political Science Student Union..... Sanjit Singh Rana

Psychology Student Union..... Afra Abbasi
Public Policy Student Union..... Hana Diep
Sociology and Anthropology Student Union..... Vacant
Social Data Science Union (Vice-Chair) ..... Aidan Gough
World Languages and Literature Student Union ..... Trevor Tse

Beedie School of Business
Business Administration Student Society..... Navjot Kaur Kang

Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology
Communications Student Union..... Vacant
Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union..... Matthew Wong
Semester in Dialogue Student Union..... Vacant

Faculty of Education
Education Student Association ..... Kendra Cheung

Faculty of Environment
Environmental Science Student Union ..... Trey Schober
Archaeology Student Society..... Katie McTavish
Geography Student Union..... Jeffrey Collinson
Resource and Environmental Management ..... Arden English

Faculty of Health Sciences
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union..... Shoron Alam

Faculty of Science
Science Undergraduate Society..... Tiago Pereira
Behavioral Neuroscience Student Society ..... Joe Cavalcanti Melo Renzi
Biology Student Union ..... Maryam Niaz
Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union ..... Inaya Alibhai
Chemistry Student Society..... Narin Malhotra
Data Science Student Society ..... Aung Htet Khine (Shoyo)
Earth Science Student Union ..... Connor Rushlow
Mathematics Student Union..... Yujin Song
Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Student Union..... Abigail Baudi Carino
Physics Student Association ..... YingLin Zhao
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association ..... Moses Iao

School for the Contemporary Arts

Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies Student Union ..... Inactive
Dance Student Union ..... Kaliyah States
Film Student Union ..... Vacant
Fine and Performing Arts Student Union ..... Vacant
Music Student Union ..... Vacant
Theatre Student Union ..... Vacant
Visual Arts Student Union ..... Vacant

Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA) ..... Tricia Ching-Hua Chua
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association (FNMISA) ..... Chris Sanderson
International Student Group (ISG) ..... Vacant
Out on Campus Collective (OOC) ..... Alice Golyashov
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA) ..... Asha Devi Reetoo
Women Centre Collective (WC) ..... Madhavi Kesavan

Affiliated Student Groups

Embark Sustainability ..... Purity Onoyemeakpo
Residence Hall's Association (RHA) ..... Vacant
Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG) ..... Claudia Polk
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) ..... Kerlinda Chatwin
Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) ..... Justin Kwok

SFSS Executive Committee

President ..... Rishu Bagga
VP Equity and Sustainability ..... Deion Fairfax
VP External and Community Affairs ..... Jessica Lamb
VP Events and Student Affairs ..... Mayank Pandit
VP Finance and Services ..... Mohamed Wagdy
VP Internal and Organizational Development ..... Pranay Ratan
VP University and Academic Affairs ..... Hyago Santana Moreira

3.2 Society Staff

Operations Lead ..... Patience Okuku
Human Resources Lead ..... Chandra Trinh
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator ..... Matthew Cornfoot
Finance Lead ..... Wasiq Azad

3.3 Regrets

Resource and Environmental Management ..... Arden English
VP Finance and Services..... Mohamed Wagdy
Economics Student Society..... Kiana Lazarus
Philosophy Student Union..... Paige Sangha
Earth Science Student Union ..... Connor Rushlow
Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Student Union..... Abigail Baudi Carino
Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union ..... Inaya Alibhai
Embark Sustainability ..... Purity Onoyemeakpo
VP Equity and Sustainability ..... Deion Fairfax
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union..... Shoron Alam
Geography Student Union..... Jeffrey Collinson
English Student Union ..... Fatima Tu Zahara
Mechatronics System Engineering Student Society ..... Udhav Gupta
Society of Arts and Social Sciences..... Albert Radu
Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union..... Matthew Wong
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association (FNMISA) ..... Chris Sanderson
Criminology Student Association ..... Priya Kaur

3.4 Alternates

President PhilSU (Philosophy Student Union)..... Cindy Ngo
Embark Sustainability ..... Salma Shabira

3.5 Absents

Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society..... Alex Liniarski
Archaeology Student Society..... Katie McTavish
Physics Student Association ..... YingLin Zhao
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association ..... Moses Iao
Dance Student Union ..... Kaliyah States
Out on Campus Collective (OOC)..... Alice Golyashov
VP Events and Student Affairs ..... Mayank Pandit

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 & COMMITTEE MINUTES - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:01

