L. Watson #1
May 26, 2008
NO. S082674
VANCOUVER REGISTRY

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY

PETITIONER

AND:

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS,
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS – SERVICES and
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENT – BRITISH COLUMBIA COMPONENT

RESPONDENTS

AFFIDAVIT

I, Lucy Watson, Director of Organising, Canadian Federation of Students ("CFS") and Canadian Federation of Students – Services ("CFS – S"), of #500 – 170 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1P3, MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS THAT:

Background

1. I am the Director of Organising with the CFS and CFS – S and have been closely involved with the efforts of the Simon Fraser Student Society (the "SFSS") to defederate from the Canadian Federation of Students and as such have personal knowledge of the matters and facts hereinafter deposed to, save and except where stated to be based on information and belief and where so stated I verily believe the same to be true.

2. I have been Director of Organising for four years. In addition, prior to being Director of Organising, I was with the CFS and CFS – S in the capacity of Internal Coordinator for six years and Ontario National Executive Representative for one year. As Director of Organising, I am involved in initiatives across Canada by student associations to either join the Canadian Federation of Students or to defederate. As

such, I have a great deal of knowledge and experience with the custom and practice in dealing with such initiatives.

3. The CFS is a Canadian non-profit corporation incorporated under what was part 2 of the *Canada Corporations Act* (Canada). The CFS, together with member local associations, are a national association of local student associations and students called the Canadian Federation of Students. The CFS is an extra-provincially registered society in British Columbia.

4. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**A**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of the current Constitution and Bylaws (the "CFS Bylaws") of the Canadian Federation of Students.

5. The SFSS was incorporated on March 3, 1967 pursuant to the *Society Act* (British Columbia). Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**B**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of a recent corporate search of the SFSS.

6. The SFSS was a founding member of the Canadian Federation of Students as of October, 1981. The student members of the SFSS approved by referendum full membership in 1982. The SFSS has been a member ever since.

7. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**C**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of the Rules of the SFSS.

8. I have read the Affidavit of Derrick Harder #1 sworn herein (the "Harder Affidavit #1"). Mr. Harder attaches as Exhibit "C" to this affidavit a copy of an agreement of December 22, 1982 between the Canadian Federation of Students and Simon Fraser Student Society. I note that this document is unsigned by the Canadian Federation of Students. I have been unable to locate a copy of this agreement, signed or unsigned.

9. As of December, 1982, the Canadian Federation of Students was a new organisation and its bylaws did not contain a process for holding referenda. Thus, the practice was for member local associations to conduct referenda which related to the Canadian Federation of Students in accordance with that local organisation's rules and

procedures. However, once the CFS Bylaws were amended so as to include a mandatory referenda process as of May, 1995, the clear and invariable practice became and has been since for local associations to conduct such referenda in accordance with the CFS Bylaws under the authority and jurisdiction of an Oversight Committee, as described below. Local association practices are no longer followed. The further practise of the Canadian Federation of Students and its members is that in order for a referendum to be valid, effective and binding on the Canadian Federation of Students it must be conducted in accordance with the CFS Bylaws.

10. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**D**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of an agreement dated July 20, 1987 entered into between the CFS, the CFS – S and the SFSS.

11. The July 20, 1987 agreement superseded the earlier December, 1982 agreement and incorporates the CFS Bylaws referenda rules and procedures pursuant to paragraph 6:

> "6. In all other matters the Member Local Association agrees to be bound by the by-laws of the Federations as duly amended from time to time."

12. The current membership fees received by the Canadian Federation of Students (inclusive of fees to the Canadian Federation of Students – British Columbia Component ("CFS – British Columbia"), a separate and distinct British Columbia society associated with the CFS) as a result of the continued membership of the SFSS is approximately $470,000 per annum.

13. In March, 1997, the SFSS polled its members with respect to whether the members wished to stay in the Canadian Federation of Students. The CFS records indicate that the unofficial results were 1,859 students voting to continue with 1,176 voting against. At the time of the 1997 vote, the CFS took the position that had a majority of Simon Fraser University students voted in favour of withdrawing, in order to depart the SFSS would have had to then deliver a petition and hold a referendum in accordance with the CFS Bylaws.

14. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibits "**E**" through "**G**" to this my Affidavit are true copies of the following correspondence:

(a) letter dated April 18, 2007 from SFSS to the CFS;

(b) letter dated May 8, 2007 from the SFSS to the CFS; and

(c) letter dated May 18, 2007 from the CFS to the SFSS, in response.

15. In August, 2007, pursuant to the CFS Bylaws, a petition (the "Petition") of members of the SFSS was delivered to the National Executive of the CFS requisitioning a defederation referendum (the "Referendum") pursuant to the CFS Bylaws. No date for the Referendum was set out in the Petition.

16. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**H**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of the Petition.

17. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibits "**I**" and "**J**" to this my Affidavit are true copies of the following correspondence:

(a) letter dated September 21, 2007 from the SFSS to the CFS; and

(b) letter dated October 12, 2007 from the CFS to the SFSS, in response.

18. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibits "**K**" and "**L**" to this my Affidavit are true copies of the following correspondence:

(a) letter dated November 5, 2007 from the SFSS to the CFS; and

(b) letter dated December 3, 2007 from the CFS to the SFSS, in response.

The Oversight Committee

19. As required by the CFS Bylaws, after the receipt of the Petition by the CFS, an oversight committee (the "Oversight Committee") was established pursuant to the CFS Bylaws to take responsibility for and authority over the Referendum. The Oversight Committee consists of:

(a) Kyall Glennie, SFSS representative;

(b) Michael Letourneau, SFSS representative;

(c) Ben Lewis, CFS representative; and

(d) myself, as a CFS representative.

20. As recorded in Exhibit "L", at its fall meeting the CFS national executive did select CFS's representatives for the Oversight Committee being Ben Lewis and myself. As of December 3, 2007, the CFS was waiting for the SFSS to select its representatives for the Oversight Committee. The CFS was told of the identity of the SFSS representatives by way of correspondence on January 22, 2008.

21. After the letter from the SFSS to the CFS dated November 5, 2007 and the CFS's response of December 3, 2007 (Exhibits "K" and "L" herein), the SFSS and its representatives appeared to accept and acted as though the Referendum was to be conducted in accordance with the CFS Bylaws and, in particular, that the Oversight Committee had responsibility for and authority over the Referendum, until the involvement of the SFSS's Independent Electoral Commission ("IEC"), described below.

Referendum Date

22. Because the Petition did not specify a date for the Referendum, in accordance with the CFS Bylaws and the longstanding practice and custom of the Canadian Federation of Students, setting the date for the Referendum is a matter for the Oversight Committee. No date was ever agreed to by the Oversight Committee.

23. The SFSS proposed that the Referendum take place on March 18-20, 2008. This is the same date that the general elections for the SFSS took place. At the first meeting of the Oversight Committee, which took place by telephone conference on February 3, 2008, the CFS representatives took the position that the Referendum and the SFSS's general elections could not take place on the same dates. The reason for this, expressed by the CFS representatives to the SFSS's representatives at that first meeting, was that the issue of the CFS membership was to play a significant role in the

SFSS elections and the campaign leading up to such elections. As a result, having the elections and the Referendum on the same day undoubtedly confused the two issues such that the question of membership in the Canadian Federation of Students became caught up with the question of who the members of the SFSS wished to elect for 2008-2009. Also, attempting to hold a referendum pursuant to the CFS Bylaws and a SFSS general election at the same time led to confusion over who was in charge – the Oversight Committee or the IEC, which runs SFSS general elections.

24. The Oversight Committee CFS representatives offered to hold the Referendum on dates other than March 18-20, 2008 but the SFSS refused to change its position regarding the dates.

25. As set out in Harder Affidavit #1, the SFSS and the IEC held a vote (the "Vote") of Simon Fraser University students of March 18 – 20, 2008 regarding membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

Oversight Committee Meetings

26. At the time of the Vote there remained a number of critical unresolved issues at the Oversight Committee with respect to the Referendum, including:

(a) the date that the Referendum was to be held, including campaign and voting dates;

(b) how polling was to be conducted;

(c) polling station locations (including polling at campuses other than the Burnaby campus);

(d) complaints regarding alleged violation of Referendum rules, including process and penalties; and

(e) what to do about early campaigning by the SFSS.

27. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**M**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of the minutes for the Oversight Committee which have been finalized to date.

28. The minutes for the February 3, 2008 meeting read in part:

> "2. Other Business:
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> Watson registered serious concern about the pre-campaigning in which the Simon Fraser Student Society had been engaged since the early fall. It was agreed that the Committee would first establish the criteria for campaign materials before discussing the issue of pre-campaigning."

29. Although as can be seen from Exhibit "M" decisions were made with respect to campaign materials, the issue of early campaigning, which is discussed further below, was not resolved.

30. Some of the decisions with respect to campaign materials which were agreed upon by the Oversight Committee are set out in the Oversight Committee minutes dated February 11, 2008, which read in part as follows:

> "Decisions – Campaign Materials:
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> The Committee shall approve all campaign-specific materials prior to distribution.
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> The Committee will not approve materials that are defamatory, libellous or factually incorrect. The onus is on the author of the proposed campaign materials to demonstrate the contents are correct in the event they are challenged or questioned. The Committee shall not engage in fact checking unless requested to do so. Campaigners may challenge the facts on campaign materials should they believe them to be incorrect, and may submit complaints to that effect to the Committee.
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> Materials that have not received Committee approval cannot be distributed.
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> . . .
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> Decisions – Campaign (General)
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> In order to participate in the referendum, individuals and campaign teams must register with the Oversight Committee."

31. The minutes for the February 19, 2008 Oversight Committee meeting read, in part:

> "Question – Decision:
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> The referendum question shall read:
> 'Are you in favour of maintaining membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?
> Yes or No'"

32. The minutes for the February 28, 2008 Oversight Committee meeting read, in part:

> "Campaign Materials – Decisions:
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> . . .
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> Where the Oversight Committee determines that campaign materials which have not been approved by the Committee are being distributed, displayed or used by a campaign, then the Committee shall order the materials immediately withdrawn or removed.
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> Campaigning – Decision:
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> . . .
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> In order to participate in the referendum, individuals or campaign sides must register with the Oversight Committee. A registration form shall be available from the Referendum Oversight Committee."

