

Call to Order – 2:33 pm March 4, 2015 | MBC 2296

The Board of Directors acknowledged that the meeting was being conducted on Unceded Coast Salish Territories, which included the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people to the current knowledge of the Society.

1. Appointment of the Chair

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:01

Bueckert

Be it resolved to appoint Chardaye Bueckert as chair of BOD 2015-03-04

Bueckert indicated that they would pass the Chairship off for the duration of the Indigenous catering and food bank referendum question.

CARRIED

2. Roll Call of Attendance

Board of Directors

President.....	Chardaye Bueckert
Vice President External Relations.....	Darwin Binesh
Vice President Finance.....	Adam Potvin
Vice President Student Life.....	Kayode Fatoba (<i>late</i>)
Vice President Student Services.....	Zied Masmoudi
Vice President University Relations.....	Moe Kopahi
At-Large Representative.....	Rebecca Langmead
Faculty Representative (Applied Sciences).....	Ben Rogers
Faculty Representative (Arts & Social Sciences).....	Brady Wallace
Faculty Representative (Business).....	Shadnam Khan
Faculty Representative (Communication, Art & Technology).....	Shirin Escarcha
Faculty Representative (Education).....	Katie Bell
Faculty Representative (Environment).....	Tesicca Truong
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences).....	Ayla Kooner
Faculty Representative (Sciences).....	Deepak Sharma

Society Staff

Build SFU General Manager.....	Marc Fontaine
Staff Representative.....	
Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator.....	Pierre Cassidy
Minute Taker.....	Dion Chong
Women's Centre Coordinator.....	Leah Horlick

Guests

Chief Electoral Officer.....	Oscar Lira Sanchez
Councillor (Students United for Disabilities Support).....	Anthony Janolino
Councillor (Residence Hall Association).....	Nourhan Seifelnasr
Member.....	Reneé Pasuls
Member.....	Danuir Leihur
Member.....	Tennille Lewis
Member.....	Kira Urqhart
Member.....	Jennifer Liu
Member.....	Arjan Mundy
Member.....	Enoch Weng
Member.....	Corbett Gildersleve

History Student Union, No to Build SFU..... Kaitlyn MacInnis
History Student Union, No to Build SFU.....Melissa Lee
History Student Union, No to Build SFU..... Selina Wall
Computer Science Student Society, No to Build SFU..... Colin Woodbury

Leave of Absence

At-Large RepresentativeJeremy Pearce

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:02

Khan/Amended Potvin/Kooner/Wallace/Bell/Bueckert

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

*Following items added: Accessibility fund levy revocation referendum question, Reallocation from Space Expansion Fund Levy to Membership Fee Levy referendum question, Schools Building Schools levy revocation, Hi-FIVE levy addition, indigenous catering letter of support, in camera session without management or staff, HSUSU Constitution and bylaws HSUSU Referendum question changed
Postponed to March 25 BOD: Tenant Renewal of Lease
Reports struck*

CARRIED AS AMENDED

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:03

Kopahi

Be it resolved to receive and file the following minutes omnibus:

ADV—2015-01-29, 2015-02-05, 2015-02-19

BOD—2015-02-04, 2015-02-18

CPR—2015-01-26

EPCOM—2015-02-04, 2015-02-18

EXEC—2015-01-26, 2015-02-02, 2015-02-16

FASC—2015-01-22, 2015-02-05

GC—2015-01-21, 2015-02-04, 2015-02-18

SCC—2015-01-20

CARRIED

5. Appointments/Resignations

The following committee seats for BOD were declared empty:

EPCOM—2

The following committee seats for Executive Officers were declared empty:

FASC—1

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:04

Sharma

Be it resolved to appoint Deepak Sharma to the vacant BOD seat on the Events and Promotions Committee

CARRIED

6. New Business

a. Amendment – R-12 Independent Electoral Commission

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:05

Kopahi

Whereas CPR 2015-01-26 recommends the following;

Be it resolved to amend R-12 as presented.

CARRIED

b. Health Science Undergraduate Student Union Constitution and Bylaws

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:06

Kooner

Whereas the SFSS Constitution and Policy Review Committee has recommended Board to approve the Faculty of Health Sciences Undergraduate Student Union Constitution and By-laws;

Be it resolved to approve the HSUSU Constitution and By-laws.

Constitution and Bylaws have been approved by both the HSUSU general membership and by CPR. Recommendations from both CPR and the Student Union Resource Office had been integrated into the final document.

HSUSU was commended by the Board for following due process in applying to become an FSU.

CARRIED

**c. Referendum—Health Science Undergraduate Student Union FSU
Establishment**

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:07

Kooner

Whereas Faculty Student Unions may be established by referendum;

Whereas there is a Referendum scheduled in Spring 2015;

Whereas resolutions may be put to referendum by a simple majority vote of the SFSS Board;

Be it resolved to approve the following question for referendum in the Spring 2015 Referendum:

Whereas the Health Science Undergraduate Student Union operates under the Simon Fraser Student Society to serve a membership consisting of the undergraduate students within the Faculty of Health Science;

Whereas the HSUSU Constitution and By-laws define HSUSU as the faculty student union of the Simon Fraser University Faculty of Health Science;

Whereas the HSUSU constitution and bylaws have been approved by the HSUSU membership at a General Meeting and the SFSS Board of Directors;

Do you approve establishing the Health Science Undergraduate Student Union (HSUSU) as the Faculty Student Union (FSU) of the Faculty of Health Science as of 2015-05-01?

HSUSU was the sole DSU within the Faculty of Health Sciences, but the constitution and bylaws allows for DSU establishment under HSUSU.

CARRIED

Abstention: Kooner

d. Referendum—SFSS Food Bank Targeted Funding

Chairship transferred to the Vice President University Relations for the duration of the period.

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:08

Bueckert/Amended Bueckert

Be it resolved that the Board approve and add the following as a referendum question for the Spring 2015 General Election:

Whereas the SFSS Emergency Food Bank Program operates to serve students in need;

Whereas SFU Student Services has agreed to match any funding the SFSS contributes to the program to an annual maximum of \$16 000;

Whereas the SFSS Space Expansion Fund currently collects \$10 per full time student and \$5 per part time student per semester;

Whereas a levy of \$0.25 per full time student and \$0.13 per part time student per semester would generate approximately \$16 000 annually;

Do you approve of reallocating \$0.25 per full time student and a \$0.13 per part time student to provide targeted funding for the SFSS Emergency Food Bank Program from the existing Space Expansion Fund Levy?

Yes/No"

The President indicated that the targeted funding was necessary given the immense importance of the programme in supporting the most vulnerable members. Rising costs of education, including in tuition and books, have caused financial pressures that the Food Bank Programme was in place to help partially alleviate—guaranteeing that students have food when they most need it. 251 students in a state of self-assessed need have been served by the Food Bank Programme in the current semester. SFU would also be contributing up to \$16,000 per year in matching funding for the programme, which was over and above their previous contributions to the physical food bank. The motion does not inhibit donations from the SFU community to maintain the programme. The Food Bank Working Group has been working diligently in enhancing the programme through expansion to Nesters Woodwards, availability of vouchers for the SFU Residence Dining Hall, voucher delivery to Residences, and planned expansion to Surrey.

The programme was seen as a great legacy for the Board to leave.

The question would simply reallocate funding from the existing space expansion fund levy, with no impact on the net amounts collected from students.

Under the old SFU food bank model, there was a physical food bank jointly run by SFU and the SFSS, stocked with nonperishable foods. In Summer 2013, SFU indicated its desire to withdraw from the current model and transition into an education and referral based model, which was of concern given that the closest physical food bank was a 50-minute bus ride away from Burnaby campus. SFU's contribution in the past was limited to the provision of space and the

supervision of a co-op student funded by the SFSS, thus the new degree of contribution was deemed a positive step.

A director indicated that they would be comfortable with the Board taking the yes side.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

AGENDA AMENDED TO CHANGE ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS

Potvin

Referendum—Reallocation from Space Expansion Fund Levy to Membership Fee Levy item moved up.

e. Referendum—Reallocation from Space Expansion Fund Levy to Membership Fee Levy

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:09

Potvin/Amended Potvin/Truong

Be it resolved that the Board approve and add the following as a referendum question for the Spring 2015 General Election:

Whereas a levy of \$10.00 from full-time students per term and \$5.00 from part-time students per term is collected for the Space Expansion Fund (“the Space Expansion Fund Levy”);

And whereas a levy of \$38.00 from full-time students per term and \$19.00 from part-time students per term is collected for SFSS Membership Fees (“the Membership Fees Levy”);

Whereas the SFSS Space Expansion Fund is currently underutilized;

Whereas the SFSS General fund faces consistent financial limitations;

Whereas the SFSS does not wish to increase the amount students pay;

Do you approve of re-allocating \$4.75 per term for full-time students and \$2.37 per term for part-time students from the Space Expansion Fund Levy to the Membership Fee Levy.

The referendum question to reallocate funding for Food Bank targeted funding lowered the amount being requested to be reallocated to the Membership Fee Levy.

MOTION AMENDED

The SEF was originally created to pay down the MBC space lease. In 2001, this mandate was changed used to maintain and renovate SFSS controlled space. Nearly \$600,000 is currently being collected per year in the fund, and such a large amount was not needed for maintenance and renovation on a yearly basis. \$150,000 was projected by the Finance Office as the yearly need for such funding for maintenance. The collection of \$300,000 yearly would ensure that the fund remained adequate to handle renovations as well.

The proposal at present is to transfer \$4.75 per full time student to the general fund, which provides for the majority of the Society’s operations and services to the membership. While other Student Societies in the country have been seeking increases to their general levy, the SFSS was seeking increased funding without any net impact on the students. This was in line with recommendations from past Boards of Directors to increase the General Fund.

Legal Counsel had vetted language for the referendum question, with minor changes made to ensure consistency with referendum standards.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

f. Referendum—Accessibility Fund Levy Revocation
MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:10

Potvin/Amended Potvin/Potvin

Be it resolved that the Board approve and add the following as a referendum question for the Spring 2015 General Election:

Whereas full-time students pay a levy of \$0.75 to an Accessibility Fund established by referendum in 2005;

And whereas the Accessibility Fund is currently being administered by an Accessibility Committee, also established by referendum in 2005;

And whereas the Accessibility Fund collects \$45,000/year and has spent less than half of that in 9 out of its 10 years of existence

And whereas the Accessibility Fund currently contains approximately \$200,000.00 in unused funds;

And whereas the advocacy work that the Accessibility Committee currently performs for SFU space's accessibility related issues could be done through the SFSS Advocacy Committee and Vice President University Relations;

And whereas funds for space-related accessibility expenditures for persons with disabilities could be provided through the SFSS' Space Expansion Fund:

Are you in favour of discontinuing the \$0.75 per term levy paid to the Accessibility Fund and transferring all remaining funds in in the Accessibility Fund to the SFSS General Fund as of May 1, 2015, to be used for further initiatives on behalf of SFU undergraduate students

The Vice President Finance indicated that accessibility issues continued to be of importance to the Society, however the amount collected by the Accessibility Fund did not match the expenditures by the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee, both of which had been created simultaneously in 2005. The Fund collects \$45,000 per year and has used less than 3% of its funding each year, with the current year being an anomaly (where the committee handled space accessibility and mental health issues). It was felt that the Committee should not be pursuing projects simply because funding was there. Further, it was felt by the Vice President Finance that current SFSS structures were already sufficient to meet to handle accessibility issues—The Space Expansion Fund can be used to fund physical accessibility initiatives, administered by the Student Space Oversight Committee. Advocacy on matters of accessibility could be managed by the Vice President University Relations and Advocacy Committee.

A member of the Students United for Disabilities Support, who also served as a member of Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee, expressed disappointment that they were not informed about the proposed motion until the day of the meeting. Further, the Board had not pursued any formal notice, consultation, or collaboration with the SUDS in the formulation of the motion. The inaccessibility of the current board of directors meeting for students with visual impairment—a well known accessibility issue with clear solutions— was highlighted by the member, and was seen as a demonstration of the failure of the Society even at present to meet the needs of student accessibility. Further, AFAC activities were driven by the quality of the chairperson of the committee, and at minimum provide an opportunity for students with

accessibility needs to interact with Board of Directors and support Society awareness of accessibility issues. The member felt that it would be more productive to reevaluate the role and structure of the AFAC, rather than simply taking away funding. This was seen as particularly important given coming technological advancements that are allowing an increasing number of disabled students to pursue education in more fields of study.

Wall left at 3:26pm

The Vice President Finance indicated that they provided short notice, but this was out of negligence rather than malicious intent.

Mundy left at 3:31pm

Space Expansion includes any and all space development needs for the Society at present. Space expansion was seen as being well suited to address spatial needs, including accessibility based needs. The SFSS General Fund can also use capital expenditures to handle any such needs. Equipment purchases have typically not been large enough to warrant a separate fund. The sheer amount of funds available present potential issues of oversight and concern of the Society trying to stretch the definition of accessibility to fund projects.

The committee was reminded that the motion was only for the referendum question.

It was felt that the work to establish AFAC and the representation of minority groups would be lost by the motion. Further, the work of the committee can have serious impact on campus, and was of minimal financial impact to the membership.

While SUDS should be the primary body representing students from the particular demographic, AFAC provides a channel to the Board and an opportunity to educate SFSS members around issues of accessibility. The Accessibility Fund ensures that the Society has the resources in place to ensure that the organization is as accessible as possible, and that all students could be engaged. The Society would need to have a greater understanding of accessibility before elimination of fund and committee. While a reduction is possible, elimination may also impact the momentum of the work.

It was reiterated that the SSOC already exists, and that the only major cost in the year purely related to accessibility has been the Special General Meeting. The bulk of AFAC spending was on mental health initiatives as opposed to providing assistance for students with disabilities. An option existed to simply integrate a SUDS representative into the SSOC composition, along with a budgeted line item within the general fund.

