1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 5:38pm

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 (Inactive)
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 Student Association ..... 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
Finance Lead ..... Wasiq Azad
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator ..... Matthew Cornfoot

3.3 Regrets

Software Systems Student Society..... Mara Liwayway Vasquez David
Environmental Science Student Union ..... Trey Schober
Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies ..... Jasleen Dhami
Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union ..... Matthew Wong

3.4 Leave of Absence
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator..... Matthew Cornfoot

3.5 Alternates
Geography Student Union (from 7:34pm)..... Courtney Louie
Out on Campus Collective (OOC) – unverified ..... Acting Councillor

3.6 Absents
Cognitive Science Student Association ..... Shanin Khaled
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union ..... Shoron Alam
Public Policy Student Union ..... Hana Diep
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association ..... Moses Iao

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 2026-09-16:01
Be it resolved to receive and file the following Council and Committee minutes:
- COUNCIL 2026-09-02

4.1.2. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-16:02
Be it resolved to receive and ratify regrets from the Software Systems, Environmental Science, Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies and IAT Councillors for the September 16th, 2026 Council meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-16:03
President / VP External
Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Replacing the text of the Adoption of the Amended Funding Guidelines motion with the Omnibus Motion (combining Motions 1 through 4 as circulated with the Notice of Motion) – SASS / President
- Striking down agenda item 9.4 – SASS / President
- Striking down the item 9.2 Equity Groups Funds Approval / Equity & Constituency Groups Restricted Funds item, as not enough consultation had been done with those groups – seconded by VP University
- Striking down agenda item 9.3, the SUS WoW Event Funding Request carried over from the previous meeting – President / VP University

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 HALLOWEEN CONCERT PRESENTATION

SUBMITTED BY: President

PRESENTED BY: President and VP Internal

- Happening on Friday, October 30th as a double event: a Halloween fair from 12pm to 4pm (vendor market, pumpkin carving, inflatables, costume contest) followed by a concert in the parking lot from 5pm to 10pm
- Aimed mainly at first and second year students; open to all ages with no beer garden, which lowers security and liability costs
- Expected attendance of around 1,000 students, based on the 2024 Fall Kickoff concert
- Ticketing presented: SFU students $5 early bird, $10 Tier 1 and $15 Tier 2; external guests $7, $15 and $20. Following Council feedback, student tiers will be raised to $10, $15 and $20. Prices may be lowered as grants are secured
- Local DJ performances (open call and auditions for SFU students), food trucks, sponsor booths and small activities; DJ/performer budget increased from $2,000 to $4,000
- Budget request of up to $52,000 as a worst-case figure with no ticket revenue or sponsorship; about $30,000 in sponsorship is being pursued and at least $4,000 in ticket revenue is expected
- Heaters and tents budgeted for weather; ambulance, first aid, naloxone and earplugs to be provided

7. REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVES

7.1 PRESIDENT

- Working with SFU on the screens and the arcade space; screens have generated almost 1,500 new followers through QR codes
- Serving on the SFU Presidential Search Committee and the VP Finance and Administration Search Committee; SFSS exec consultation on Friday and upcoming open forums, which Council is encouraged to attend
- Welcome Week and Clubs Days went well; spoke to around 4,000 new undergraduates on Welcome Day

- Welcome Back Breakfast to be held more regularly, and weekly exec tabling sessions to begin
- Launching the Student Leadership Program, where new students shadow executives
- Arcade space still being furnished and lighting being changed; fall focus on unutilized spaces, including the Forum Chambers and the space under the student pub
- Looking at a new model for the INS space (see discussion item) and working with the exec team on the Halloween concert

7.2 VP INTERNAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Supported Welcome Week
- SFSS is officially part of the Claude Partner Network; all executives are onboarded and training is being prepared for wider rollout
- Started meeting with the Governance Committee; club reforms were discussed at the first meeting

7.3 VP FINANCE AND SERVICES

- Held a training session with the Operations Lead on the new Sage Intacct system
- Online cheque request submissions expected to launch next week
- Finance Committee chair and vice-chair have been set; student union audits starting next

7.4 VP UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Supported Welcome Week, including ordering and preparing merch
- Welcoming new staff with the equity groups and holding consultations on the endowments being finalized
- Supporting events, including work toward the Halloween event
- Surrey: supporting the office with bookings and the transition, and looking at better use of the space by student groups; councillors with a Surrey presence are invited to the next University Committee meeting (Friday)

7.5 VP EXTERNAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- Submitted a budget recommendations document to the Youth Caucus (MPs under 25) for the federal budget consultation
- Revamping the gondola campaign; the External Committee did not reach quorum and emails will be sent again
- U-Pass activation awareness with SFU Parking and Transportation; councillors are asked to remind new students to activate their U-Pass to support the case for more service on routes such as the 143, 144 and 145
- Working on the sponsorship package and outreach list for the concert
- Preparing provincial lobbying briefs with the BC3 and planning federal lobbying (likely March or April)
- Municipal election materials to be released in the next two weeks; helped with Clubs Day and

attended the tuition consultation with SFU administration

7.6 VP EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Supported Welcome Week, mainly the Welcome Breakfast, and working on getting consistent volunteers for future breakfasts
- Continuing to communicate with constituency groups about plans for the year
- Fall plans include a potential Truth and Reconciliation workshop after Truth and Reconciliation Day, a multi-faith event in late October or early November, and regular drives
- In talks with the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue about a possible workshop series in the spring