33. The minutes for the March 11, 2008 Oversight Committee meeting read, in part:

> "Materials – Decisions:
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> The Committee may assign an additional penalty, which may include destruction of the material or a restriction on campaigning provided that the penalty is balanced against the volume of the materials distributed or its effect, and that no destruction shall take place until the appeal period has expired."

34. The custom and practice of the CFS is that all discussions and deliberations of oversight committees are to be confidential. This was agreed to by all representatives

of the Oversight Committee at the first meeting of the Oversight Committee. However, the SFSS representatives did not maintain that confidentiality.

35. Positions being taken by the CFS representatives during in camera Oversight Committee meetings were reported in the Simon Fraser student newspaper, The Peak.

36. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**N**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of an excerpt from the February 18, 2008 edition of The Peak.

37. I also understand that open SFSS board meetings occurred where, again, the positions of CFS Oversight Committee representatives were reported to the public.

Early Campaigning

38. One of the objectives of the CFS Bylaws which deal with defederation procedure is to provide for a fair and balanced campaign of an agreed-upon duration preceding a referendum. Oversight committees are to govern such campaigns to ensure that such campaigns are conducted in accordance with the rules by all participants.

39. Unfortunately, since at least August, 2007, the SFSS actively campaigned to convince Simon Fraser University students to vote against continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

40. The SFSS produced inaccurate materials denouncing the Canadian Federation of Students and widely distributed such materials online and at Simon Fraser University campuses.

41. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**O**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of excerpts from the SFSS webpage as of February 26, 2008. The webpage contains the link entitled:

> "We Want Out! Learn more about the SFSS campaign to cease membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)".

42. Clicking on that link led one to the "We Want Out" SFSS page which in turns led by links to other materials which denounce the Canadian Federation of Students.

43. Much of this material has been included with Exhibit "O".

44. The campaign of the SFSS prior to March, 2008 included "I Want Out" posters which were put up at Simon Fraser University campuses. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**P**" to this my Affidavit are true copies of such posters. As is evident from Exhibit "P", these "messages" are from the SFSS.

45. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**Q**" to this my Affidavit are true copies of further "We Want Out" posters which were put up at Simon Fraser University campuses prior to March, 2008 by the SFSS. These posters contain pictures of then current officers and directors of the board of the SFSS.

46. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**R**" to this my Affidavit are true copies of other SFSS campaign posters which were put up at Simon Fraser University campuses prior to March, 2008.

47. The "I Want Out" campaign was also publicized by use of handbills. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**S**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of a handbill which was distributed at Simon Fraser University campuses prior to March, 2008.

48. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**T**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of another example of a handbill which was distributed at Simon Fraser University campuses prior to March, 2008.

49. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**U**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of a one-half page ad which was placed in The Peak student newspaper in the February 18, 2008 edition.

50. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**V**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of signs which were affixed to Canadian Federation of Students posters unrelated to the Referendum located at the Simon Fraser University campuses prior to March, 2008.

51. As well, SFSS executive officers and directors set up and participated in internet Facebook groups which had as a theme of defederation from the Canadian Federation of Students. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**W**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of printouts from such Facebook websites as of February, 2008.

52. There are many concerns with the materials produced and distributed by the SFSS prior to March, 2008. Some examples are as follows:

(a) with respect to the poster marked as Exhibit "P" entitled "I Want Out of the CFS Because it is Unaccountable", the Canadian Federation of Students does not avoid or obfuscate accountability as suggested in the poster and, further, correspondence sent by SFSS representatives to the Canadian Federation of Students has been replied to;

(b) with respect to the poster marked as Exhibit "P" entitled "I Want Out of the CFS Because it is Anti-Democratic", contrary to what is suggested, the Canadian Federation of Students does not involve itself in the affairs of member local associations, including elections;

(c) with respect to the poster marked as Exhibit "R" entitled "The CFS: SFU's Bad Room-mate", the statements "cult-like atmosphere", "string of scandals" and "cloudy budgets" are false and defamatory. The CFS has an unblemished financial record having always received unqualified audits. Further, CFS budgets are established and reviewed by members at twice-yearly general meetings. The statement "collective resources used to interfere in local elections" is also false as the Canadian Federation of Students does not involve itself in the affairs of local member associations, including elections. As well, the statement "dodgy promotions and hiring" is false and defamatory as all hirings are conducted pursuant to collective agreements negotiated by the employer and the union. Further, the CFS workplace is non-hierarchical in that all positions are considered equal and are paid the same. Individuals employed by the Canadian Federation of Students who wish to secure a

different position within the organisation are obliged to apply for the position internally and are evaluated by a hiring committee;

(d) with respect to the poster marked as Exhibit "R" entitled "$430,000.", neither the CFS nor the CFS – S gave "unauthorized loans to organizations with disastrous financial problems (like Douglas SU)". What did happen was after the Douglas Students' Union failed to pay certain bills, CFS – S was informed by a health insurance company that, without immediate payment, all health and dental claims by Douglas College students would be rejected. To avoid students being left without coverage, CFS – S paid the insurer the bulk of the money owed to ensure that coverage was maintained for CFS – S members attending Douglas College. With respect to "influence the outcomes of elections and hirings at independent student unions", the Canadian Federation of Students does not involve itself in the affairs of individual member local associations, including elections;

(e) with respect to the attachments marked as Exhibit "V", and the reference to "CFS = posters (and not much else)", this is misleading as the Canadian Federation of Students offers various money-saving services to both individual students and student unions and, as well, undertakes comprehensive campaigns and advocacy work; and

(f) with respect to the "The Peak" ad marked as Exhibit "U", this ad states that student members are kept "at armslength from its [CFS] spending decisions" which is false. The members of the Canadian Federation of Students establish and review the budgets of the organisation at twice-yearly meetings. Further, representatives of member local associations develop the campaigns and other activities of the Canadian Federation of Students.

53. The examples given in this Affidavit of early defederation campaigning by the SFSS and the inaccuracies contained in the material produced are not intended to be

exhaustive. There may well be a lot of other material which I am not aware of which was produced and distributed by the SFSS through its officers and directors.

54. As can be seen by the CFS Bylaws and the decisions by the Oversight Committee referred to above regarding campaigning, the objective is that all campaign material be reviewed by the Oversight Committee and approved prior to distribution in an effort to make sure that standards of fairness and accuracy are met with respect to such material. This did not occur with respect to any of the SFSS early campaigning material.

55. The fact that the SFSS campaigned for defederation since August, 2007 using the materials described above made it impossible to have a balanced and fair Vote on March 18-20, 2008.

March 18 – 20, 2008 Vote

56. On February 25, 2008, the board of the SFSS held a meeting at which it decided to independently present the following two questions to voters on March 18-20, 2008 outside of the mandate of the Oversight Committee and the CFS Bylaws:

(a) "Are you in favour of maintaining membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?"; and

(b) "If the Simon Fraser Student Society ceases to be a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, do you agree that the former CFS semesterly membership fee would be redirected into a Society Development Fund which will result in no overall fee increase for students?"

(the "Two Questions")

57. Pursuant to the CFS Bylaws, it is the Oversight Committee which has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to decide the question for the Referendum. By attempting to unilaterally impose questions for the Referendum, the SFSS acted contrary to the CFS Bylaws. In fact, to the extent that the Vote was intended to be the

Referendum, using the Two Questions was contrary to the agreement reached by the Oversight Committee regarding the question to be put forward, set out above. In addition, combining the Two Questions in this way biased the result against continued membership with the Canadian Federation of Students.

58. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**X**" to this my Affidavit are true copies of letters from counsel for the CFS (Gowlings) to the SFSS dated February 27 and 29, 2008, respectively, which set out the CFS's concerns with respect to the proposed Vote. These letter accurately set out the facts and CFS positions.

59. Despite the concerns raised by the CFS, the SFSS unilaterally decided to proceed with the Vote and in order to do that engaged the IEC to deal with all aspects of the Vote to the exclusion of the Oversight Committee, in effect, wrongly usurping the authority and jurisdiction of the Oversight Committee.

60. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**Y**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of a Notice of Referendum for the 2008 Simon Fraser Student Society general election which was posted at Simon Fraser University campuses.

61. Because of the involvement of the IEC and the resulting confusion over the jurisdiction and authority of the Oversight Committee, campaign materials in the two weeks preceding the Vote were not properly reviewed or approved.

62. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**Z**" to this my Affidavit is a string of e-mails between myself and Kyall Glennie, an SFSS representative on the Oversight Committee, on March 8, 2008. On that date I sent Kyall Glennie an e-mail which read, in part:

> "Hello everyone,
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> I think we need to meet this weekend in order to review materials submitted by the "yes" side and those submitted by Garth Yule. I am concerned that our failure to meet will unfairly prejudice the "yes" side which is following the referendum rules while the "We Want Out" / "Vote No" campaign is distributing unapproved materials on campus."

Kyall Glennie wrote back saying, in part:

> "I hear your concerns Lucy but we have never determined a "pre-campaign" period, nor deemed a campaign period, for any referendum dates that we have proposed. Thus, the referendum rules we have set to date have been in effect followed, in my view."

My response, in part, was:

> "Garth Yule (presumably acting for the as yet unregistered "no" side) has also submitted materials for the Committee to review. However, these materials are in circulation despite not being approved by the Referendum Oversight Committee."

63. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**AA**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of a string of e-mails between Paul Browning, a member of the SFSS, and J.J. McCullough, the Chief Electoral Officer at the IEC responsible for overseeing the Vote of March 8 and 9, 2008. As is evident, Paul Browning raises concerns and questions as to how the Vote is being conducted. Mr. McCullough writes back saying, in part:

> "Sometime last month, the Board of Directors voted to suspend AP-27 for the purposes of the CFS referendum. AP-27 is the policy which outlines all normal rules governing referendums at the Society. This means that I am not conducting the CFS referendum according to normal rules, and am instead allowing both sides to campaign fairly freely, without spending limits, etc.
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> I've never registered formal "sides" either, largely because a) the only real reason to register sides is to impose spending limits, and b) because it's very obvious who the "sides" in this feud already are.
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> Nevertheless, the board has recently started to submit materials to the IEC for approval anyway. I am not sure of what practical relevance this is, and I doubt the CFS will start doing that for their materials, but I'm not really too concerned either way."

64. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**BB**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of a letter dated March 10, 2008 from CFS's counsel to the SFSS with respect to problems with campaign materials. Again the facts and CFS positions set out in this letter are accurate.

65. The Vote occurred, in effect, without any of the rules, control or supervision that would normally occur under the CFS Bylaws Oversight Committee process.

66. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**CC**" to this my Affidavit are true copies of the following correspondence:

(a) letter dated March 12, 2008 from Mr. McCullough to the Oversight Committee, enclosing a letter dated March 11, 2008 from Mr. McCullough to the CFS; and

(b) letter dated March 18, 2008 from CFS's counsel to Mr. McCullough, in response. The facts and CFS positions in this latter letter are accurate.

67. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**DD**" to this my Affidavit are true copies of the following correspondence:

(a) letter dated March 12, 2008 (faxed March 18, 2008) from the SFSS to the CFS's counsel; and

(b) letter dated March 31, 2008 from Gowlings to SFSS in response. The facts and CFS positions in this latter letter are also accurate.

68. In particular, the CFS representatives on the Oversight Committee did object to materials being used by the SFSS in the two weeks prior to the Vote as set out in Gowlings March 31, 2008 letter but none of the concerns raised by the CFS representatives were ever addressed.

69. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**EE**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of material which was used by the SFSS in its campaign two weeks prior to the Vote.

70. With respect to the material at Exhibit "EE":

(a) the poster entitled "Compare and Contrast":

(i) item 1 which states "Ontario-centered bureaucracy that won't let you leave" is false as the Canadian Federation of Students is a national organisation with members in every province and the CFS Bylaws set out a process by which members can and do leave;

(ii) item 3 which states "stalls out students' attempts to affect change" is false as member local associations can propose amendments for consideration at twice-yearly general meetings and, in addition, members are encouraged to propose ideas and motions for campaigns, services and policies of the organisation. The campaigns and government relations strategy, official documents and financial documents (including budgets), are established and/or reviewed by the membership at the Canadian Federation of Students' general meetings;

(iii) item 4 which states "throws lawyers at student journalists, refuses to work with other student groups", is false and defamatory as the Canadian Federation of Students does not refuse to work with other student groups and in fact has close working relationships with many such groups such as the Sierra Youth Coalition;

(iv) item 5 which states "prefers conformity, obedience and yesmanship" is false and defamatory;

(b) the cartoon entitled "Vote: March 18, 19 & 20" is defamatory;

(c) the "CFS 'Advocacy' Flowcharts" inaccurately portrays decision making within the Canadian Federation of Students;

(d) at the poster entitled "The CFS: Strong Words, Weak Actions":

(i) the reference to the CFS National Office conveniently "taking credit for work they didn't do themselves" is false as the Canadian Federation of Students is the only national student organisation that

lobbied for a national system of grants (and has done so since its inception in 1981) and, in addition, four political parties did not support a national system of grants;

(ii) the statement that the CFS Bylaws "are intentionally designed to make it very difficult to leave" is false. The CFS Bylaws provide a transparent process for student members to decide to join or leave the Canadian Federation of Students by way of a referendum. The CFS Bylaws were proposed and adopted by the member local associations, including the SFSS;

(iii) the reference to the CFS treating "non-member schools like hostile enemies" is false as the Canadian Federation of Students enjoys a good working relationship with many student unions and schools that are not members;

(iv) the statement that "loyal CFS staff members shut down dissenting student voices" is false as the CFS staff does not have the ability to "shut down voices". CFS staff do not exercise a vote at meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students and are the lowest in priority in the speaking-list hierarchy;

(v) the reference to the "unauthorized secret loans to the Douglas Students' Union" is false as explained above;

(e) the cartoon entitled "The CFS: Wasting Our Money" is misleading. It is the membership of the Canadian Federation of Students (which includes the SFSS) which makes budgetary decisions and sets priorities. As well, the Canadian Federation of Students provides various money-saving services to both individual student members and member local associations as well as undertaking comprehensive campaigns and advocacy work, contrary to the suggestion in the cartoon;

(f) the poster entitled "I Want Out of the CFS Because There's a Better Way" states that "it's too bad the CFS won't work with anyone that criticizes them" which is false. The Canadian Federation of Students works with many individuals and groups and does not avoid doing so because such persons have levelled criticism at the organisation;

(g) the poster entitled "I Want Out of the CFS Because Something Smells Bad" is defamatory; and

(h) the cartoon entitled "CFS Lemons" is defamatory.

71. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**FF**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of an e-mail dated April 3, 2008 sent to the Oversight Committee by an SFSS Hafeez. I can confirm that the IEC website was as described in this e-mail.

72. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**GG**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of an excerpt from the website of the IEC as of March 2, 2008 which describes the IEC's position on the jurisdiction and authority of the Oversight Committee with respect to the Referendum.

73. During and following the Vote, a number of written complaints were made by SFSS members of voting and polling infractions to the IEC. The complaints were dismissed with no investigation or explanation. These complaints include:

(a) SFSS representatives campaigning within the 15-feet "no-campaigning zone" at polling stations and influencing the electoral process and voting at polling stations;

(b) SFSS scrutineers campaigning and influencing the electoral process and voting at polling stations;

(c) SFSS poll clerks campaigning and influencing the electoral process and voting at polling stations;

(d) IEC officers campaigning and influencing the electoral process voting at polling stations;

(e) unsupervised ballots taken outside of the polling area and completed outside of the polling area;

(f) improper, unsupervised sealing, transportation and disposal of ballots and ballot boxes;

(g) lack of the requisite two poll clerks at polling stations during voting;

(h) SFSS members being turned away although presenting the requisite valid student numbers and identification;

(i) tampering with completed ballots by poll clerks;

(j) closure of polling stations during voting hours; and

(k) polling stations running out of ballots during voting hours.

(the "Infractions")

74. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**HH**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of an e-mail of March 20, 2008 from Andrew Ferguson, an SFSS member, to the IEC setting out the Infractions. I am informed by Mr. Ferguson and others noted in his e-mail of March 20, 2008 and I verily believe that the Infractions did occur.

75. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**II**" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of an e-mail dated March 28, 2008 from Andrew Ferguson to Mr. McCullough with respect to the IEC's decision to do nothing about the Infractions.

76. On or about March 26, 2008 it came to my attention that Mr. McCullough, the Chief Electoral Officer at the IEC responsible for overseeing the Vote, holds an anti-CFS bias. This has been made clear by certain correspondence from Mr. McCullough. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "**JJ**" to this my Affidavit is a true

copy of a transcript of an MSN message between Jeremy David Peters and Mr. McCullough on or about April 10, 2007.

Lack of Participation of Simon Fraser University Kamloops Campus

77. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit **"KK"** to this my Affidavit is a true copy of an e-mail sent to me by Michael Letourneau, an SFSS representative on the Oversight Committee, dated March 24, 2008. This e-mail and the attached compilation of votes demonstrates that no Simon Fraser University students at the Kamloops campus participated in the Vote as there was no polling station at that campus. As indicated above, the location of polling stations was one of the issues outstanding at the Oversight Committee when the SFSS decided to hold the Vote without the Oversight Committee and, instead, engaged the IEC to carry out the Vote.

78. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit **"LL"** to this my Affidavit is a true copy of an e-mail of May 22, 2008 from Yvonne Cote, President of the student council at the Simon Fraser University at Kamloops to the CFS raising concerns about the lack of participation of the Kamloops campus in the Vote.

Participation of Simon Fraser University Graduate Students

79. As noted in Exhibit "II", Andrew Ferguson, a student at Simon Fraser University, raised with the IEC on more than one occasion the issue of the participation of graduate students in the Vote.

80. I have reviewed materials found at the website of The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University (the "Graduate Society") as well as CFS records on the formation of this society.

81. From this information, I believe that the following chronology respecting the formation of the Graduate Society is accurate:

(a) at a referendum of SFSS members which took place March 20 – 22, 2007, the following referenda questions were passed:

(i) "Do you agree that a separate and independent graduate student society should be created to represent the interests of the graduate students at SFU?";

(ii) "If the graduate students' society is created, do you agree that graduate students should no longer be represented by the SFSS?"; and

(iii) "If the graduate students' society is created, do you agree that the unrestricted fee graduate students pay the SFSS should instead be remitted to the graduate students' society once incorporated?"

(b) The constitution and bylaws of the Graduate Society are dated July 11, 2007.

(c) The Graduate Society was incorporated July 26, 2007.

(d) On October 10, 2007, at an annual general meeting of the SFSS the constitution and bylaws of the SFSS were amended to "reflect a solely undergraduate student society".

(e) On October 31, 2007, the Graduate Society held referenda with respect to student fees.

(f) Also in October, 2007, referenda were passed by the members of the SFSS to remit student fees collected by the SFSS from graduate students to the new Graduate Society.

(g) As of February 6, 2008, the Graduate Society opened a bank account at Scotia Bank and funds were transferred into the account as part of the Benefit Plan Reserve Fund.

(h) As of February 7, 2008, the Student Society Designation Regulation pursuant to the *University Act* (British Columbia) with respect to the Graduate Society was enacted.

(i) In March, 2008, there was an election process for the Graduate Society and, afterwards, the acclaimed representatives assumed positions as of May 1, 2008, taking over from an initial graduate counsel and executive committee established pursuant to the Graduate Society's constitution and bylaws.

(j) On February 21, 2008, the inaugural annual general meeting of the Graduate Society was held. As well, an annual report for the Graduate Society of that date was filed.

(k) On February 26, 2008, the Graduate Society filed a tax return.