MOTION AMENDED

A member expressed that the Special General Meeting was inaccessible for visually impaired members, with no indications on the voting cards in braille and no documentation available in braille. The member further raised that the Society has not done any research into voting systems which would be accessible for all students, and that the Society had a duty to review failures and possibilities. AFAC in the past has recommended the hiring of a staff person with an explicit role of supporting accessibility initiatives and maintaining continuity.

Weng left at 3:48pm

The proposal was seen as premature given the limited notice and opportunities for enhancement. The matter could potentially be tasked to the AFAC for consideration on potential restructuring and/or levy changes, as the SUDS was not principally opposed to such changes should they be thoroughly investigated.

A member asked how students with mental health issues would be supported moving forward—The Vice President Finance indicated that they had also put forward a motion to have dedicated funding for mental health initiatives through Hi-FIVE.

The motion does not currently indicate whether the motion eliminates the committee. It was recommended by the CEO to clarify this.

MOTION FAILED TO BE CALLED

Fatoba

A Director expressed that the full text of the motion had not been circulated and that the board could not fulfill its due diligence. It would violate the fiduciary duty of the Directors to approve of the item, particularly when none of the members of the Board were suffering from a debilitating disability, while a student with disabilities is requesting that the Board vote down the matter. It was seen as irresponsible for the Board to approve this motion, particularly then the motions were not posted on the website.

Spirit of accessibility and accessibility issues continues for the SFSS, but a director felt that AFAC has not done enough. The matter has been discussed with board members prior to the meeting.

MOTION AMENDED

MOTION FAILED

Abstention: Binesh, Escarcha, Langmead

Kira, RHA, and other member left at 4:01pm

g. Referendum—Schools Building Schools Levy Revocation

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:11

Kopahi

Be it resolved that the Board approve and add the following as a referendum question for the Spring 2015 General Election:

Whereas Schools Building Schools, a registered charity, currently collects an opt out levy of \$1 per term from full-time SFU students and \$0.50 per term from part-time SFU students;

And whereas the purpose of Schools Building Schools is to build infrastructures in Africa for vocational/trades schools;

And whereas the purpose of the SFSS, as set out in its Constitution, is to represent and advocate for the interests of SFU undergraduate students;

And whereas the Schools Building Schools levy is not spent on representing or advocating the interests of SFU undergraduate students:

Do you approve of discontinuing the Schools Building Schools levy?

[MT Note: Schools Building Schools SFU provided a letter to the Board, which was read aloud to all present. This letter has been attached to the minutes.]

Notice of one day was provided to the group. The Vice President Finance indicated that SBS is a legitimate organization, but the levy was the only targeted levy collected by the SFSS which collects from members and takes the finances off campus. Regardless of the nobility of the cause, concern was raised that this does not address the needs of the SFSS membership. While an opt out was possible, it was not seen as realistic for students to opt out of each \$1 fee levied against them.

A director expressed that SBS was an NGO that was developed at SFU and therefore has an SFU connection and is of interest to the SFSS membership. The revocation of the levy would likely impact developmental programming already planned. They raised that the Student Society already pays external consultants—which do not necessarily invest in the student community or provide tangible value to the SFSS members—using student funds. Another director, who expressed that the service providers were part of the event planning process for a Society initiative, while this was entirely separate from the SFSS, contested this notion. The Board was reminded that the establishment of a referendum question was an opportunity to gauge the thoughts of the membership on the matter, particularly since different interpretations of the constitution were possible in relation to the relevance of the organization to the membership.

CARRIED

Abstention: Binesh

h. Referendum—Hi-FIVE Levy Establishment

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:12

Potvin/Amended Masmoudi/Potvin

Be it resolved that the Board approve and add the following as a referendum question for the Spring 2015 General Election:

Whereas full-time students pay a levy of \$0.75 per term and part-time students pay a levy of \$0.38 per term to an Accessibility Fund established by referendum in 2005;

Whereas Hi-FIVE is an organization at SFU that aims to eliminate stigma towards those who are experiencing mental health distress or illness, do you approve of reallocating \$0.10 per term per full-time student and \$0.05 per term per part-time student to provide funding for the Hi-FIVE organization from the existing Accessibility Fund levy?

The motion presented to the Board was originally designed to accompany the Accessibility Fund motion. The desire of the Vice President Finance was to ensure that the Hi-FIVE movement would have access to predictable funding to lead mental health awareness initiatives.

A director expressed concern around the Board bringing forward referendum questions without the group being involved in the consultation and formulation of referendum questions. There was concern around the ethics of adding items.

Hi-Five was provided with a short timeline but the Vice President Finance indicated that they were involved in the discussions. At present, the organization works exclusively at SFU.

It was recommended by the CEO to add contextual information.

MOTION AMENDED TWICE

A director expressed that they know nothing of the organization and were uncomfortable thus with approving the motion.

Concern was raised that the Hi-FIVE movement was neither an independent Society nor a club of the SFSS, which raised issues of accountability. Initiatives could continue to be funded through the AFAC as has been the case for many Hi-FIVE initiatives. Confusion was expressed that the Board would even consider a motion funding an informal group with no mechanism for financial accountability to the Society and no ties to the SFSS in general.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

BOARD RECESSED UNTIL 4:37pm

Wallace

i. FARM Increase of Hours

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:13

Bell/Amended Truong

Whereas the following FARM members—Katie Bell, Shadnam Khan, Rebecca Langmead, Tesicca Truong, and Shirin Escarcha—will be putting in extra volunteer time with the society in the month of March;

Be it resolved to approve a stipend eligibility increase for the month of March as per outlined in R-3.17 for the following FARM members: Katie Bell, Shadnam Khan, Rebecca Langmead, Tesicca Truong, and Shirin Escarcha

In March, a number of FARM members were planning to conduct a significant amount of Society work and requested an increase in recognition of this work. A Faculty Representative expressed that the 15 hours per week of funding was generally completely insufficient for the amount of work done by the representatives, and that they typically work triple the hours accounted for within their time sheets.

MOTION AMENDED

The motion was originally planned to be placed on the Board agenda prior to the month of March, but Board did not meet last week due to unforeseen circumstances.

Malhan entered at 4:42pm

CARRIED

Abstention: Kopahi, Khan, Fatoba, Langmead, Bell, Escarcha

j. Indigenous Catering Letter of Support

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:14

Bueckert

Be it resolved that the SFSS endorse the attached letter regarding indigenous catering on SFU campuses

The Executive Committee had discussed the matter extensively. The letter related to an ongoing issue of the First Nations Student Association and other indigenous groups not being able to bring indigenous catering for events, as a result of exclusive catering contracts for Chartwells

and SFSS FBS. The SFSS has indicated that, given an inability to provide the specific cultural cuisine requested, that they consented to allowing external catering for such purposes.

A member had been working for over a year to formalize an agreement to allow indigenous catering from external caterers on campus.

The letter of support was devised to expedite the process of continued discussions and negotiations.

CARRIED

7. Discussion

k. Build SFU and Spring Referendum

Over the previous 2 weeks, a petition has been circulated on all three campuses to add 2 referendum questions to the Spring 2015 referenda. One of the No to Build SFU campaign organizers expressed that, in their experience, over 90% of the students who read the questions signed the petition. This included students who indicated that they did not know enough about the project, and those who supported the project but wished for the student body to have a vote on the matter. The campaign received 628 signatures, which the group felt was a strong show of will by the student body to ask these questions.

The Board of Directors indicated that they had been in contact with the No to Build SFU campaign organizers over the content of the questions through two emails:

- 2015-02-20—raised concerns that the bylaw addition question does not follow the format of a special resolution and therefore would not have the force and effect desired by the members. Further issues were raised around ambiguity of terminology.
 - Special resolutions had to begin with “Be it resolved, by special resolution, that....”, include the number of the new bylaw, and be advertised and circulated as a special resolution.
- 2015-03-02 Sciences Representative expressed a number of concerns with the referendum question itself.

The board received a request by the member that the matter be added to the Board agenda and that the question be submitted as a referendum question. The concerns around the wording and process continued to be raised by the board, as the bylaw addition question at present would not be accepted by the Society Registrar and would be difficult to enforce regardless. Further, a number of statements were not seen by the working group to encompass the project fully. The assembly was reminded that the BOD at present had not taken any formal stances on the questions.

The organizers expressed that they were clear that the petition was not a vote but a request to have the question up for voting. There was no option to only endorse one question and not another, but there was clear support for both simultaneously.

A director commended the group for their willingness to engage with the Board of Directors, and managing to receive the number of petition signers without circulating the petition digitally.

The Board and the No to Build SFU Campaign representatives discussed concerns raised by the BOD.

- Questions around the democratic process around the Build SFU project
 - The BOD saw these clauses as subjective and not relevant to the question
 - The Organizers disagreed with the notion that they were not relevant, but were happy to remove the clauses as necessary.
 - They felt that the necessity for the Board (on 2015-01-28) to ask the organizers why students felt it necessary to revoke the project demonstrated the issue around the democratic process and degree of consultation.
- Explanation of the levy structure
 - The Board indicated that members do not all pay the same amount, as fulltime and parttime students pay differential fees.
 - Organizers indicated that this was simply a clerical oversight
- The point that it was possible to remove the stadium portion without the levy, along with general ambiguity
 - The Board expressed that this option was in fact possible.
 - Organizers expressed that this wording was based upon the first working group meeting, where the point was made that the scope of the project could not be changed without invalidating. It was only two days ago where the Board brought up this option to the attention of the Campaign.
 - A director expressed that this interpretation changed upon submission to legal counsel

A director expressed that 628 signers constituted 2.5% of the membership and a number well above quorum for a General Meeting. However, the creation of the levy in 2012 had a voter turnout of over 5% of the membership, with over 628 voting in favour (This comparison was seen as unfair by the No campaign). They expressed that the membership had already approved of the project. This notion was contested by the campaigners, as the student body at present was largely made up of those who had no vote on the matter. Further, the Board had just voted to add a referendum question for Schools Building Schools, which had a significantly higher margin of approval during its levy creation question. Regardless, the No side recognized that the petition did not meet the 5% threshold required to trigger a referendum question.

As the project has a start and end date, continuity was necessary to proceed. A director did not deem it desirable to have the levy questioned on a yearly basis for the duration of the project.

Build SFU Working Group met a number of times and discussed options for student input. The Working Group felt that asking the students what they would like to see happen with the project was an ideal course of action. One option was to circulate an opinion poll via referendum, however this was unnecessary as SFU could circulate a survey on behalf of the Student Society. Another option was a binding question to sever the SUB and Stadium portions of the project. The Director expressed that the proposed revocation of the levy would not address the needs of many of the new students entering SFU. An opinion poll, conducted online with open ended questions, could provide hard data on the number of students with concerns, along with opinions on the direction that the project should take. This would provide the board

with an opportunity to circulate such information amongst interested members and allow the board to have data to take action on.

It was expressed that Build SFU has a data from questionnaires. Both groups agreed that the data was not a representative sample size.

The No campaign had drafted amendments which would answer the issues raised by the board. *The wording was circulated at the time of the meeting and has been attached to the minutes.* The No campaign tried to address the ambiguities, but they indicated that they would appreciate assistance from the Board.

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:15

Langmead

~~Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera with staff and management~~

FAILED

A director expressed appreciation for the work of the campaign, as it has tangibly committed the project to proceed in ways that are congruent to the needs of the membership. However, they raised that the amended questions were not those signed by the members in the petition. The Board reminded the campaigners that Working Group offered to draft the questions with the No campaign that could have preempted these issues. This offer was declined by the campaigners. The Sciences Representative expressed that this process could've been done 3 weeks ago had the campaign approached the Board. Without having had the opportunity to review the item and work alongside the campaign, a director felt uncomfortable with any request to add the questions to referenda. This was particularly highlighted since the organizers had already conducted significant campaigning.

Concern was raised around the irony of a request to add a referendum question—requesting an increase to the voter threshold required for large projects—when the petition was unable to garner the necessary support.

The Board expressed that the proposed 75% approval threshold was a positive development, and that the Board remained committed to improving the project and its transparency to the membership. They reminded the organizers that the corporate registry will not accept the questions unless written properly, and that the organizers were asking the board to redraft a special resolution and a referendum question for them in under 40 minutes.

The No campaign indicated that they brought the questions to the Board during Working Group meetings upon request, with the understanding that advice would be provided during the meeting. The most substantial concerns by the Board was brought to the attention of the organizers two days ago, after two weeks of campaigning had already occurred. They felt that there was no substantial change to the referenda questions presented and that the spirit remained intact.

Members argued that the Board had spent significant time editing incomplete referendum questions for Board members, while refusing to provide additional notice and support to groups such as Schools Building Schools and the No Campaign. This was seen as unfair for students who have spent time and energy in developing an initiative. The No Campaign felt that it was not the fault of the organizers that the Board had spent hours reworking the wording of their

own motions and then denying the same opportunity to the organizers. They further raised that they did the best they could to engage as many students as possible during midterm season.

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:16

Khan

Be it resolved to extend the meeting by 30 minutes

CARRIED

The No Campaign expressed that they were in favour of ending the project.

The Board conducted a straw poll on whether board members wished to add the questions on the ballot. The Board did not support adding the levy revocation question nor the bylaw addition to the referenda.

Directors felt it important to ask the membership a series of questions during the semester regarding Build SFU, preferably in a format that was not yes/no, although they questions should be asked concurrently with the elections.

The Director expressed that they had not meant to fault of the No campaign for not engaging with the Board in the formulation of the motion. They further that the Directors are legally obligated to vote and conduct themselves for the best interests of the Society as a result of personal legal liability for the actions of the Society, and indicated that they have done so in their voting. A director also expressed that the Society was not doing its utmost for a portion of its membership.

After a straw poll, the board indicated that they did not wish to add any referenda questions relating to Build SFU for the Spring 2015 referenda.

A director wished to commit the board to consulting the membership as a direct response to the concerns brought to the Board, as well as providing a response. The questions will allow the Society as a whole to improve the project for all board members.

The Board was reminded that an consultative question could be conducted at any time.

MOTION BOD 2015-03-04:17

Potvin

Be it resolved that the Board approve and add the following as a referendum question for the Spring 2015 General Election:

Any referendum quesiton which proposes a project of a value above \$5,000,000, whether it draws on existing student fees or seeks to create new ones, shall not be deemed valid or binding on the Society unless a minimum of ten(10) percent of the members in good standing of the Society have cast ballots on the question, and a 75% majority approval has been obtained. Are in in favour of this proposal?

It was raised that the question was partially redundant, as any project above \$5 million would require a bank loan, which would require approval by special resolution regardless. Further,

legal counsel has indicated that 'project' is ill-defined, as the Health plan could be considered a project given its expenditures.

The Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator was engaged with by the No side. Organizers indicated that the CRP Coordinator had recommended ambiguity to provide the board with greater latitude.

FAILED

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Langmead

Whereas the BOD recognizes the efforts of the No to Build SFU campaign;

Whereas there are concerns surrounding the Build SFU project;

Be it resolved to task the board to produce a websurvey given to the membership surrounding the numerous issues of concern surrounding the Build project.

Be it further resolved to withhold the final stipends of board if such a survey is not produced.

A director felt that the provisions within the motion would hold the board accountable and demonstrates good faith and respect for the work of the No campaign. The results of the survey would form the basis of recommendations to the next Board.

The Board was reminded that open-ended questions would take significant time to process.

CARRIED

8. In Camera Session

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Rogers

Be it resolved to extend the meeting to 6:15pm

CARRIED

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Kopahi

Be it resolved to move the meeting in camera without staff or management.

CARRIED

9. Notices of Motion

a. CPR—AP-11 Childcare Expenses

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Whereas Remunerations Advisory Committee has reviewed the following recommendations in principle;

Whereas CPR 2015-03-02 recommends the following;

Be it resolved to amend AP-11 as presented.

b. CPR– R-2 and R-3 as per Council Recommendation
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Whereas Council 2015-01-18 recommends the following;

Whereas CPR 2015-02-23 recommends the following;

Be it resolved that R-2.1 and R-3.1 be deleted to accommodate Council liaison system establishment.

Be it further resolved to recommend to BOD to appoint X (with Y as alternate) to be the BOD Liaison to Council, and to attend all regularly scheduled council meetings within their term.

c. CPR– AP-16 Student Unions
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Whereas CPR 2015-02-23 recommends the following;

Be it resolved to amend AP-16 as presented.

10. Attachments

2015-01-19 Independent Electoral Commission Form.pdf

HSUSU constitution.pdf

Letter of Support for Indigenous Catering Initiative.docx

Letter on behalf of SBSSFU to the SFSS Board - March 4th, 2015.docx

Memo Re. Targeted Funding for SFSS Emergency Food Bank Program.docx

Referendum Questions from NotoBuildSFU.pdf

11. Adjournment

Memo: Targeted Funding for SFSS Emergency Food Bank Program

Background:

In Summer 2013, SFU told the SFSS they planned to close the SFU Food Bank. This program was jointly operated by the SFSS and SFU. In response, after extensive research, the SFSS opted to create its own Emergency Food Bank Program, to be administered from the SFSS General Office.

The program launched in October 2013. Students were able to pick up a voucher from the SFSS General Office and redeem it at the SFU Burnaby Nester's location for up to \$25 of sundries. Students may request up to 3 vouchers per term. Students access the program based on self-assessed need.

The program was expanded to the SFU Vancouver campus this year, and students may now opt to pick up their voucher from the Nester's location at SFU Woodward's and redeem it there. Students may also have their vouchers delivered to their door if they live in Residence, and can also request vouchers from the SFU Dining Hall. Work is ongoing to expand the program to SFU Surrey.

Funding:

The program, to date, has been funded by donations that have accrued over several years, contributions from the SFSS unrestricted surplus, as well as a portion of the SFSS Vending Program. Student Services made a \$5 000 contribution in 2013/2014, and contributed \$16 000 (to match the funds allocated by the SFSS) for 2014/2015. Student Services has committed to matching any funds the SFSS allocates to the program going forward, up to \$16 000 annually.

Further information:

More information on what foods are being purchased with the voucher, student usage, and history: [file:///C:/Users/Chardaye/Downloads/TimRahillyFundingPackage%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Chardaye/Downloads/TimRahillyFundingPackage%20(1).pdf)

SFSS Emergency Food Bank Budgets, Fall 2013 – Spring 2015:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B68NNQau_ZTcU1hlTjE1Uk9jTUZlZjJHUkQyMFBsRFp4bMjR/view?usp=sharing

Rationale for a targeted levy:

- The SFSS Emergency Food Bank Program acts as front line support for the most vulnerable students. It needs to have sustained, year over year funding.
- Tuition, books, and living costs are rising with no corresponding raise in student loan allowances, bursaries, grants or minimum wage. This means students are under financial pressures that may lead to food insecurity. Unless tuition is eliminated or there is a massive change in the student loan regime, demand will be sustained. Predictability in planning is key.
- The SFSS Emergency Food Bank Program has been very well used to date: only 9.45% “junk food” in Spring 2014 audit. Despite a small uptick in “junk food” purchases in September 2014, “junk food” purchases have represented only about 11% of purchases through the program in subsequent audits. Students are overwhelmingly using the program for its intended purpose. It has proven worthy of sustained support.
- Food banks must be sustained and constant in order to be an effective support. If it is subject to yearly renewable and is not consistently available to students, it is ineffective in providing a reliable source of support.
- Fund matching agreement with SFU means that the SFSS must contribute every year for the program to be funded.
- Implementing a targeted levy does not mean donations from the SFU community will stop

Funding Projections:

Based on 2013 enrollment numbers, at \$0.25/student per full time student and \$0.15/student, the levy would generate approximately \$15, 900 per year.¹

This amount, combined with the Student Services commitment, would provide adequate funding for the program based on current usage levels.

¹ Summer Term 2013:

19.5% part time of total 16, 389 students = 3 195.86 students x .15/student= \$479.2
80.5% full time of total 16,389 students x 13,193 full time students x .25/student = \$3298.25

Fall Term 2013

6.8% part time of total 25,564 = 1738.352 x .15/student = \$260.75
93.2% full time of total 25,564 = 23,825.648 x .25/student = \$5956.41

Spring Term 2013

7.1% part time of total 24, 443 = 1735.453 x .15 = \$260.32
92.9% full time of 24,443 = 22707 x .25 = \$5676. 89

Total annual funds - \$15, 931

Enrollment total source: <http://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/irp/students/documents/ST32.pdf>



Sahana Kapilan and Stacey Bryant
President and VP, Schools Building Schools @ SFU
3934 Pandora Street
Burnaby, British Columbia

March 4, 2015

Dear Simon Fraser Student Society Board Members,

We are writing regarding the motion, scheduled to be introduced at the March 4, 2015 SFSS board meeting, to add a referendum question concerning the levy collected by Schools Building Schools to the upcoming election ballot. We were informed of the motion informally on March 3, 2015 – giving us at SBS less than 24 hours to respond. While we understand it is the prerogative of board members to introduce motions as they see fit, we must convey our disappointment that we were not informed earlier of a decision that could significantly impact our operations and ongoing projects.

