# 1. CALL TO ORDER

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# 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 ..... Vacant
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
Finance Lead ..... Wasiq Azad
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator ..... Matthew Cornfoot

### 3.3 Regrets

First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association (FNMISA) ..... Chris Sanderson

Mechatronics System Engineering Student Society ..... Udhav Gupta
Biomedical Physiology Kinesiology Student Union ..... Inaya Alibhai
Criminology Student Association ..... Priya Kaur
Health Science Undergraduate Student Union..... Shoron Alam
VP Equity and Sustainability ..... Deion Fairfax

### 3.4 Leave of Absence
Role ..... Full Name

### 3.5 Guests
Role ..... Full Name

### 3.6 Alternates
Role ..... Full Name

### 3.7 Absents
Role ..... Full Name

## 4. CONSENT AGENDA

### 4.1 CONSENT AGENDA
Be it resolved to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent.
**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

#### 4.1.1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-08-19:01
Be it resolved to receive and file the following Council and Committee minutes:

- COUNCIL 2026-07-22
- EXEC 2026-07-17

#### 4.1.2. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-08-19:02
Be it resolved to receive and ratify regrets from VP Equity, MSESS, BPK, Criminology, and HSUSU Councillors for the August 19th, 2026 Council meeting.

#### 4.1.3. RATIFICATION OF RESIGNATION – MOTION COUNCIL 2026-08-19:
Be it resolved to receive and ratify the resignation of X Councillor from Council effective X Date.

## 5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2026-08-19:03
**Mover / Seconder**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.
**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

# 6. PRESENTATION

## 6.1 SFSS Gala

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Finance and Services
**PRESENTED BY:** VP Finance and Services

# 7. REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVES

## 7.1 PRESIDENT

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## 7.2 VP INTERNAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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## 7.3 VP FINANCE AND SERVICES

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## 7.4 VP UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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## 7.5 VP EXTERNAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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## 7.6 VP EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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## 7.7 VP EVENTS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

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# 8. DISCUSSION ITEM

## 8.1 SFSS Funding Guidelines Recent Update

**SUBMITTED BY:** Geography Councillor

# 9. OLD BUSINESS

## 9.1 [TITLE] - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-08-19:

**SUBMITTED BY:**
**Mover/Seconder**

Whereas

Be it resolved
**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### 10.1 SFSS GALA - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-08-19:04

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Finance and Services
**Mover/Seconder**

Whereas Simon Fraser Student Society is planning to host a welcome Gala on the 25th of September 2026.

Whereas past SFSS Welcome Galas have been hosted to start the academic year by networking Clubs and Union executives.

Whereas past Welcome Galas have averaged 100 guests, excluding staff and executive team.

Whereas this year, the SFSS Welcome Gala is budgeted at $9,000 to fulfill the event.

Be it resolved that council approve the spending of up to $9,000 for the SFSS Welcome Gala.
**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### 10.2 SFSS–SFU JOINT OPERATIONS GROUP (JOG) - MOTION COUNCIL 2026-08-19:05

**SUBMITTED BY:** VP Equity and Sustainability
**Mover/Seconder**

Whereas the SFSS–SFU Joint Operations Group (JOG) is being created as a standing committee of 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 the non-executive representative is to be designated by SFSS Council, and Council is therefore the body responsible for filling that seat;

Whereas JOG meets monthly for up to ninety minutes and consistent attendance by the same representative supports both continuity of information and the working relationship the committee is meant to build;

Be it resolved that Council appoint X as the SFSS non-executive Council representative to the SFSS–SFU Joint Operations Group for the remainder of the 2026/2027 Council term.
**CARRIED/NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 11. IN-CAMERA

### 11.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2026-08-19:

**Mover / Seconder**

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

**CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 12. EX-CAMERA

### 12.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2026-08-19:

**Mover / Seconder**

Be it resolved to go ex-camera.

**CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## 13. NOTICE OF MOTION

### 13.1 ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED FUNDING GUIDELINES

**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.

**13.2 ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED MEMBER SERVICE AND GROUPS POLICIES**
**SUBMITTED BY:** SASS Councillor
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.

**13.3 ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED CLUB TERMS OF REFERENCE**
**SUBMITTED BY:** SASS Councillor
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.

### 13.4 Direction to Update the Supporting Documents

**SUBMITTED BY:** SASS Councillor

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.

### 13.5 Omnibus Motion (Optional)

**BLURB:** If Council wishes to deal with all four motions in a single vote, the Chair may seek unanimous consent to combine them.
**SUBMITTED BY:** SASS Councillor
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.

## 14. 30 MINUTES Q&A

## 15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 16. ATTACHMENTS

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

### 17.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2026-08-19:06

**Mover / Seconder**
Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at
**CARRIED /NOT CARRIED/CARRIED AS AMENDED**