82. There are approximately 4,200 graduate students at Simon Fraser University.

83. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibits **"MM"** – **"SS"** to this my affidavit are true copies of the following:

(a) Exhibit **"MM"** – recent corporate search of the Graduate Society at Simon Fraser University indicating an incorporation date of July 26, 2007 and a last annual report date of February 21, 2008;

(b) Exhibit **"NN"** – the Student Society Designation Regulation pursuant to the *University Act* (British Columbia), February 7, 2008;

(c) Exhibit **"OO"** – constitution and bylaws of the Graduate Society dated July 11, 2007;

(d) Exhibit **"PP"** – the Graduate Society webpage dated May 14, 2008;

(e) Exhibit **"QQ"** – excerpt from the SFSS independent electoral commission webpage printed May 14, 2008, with respect to the SFSS referenda questions of March, 2007;

(f) Exhibit **"RR"** – Graduate Society graduate counsel meeting minutes; and

(g) Exhibit **"SS"** – Graduate Society executive committee minutes.

84. Despite the foregoing, graduate students participated in the Vote.

Post Vote

85. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit **"TT"** to this my Affidavit is a true copy of the letter from counsel for the CFS to counsel for the SFSS dated April 28, 2008. The facts and CFS positions in this letter are accurate.

86. The last Oversight Committee meeting occurred on March 28, 2008. As indicated by Exhibit "M", in that meeting I reiterated CFS's position that the Vote was not a binding or effective Referendum and offered to continue to meet in order to implement a Referendum in accordance with the CFS Bylaws.

87. The Canadian Federation of Students would suffer significant harm should the SFSS leave. Not only would the departure of the SFSS mean a loss of membership fees but also the withdrawal of the SFSS would weaken the Canadian Federation of Students in British Columbia and across Canada and could have adverse consequences with respect to the continued participation of other British Columbia student associations.

Affidavit of Titus Gregory

88. I have read Affidavit #1 of Titus Gregory sworn herein including Exhibit "A" which is an Affidavit sworn in another proceeding.

89. I do not agree with Mr. Gregory's description of what was decided by Mr. Justice McEwan on March 14 and 20, 2008. The transcripts of the proceedings will have to speak for themselves.

90. With respect to Exhibit "A" to Mr. Gregory's Affidavit (the "KSA Gregory Affidavit"), I make the following statements in reply.

91. In response to paragraphs 5 – 15 of the KSA Gregory Affidavit, it is most often member local associations who propose changes to the CFS Bylaws. Only member local associations can vote on proposed changes to the CFS Bylaws. Although the

National Executive can propose CFS Bylaw changes, it does so rarely and did not propose any of the changes to the defederation rules and procedures. My understanding of the reason given for these CFS Bylaw changes, expressed by the member local organisations who proposed the changes, was that if one member local association wished to withdraw from the national association, other member local associations needed to have the ability to participate in the defederation referendum and therefore needed to have sufficient notice so as to allow for such participation to occur.

92. In response to paragraph 16 of the KSA Gregory Affidavit, the dispute referred to has now been resolved between the CFS and the Acadia Students Union as of December, 2007. The CFS Bylaws are intact.

93. In response to paragraph 20 of the KSA Gregory Affidavit, I note that of the 35 referenda referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 of the KSA Gregory Affidavit, Mr. Gregory only points to two examples of what he calls "significant difficulties" with the referendum oversight committee model. In each of these two cases, what is reported is not that the referendum was disrupted or unable to go ahead but, rather, that a particular student was unhappy. In my experience, the oversight committee process can and will work, given sufficient time and effort.

94. There was a defederation referendum with respect to the University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society on March 18 – 20, 2008. There was an oversight committee for this referendum and I was on that committee. In that situation, although the executive and board of the Society supported defederation and appointed two representatives to this oversight committee, the oversight committee functioned smoothly and there were no procedural difficulties.

95. In response to paragraphs 23 - 26 of the KSA Gregory Affidavit, the "I am CFS" program referred to was developed to raise the profile of the CFS – British Columbia on post-secondary campuses province-wide. The program was not focused on the Lower Mainland. The use of advertising space in Skytrain stations and Skytrain buses was, of course, confined to the Lower Mainland because that is where such locations are.

96. The "I am CFS" program has been in place long before the members of the SFSS petitioned the National Executive of the CFS to conduct a referendum on continued membership with the Canadian Federation of Students. This program is meant to raise awareness of the CFS – British Columbia amongst post-secondary students across British Columbia. The materials associated with it are meant to outline what the CFS – British Columbia is, what it does and what services are offered by the CFS – British Columbia to members. The critical difference is that none of this CFS – British Columbia material directly addresses the Referendum. On the other hand, the campaign material distributed by the SFSS since August 2007 clearly focused on the Referendum.

97. The CFS is obliged by the members of Canadian Federation of Students to keep students of member local associations informed about the CFS and its activities. The communication referred to here is a central part of being a member of the Canadian Federation of Students. The CFS is obliged to provide information with respect to services it offers to member students. So for example the posters reproduced as Exhibit "O" to the KSA Gregory Affidavit describe CFS projects such as environmental sustainability, CFS services that come with membership and CFS lobbying efforts done on behalf of post-secondary students across Canada. Again, none of these materials refer to the Referendum.

98. In reply to paragraph 27(a) of the KSA Gregory Affidavit, the motion referred to was defeated by votes of member local associations. The National Executive of the CFS does not vote.

99. In reply to paragraph 27(b) of the KSA Gregory Affidavit, while student journalists do not attend committee meetings or working group meetings, they do attend plenary sessions. There is a process to apply to attend CFS general meetings and most student journalists who apply are invited to attend by the National Executive of the CFS.

100. In response to paragraphs 29 and 30 of the KSA Gregory Affidavit, all of the money at issue lent by CFS – British Columbia to the Douglas Students' Union has now been re-paid and, as well, all obligations owed to the CFS – S have been met.

101. The Douglas Students' Union, while a member local association of the Canadian Federation of Students, is of course a separate legal entity and the CFS does not have control over the financial affairs of the Douglas Students Union. The Douglas Students' Union did run into financial difficulties but such difficulties are outside of the control of the CFS, the CFS – British Columbia or the CFS – S.

102. In reply to paragraph 31 of the KSA Gregory Affidavit, what the CFS takes issue with is not anti-CFS sentiments or opinions but, rather, inaccuracies in reporting with respect to the Canadian Federation of Students.

SWORN BEFORE ME in the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario this 26th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario
Andrew McKenna

LUCY WATSON

This is Exhibit "A" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 26th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

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PREAMBLE

We, the students of Canada, recognizing the need to speak with one voice in asserting our legitimate needs and concerns, wish to express our support for one national student organization whose basic aims will be as follows:

1. to organize students on a democratic, cooperative basis in advancing our own interests, and in advancing the interests of our community;
2. to provide a common framework within which students can communicate, exchange information, and share experience, skills and ideas;
3. to ensure the effective use and distribution of the resources of the student movement, while maintaining a balanced growth and development of student organisations that respond to students needs and desires;
4. to bring students together to discuss and cooperatively achieve necessary educational administrative, or legislative change wherever decision-making affects students;
5. to facilitate cooperation among students in organising services which supplement our academic experience, provide for our human needs, and which develop a sense of community with our peers and other members of society;
6. to articulate the real desire of students to fulfil the duties, and be accorded the rights of citizens in our society and in the international community;
7. to achieve our ultimate goal — a system of post-secondary education which is accessible to all, which is of high quality, which is nationally planned, which recognizes the legitimacy of student representation, and validity of student rights, and whose role in society is clearly recognized and appreciated.

In consideration to these needs, students from throughout Canada met in October, 1981, to found the Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants.

The organisations that founded the Canadian Federation of Students were:

The National Union of Students/Union nationale des étudiant(e)s
The Association of Student Councils (Canada)/Association des conseils étudiants (Canada)
The Federation of Alberta Students
The British Columbia Students Federation
The Students Union of Nova Scotia
The Ontario Federation of Students/Fédération des étudiant(e)s de l'Ontario
The Saskatchewan Federation of Students

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants exists to perform the following functions:

1. to further the goals of the Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants as outlined in the Preamble;
2. to represent, promote and defend the common interests of Canadian post-secondary students;
3. to promote and support the interests and activities of democratic student organisations in all provinces and at all educational institutions in Canada;
4. to bring together post-secondary students from all parts of Canada to discuss and take common, democratic positions on questions affecting students;
5. to represent Canadian students in the federal level of decision-making and to do so by speaking on their behalf with one united voice;
6. to formulate a national programme that will serve as a framework for coordinating the efforts of representative post-secondary student organisations throughout Canada. This programme will summarize a long-term strategy for achieving the objectives of students in post-secondary education; will describe general ways of reaching those objectives; and will be revised periodically as new objectives and approaches become appropriate;
7. to do all other things that are incidental or conducive to these purposes.

DEFINITIONS

1. The Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants will hereafter be referred to as the Federation.
2. A provincial component will be taken for all purposes as an organisation within the Canadian Federation of Students comprised of all member local associations within a particular province.
3. A local student association will be taken for all purposes of these By-laws to mean an organisation of students which satisfies the following criteria:
   - it is locally and democratically-controlled;
   - it is autonomous from other organizations;
   - it represents students at only one post-secondary institution.

   or, the graduate students belonging to an organisation that fulfills these criteria and is comprised of both graduate and undergraduate members, not belonging to the Federation, provided that the graduate students have an identifiable infrastructure and a legal structure enabling it to enter into contracts .
4. For all purposes of these By-laws, a referendum will be taken to mean a general vote of the members of a local student association, whether conducted at balloting locations or at a formal general meeting of the local students association.
5. For all purposes of these By-laws, a semester shall be taken to mean a period of time approximately four months in duration. An academic year shall be defined as per the policy of the member local.
6. For all purposes of these By-laws, a delegate shall be any individual member or staff member of a member local association having paid the applicable general meeting delegates fee.

BYLAW I - MEMBERSHIP

1. **Types of Memberships**

   General Description: There are two types of members of the Federation, individual members and voting members. Students, or individual members, are represented through the local student association to which they belong. Local student associations representing individual members are called voting members.

   a. Local student associations are eligible to receive the status of voting members in the Federation as provided for in Bylaw I, Section 2, and 3;

   b. Individual members of the Federation will be all students in local student associations that are voting members.