At your request, SBS happily sent two representatives to a SFU Students' Association Forum in the Fall to speak about our mission, accomplishments and future work plans. Since then, we have not known of any concerns for continued support. The student forum did express the desire to put in place stronger messaging to SFU students of our goals, how their contributions are being used, as well as how to opt out of the levy. In response, we added a 'Funding from SFU' section to our website, which includes information on how to opt out. The same information was included in our Fall 2014 newsletter and is always available upon request. This opt out process can be completed through email, making it very accessible to all students. Given our ability to collaborate and our openness to any suggestions, we were very surprised not to be given an explanation for the motion and a chance to discuss any concerns.

Though we are not certain, we have been informed that this motion is related to an ambition to remove currently existing student levies. If such a decision is taken, SBS will not fight the repeal of the levy. As we've received no communication from any of the board members, we really are guessing as to why such a motion would be introduced and why it would be done so on the very last day referendum questions can be approved, and why no notice has been given to us at all. Our relationship with the student body is incredibly valuable to us and an integral part of our mandate to provide youth the opportunity to engage with development projects and gain valuable experience. The commitment and hard work SBS@SFU and the substantial funding received from the student population, has already resulted in internships and co-op opportunities for SFU students, many events at SFU designed to raise awareness of the importance of vocational education, as well as support for hundreds of Ugandans that would be living without access to vitally important job skills training otherwise.

While we are disappointed by the manner and the timing in which we have been informed of the possible motion, all we ask now is the opportunity to have a candid discussion of the issues and a chance to make our case. We urge you to please consider postponing the addition of the referendum question and propose a meeting between our two parties. If there are still concerns following the meeting and it is decided that the addition of a referendum question is the only appropriate course of action, we will make our case to the student population. We understand that today is the last day for referendums to be added, however, we do ask that you please consider the impact of what this motion would result in, and that we have had no notice given nor any communications received from the SFSS board.

Sincerely,
Sahana Kapilan and Stacey Bryant
President and VP, Schools Building Schools @ SFU
www.schoolsbuildingschools.org

March 3, 2015

To whom it may concern,

This letter is intended to express support and advocacy for the ongoing initiative of the SFU First Nation's Student Association to permanently permit indigenous catering on Simon Fraser University's campuses.

In order to fully support indigenous events, hosted on the unceded Coast Salish territories of the Musqueam, Tseil-Wa-Tuth, Squamish and Sto:lo peoples, we believe that indigenous catering should be made readily available for events hosted by indigenous student and community groups. Currently, only specific caterers are permitted provide food for events taking place at SFU. The current caterers, including the SFSS' own service, are unable to produce many indigenous foods that are desired by the FNSEA and the larger indigenous community. The current initiative is working to add an indigenous caterer to the list of approved vendors to meet a currently unmet need.

This letter of support is intended to amplify and compliment the letter of support for indigenous catering on SFU's campuses provided by the SFU Office of Aboriginal Peoples, and the voiced consensus of the wider indigenous community.

We would note that work to reach an agreement that would allow easy access to indigenous catering at SFU has lasted over a year. By providing this letter of support, we wish to make our support of the FNSEA's initiative official and public. It is our hope that this initiative will be completed in time for the next major indigenous event hosted by the community, and by the end of the term of the current Board of Directors.

We would like to commend Tsatia Adzich, a very dedicated student, for bringing this matter to the attention of the SFSS, and to Dan Traviss of SFU Dining Services for his ongoing work in support of the initiative.

Thank you for your support.

On behalf of the Simon Fraser Student Society,

Chardaye Bueckert
President
Board of Directors
Simon Fraser Student Society

Constitution and By-Laws

September 2014

Health Sciences Undergraduate Student Union

ABSTRACT

Proposed constitution and by-laws for the future faculty student union for the Faculty of Health Science.

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Constitution

The organization shall be known as the Health Sciences Undergraduate Student Union, constituted as the faculty student union of the Simon Fraser University Faculty of Health Science as defined by the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS).

The purposes of the Faculty Student Union shall be:

1. To promote and represent the interests of undergraduate students in the Faculty of Health Sciences.
2. To undertake projects that reflect the objectives and interests of its members.
3. To act as a liaison with the Simon Fraser Student Society, other student unions, clubs, the Faculty, and other University organizations.
4. To offer resources and organize activities of educational, social, recreational, and professional value for the membership.

By-laws

By-law 1: Interpretation

1. "Active" is defined as an individual's status as either a Health Science major or minor in the Faculty of Health Science
2. "Board" shall refer to the Executive Board of HSUSU
3. "HSUSU" shall refer to the Health Sciences Undergraduate Student Union
4. "Regulations" shall refer to the constitution, bylaws, and policies of HSUSU
5. "Society" shall refer to the Simon Fraser Student Society
6. "University" shall refer to Simon Fraser University
7. "Faculty" shall refer to the Faculty of Health Science
8. "Membership" shall refer to active undergraduate members of the Faculty of Health Science
9. "Associate membership" shall refer to any individual who is a non-voting member of HSUSU
10. "Quorum" shall refer to two-thirds of Executives being present
11. "Constitution" shall refer to the HSUSU constitution
12. "Simple majority" shall refer to a value of more than half
13. "Signing officer" shall refer to members of the Executive Board able to represent HSUSU, except in entering legally binding contracts
14. "Executive" shall refer to the President, Vice President Finance, Vice President Internal Relations, Vice President External Relations, Vice President Student Life, Vice President Marketing, Creative Director, Undergraduate Studies Committee Representative - Arts, and Undergraduate Studies Committee Representative - Sciences.
15. "VP" shall refer to Vice-President positions
16. "DSU" shall refer to a departmental student union, as defined by the Simon Fraser Student Society
17. "Semester" shall refer to an academic calendar semester

By-law 2: Membership

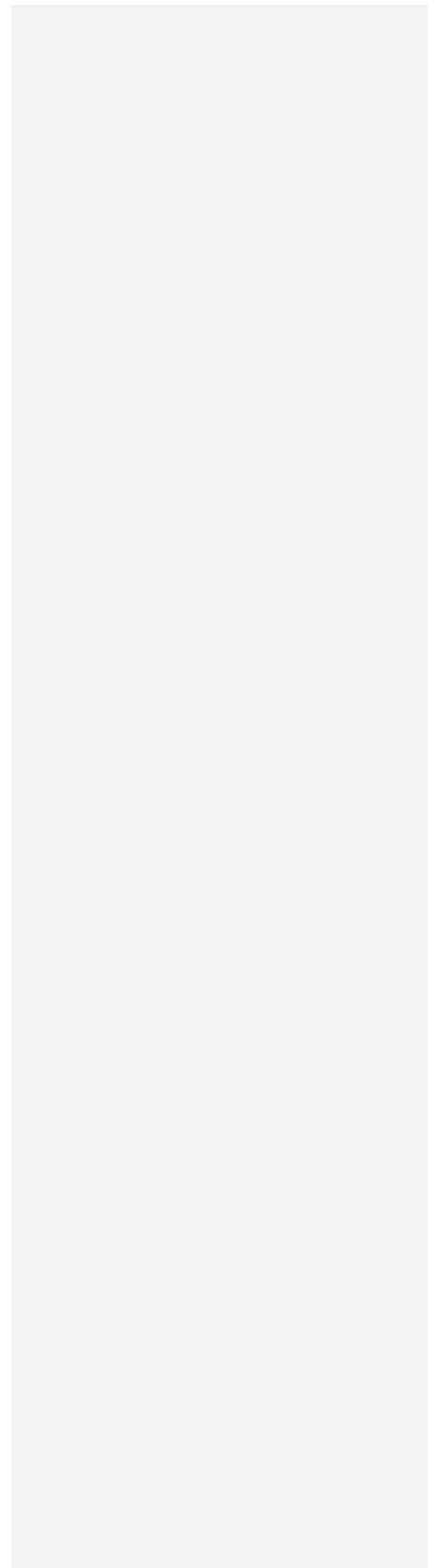
1. All members of the Faculty of Health Sciences, as defined by the University, and as indicated on a University transcript are members of HSUSU.
2. All members of HSUSU may vote at any HSUSU Annual General Meeting, Special General Meetings, Elections and By-Elections.
3. Non-voting associate membership shall be granted to undergraduate students who do not fulfill the requirements of By-Law 2.1, but are registered in at least one undergraduate Faculty of Health Science course.
 - a. Individuals holding associate membership shall not count towards quorum in any Board or Annual General meeting.
 - b. Associate members shall be eligible to hold a non-voting committee position.
4. No proxy votes shall be permitted.

By-law 3: Executive Board

Composition

1. The Executive board shall consist of the following positions:
 - a. President,
 - b. Vice President Finance,
 - c. Vice President Internal Relations,
 - d. Vice President External Relations,
 - e. Vice President Student Life,
 - f. Vice President Marketing,
 - g. Creative Director,
 - h. Undergraduate Committee Studies Representative - Arts,
 - i. Undergraduate Committee Studies Representative - Science.
2. The President shall:
 - a. Chair all Board meetings, and coordinate the activities of HSUSU.
 - b. Officially represent HSUSU and liaise with the Faculty of Health Science and Simon Fraser Student Society.
 - c. Make an immediate and urgent decision if one needs to be made.
 - d. Coordinate and direct the activities of the Executive Board,
 - e. Act as a signing officer.
3. The Vice President Finance shall:
 - a. Maintain all financial records of the HSUSU, including accounting of all funds received and spent.
 - b. Ensure long-term financial planning is sustainable and viable for HSUSU.
 - c. Act as a signing officer.
4. The Vice President Internal Relations shall:
 - a. Oversee and control all communication and messaging internal to HSUSU, including the membership and Executives
5. The Vice President External Relations shall:
 - a. Act as the official liaison between HSUSU and all organizations external to the membership
6. The Vice President Student Life shall,
 - a. Organize and execute all HSUSU events.
 - b. Chair the Events Committee, and shall:
 - i. Support and facilitate all activities of the Events Committee.
 - ii. Initiate call out for committee members.
 - iii. Be held accountable for the activities of the committee members to Board
7. The Vice President Marketing shall,
 - a. Organize and execute all marketing and campaigning strategies necessary for all HSUSU activities.
8. The Creative Director shall,
 - a. Be responsible for creating all media or materials used for marketing HSUSU activities.
9. The Undergraduate Studies Committee Representative - Arts shall:

- a. Act as the official liaison between FHS Arts students and the Undergraduate Studies Committee.
10. The Undergraduate Studies Committee Representative - Science shall:
- a. Act as the official liaison between FHS Science students and the Undergraduate Studies Committee.



By-Law 4: Powers, Duties, and Obligations of the Executive Board

1. All Executives shall be members of HSUSU.
2. The Board shall carry out the operations and management of HSUSU in a manner consistent with the HSUSU Constitution and By-Laws
3. All decisions made by the Board shall be passed by a simple majority of Executives, unless otherwise stated by another policy or regulation.
4. The Board shall hold a minimum of one Board meeting per month.
5. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Removal of Members of the Executive Board

6. Where a member of the Board is derelict fulfilling his/her/zir duties as outlined in these By-laws, or has committed a violation of the Constitution, By-laws or Policies, they may be removed from their position by:
 - b. Making a motion to the effect of removing said member and motivating for said motion,
 - c. Providing notice in writing at least one week in advance, or by
 - d. Achieving a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority consensus of the voting members present and voting at a general meeting.
7. Executives who have been absent for three consecutive scheduled meetings without ratified regrets, shall be considered to have abandoned their position and the position shall be considered vacant.

By-Law 5: Department Student Unions

1. The Faculty of Health Science Undergraduate Program Concentrations may be constituted as Department Student Unions (DSU), so long as they are constituted as DSUs by the SFSS.
2. Any DSU that is created within the Faculty of Health Science will be allotted one representative Executive seat on the Board.

By-Law 6: Annual General Meetings

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held within 6 weeks of the beginning of the Fall academic semester.
2. The current President shall chair Annual General Meetings.
3. All members of HSUSU shall be able to put forth any business on the Annual General Meeting agenda.
4. Individuals holding associate membership shall not contribute to total quorum count, but will retain all speaking privileges at Annual General Meetings.
5. Notice of the Annual General Meeting requires two weeks of advertisement to the membership and must state the date, time, location, and proposed agenda items for the meeting.
6. Quorum shall be the lesser of 2% of the most recent membership count or 30 members of HSUSU

By-law 7: Elections

1. Only active members who are declared Health Science majors or minors in the faculty may be nominated.
2. All Executive positions on the Board shall be elected by the HSUSU membership.
3. Elections shall take place in March.
4. Members elected to the Board shall hold office for one year (from May 1st April 30th of the following year).
5. Nomination period shall be no less than two weeks, and shall remain open until 96 hours before the meeting for voting.
6. Voting shall be by secret ballot, with the person receiving a majority vote being elected.
7. In the event that any of the yearly positions remain or become vacant, an election for this position shall take place at the next scheduled general meeting and notice of the election will be included with notice of the meeting.
8. No proxy voting shall be allowed.

By-law 8: Amendments

1. Amendments to this constitution shall be allowed if passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present and voting at a quorate general meeting.

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2. The general nature of the proposed amendment must be clearly stated in the notice of meeting preceding that general meeting.

By-law 9: Superseding Clause

1. This Constitution repeals and supersedes all previous constitutions.
2. If conflicts arise between this Constitution and the SFSS Constitution and By-Laws, the SFSS Constitution shall supersede this Constitution in those conflicting areas

Policy Proposal Form

The policy request form will be used to frame the development of any new policy and the revision of any existing policy. It will also be filed permanently to provide context to any future revision, addition, or deletion.

General Information

Name

Position

Date

Type of Request

New Policy

Revision

Deletion

Policy Reference Number

For new policies, indicate the number of the proposed policy. For amendments, indicate the policies affected.

Organizational Need

Any policy creation or change should result from a need not currently being met by the current policy manual. Provide the context that prompted this request.

This is another improvement to the hiring process of the IEC which has been shifted from Board to Council and the Chief Electoral Officer.

Explanation of Proposal

In light of the need outlined above, provide an explanation of the policy proposal as the best available option for catering to that need.

Currently, the policy requires that advertisements for commissioners indicate the Council meeting at which they will be interviewed, when it is the responsibility of the CEO to make a binding recommendation to Board as to the candidates that are to be appointed to the positions of commissioners.

Relation of Proposal on Existing Policies

Provide an analysis of how your policy proposal will impact existing policies. Make sure that any policies you cite are attached to the email generated when you submit this form.

It should be noted that the requirement of a binding recommendation stems from the bylaws requiring Board to appoint an IEC. In an effort to reinforce the role of Council, and to reinforce the independence of the IEC, this Board function has been rendered a formality. Changes to this bylaw requirement should be made when possible.

Checklist for Proposal Submission

The following should be included with the proposal submission:

- Both the current and proposed policy language as a tracked changes document in .doc, .docx. or .pdf format
- Any supporting documentation demonstrating organizational need and/or area approval
(Ex. VP Finance and Financial Office email approval of a finance-related policy change)

SUBMIT

Please use Adobe Reader to read and fill out SFSS PDF documents - <http://get.adobe.com/reader>

R-12: Independent Electoral Commission

1. A full Independent Electoral Commission must be established no later than two (2) weeks before nominations are called for a general election or by-election.
2. The Society shall provide an office for the Independent Electoral Commission.

Appointments

3. Calls for candidates to all Independent Electoral Commission positions must be advertised at least on:
 - a. the Independent Electoral Commission website and include,
 - b. in the student newspaper,
 - c. as posters on SFU approved bulletin boards on all three campuses,
 - d. on all available Society web-based communications tools.
4. All advertisements for candidates to the Independent Electoral Commission must:
 - a. include the duration of the appointment,
 - b. include the nature and scope of the work, and
 - c. be posted for at least two weeks before the interviews are held.
5. All advertisements for candidates to the position of Chief Electoral Officer must:
 - a. include the date and time of the Council meeting during which the applicants will be interviewed.

Chief Electoral Officer

6. Council will make a binding recommendation to the Board of Directors to appoint a Chief Electoral Officer to a one-year term commencing on December 1st of every calendar year.
7. The Board shall appoint a replacement in the same manner in the event the Chief Electoral Officer vacates his/her/zir position prior to the end of his/her/zir term.

Commissioners

8. The Chief Electoral Officer shall make a binding recommendation to Board of the commissioners that are to be appointed for a term lasting from two weeks prior to an election to the approval of the final election results by the Board.

Responsibilities

Chief Electoral Officer

9. Coordinates the elections, by-elections, and referenda of the Society.
10. Faculty Student Unions, Department Student Unions, Clubs, and Society recognized constituency groups may request that the Chief Electoral Officer coordinate their elections.
11. The Chief Electoral Officer may do so subject to Board approval, though not while coordinating the elections, by-elections, and referenda of the Society.
12. The Chief Electoral Officer may accept an honorarium from these groups under these circumstances.

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13. The Chief Electoral Officer, in consultation with the Communications Coordinator, must ensure that the Independent Electoral Commission website is kept up to date.
14. The Chief Electoral Officer will maintain and ensure the distribution of the Elections Handbook to all candidates and campaigns.

Commissioners

15. Commissioners shall support the Chief Electoral Officer in the organization and conduct of an election, by-election, or referendum of the Society.

Stipends and Resources

Chief Electoral Officer

16. In recognition of services rendered, the Chief Electoral Officer shall receive a stipend.
 - a. It may be for up to one hundred fifty (150) volunteer hours during any election period.
17. The Board may increase the maximum number of volunteer hours eligible for stipend allotment following a request by the Chief Electoral Officer.
18. The stipend of the Chief Electoral Officer shall be disbursed semi-monthly.
19. The stipend of the Chief Electoral Officer shall be calculated at an hourly rate equivalent to that of the executive members of the Board of Directors
20. Should the Chief Electoral Officer fail to fulfill his/her/zir duties, the commissioners may, by majority vote, recommend a deduction of the stipend of the Chief Electoral Officer to the VP Finance.
21. The Chief Electoral Officer may appeal any deduction to his/her/zir stipend to the Stipend Appeals Committee.
22. The Society shall provide the Chief Electoral Officer with a cell phone during election, by-election, and referenda periods.

Commissioners

23. In recognition of services rendered, commissioners shall receive a stipend.
 - a. It may be for up to sixty (60) volunteer hours during any election period.
24. The Board may increase the maximum number of volunteer hours eligible for stipend allotment following a request by the Chief Electoral Officer.
25. Commissioner stipends shall be disbursed semi-monthly
26. Commissioner stipends shall be calculated at an hourly rate equivalent to that of the faculty and at-large representatives of the Board of Directors.
27. Should any Commissioner fail to fulfill his/her/zir duties, the Chief Electoral Officer may make a binding recommendation that the VP Finance deduct a portion of that commissioner's stipend.
28. A Commissioner may appeal any such deduction to the Stipend Appeals Committee.

Approved: BOD 2011-04-06.

Amended: BOD 2015-01-07, BOD 2014-10-15.

1 Build SFU

1.1 Levy Removal

The Build SFU levy was implemented by referendum in 2012. The results of that vote were 46% (1003) 'No' and 54% (1193) 'Yes.' The levy was created to fund Build SFU construction, maintenance, and utility costs.

The levy is currently \$20 per term for full-time students, defined by the SFSS as those taking four or more credit hours. It is \$10 for part-time students. The levy rises by \$10 per year, to be capped at \$90 plus inflation per term in 2022. Financial assistance in paying the levy is currently only granted to students qualifying for bursaries.

The construction projects (a Student Union Building and Stadium) are valued at \$65,000,000. At the Special General Meeting of January 21, 2015, the SFSS did not gain permission from the student body to obtain a debenture with which to fund the projects.

NoToBuildSFU proposes the immediate removal of the Build SFU levy, which was passed in Spring 2012 for the purpose of funding the Build SFU project.

Are you in favour of this proposal? (Yes/No)

1.2 By-Law Addition

Currently, according to SFSS By-Law 18 (Referenda), major projects may be passed through referendum by simple majority and by a total vote count representing 5% of SFUs voting population. NoToBuildSFU proposes the addition of By-Law 18.10 which will read as follows:

Any referendum question which proposes a project of a value above \$5,000,000, whether it draws on existing student fees or seeks to create new ones, shall not be deemed valid or binding on the Society unless a minimum of ten (10) percent of the members in good standing of the Society have cast ballots on the question, and a 75% majority approval has been obtained.

Are you in favour of this proposal? (Yes/No)

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