7.7 VP EVENTS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Club Night on September 25th, along with the Gala
- Planning a concert in October
- In talks with UBC about possibly combining the Holi event (March); a Diwali event is also being planned

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 HALLOWEEN CONCERT APPROVAL - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-16:04

SUBMITTED BY: President

President / VP Internal

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) is committed to fostering a strong sense of campus community and actively improving engagement among first-year undergraduate student;

Whereas hosting accessible, large-scale campus events is an effective method to welcome and connect incoming first-year students to the SFSS and the broader university community;

Whereas prioritizing affordable ticket pricing is essential to ensuring that first-year and entry-level students face minimal financial barriers to participating in major campus life initiatives;

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council provisionally approve an expenditure of up to $25,000 from the Big Events line item 181620 to fund the SFSS Halloween Concert, with the specific purpose of driving first-year student engagement through accessible and affordable pricing, with an update to be presented at the next Council meeting for approval of the remaining $25,000.

CARRIED AS AMENDED BY MAJORITY

- Amendment to replace “[Account Code / Line Item #]” with line item 181620 – carried by majority; Archaeology, SPFRIG, Linguistics, Biology, English, Education, DNA, SAAC and Embark dissented
- Amendment (SASS) to provisionally approve $25,000, with an update at the next Council

meeting to approve the remaining $25,000 – carried by majority; SAAC, SFPIRG, SOCA, DNA, BPK, Women's Centre and Embark dissented, citing insufficient detail in the presentation

- Council requested that future event proposals include full written details (layout, activities, execution plan and how costs were estimated) in the presentation and pre-meeting materials

8.2 ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED FUNDING GUIDELINES - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-16:05

SUBMITTED BY: SASS Councillor

SASS / President

Omnibus Motion

Whereas Motions 1 through 4 form a single reform package arising from the Club Executives Consultation of February 2026 and are drafted to operate as one set of amendments;

Be it resolved that Council adopt Motions 1 through 4 as a single omnibus motion, with all provisions, directions, and timelines taking effect as specified in each;

Be it further resolved that Constituency Groups be excluded from the Trust Account amendment set out in Document A, Section 3.1, with the amended Funding Guidelines;

Be it further resolved that these policies take effect after a transition period no longer than six months.

Motion 1: Adoption of the Amended Funding Guidelines

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.

Motion 2: Adoption of the Amended Member Service and Groups Policies
Whereas the SFSS Member Service and Groups Policies were adopted on April 23, 2021, last revised in April 2022, and are scheduled for revision in April 2026;

Whereas the proposed amendments set out in Document B address the definition of inactivity, grant processing timelines, acceptance of digital receipts, reimbursement deadlines, a gap in approval authority for Constituency Groups, travel and conference funding, and alignment between the policies and the Funding Guidelines;

Whereas these amendments are drafted to operate together with the Funding Guidelines amendments in Motion 1 and cannot take their intended effect unless both are adopted;

Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to the SFSS Member Service and Groups Policies, MSGP-1 through MSGP-6, set out in Document B, effective on adoption;

Be it further resolved that the next scheduled revision date on each amended policy be updated to April 2031;

Be it further resolved that the amended policies be posted on the SFSS website within 5 business days of adoption, replacing the current versions.

Motion 3: Adoption of the Amended Club Terms of Reference
Whereas the SFSS Club Terms of Reference were last revised on November 1, 2022;

Whereas MSGP-2, Section 2.3 requires that changes to the Club Terms of Reference be approved by the Member Services Advisory Committee and by Council on the recommendation of the Member Services Coordinators;

Whereas the proposed amendments align the Club Terms of Reference with the amended MSGP and Funding Guidelines on the definition of inactivity, expiration timelines, funding cross-references, contract notice periods, and the authority to amend the document, as set out in Document C, Section 1;

Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to the SFSS Club Terms of Reference set out in Document C, Section 1, on the recommendation of the Member Services Advisory Committee;

Be it further resolved that the revision date on the Club Terms of Reference be updated to the date of adoption;

Be it further resolved that all registered clubs be notified of the amended Terms of Reference by email within 5 business days of adoption.