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

- COUNCIL 2026-08-12

4.1.2. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:02

Be it resolved to receive and ratify regrets from REMSA Councillor, SASS Councillor, Economics Councillor, Philosophy Councillor, IAT Councillor, Earth Science Councillor, BPK Councillor, Sustainable Energy Engineering Councillor, FNMISA Councillor, Criminology Councillor, MSESS Councillor, MBB Councillor, VP Equity and Sustainability, Health Science Councillor, English Councillor, Geography Councillor and VP Finance for the September 2nd, 2026 Council meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:03

President / CSSS

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Striking down agenda item 13.2
- Old business item named “Elections for the joint operations group of SFU”

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 PSU GRANT APPEAL PRESENTATION

SUBMITTED BY: SOCA councillor

PRESENTED BY: SOCA councillor, PSU FASS Rep and PSU VP Marketing

- Happening on 18th september with a capacity of 100 students guests and 18 PSU Execs
- Estimated budget: $3997.5
- Purpose: student well-being, community building, increase PSU visibility and affordable formal experience

6.2 SUS WOW GRANT 2026

SUBMITTED BY: SUS councillor

PRESENTED BY:

- The purpose of the event is to welcome the new and upcoming first years to the SFU science faculty.
- SUS, and its associated departmental student unions, have planned a week to welcome the new students with activities, professor talks, and prizes.
- The budget breakdown was presented and they are asking for $6,615.75.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM

7.1 SPRING REFERENDUM

SUBMITTED BY: Alumo

- Comes in two portions: legal consultation and legal representation
- Program features unlimited utilization, includes lawyer's fees, billable hours, attendance fees etc, $0 out of pocket expenses, help is available till cases are resolved and unconditional opt-outs are offered full refund
- Covers disputes related to housing, employment, small claims support and public notaries
- Also offers legal workshops, legal pop-up clinics and program awareness

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 ELECTIONS FOR JOINT OPERATIONS GROUP OF SFU - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:04

SUBMITTED BY:
President/SSU

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society and Simon Fraser University to function as an operational coordination forum for information sharing, early identification of emerging issues, and coordination on matters affecting the undergraduate student experience;

Whereas the JOG Terms of Reference provide for SFSS membership consisting of the President, the Vice-President University and Academic Affairs as co-chair, up to two additional Vice-Presidents as designated by the SFSS Executive, the Operations Lead, and one non-executive SFSS Council representative;

Whereas the Terms of Reference specify that a seat for a non-executive representative;

Whereas JOG meets monthly for up to ninety minutes and it is of extreme importance for SFUXSFSS relationship;

Be it resolved that Council appoint ESSS Councillor as the SFSS non-executive Council representative to the SFSS-SFU Joint Operations Group for the remainder of the 2026/2027
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Suspended the rules to a motion
President / VP University
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT UNION GALA - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:05

SUBMITTED BY:
President/International

Whereas the Psychology Student Union is throwing its first gala on September 18, 2026;

Whereas PSU wants to provide an opportunity for the new and existing psychology students to connect on a larger scale;

Whereas this event has never been done by the PSU before and has been heavily requested by the psychology students;

Whereas PSU asked for a grant and was rejected of the complete amount;

Whereas PSU is requesting $3997.5 of the SFSS funds to fund this event;

Be it resolved to approve the spending about $X amount for the event.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Suspended the rules to a motion
President / VP University
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 UNIVERISTY COMMITTEE ELECTION - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:06
SUBMITTED BY:
President/VP University

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Whereas PSU asked for a grant and was rejected of the complete amount;

Whereas PSU is requesting $3997.5 of the SFSS funds to fund this event;

Be it resolved to appoint councillors A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H and I with Alexender, Joe, Kerlinda, Claudia, Asha, Madhvi, Hanah, Moses and Sanjit onto the university and academic affairs committee for council term 2026-2027
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 EQUITY COMMITTEE ELECTION - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:07

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability

President/VP University

Whereas this committee subsumes the functions of the former Equity and Sustainability Committee, the former Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) Committee, and the former Accessibility Committee.

The purpose of this committee is to:
- Center historically excluded and marginalized students within the SFU community and framework of SFSS
- Work toward dismantling intersecting forms of systemic oppression and discrimination.
- Promote equitable access, participation, and representation for all students.
- Advocate for and support equity-deserving groups, including:
• Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) communities.
• Students with disabilities.
• Other underrepresented and marginalized groups.
- Provide input and guidance to the Society and Council on equity-related matters.
- Ensure that SFSS activities, initiatives, and endorsements align with an equity-conscious mandate.
- Foster a more inclusive, accessible, and equitable campus community for all students.

Whereas there are 6 seats available for members of Council;

Be it resolved to appoint councillors A,B,C,D,E,F,G with Maryam, Trey, Kerlinda, Justin, Kendra and Inaya, onto the university and academic affairs committee for council term 2026-2027

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 LEGAL CARE PROGRAM REFERNDUM- MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:08

SUBMITTED BY:

President/VP University

Whereas the SFSS recognizes that decisions regarding the introduction of new services and associated fees should be informed by the will of its membership and is committed to providing students with a democratic opportunity to express their preference on such matters;

Whereas the SFSS has an opportunity to establish a Legal Care Program that would provide eligible

SFSS members with access to unlimited legal consultation in all areas of the law, and legal representation in housing, employment and small claims disputes;

Whereas a recent survey reports that 86% of students are in favor of the Legal Care Program at an annual fee of $34.90 with the option of opting out unconditionally;

Whereas the SFSS By-Laws permit Council, by simple majority vote, to submit a referendum question for inclusion on a Society election ballot; and

Be it resolved that Council approve the following referendum question for inclusion on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled SFSS General Election:

Preamble

Whereas, the SFSS has identified a need for affordable and accessible legal support for students facing legal challenges;

Whereas, the Legal Care Program would offer unlimited access to lawyers for legal representation in housing, employment and small-claims disputes, with representation continuing until cases are resolved, even after a student's studies have ended;

Whereas, the Legal Care Program also provides unlimited access to lawyers for legal consultation on any area of law, including but not limited to immigration and criminal law benefiting both domestic and international students;

Whereas, the Legal Care Program service would provide eligible SFSS members with access to unlimited legal support for an entire year (September to August) at an annual fee of $34.90 per member, per year;

Whereas, students can unconditionally opt-out of this program during the designated period for a full refund;

New Winter students (as of Winter 2028) will pay a pro-rated amount of $23.26 for 8 months of access (January to August)

Question: Knowing that you can opt-out of this fee unconditionally by the first course add/drop deadline for the full refund, do you agree to establish an SFSS Legal Care Program Fee of $34.90 per student per year starting September 1, 2027, to provide students with access to affordable legal

support?
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 SUS WOW EVENT FUNDING REQUEST - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:09

SUBMITTED BY: SUS Councillor

President/SVSP

Whereas the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) is organizing their annual Week of Welcome (WoW) event on the week of September 21st;

Whereas SUS has run this event successfully for many years and allows the incoming first years to connect with science students and be a warm welcome to the society;

Whereas with fun activities, professor talks, and prizes, this event promises a strong start to their academic and university careers;

Whereas SUS has planned out a week of activities through a large majority of the faculty of science to hit every major department and introduce the first years to the sciences at SFU;

Whereas SUS is requesting $6,615.75 to facilitate these events;

Be it resolved to approve spending up to $6,615.75 for the events.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. IN-CAMERA

10.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:10

President / SDSU

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

11. EX-CAMERA

11.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:11

President / SASS

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

Be it resolved that council approves the agreement discussed in-cam
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

12.1 ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED FUNDING GUIDELINES- MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02

SUBMITTED BY: SASS Councillor

Whereas the SFSS Club and Student Union Funding Guidelines were last revised on January 6, 2023 and are due for revision;

Whereas a Club Executives Consultation was held in February 2026, at which 54 concerns were raised by club and student union representatives about the current guidelines;

Whereas the Member Services Coordinators prepared a working draft incorporating that feedback and their own operational experience;

Whereas the proposed amendments set out in Document A address grant processing timelines, definitions, funding categories, acceptance of digital receipts, provisional approvals, and the maintenance of the guidelines themselves;

Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to the SFSS Club and Student Union Funding Guidelines set out in Document A, and that the amended document be retitled the SFSS Clubs, Student Unions, and Constituency Groups Funding Guidelines;

Be it further resolved that the Member Services Coordinators implement the approved changes and update the S+ Portal to match the amended guidelines within 30 calendar days of adoption;

Be it further resolved that all registered clubs, student unions, and constituency groups be notified of the changes by email within 5 business days of adoption, with a summary of the amendments and the date they take effect.

13. 30 MINUTES Q&A

Q: Which day is the best for the 4 constituency groups to hold their Back to School Building Bonanza event so it does not clash with the SFSS Welcome Day Breakfast?
A: Please feel free to use the arcade space as required
Q: Can we have in writing that we don't need to use document solutions for printing?
A: Yes, verbally confirmed and email will be sent out soon regarding the matter
Q: Is the SFSS logo required on the merch?
A: Yes
Q: If we could get the agenda a few days before if possible?
A: Yes, we could if councillors submit the items before the deadline (24 hours)

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-02:12

President / SUS

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY