

Call to Order – 4:34 pm, July 29, 2015 | Forum Chambers

### 1. Appointment of the Chair

Confusion had arose regarding the letter circulated at the previous meeting, as the first draft only reflected the views and work of a minority of members within the Council. A member expressed that they wished to move forward with more thorough review of documents being drafted by the Council.

#### MOTION COUNCIL 2015-07-29:01

Abramson

*Be it resolved to appoint Karen Abramson as chair of Council for the 2015/2016 year, effective July 30, 2015*

#### CARRIED

Abstention noted: Turo

### 2. Territorial Acknowledgement

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

### 3. Roll Call of Attendance

#### Student Union Representatives

*New Councilors that need ratification will be denoted \*\*\**

Archeology .....  
Behavioral Neuroscience.....  
Biology ..... Amir Ali  
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology ..... Jake Kemp\*\*  
Business ..... Daniel Love  
Business ..... Chancey Wu  
Business ..... Deborah Dumagpi  
Chemistry ..... Pipeesh Gaiind  
Cognitive Science .....  
Communications ..... Kelly Furey  
Computing Science..... Mircea Ioan Taras  
Criminology..... Erwin Kwok  
Earth Science .....  
Economics.....  
Education.....  
Education.....  
Engineering Science ..... Blaise Crisologo  
Environmental Science .....  
French .....  
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies ..... Kaayla Ashlie  
Geography.....  
Health Science ..... Elena Jiang Su  
History .....  
Humanities .....  
Interactive Arts and Technology ..... Matthew Fong

Labour Studies.....	
Linguistics .....	
Mathematics .....	Charles Turo
Mechatronics System Engineering .....	Sterling Wiseman
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry ( <i>chair</i> ).....	Marija Jovanovic
Operations Research .....	
Philosophy.....	Karen Abramson
Physics .....	Jesse Velay-Vitow
Political Science.....	David Lu
Psychology.....	Stephanie Ly
Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS).....	Arjan Mundy
Sociology and Anthropology.....	Andreas Hovland
Statistics and Actuarial Science .....	
Sustainable Community Development .....	
Theaters .....	
Visual Arts .....	
<b>Constituency Group Representatives</b>	
First Nations Student Association (FNSA).....	
Out on Campus Collective (OOC) .....	
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 ( <i>late—volunteering</i> )
<b>SFSS Directors (<i>non-voting</i>)</b>	
President.....	Enoch Weng
VP External Relations .....	Kathleen Yang
VP Student Services .....	Darwin Binesh
<b>Society Staff</b>	
Campaigns, Research, and Policy Coordinator.....	Pierre Cassidy
Student Union Organiser.....	Antonio Daling
Minute Taker.....	Dion Chong
<b>Guests</b>	
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS).....	Brandon
Member.....	Patricia
<b>Regrets</b>	
English .....	Melissa Lee
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS).....	Tomas Rapaport
World Literature.....	Pardeep Barn
Dance .....	Jenna Kraychy
International Studies .....	Alicia Blimkie
<b>Absence</b>	
International Student Group (ISG).....	Declan Tran
Management System Science .....	Nic Bacani

#### 4. Adoption of the Agenda

##### MOTION COUNCIL 2015-07-29:02

Turo, Amended Turo

*Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.*

*Council Appointments to Committees added to agenda.*

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**MOTION COUNCIL 2015-07-29:03**

Velay-Vitow

*Be it resolved to approve the minutes of 2015-07-08*

**CARRIED**

**6. Elections, Appointments, Resignation and Excuses**

**a. 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.*

*It was raised that two members had not sent regrets to the particular meeting but had sent regrets via other venues (to other committees, for a previous meeting etc.)*

**MOTION COUNCIL 2015-07-29:04**

Ali A., Amended Kwok

*Be it resolved to ratify the regrets from:*

Dance ..... Jenna Kraychy (*out of town*)  
English ..... Melissa Lee (*employment*)  
International Studies ..... Alicia Blimkie (*out of town*)  
Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) ..... Tomas Rapaport (*holiday*)  
World Literature.....Pardeep Barn (*academic conference*)

A member raised that it did not take substantial effort to send an email with reasoning for regrets.

**CARRIED**

**b. Appointments to Council**

**MOTION COUNCIL 2015-07-29:05**

Velay-Vitow

*Be it resolved to ratify the appointment of the following Councilors:*

Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology ..... Jake Kemp

**CARRIED**

**a. Appointments to Committees**

Council was informed that the Advocacy Committee was currently focused on the federal election awareness campaign, as well as the Open Textbook Campaign.

**MOTION COUNCIL 2015-07-29:05**

Ali M.

*Be it resolved to ratify the appointment of the following Councilors to the Advocacy Committee—Jesse Velay-Vitow.*

**CARRIED**

**7. Unfinished Business**

**b. Update on the STV Mock Election Results**

Two-thirds of councilors responded to the mock vote operated by the Physics Councilor. The Councilor in question provided an overview of the results, demonstrating the practice of STV.

The Physics Councilor was in discussion with the SFSS President to consider the feasibility of integrating the system. The CRP Office recommended that the Council put forth a good faith endorsement for the initiative

**MOTION COUNCIL 2015-07-29:05**

Velay-Vitow

*Be it resolved that* Council endorse and recommend to Board the Single Transferable Vote system.

Discussions ensued regarding the process in a theoretical case and the likelihood that the system would default to a less desirable candidate. It was expressed that mathematically the system was superior and would result in the maximization of voter representation. The individual member was asked to pursue the line of questioning with Councilor Velay-Vitow after the meeting.

**CARRIED**

Abstention noted: Lu

*Biju entered at 4:52pm*

**8. Discussions**

**a. Email Vote Followup**

- The Council was thanked for their participation in the development of the TSSU-SFU Labour Action response letter.
- The Council was reminded that it was necessary for motions to be clearly drafted and prepared prior to the meeting, as motions were the decision being made.
- In the future, if a letter or a document had to be written or if a matter requiring substantial collaboration, it may be preferable to create a working group to write the letter and have the document then vetted by Council.

**9. Other Business / Announcements / Notice of Motions**

**a. End of Summer Pub Celebration**

The Board was hosting a luau themed pub night at the Highland on Friday. Appetizers would be available for free during the earlier portion of the event, thus Councilors were encouraged to arrive early.

**b. Club and Student Union Executive Appreciation Event**

On 2015-08-05 from 15:30 to 18:30, the Board would be hosting an executive appreciation event for student unions and clubs. This event would include presentations from SFU and SFSS to showcase upcoming events, kickstart event planning, as well as a celebration of

accomplishments over the last semester. Free food and drink would be provided. Councilors interested were encouraged to RSVP early.

**c. Accessibility Review Focus Groups**

Accessibility Review Focus Groups were being hosted today and tomorrow. Councilors were asked to participate in the one hour dialogue sessions, with the next being on 2015-07-30 from 13:30 to 14:30 at MBC 2290. Participants would receive a gift for their contributions. In particular, the experiences of student unions were sought to inform efforts to increase the accessibility of student leadership amongst the membership.

**d. Council Training**

The Student Union Organiser has offered to provide further training for Councilors if they wished to have further skill development, which could enable the Council to be a more effective body. Interested councilors were asked to contact the Council chair.

**10. Adjournment 5:05pm**