Motion 4: Direction to Update the Supporting Documents

Whereas the Club Executives Consultation found that groups receive conflicting information from overlapping documents, including different grant submission thresholds of $1,000 and $1,500, different reimbursement deadlines of 15 days and 60 days, and different receipt requirements;

Whereas the supporting documents and club-facing webpages set out in Document C require updating to match the amended Funding Guidelines and MSGP, namely the Events Terms of Reference, the Club Executive Onboarding Booklet, the Condensed Funding 101 Summary, the Brand and Printing Guide, and the Club 101, Club How-Tos, Club Onboarding 101, Events 101, Student Union 101, and Grants webpages;

Whereas a single authoritative source is necessary to reduce confusion, wasted effort, and avoidable grant rejections;

Be it resolved that Council direct the Member Services Coordinators to update the Events Terms of Reference and the Club Executive Onboarding Booklet in accordance with Document C within 30 calendar days of adoption;

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Member Services Coordinators, with the Communications Department, either to rewrite the Condensed Funding 101 Summary to reflect the adopted amendments or to retire it, within 30 calendar days of adoption;

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Communications Department to update the Brand and Printing Guide and all club-facing webpages to reflect the adopted amendments within 30 calendar

days of adoption;

Be it further resolved that the Member Services Coordinators establish a yearly audit, beginning in the semester following adoption, comparing every club-facing document and webpage against the current Funding Guidelines and MSGP, and correct any discrepancy found;

Be it further resolved that every club-facing webpage and document state plainly that the SFSS Clubs, Student Unions, and Constituency Groups Funding Guidelines are the authoritative source for funding policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

- Amendment (VP University / Geography) to remove the proposed MSGP-1 (Food Bank) changes from Document B, as they do not reflect prior conversations or the current $50 voucher amount and need to be discussed with staff; friendly amendment to specify Document B accepted – carried unanimously
- Friendly amendment (SASS) to amend MSGP 2.15 and Club Terms of Reference Section 14 to one year, for consistency with the one-year inactivity period elsewhere in the documents – accepted
- Amendment (VP Internal) to exclude Constituency Groups from the Trust Account amendment in Document A, Section 3.1, after FNMISA noted it would conflict with existing Constituency Group agreements with the SFSS – carried unanimously
- Amendment (VP University) that the policies take effect in 15 days; following discussion about the ongoing transition to online reimbursements, amended to a transition period no longer than six months – carried unanimously. VP University noted the policies are expected to be in effect by the end of October at the latest
- Amendment (Councillor / FNMISA) to change petty cash in Document A, Section 3.4 from $20 to $80 per semester; SASS dissented and a roll call vote was held – 33 in favour, 15 against, 2 abstentions – carried

Council recessed at 7:09pm and reconvened at 7:20pm

8.3 CREATION OF SURREY ENGAGEMENT FUND

SUBMITTED BY: President

This item was not addressed at this meeting.

9. DISCUSSION ITEM

9.1 By-Law 6(16) updates to Councillor duties

SUBMITTED BY: VP University & Academic Affairs

- The By-Laws were changed last year to require Councillors to support SFSS events, but

"supporting an SFSS event" is not defined and cannot be enforced; input from this discussion will go to the Governance Committee and any policy changes will come back to Council for a vote

- What counts as supporting an SFSS event: Council generally favoured a broad definition, including attending, tabling, volunteering (e.g. Welcome Back Breakfast, pancake breakfasts, fire pits) and outreach to constituents; suggestions included a sign-up sheet and tracking which councillors respond to volunteer calls
- Stipend reductions for missed members' meetings and trainings: the AGM (expected late October or early November) is the main chance to welcome members; members suggested treating the AGM and mandatory trainings like Council meetings, with regrets allowed but consequences for unexcused absence. The President noted a recent training was wrongly communicated as mandatory. AGMs will remain accessible online, with format decided by the Members' Meeting Committee
- Defining an excused absence and who decides: discussion covered whether classes during Council are valid regrets, the expectation to attend at least half of a meeting, fining patterns of absence rather than one-offs (Linguistics), naming alternates in advance (FNMISA), appointing replacements when a councillor cannot attend, and concerns about stipends when alternates attend in a councillor's place

9.2 INS Space

SUBMITTED BY: President

- The plan to lease the INS space to a restaurant or market was reconsidered, as the operator would no longer cover most costs and returns are uncertain; the space previously brought in about $30,000 per year
- Proposal to turn it into a free, bookable theatre-style space for students (e.g. four screens with couches and headphones), funded from Build SFU; groups could also book it for private events
- The food pantry will stay in its current location on the recommendation of the food pantry coordinator
- Council suggestions included one large screen for club movie nights, rehearsal space for small music groups (the Forum Chambers was suggested), and a low-cost food option, which the current lease with the neighbouring cafeteria does not allow
- The President will send a Google Form to Council for ideas and bring a motion with costed options (one large screen and four smaller screens) to the next Council meeting

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FNMISA: Building Bonanza on September 24th from 10am to 4pm, with the constituency groups (SOCA, SFPIRG, Embark, Out on Campus, Women's Centre and FNMISA) opening their doors; groups with a space who want to join can email the FNMISA board
- President: free screening of Project Hail Mary at the Social Stage on September 17th
- A request to suspend the rules and go in-camera regarding bookings was raised and tabled to

the next Council meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2026-09-16:06

President/VP Internal

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY