

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:33 pm

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that this meeting is being conducted on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples; which, to the current knowledge of the Society include the Squamish, Musqueam, Stó:lo, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Student Union Representatives

Archeology.....	Madeleine Lamer
Biology	Wade Vanderwaal
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology.....	Jake Kemp
Business	Chancey Wu
Chemistry.....	Jordan Chia
Cognitive Science	
Communications	Shane Sharma
Computing Science.....	Paul Allan***
Criminology	Erwin Kwok
Earth Science.....	Elise Harrington
Economics.....	Jasmine LeBlanc
Education.....	
Engineering Science	Melissa Mosavi
English.....	
Environmental Resource	Grayson Barke
French.....	Corrinne Henderson
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies.....	Paula Choudhury
Geography	George Pietruvinski for Sarah Heim
Health Science.....	Elena Jiang Su
History	Zach Boyd***
Humanities	
Interactive Arts and Technology	Matthew Fong
International Studies	Brigitte Malana
Linguistics	Eric Hedekar
Management System Science	Catherine Chang
Mathematics	Sukh Sehdev
Mechatronics System Engineering	
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry.....	
Operations Research	Iulia Bodnariuc
Philosophy (chair).....	Karen Abramson

Physics	Christopher McCahon
Psychology	Stephanie Ly
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS)	Tomas Rapaport
Sustainable Community Development	
Theaters	
Visual Arts	
World Literature	Pardeep Barn

Constituency Group Representatives

First Nations Student Association (FNSEA)	
International Student Group (ISG)	
Out on Campus Collective (OOC)	Irene Sneddon
Residence Hall's Association (RHA)	Mohammed Ali
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)	
Students United for Disability Support (SUDS)	Tony Janolino
Women Centre Collective (WCC)	Anjali Biju

Society Staff

SFSS Directors (non-voting)

VP External Relations	Kathleen Yang (Present)
VP Student Life	Deepak Sharma (Present)
At-Large Representative	Shipra Sharma (Present)

Society Staff

Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator	Pierre Cassidy
Minute Taker	Sindhu Dharmarajah

3.2 REGRETS

Labour Studies	Dylan Webb
Business	Ashley Chan
Geography	Sarah Heim
Education	David Lee
Political Science	David Lu
Behavioral Neuroscience	Alysha Damji
Environmental Science	Thadoe Wai
Labour Studies	Dylan Webb

3.3 ABSENT

Dance	Elise Kronquist
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS)	Arjan Mundy
Sociology and Anthropology	Andreas Hovland
Statistics and Actuarial Science	Christopher Kevin ***

3.4 GUESTS

Account Manager (Student Care)	Kristin Foster
.....	Shea Monson

4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

Excuses or regrets will be kept track of by the chair of council. Missing two meetings in a row without sending excuses (that are approved) will result in the removal from Council.

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-02-17:01

Melissa/Mohammad

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from:

Sarah Heim, David Lu, Alysha Damji, Dylan Webb, Ashley Chan, David Lee and Thadoe Wai

CARRIED

Discussion

- ***Academic***

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-02-17:02

TOMAS/ ERIC

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended

CARRIED AS AMENDED

DISCUSSION

- Move expenditures to committee updates (8 to 9)
- Move Health and Dental Presentation to the beginning of the meeting.

6. GUEST SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Health and Dental Presentation (Kristin Foster and Bahar)

******Erwin Kwok and Shipra Sharma entered at 4:41pm***

- Student Care was established in 2008 and 2014 by referenda.
 - Student Care is a benefit consultant and broker.
- It is the strongest and largest service provided by the SFSS and in 2014 it introduced an enhanced plan to offer more choices for students.
- A student referendum took place in 2008 and 2014, where the plan was passed in both
- The office has submitted over \$3.5 million in claims

*****Pierre Cassidy entered at 4:43 pm***

- 2008 - \$198 in order to maintain exact cost, which resulted in reducing the benefits.
 - There was a demand interest in mental health, dental and prescription drugs
- In 2014 there was another referendum to keep costs or raise to increase benefits
- Some enhanced plan improvements include:
 - Prescription drugs was raised from 75% to 80% - this drives the increase in the plan
 - \$35 / visit covered from paramedical
 - Paramedics – mental health coverage increased from \$ value to %
 - Allocated specific resource to increase benefits for mental health
 - Cost of vision care doubled from \$75 to \$150
 - One of the only student unions that has complicated tiers (beneficial)
- Basic (option)
 - \$20 covered chiropractor
- The attachment provided shows the breakdown of those who chose to opt out of the program and those who chose to remain.
 - It was discovered that the same percentage of students who were choosing to opt out, continued to do so, this is good to maintain the balance.
- Students can find out more about the plan by:
 - Face-to-Face: coming into the office and speaking with a representative
 - Back end: Email, chat, phone line (Concordia students), website
 - The costs are kept low for administration, which is beneficial for satellite campuses.
- Plan Financials
 - Driver of the costs are the claims that are submitted – the administrative fee is the flat fee.
 - An increase of costs in the services would change if there are increases in claims made by students.
 - Higher numbers of claims are being received but do not represent a significant increase.
- An App has been made available to the members, which is more convenient to check your coverage anywhere. Members are able to use it to manage their profiles and file claims with ease.
 - Council was informed that they use the same Canadian Standard making it easily accessible for members.
- A concern was expressed regarding the lengthy process it takes to see a psychologist.
 - It was explained that demand exceeds supply however Student Care works in partnership with a student leader who has started an online psychology service

that works with a licensed psychologist in every province. The cost for this would be lower than private practice.

- Students also have the option to use the services of a private psychologist, which would be paid for by the plan.
- It was also explained that in order to expedite the process, it would need to be addressed at the Board level.
- The option to opt out of the plan can be done through the website.
- A question was asked if there are any leftover funds at the end of the year.
 - Council was informed that the full extent of the premium that is paid is used and students are receiving the full value.
 - A well-managed reserve fund is being saved to allow an overage without having to go to a referendum.

7. COUNCIL TRAINING

- Pierre to offer training and orientation for following board meeting
- What is Council's role?
- Could be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- To be moved to expenditures

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-02-17:03

Brigitte/Madeleine

Be it resolved to approve the minutes from 2016-01-13

CARRIED

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-02-17:03

Eric/Melissa

Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2016-01-27

CARRIED

9. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-03-17:04

Madeline/Brigitte

Be it resolved to ratify the appointment of the following Councillors:

Zach Boyd – History

Christopher Kevin – Statistics and Actuarial Science

Paul Allan – Computing Science

CARRIED

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

BOARD UPDATE

SPACE EXPANSION PROGRAM AT SURREY

- Interest has been raised in the accessibility of the Surrey space.
- Council was encouraged to address specific questions regarding lighting and sound to Surrey.
 - Council was informed that the accessibility of the campus has been given priority and is improving through the continued efforts of SFU.
 - The possibility of having an Accessibility update prepared for the next Council Meeting was suggested.
 - Chair agreed to circulate the Accessibility Report to Council.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

No Motion

Be it resolved to approve the proposed budget expenditures for Spring 2016 upon receipt of follow up from staff and/or events committee, through the ordinary process, as outlined in the working group brainstorm attached to this agenda.

DISCUSSION

- A Committee was struck at the previous Council meeting to look at ways in which to spend the Council budget.
- Council has two months remaining in the term with \$1500 is left in the budget.
- Council was informed that the budget exists to provide Council with Orientation training, printing materials and food.
- It was suggested that Council set guidelines for future Councillors so they have a guide to work from at the beginning of each semester.
- Some proposals to Council were:
 - Food for meetings – coffee and snacks
 - Outreach event – meet your Councillor day at all three campuses, free coffee and snacks provided
 - Open forum – an invitation would be extended to the Peak and Board.
- Concern was raised regarding the high turnover rate on Council.
 - Implementation of a consistent training program was suggested as a partial remedy.
 - Orientation

- Structure review, which would be provided by Pierre mid-semester.
- Suggest that Board task Staff to provide a list of training modules for Council. For example, have a workshop on how to host an Advocacy event with helpful tips included.
- It was proposed to seek external training rather than a free internal training session. For example, Council could meet with Councillors from other schools to gain insight on their roles and responsibilities.
 - Council could connect with other Councillors from other schools, as all schools are different.
 - It was suggested that it would be preferable to utilize professionals currently offering their expertise in this field, however the expense associated with external training would preclude a significant number of options available to Council.
- It was suggested that Council provide food for the following meeting.
 - Providing food ensures that the nutritional needs of Councillors are met.
 - Providing food for Council during all remaining meetings in the Spring 2016 semester was suggested.
 - It was also suggested that the food costs could be placed under “Training” if used during a training session.
 - Concern was expressed regarding using student dollars for food at Council meetings. It was advised that DSU members may not be happy with Council allocating either time or funds to having pizza at a meeting.
- Council was urged to work on developing a training curriculum for Councillors to refer to online for the purpose of making reference materials and guidelines more accessible.
 - Council could work in conjunction with someone in the Education Faculty to provide an honorarium.
 - Council was reminded that the role of the Councillors is to advocate for the Members’ needs.
 - It was strongly recommended that Councillors take their role seriously.

10.1 FOOD FOR TRAINING MODULE

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-02-17:05

MADELEINE/MELISSA as amended by ERIC/IRENE

Be it resolved to approve up to \$250 to provide pizza for the next training module at the next Council meeting scheduled for February 24, 2016.

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: Erwin Kwok, Tony Janolino, Matthew Fong, Paul Allen, Chancey Wu, Wade Vanderwaal, Anjali Biju

DISCUSSION

- Training module would include Pierre’s training for Council.

- It was suggested to approve \$150 for the pizza order.
 - It was recommended to increase the amount of \$150 would not be enough to feed a big group such as council.

10.2 FOOD FOR MEETING

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-02-17:06

MADELEINE/MELISSA

Be it resolved to have pizza at the same meeting

CARRIED

Abstained: Erwin Kwok, Tony Janolino, Matthew Fong, Paul Allen, Chancey Wu, Wade, Vanderwaal Anjali Biju, Mohammed Ali, Corrine Henderson, Eric Hedekar

10.3 DEVELOPMENT OF ONLINE CURRICULUM

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-02-17:07

TONY/MOHAMMED

Be it resolved to task an SFSS staff member to look into the feasibility of developing an online curriculum and online references in connection to the existing workshops.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION

- Council was reminded that the budget runs out on April 30, 2016, which was previously approved by Council.
- VP External Relations agreed to send the training modules that Council used last year.
 - These training modules were created because of Council's high turnover rate.
- Pierre will be presenting this to Council at the next meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 ALTERNATIVE FOOD OPTION FOR SUB

MOTION COUNCIL 2016-02-17:

Melissa/Madeleine

Whereas the AMS successfully operates both a long-term and highly renowned pizza by the slice restaurant on their leased property,

Whereas the market of UBC and SFU are similar for food options,

Be it resolved that Council recommends that the VP Student Services look into the development of a sustainable pizza-by-the-slice kiosk to be ran in the new SUB building.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION

- It was explained that the motion is meant to put pressure on the SFSS to start considering it.
- It was suggested that the service would be successful if it was offered here.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

KINDER MORGAN PIPELINE

- Concern was expressed regarding the varying student interest in relation to the Official SFSS stance.
- It was suggested to show in the minutes the different departments and groups that are in opposition to the official stance.
- It was explained to Council that the SFSS and Board as a whole will take a stance, which is what they are elected to do.
 - Council could influence the stance whereas if there are any issues, they can come to Board and express them at the meetings.
 - Council can take their own stance, however nothing can be done legally with that stance such as attend NEB hearings, or on behalf of the SFSS.
 - Each DSU is allowed to take on their own stance, but they cannot take a stand as a whole and on behalf of the SFSS.
- The Archaeology department noted that they are against the pipeline due to their close alliance with various First Nation groups.
- Council was directed to have a written record and send it to the VP External Relations if there are any questions or concerns regarding an official stance.
- The Campaigns, Research and Policy Coordinator can be a point of contact regarding Governance.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

POWER OF POSITIVITY

- There will be a Collaboration event to generate ideas as to how we can promote the Power of Positivity event for next week.
- Ideas will be brainstormed regarding how to express the anti-bullying qualities on campus.
- This collaboration will take place in MBC 2290 4:30-5:30 on February 18th.

14. ATTACHMENTS

SFSS Council Budget Expenses Brainstorm

Breakdown:

Training = \$500
Outreach = \$500
Social = \$200
Reserve = \$300

Proposed Expenditures:

Training: Will speak to staff about what extent of Training they can provide. Also will reach out to councillors and see which skills they feel could be reinforced by a training session. Could provide food as incentive for councillors to participate and make a semi social event from it.

Social: Council social before meetings. Provide snacks around 3:45 pm and hang out before the 4:30 pm meetings.

Outreach: Two ideas

1. Meet your councillor events in Vancouver, Surrey and Burnaby. Coordinate with the events committee and see if they could help us out. Could invite all the councillors of DSUs represented in each campus to the respective event, or could invite all councillors and all SFSS members to learn about council.
2. Panel discussion where students have the opportunity to bring up issues that matter them and what they would like council to advocate for. Would be sort of an open forum or we could have talking points about current thing that are being discussed on council. Could ask the Peak to cover it and advertise it through the SFSS FB page.

Reserve: Basically if any of the activities go over budget, we could take from here to cover that cost.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment – 6:29 pm