2. **Types of Voting Membership Status**

   a. **Full Membership**

      General Description: Full membership is the standard form of membership in the Federation.

      i. A local association is eligible to apply for full membership in the Federation if its members have approved by referendum membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, and the applicable provincial component as described in Bylaw VII-Provincial Components;

      ii. A written application for full membership submitted by an eligible local student association will be considered as a binding contract to accept the rights and responsibilities of full membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, and the applicable provincial component.

      iii. Within 90 days of the receipt by the National Executive of a written application for membership, the National Executive will examine the application to determine whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the application.

      iv. At the next general meeting of the Federation, the full membership application shall be put to a vote and shall require a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast to be accepted.

      v. A local association's application for membership, once accepted by the Federation, shall constitute a binding contract to collect and remit to the Federation full membership fees for the duration of membership.

      vi. Not withstanding Section 2.a.vii. of this Bylaw, the fees for full member local associations shall be:
      - $3.00 per semester, or $6.00 per academic year, per local association individual member of the Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association; and
      - the applicable provincial component fee.

      vii. Beginning in 1996, the Federation membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the national Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year.

   b. **Prospective Membership**

      General Description: Prospective membership is a trial membership of limited duration.

      i. A local student association is eligible to apply for prospective membership if it has passed a motion of its members, executive, council or equivalent representative body to apply for prospective membership in the Federation and its applicable provincial component as described in Bylaw VII-Provincial Components;

      ii. A written application for prospective membership submitted by an eligible local student association will be considered as a binding contract to accept the rights and responsibilities of prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, and the applicable provincial component.

      iii. Within 90 days of the receipt by the National Executive of a written application for prospective membership, the National Executive will examine the application to determine whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the application.

      iv. At the next general meeting of the Federation, the prospective membership application shall be put to a vote and shall require a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast to be accepted.

      v. A local student association's application for prospective membership, once accepted by the Federation, shall constitute a binding contract to pay prospective membership fees, as described in

Section 2 b-vi, and conduct a full membership referendum, as described in Section 2 b-viii;

vi. The fee for prospective membership in the Federation shall be five per cent (5%) of the regular Federation membership fee, notwithstanding that the fee may be reduced or waived by a majority vote of a national general meeting or the National Executive;

vii. A prospective member association shall have full voting rights in Federation national general meetings, but shall not be permitted to designate a proxy to vote on its behalf, and shall have the same access to Federation resources and materials, except the International Student Identity Card, that a full member has;

viii. A prospective member association must hold a referendum on full membership in the Federation, in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw, within twelve (12) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the National Executive of the Federation;

ix. In the event that the majority of those voting in the referendum support full membership in the Federation, full membership will be granted at the subsequent national general meeting, at which point prospective membership shall cease;

x. In the event that the majority of those voting in the referendum oppose full membership in the Federation, prospective membership will immediately cease;

xi. In the event that the referendum fails to achieve quorum, prospective membership will be automatically extended and another referendum on full membership will be held within the subsequent six (6) months in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw; and

xii. In the event that a prospective member fails to conduct a referendum on full membership as required by this Bylaw, the Federation shall have the option to either cancel or extend, by majority vote of a national general meeting, the prospective membership until a referendum on full membership is conducted.

3. Membership Rights and Responsibilities

a. Rights of Individual Members

i. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will have sole authority to make decisions through referendum on all questions of membership in the Federation, subject to the other provisions of this Bylaw.

ii. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will have sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members and delivered to the National Executive, a referendum to federate as described in Article 5 of this Bylaw.

iii. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will have sole authority to initiate a de-Federation referendum, as described in Article 7 of this Bylaw, by submitting to the National Executive of the Federation a petition, signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the association, calling for the referendum.

iv. Individual members of the Federation have the right to have their interests represented collectively in the Federation through their local student association, but will not have voting rights at the Federation general meetings.

v. The Federation will attempt to ensure that a Federation membership card is issued to each individual member of the Federation who is a member of a full voting member of the Federation.

b. Rights of Voting Members

i. Each voting member of the Federation will have one vote at and participate in general meetings of the Federation provided all outstanding delegate fees for past meetings have been paid in full. This is subject to review by the National Executive on a case by case basis upon request.

ii. Voting members of the Federation have the right to be represented collectively to the federal government and to other national organisations.

iii. Each voting member of the Federation is entitled to the protection and support of the Federation in accordance with the objectives of the Federation.

iv. Each voting member of the Federation is entitled to have access to Federation research, information, materials, staff, and other resources.

v. Each voting member of the Federation is entitled to have access to all information and official documents concerning the operations and activities of the Federation and of the National Executive.

vi. Delegates sent by voting members to general meetings of the Federation will have the right to stand for election to any vacant position on a committee of the Federation subject to such other conditions as may be specified at the time of formation of the committee.

c. Responsibilities of Voting Members

Although Federation staff and executive members will handle many day-to-day operations, the structures of the Federation can only function if there is full cooperation among Federation voting members. The achievement of the work and goals of the Federation depends on the active participation of students and student associations.

i. Each voting member of the Federation is responsible for supporting the objectives of the Federation and will abide by all provisions of these By-laws.

ii. Each voting member will ensure that Federation fees are collected each year at its institution and forwarded to the Federation, according to the contract of membership and the fee agreement if applicable, signed when the member joined.

iii. The voting member will not represent the membership fees collected on behalf of the Federation as an expense and/or revenue of the member in its budgets, its financial statements, its audits or any other documents of the voting member.

iv. Each voting member will be responsible for representing the interests and concerns of its member students at general meetings of the Federation.

v. Each voting member is responsible for contributing to the formulation of Federation policy and where possible and by resolution of the local council for supporting and implementing that policy.

vi. Each voting member will be responsible for communicating information from the Federation and the provincial Federation components to its students.

vii. Each member local association will communicate and work cooperatively with Federation staff and members of the National Executive.

4. Vote to Federate

In accordance with Section 2 of this Bylaw, the following shall be the rules and procedures for a referendum, in which the individual members of a prospective member local association may vote on full membership in the Federation:

a. Scheduling of the Referendum

The referendum will be scheduled by the prospective member association in consultation with the Federation.

b. Referendum Oversight Committee

The referendum shall be overseen by a committee composed of two (2) members appointed by the prospective local association and two (2) members appointed by the Federation, that shall be responsible for:

i. establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with Section 4-c of this Bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted.

ii. establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 4-d of this Bylaw.

iii. approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 4-e of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved.

iv. deciding the number and location of polling stations.

v. setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 4-f of this Bylaw.

vi. overseeing all aspects of the voting.

vii. counting the ballots following the vote.

viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

c. Notice of Referendum

Notice of the referendum, that includes the referendum question and voting dates, shall be provided to the individual members of the prospective member association no less than two (2) weeks prior to voting in the referendum.

d. Campaigning

i. There shall be no less than ten (10) days on which campaigning is permitted, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding and during voting; and

ii. Only individual members and representatives of the prospective member association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of the Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.

e. Campaign Materials

i. Campaign materials shall include all materials developed specifically for the referendum campaign.

ii. Materials produced by Federation that promote campaigns and services of the Federation shall not be considered as campaign materials unless they include specific content about the referendum.

iii. The Federation website shall not be considered a campaign material unless it includes specific content about the referendum.

iv. The Federation's annual report, financial statements, research and submissions to government shall not be considered a campaign material.

iv. Campaign materials shall not be misleading, potentially libelous or false.

f. Voting and Tabulation

i. Voting shall be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement between the prospective member association and the Federation, at a general meeting of the prospective member association or by a mail-out ballot.

ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting.

iii. Unless mutually agreed otherwise by the prospective member association and the Federation, the referendum question shall be: "Are you in favour of membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?"

iv. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting.

v. The prospective member association and the Federation shall each be permitted to appoint one poll clerk for each polling station.

vi. The prospective member local association and the Federation shall each be permitted to appoint one poll scrutineer to oversee the counting of ballots.

g. Appeals

Any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Referendum Oversight Committee shall be adjudicated by an Appeals Committee composed of one (1) member appointed by the prospective member association and one (1) member appointed by the Federation, who were not members of the Referendum Oversight Committee.

5. Suspension and Expulsion of Members

A member local association may have its voting privileges suspended or may be expelled for violating its responsibilities as outlined in Bylaw I, Section 3 (c), subject to the following procedure:

a. Process for Initiating the Procedure of Suspension or Expulsion

The procedure for suspending the voting privileges or expelling a member local association may be initiated by:

i. resolution of the National Executive; or

ii. a petition, submitted to the National Executive, signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the voting member locals associations and listing the reasons for the proposed suspension of voting privileges or expulsion.

b. Notice of the Suspension or Expulsion Procedure

Upon resolution of the National Executive or receipt of a petition by the National Executive, initiating the process for suspending or expelling a member local association, the National Executive will:

i. place the matter on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled national general meeting for which no less than four (4) week notice can be given; and

ii. inform, by registered mail, the member local association against which the suspension or expulsion procedure has been initiated no less than four (4) weeks prior to the national general meeting at which the matter of suspension or expulsion will be considered.

c. **Required Majority**
A two-thirds vote of a national general meeting shall be required in order to suspend the voting privileges or expel a member local association.

d. **Appeal of Suspension or Expulsion**
Any student association, which has had its voting privileges suspended or has been expelled, may appeal the decision to the next world congress of the International Union of Students.

e. **Reinstatement of Voting Privileges**
A member local association, which has had its voting privileges suspended, may have its voting privileges reinstated subject to the following procedure:

i. Upon receipt of a written application from a member local association requesting reinstatement of voting privileges, the National Executive will assess the merits of the application and make a recommendation to the voting member local associations at the next regularly-scheduled national general meeting.

ii. A two-thirds majority vote shall be required to reinstate a member local association's voting privileges.

6. **Vote on Defederating**

The individual members of the Federation belonging to a member local association may vote on whether to defederate, subject to the following rules and procedures:

a. **Petition**
As per Bylaw I, 3.1.a.iii a petition calling for a referendum shall be signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the association and sent to the National Executive of the Federation.

b. **Notice**

i. No vote on de-federating may be held between:
- April 15 and September 15; and
- December 15 and January 15.

ii. Notice of a vote on defederating must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than six (6) months prior to the vote.

iii. Notice of the vote must include the exact dates and times of voting.

iv. In the case of a withdrawal referendum incorporating a mail-out component, the exact date of the referendum shall be the date the ballots are mailed to the individual members;

v. Failure to adhere to the notice provisions in Articles b.i. b.ii. and b.iii. shall invalidate the results of the vote.

c. **Campaigning**

i. There shall be no less than two (2) weeks of campaigning immediately preceding the voting during which time classes are in session.

ii. Only individual members and representatives of the member local association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of other Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.

d. **Voting**

i. Voting will be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the member local association or by a mailout ballot.

ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting.

iii. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting.

e. **Quorum**
Quorum for the vote shall be that of the member local association's or five percent (5%) of the individual members of the local association, whichever is higher.

f. **Administering the Campaign and Voting**
Within three (3) months of the receipt of notice, a committee composed of two (2) members appointed by the Federation and two (2) members appointed by the member local shall be formed. The committee shall

be responsible for:

i. deciding the manner of voting, be that by referendum, general meeting or mailout ballot.
ii. deciding the number and location of polling stations;
iii. approving all materials to be distributed during the campaign;
iv. deciding the ballot question;
v. overseeing the voting;
vi. counting ballots;
vii. adjudicating all appeals; and
viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

g. **Advance Remittance of Outstanding Membership Fees**
In addition to Articles a. to f., in order for a de-federation referendum to proceed, a member local association must remit all outstanding Federation fees not less than six (6) weeks prior to the date of referendum.

h. **Minimum Period Between De-Federation Votes**
In addition to Articles a. to g, in order for a de-federation referendum to take place, a member local association may not have held a de-federation referendum within the previous twenty-four (24) months. This clause may be waived, by a two-thirds majority vote of the National Executive, if the procedures of the de-federation referendum are questionable in the extreme.

i. **Minimum Period Between Federation and De-Federation Votes**
In addition to Articles a. to h, in order for a de-federation referendum to proceed, a member local association may not have held a referendum to join the Federation within the previous twenty-four (24) months. This clause may be waived, by a two-thirds majority vote of the National Executive.

7. **Procedure for Application for Withdrawal**

a. Within 90 days of the receipt of a letter from a member local association notifying the Federation of its withdrawal from the Federation, the National Executive will examine the notification to determine whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the application.

b. At the opening plenary of the next general meeting of the Federation, ratification of the withdrawal shall be put to a vote.

c. The withdrawal shall take effect on June 30 following the ratification of the withdrawal.

BYLAW II - GENERAL MEETINGS

General Descriptions: There are three types of General Meetings: Annual General Meetings, Semi-Annual General Meetings, and Special General Meetings.

1. **Annual General Meetings**
   a. The Annual General Meeting of the Federation will be held between October 15 and November 30 of each year.
   b. At the Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the report of the National Executive, the financial statement, and the report of the auditors will be presented; and the auditors for the ensuing year will be appointed; and the elections for the next National Executive will occur.

2. **Semi-Annual General Meetings**
   The Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation will be held between April 30 and May 31 of each year.

3. **Special General Meetings**
   a. The National Executive may call a Special General Meeting of the Federation at any time.
   b. If more than one-half of the voting members of the Federation indicate a desire for an immediate Special General Meeting, the National Executive must immediately call a Special General Meeting for the earliest possible date.

4. **Notice of General Meetings**
   a. Notice of each General Meeting will be sent to each voting member of the Federation at least nine weeks prior to the date of the meeting.
   b. Each voting member will be asked to indicate its intention to attend or not to attend each General Meeting. If one-half or more of the voting members indicate that they will not attend, the National Executive will cancel the meeting.
   c. The Notice will include all positions that are to be elected at the general meeting.

5. **Location of General Meetings**
   a. Each general meeting of the Federation will be held in the greater Ottawa/Hull/Nepean area. In extenuating circumstances the National Executive may select an alternative meeting location.
   b. The cost of travel to a general meeting for delegates of each voting member will be equalized, taking into account members ability to pay, by such a system of pooling travel costs as may be determined from time to time by the National Executive.

6. **Quorum at General Meetings**
   A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of voting members shall consist of not less than one-half of the members of the Federation having voting rights at the time in person or by proxy.

7. **Procedure at General Meetings**
   a. The rules of procedure at general meetings will be those described in the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, supplemented or modified by rules of procedure which may from time to time be established by standing resolutions.
   b. Voting by Proxy
      A voting member may appoint another member to act as its proxy for all or portions of any national general meeting, subject to the following restrictions:
      i. A voting member that wishes to appoint a proxy must adopt a motion of its executive, council or other equivalent representative body stating the member appointed to serve as its proxy;
      ii. Written notice, that is signed by a representative of the voting member appointing the proxy and

includes the text of the motion described in Section b-I, must be delivered to the National Chairperson of the Federation prior to the commencement of the opening plenary of the general meeting; and

iii. A voting member may serve as proxy for no more than three other members at any national general meeting.

8. Travel Pool

Each member local association having representation in a general meeting will participate in the general meeting travel pool.

9. Authority of the National Plenary

a. The national plenary is the final and absolute decision-making authority in the organisation. Its authority is only detracted from by explicit constitutional provision.

b. The national plenary may overturn any National Executive decision, except where such a decision has been implemented and has resulted in a legal contract.

BYLAW III - POLICY OF THE FEDERATION

General Description: Policy positions established in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of this By-law are the sole official policy positions the Federation can take, and they stand until revoked as per Section 1 (c) of this By-law.

1. Established at General Meetings

a. Notice of all the substance of a policy proposal must be received by the National Executive at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which the proposal is to be introduced so that four weeks notice can be made to voting members by mail. The declaration by the National Executive that due notice has or has not been received will be held to be sufficient proof of such notice or lack thereof.

b. Policy proposals may be submitted by member local associations, provincial components/caucuses, constituency groups, and the National Executive.

c. In order to amend or revoke an established Federation policy, procedures regarding notice, distribution, and consideration shall conform with the regulations set out in Section 1 (a) and (b) above.

d. Policy may be enacted, amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote at a general meeting, provided sufficient notice has been given as per By-law III, Sections 1(a) and 1(b).

2. Policy Established Between Meetings

a. Policy may only be established between meetings through a vote by mail of voting members.

b. If a policy position must be taken by the Federation before it is possible to do so at a general meeting, the National Executive may initiate a vote by mail by sending the motions in question, a ballot, plus any necessary documentation, to each voting member.

c. Ballots are to be returned to the head office of the Federation when completed.

d. After a predetermined period specified on the ballots, but in no case less than one month, the National Executive will count the ballots which have been returned and inform the voting members of the result.

e. The quorum for a vote by mail is at least one-half of the voting members of the Federation.

f. The voting members of the Federation may, by a two-thirds vote, adopt policy provided that Sections 2 (a) through (e) are met.

3. Policy Manual

a. All Federation policy statements will be compiled in a policy manual. The manual will be updated after each general meeting.

b. The updated policy manual will be distributed to member local associations no later than twelve (12) weeks following each national general meeting.

4. Policy Jurisdiction

The Federation recognizes the authority of each provincial component to establish policy on matters affecting only its province. The Federation will not establish policy which lies only within those areas unless requested by the Provincial Component.

BYLAW IV - STANDING RESOLUTIONS OF THE FEDERATION

1. Standing Resolutions may be enacted, amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote at a general meeting.
2. Standing Resolutions automatically come into force at all subsequent meetings until revoked or amended.
3. All Standing Resolutions will be identified as such and appended to copies of the Bylaws of the Federation.

BYLAW V - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

The affairs of the Federation will be managed by the board of directors, known as the National Executive.

1. Composition

The National Executive will be comprised of:

a. The following at-large positions elected by the national plenary:
   i. National Chairperson
   ii. National Deputy-Chairperson
   iii. National Treasurer

b. The following representatives elected by its respective provincial components or caucuses:
   i. Alberta Representative
   ii. British Columbia Representative
   iii. Manitoba Representative
   iv. New Brunswick Representative
   v. Newfoundland-Labrador Representative
   vi. Nova Scotia Representative
   vii. Ontario Representative
   viii. Prince Edward Island Representative
   ix. Québec Representative
   x. Saskatchewan Representative
   xi. Graduate Student Representative
   xii. Aboriginal Student Representative
   xiii. Francophone Students Representative
   xiv. Students of Colour Commissioner
   xv. Women's Representative

2. Powers and Responsibilities of the National Executive

The National Executive:

a. shall observe and uphold the objectives of the Federation;

b. shall be responsible for the execution and implementation of all Federation decisions;

c. will co-ordinate work of Federation members and of the staff of the Federation, as well as any work undertaken in conjunction with provincial components or with local associations;

d. is responsible for the management of the office(s) and staff of the Federation;

e. will prepare the agenda for each national general meeting of the Federation and will distribute the agenda to all member local associations no later than four (4) weeks prior to the start of the national general meeting;

f. will present a written report to each national general meeting that will include a review of:
   i. the activities undertaken on its authority since the previous general meeting; and
   ii. the disposition of all directives given the National Executive by the national plenary of the previous general meeting;

g. will administer the affairs of the Federation in all things and make or cause to be made for the Federation in its name, any kind of contract into which the Federation may lawfully enter, subject to the direction of the national plenary;

h. will be bound and guided by the policy established by the Federation in all decisions made and positions taken;

i. is expressly empowered to purchase, lease, acquire, sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose from time to time, of shares, stocks, rights, warrants, options, and other securities: lands, buildings or other property, moveable or immovable, real or personal; or of any right or interest therein owned by the Federation, for such consideration and upon such terms as the Executive deems advisable;

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j. may from time to time delegate such of its collective or individual duties and powers, excepting the casting of votes and signing authority, as it deems fit;

k. shall comply with the will of the national plenary unless in the opinion of the National Executive:

i. significant new facts have been discovered; and

ii. the interest of the Federation would be adversely affected by acting in accordance with the national plenary's will.

In the event that the National Executive acts contrary to the will of the national plenary, it will immediately inform the member local associations in writing of its decision and the reasons for the decision, and include the matter on the agenda of the next national general meeting.

3. Duties and Powers of the National Chairperson

The National Chairperson shall:

a. be a full-time salaried position;

b. act as chief spokesperson and representative of the Federation; and

c. perform all duties as described in the National Chairperson job description established as a Standing Resolution.

4. Duties and Powers of the National Deputy Chairperson

The National Deputy Chairperson shall:

a. be a full-time salaried position;

b. assume the duties and powers of the National Chairperson in the event that the National Chairperson is unable or unwilling to fulfil her duties and powers;

c. serve as a signing authority for cheques of the Federation; and

d. shall perform all duties as described in the Deputy Chairperson job description established as a Standing Resolution.

5. Duties and Powers of the National Treasurer

The National Treasurer shall:

a. be a full-time salaried position;

b. disburse the funds of the Federation under the direction of the National Executive and will report at each National Executive and national general meeting on her transactions as National Treasurer and on the financial position of the Federation; and

c. perform all duties as described in the National Treasurer job description established as a Standing Resolution.

6. Duties and Powers of Provincial Component Representatives

The Provincial Component Representative shall:

a. be expected to hold a portfolio position as assigned by the National Executive;

b. communicate the views and perspectives of their respective provincial components at National Executive meetings;

c. perform all duties as established by a Standing Resolution.

7. Duties and Powers of the Graduate Student Representative

The Graduate Student Representative shall perform all duties as established by Standing Resolution.

8. Duties and Powers of the Aboriginal Student Representative

The Aboriginal Students Representative shall perform all duties as established by Standing Resolution.

9. Duties and Powers of the Francophone Students Representative

The Francophone Students Representative shall perform all duties as established by Standing Resolution.

10. Duties and Powers of the Students of Colour Commissioner

The Students of Colour Commissioner shall perform all duties and have such powers as established by Standing Resolution.

11. Duties and Powers of the Women's Representative

The Women's Representative shall perform all duties and such powers as established by Standing Resolution.

12. Calling of National Executive Meetings

a. The National Executive will meet at least four (4) times between each semi-annual general meeting.

b. Except as otherwise required by law, the National Executive may hold its meetings at such places it may from time to time determine.

c. Notice of meetings of the National Executive must be:
   i. received orally or in writing by each member of the National Executive and each member local association not less than seven (7) days prior to the start of the meeting; or
   ii. sent for delivery to each member of the National Executive and each member local association not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the meeting.

d. Emergency National Executive Meetings

   The National Executive shall have the authority to convene a National Executive meeting by teleconference.
   i. teleconference meetings of the Executive may be formally called upon written request by the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and/or National Treasurer; and
   ii. notice of such meeting must be sent orally or in writing to each member of the National Executive not less than three (3) days prior to the start of the meeting and, if notice is provided orally, notice of the meeting shall also be transmitted electronically or via facsimile that same day."

e. No formal notice of a meeting of the National Executive is required provided:
   i. all National Executive Members are present; or
   ii. those absent have signified their consent to hold a meeting.

f. Meetings of the Executive may be formally called upon written request of quorum by any member of the National Executive.

13. Procedure at National Executive Meetings

a. The Quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the National Executive will be at least one-half of the members of the National Executive.

b. The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the National Executive.

14. National Executive Remuneration

a. Any remuneration paid to members of the National Executive shall be determined by the national plenary except as otherwise provided for in this Bylaw.

b. Should any member of the National Executive be employed by or perform services for the Federation other than as a member of the National Executive, or be a member of a firm or shareholder, director or officer, of a company that is employed by, or performs services for the Federation, this shall not disentitle such member of the National Executive or such firm, as the case may be, from receiving proper remuneration for such services.

BY-LAW VI - ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

1. **Eligibility of Nominees for the National Executive**
   a. A nominee for the National Executive must have been an individual member of the Federation within the previous six (6) months, or a full-time salaried executive member of the Federation or of a provincial component of the Federation and must simultaneously come from a member local association.
   b. In addition to subsection (a), nominees for National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, and National Treasurer must be a delegate of a member local association or provincial component, or a member of the National Executive at the general meeting in which the election is being conducted.
   c. In addition to Subsections (a) and (b) but not withstanding Section (d), a nominee for National Chairperson shall be able to comprehend and speak:
      i. French and English, except where a documented disability prevents learning a second language; or
      ii. French or English, and a First Nations language, except where a documented disability prevents learning a second language.
   d. In the event that a nominee for National Chairperson fails to demonstrate second language proficiency, as described in the Standing Resolutions, the nominee shall be eligible to stand for election provided that she declares her intention to be able to comprehend and speak a second language by no later than five (5) weeks prior to assuming the position of National Chairperson.

2. **Timing of Elections for National Executive Members**
   a. **Timing of Elections of At-Large Members**
      i. The election of the National Chairperson shall be conducted at the annual general meeting.
      ii. The election of the National Deputy Chairperson shall be conducted at the annual general meeting.
      iii. The election of the National Treasurer shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting.
   b. **Timing of Elections for Provincial Component Representatives**
      i. The election of Provincial Component Representatives shall be conducted at such times as set out in the bylaws of the applicable provincial components; or
      ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the election of the Provincial Component Representative shall be conducted at a meeting of the component member local associations convened by the National Executive at the semi-annual general meeting.
   c. **Timing of Elections for the Graduate Student Representative**
      The election for Graduate Student Representative shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.
   d. **Timing of Elections of the Aboriginal Student Representative**
      The election for the Aboriginal Student Representative shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.
   e. **Timing of Elections of the Students of Colour Commissioner**
      The election for the Students of Colour Commissioner shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.
   f. **Timing of Election of the Francophone Students Representative**
      The election for the Francophone Students Representative shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.
   g. **Timing of Elections of the Women's Representative**
      The election for the Women's Representative shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.

3. **Procedures for Election of National Executive Members**
   a. **Procedure for the Election of At-Large Members**
      Elections for National Chairperson, National Deputy-Chairperson and National Treasurer shall be conducted at national general meetings subject to the following rules and procedures:

i. elections shall be conducted by secret ballot;
ii. each member local association present at the general meeting will be permitted one (1) vote in each election;
iii. a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected;
iv. elections shall be preceded by a separate questions and answer session for each position to be elected to be held in accordance with the following guidelines:
- each candidate will be allowed a minimum of ten minutes in which to speak to the entire assembly;
- after each candidate has been given the opportunity to speak, the assembly shall be given the opportunity to ask questions of any candidate or candidates for a time period not less than thirty minutes in duration.

b. Procedure for the Election of Provincial Component Representatives

i. The procedure for the election of Provincial Component Representatives shall be as set out in the bylaws of the applicable provincial components; or
ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the procedure for election of the Provincial Component Representative shall be determined by the National Executive, not withstanding that the election will be conducted by secret ballot and a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected.

c. Procedure for the Election for the Graduate Student Representative

The election for the Graduate Student Representative shall be as established by Standing Resolution.

d. Procedure for the Election for the Aboriginal Student Representative

The election for the Aboriginal Student Representative shall be as established by Standing Resolution.

e. Procedure for the Election for the Students of Colour Commissioner

The election for the Students of Colour Commissioner shall be as established by Standing Resolution.

f. Procedure for the Election of the Francophone Students' Representative

The election for the Francophone Students' Representative shall be as established by Standing Resolution.

g. Procedure for the Election of the Women's Representative

The election for the Women's Representative shall be as established by Standing Resolution.

4. Term of Office for National Executive Members

a. Term of Office for At-Large Members

The term of office of the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer shall commence at the end of the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting immediately following the annual general meeting at which they were elected and shall expire at the end of the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting.

b. Term of Office for the Provincial Component Representatives

i. Provincial Component Representatives shall hold office for a term as set out in the Bylaws of the applicable provincial components; or
ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive,the Provincial Component Representative shall hold office from the adjournment of the semi-annual general meeting at which the Representative is elected until the adjournment of the following semi-annual general meeting.

c. Term of Office for the Graduate Student Representative

The Graduate Student representative shall hold office for a term as established by Standing Resolution.

d. Term of Office for the Aboriginal Student Representative

The Aboriginal Student Representative shall hold office for a term as established by Standing Resolution.

e. Term of Office for the Students of Colour Commissioner

The Term of Office for the Students of Colour Commissioner shall be as established by Standing Resolution.

f. Term of Office for the Francophone Students' Representative

The Term of Office for the Francophone Students' Representative shall be as established by Standing Resolution.

g. **Term of Office for the Women's Representative**
The Term of Office for the Women's Representative shall be as established by Standing Resolution.

5. **Removal from Office of National Executive Members**

a. **Removal of At-Large Members**
The National Chairperson, National Deputy-Chairperson and National Treasurer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote at a national general meeting or by mail-out vote.

b. **Removal of Provincial Component Representatives**
i. Provincial Component representatives may be removed from office as set out in the bylaws of the applicable provincial components; or
ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the Provincial Component Representative may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote:
- at a meeting of the component member local associations convened by the National Executive at a national general meeting;
- at a meeting of the component member local associations convened by the National Executive outside of an national general meeting; or
- by a vote-by-mail conducted by the National Executive;
- following receipt by the National Executive of a petition signed by not less than one-half of the member local associations, belonging to the component, requesting such a vote.

c. **Removal of the Graduate Student Representative**
The Graduate Student Representative may be removed from office as established by Standing Resolution.

d. **Removal of the Aboriginal Student Representative**
The Aboriginal student representative may be removed from office as established by Standing Resolution.

e. **Removal of the Students of Colour Commissioner**
The Students of Colour Commissioner may be removed from office as established by Standing Resolution

f. **Removal of the Francophone Students' Representative**
The Francophone Students' Representative may be removed from office as established by Standing Resolution.

g. **Removal of the Women's Representative**
The Women's Representative may be removed from office as established by Standing Resolution.

h. **Initiation of Removal from Office Proceedings**
Removal from Office Proceedings against an at-large member of the National Executive may be initiated by:
i. a two-thirds vote of the National Executive; or
ii. a petition signed by no less than three member local associations presented to the National Executive.

i. **Removal of National Chair for Failure to Achieve Second Language Proficiency**
In the event that a member elected to the position of National Chairperson fails to achieve second language proficiency, as described in the Standing Resolutions, by no later than five (5) weeks prior to the general meeting at which the member is to assume the position of National Chairperson, the position will be declared vacant.

j. **Attendance at National Executive Meetings**
A member of the National Executive who, without authorisation of the National Executive, is absent from two (2) consecutive, regularly-scheduled meetings of the National Executive shall be deemed to have resigned her position on the National Executive.

6. **Replacement of National Executive Members**

a. **Vacancy in an At-large National Executive Position**
In the event of a vacancy in the position of National Chairperson, National Deputy-Chairperson, or National Treasurer:
i. the National Executive shall have the authority to appoint a member of the National Executive to fill the

position, until the next national general meeting; and

ii. an election for the position shall be conducted at the next national general meeting as per the election procedures set out in the Bylaws.

b. Vacancy in the Position of Provincial Component Representatives

i. The procedure for filling a vacancy in a position of Provincial Component Representative shall be as set out in the bylaws of the applicable provincial component; or

ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the procedure for filling a vacancy in the position of Provincial Component Representative shall be determined by the National Executive, not withstanding that the vote will be conducted by secret ballot, a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected and that the vote shall be conducted:
- at a meeting of the component member local associations convened by the National Executive at a national general meeting;
- at a meeting of the component member local associations convened by the National Executive outside of an national general meeting; or
- by a vote-by-mail conducted by the National Executive.

c. Vacancy in the Position of Graduate Student Representative

A vacancy in a position of Graduate Student Representative shall be filled in a manner as established by Standing Resolution.

d. Vacancy in the Position of Aboriginal Student Representative

A vacancy in a position of Aboriginal Student representative shall be filled in a manner as established by Standing Resolution.

e. Vacancy in the Position of Students of Colour Commissioner

A vacancy in the position of Students of Colour Commissioner shall be filled in a manner as established by Standing Resolution.

f. Vacancy in the Position of Francophone Students Representative

A vacancy in the position of Francophone Students Representative shall be filled in a manner as established by Standing Resolution.

g. Vacancy in the Position of Women's Representative

A vacancy in the position of Women's Representative shall be filled in a manner as established by Standing Resolution.

7. Appointment of a Chief Returning Officer

The National Executive will appoint one member of the staff of the Federation to act as Chief Returning Officer for any National Executive election conducted at a national general meeting.

8. Notice of Elections for National Executive Positions

Information to be posted to member locals that includes, but is not limited to:

a. rate of remuneration
b. outline of duties and responsibilities
c. outline travel obligations and/or necessary relocation.

9. Announcement of Election Results

Following the tabulation of votes for at-large positions, the Chief Returning Officers will announce to the plenary:

a. the nominees elected;
b. the process for additional balloting in the event that no nominees for a particular position receives a majority of the votes cast; and
c. the vote count for each candidate if directed to do so by a two-thirds majority vote of the plenary.

BYLAW VII - PROVINCIAL COMPONENTS

1. **General Description**

   A provincial component shall be comprised of all member local associations within a particular province.

2. **Current Provincial Components**

   The current provincial components of the Federation are:

   a. Canadian Federation of Students - Alberta Component
   b. Canadian Federation of Students - British Columbia Component
   c. Canadian Federation of Students - Manitoba Component
   d. Canadian Federation of Students - New Brunswick Component
   e. Canadian Federation of Students - Newfoundland and Labrador Component
   f. Canadian Federation of Students - Nova Scotia Component
   g. Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario Component
   h. Canadian Federation of Students - Prince Edward Island Component
   i. Canadian Federation of Students - Québec Component
   j. Canadian Federation of Students - Saskatchewan Component

3. **Funding of Provincial Components**

   A provincial component shall have the right to automatically receive a minimum level of funding established by a standing resolution.

4. **Rights of Provincial Components**

   a. **Appointment of Representatives to General Meeting Committees**

      A provincial component shall have the right to appoint representatives to committees at all Federation national general meetings.

   b. **Establishment of Committees**

      A provincial component may establish steering committees or other standing committees.

   c. **Policy**

      A provincial component may establish policy in its own name provided the policy does not contradict policy of the Federation.

5. **Automatic Membership in a Provincial Component**

   A member local association automatically belongs to the particular provincial component corresponding to the province in which said member is located.

6. **Voting in Provincial Component Meetings**

   Each member local association belonging to a Federation provincial component shall have one vote in meetings of the provincial component at national general meetings.

7. **Designating of Provincial Components**

   Upon the request of the member local associations located within a particular province, the member local associations within that province shall comprise a provincial component, subject to a ratification vote by the national plenary and provided that the provincial component includes in its Constitution the national preamble and statement of purpose.

BYLAW VIII - CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

1. General Description

A constituency group shall be comprised of individual delegates attending Federation national general meetings who share a common characteristic as recognized by the national plenary, except as provided for by the relevant Standing Resolutions.

2. Establishment of Constituency Group

A constituency group may be established subject to the following procedure:

a. a group of delegates, wishing to be established as a constituency group, shall apply in writing to the national plenary for recognition;

b. upon receipt of an application by a prospective constituency group, the National Plenary shall strike a review committee, comprised of at least one representative of the proposed constituency group and such other persons as selected by the national plenary, to review and make a recommendation concerning the application;

c. in the event that the review committee recommends the establishment of the constituency group, its report to the national plenary must consist of a draft standing resolution outlining the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the constituency group; and

d. a constituency group must, as a stated goal, support the Statement of Purpose of the Federation.

3. Current Constituency Groups

The current Constituency Groups are:

- Student Artists Constituency Group
- Students of Colour Constituency Group
- Students with Disabilities Constituency Group
- Francophone Students Constituency Group
- International Students Constituency Group
- Part-Time and Mature Students Constituency Group
- Queer Students' Constituency Group
- Women's Constituency Group

4. Constituency Groups Rights

a. **Funding**

A constituency group shall have the right to automatically receive a minimum level of funding established by a Standing Resolution.

b. **Appointment of representatives to General Meeting Committees**

A constituency group shall have the right to appoint representatives to committees at all Federation general meetings.

c. **Establishment of Committees**

A constituency group may establish steering committees or other standing committees.

d. **Policy**

A constituency group may establish policy in its own name provided the policy does not contradict policy of the Federation.

5. Meetings of Constituency Group

Meetings of constituency group shall be held during Federation general meetings.

6. Voting in Constituency Group Meetings

Each delegate belonging to a Federation constituency group shall have one vote in meetings of the constituency group, except where provided for by the relevant Standing Resolutions.

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7. Reporting Structure

a. Commissioners shall make reports to their respective constituency groups when requested by the constituency group. The reports shall be made available to the membership.

b. National Executive Representatives and Commissioners with a vote on the National Executive must be ratified by plenary.

c. Constituency groups are not otherwise obligated to report to plenary.

BYLAW IX - CAUCUSES

1. **General Description**

   A caucus shall be comprised of Federation member local associations with a common interest or concern.

2. **Establishment of Caucuses**

   A caucus may be established subject to the following procedure:

   a. a group of member local associations, wishing to be established as a caucus, shall apply in writing to the national plenary for recognition;

   b. upon receipt of an application by a prospective caucus, the national plenary shall strike a review committee comprised of at least one representative of the proposed caucus and such other persons as selected by the national plenary, to review and make a recommendation concerning the application;

   c. in the event that the review committee recommends the establishment of a caucus, its report to the national plenary must consist of a draft standing resolution outlining the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the caucus; and

   d. a caucus must, as a stated goal, support the Statement of the Purpose of the Federation.

3. **Designated Caucuses**

   The designated caucuses of the Federation are:
   - National Aboriginal Caucus
   - Caucus of College and Institute Associations
   - Caucus of Large Institute Associations
   - Caucus of Small University Associations
   - National Graduate Caucus

4. **Caucuses Rights**

   a. **Appointment of Representatives to General Meeting Committees**

      A caucus shall have the right to appoint representatives to committees at all Federation national general meetings.

   b. **Establishment of Committees**

      A caucus may establish steering committees or other standing committees.

   c. **Policy**

      A caucus may establish policy in its own name provided the policy does not contradict policy of the Federation.

5. **Scheduling of Meetings**

   Meetings of caucuses shall be held during Federation general meetings.

6. **Voting in Caucus Meetings**

   Each member local association belonging to a Federation caucus shall have one vote in meetings of the caucus, except as provided for by the relevant Standing Resolutions.

BYLAW X - FINANCES

1. **Financial Year**

   The Fiscal year of the Federation will end on June 30th.

2. **Cheques**

   a. All cheques, bills of exchange, or other notes for the payment of money issued in the name of the Federation must be signed by the Chairperson, the Treasurer and/or such officers or agents of the Federation and in such manner as will from time to time be determined by the National Executive.

   b. The Treasurer or any such officer or agent may alone endorse notes, drafts for collection by, or deposit with the financial institutions which hold the accounts of the Federation and may alone arrange, settle, balance, and certify all accounts with those institutions.

3. **Borrowing**

   The National Executive shall be empowered to:

   a. borrow money on the credit of the Federation;

   b. limit or increase the amount to be borrowed;

   c. issue or sell debentures or other securities of the Federation and set the sums and prices thereof;

   d. secure each securities, or any other legal liability of the Federation, by mortgages or pledge of any or all present or future property, undertaking, or rights of the Federation; and

   e. delegate to any of the officers or members of the Executive any of the powers conferred by the previous clauses of this Section (Bylaw XI, Section 3) and set the extent or terms of such delegation.

4. **Auditors**

   The voting members shall appoint auditors of the Federation at each semi-annual general meeting of members, to audit the books of the Federation until the next semi-annual general meeting, provided the directors may fill a vacancy in the post of auditor if one arises. The remuneration of the auditor may be fixed by the National Executive.

BYLAW XI - OFFICERS

1. For official purposes, the Officers of the Federation will be the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, the Treasurer and such other persons as the National Executive may from time to time determine.
2. The remuneration and conditions of employment of all officers will be settled from time to time by the National Executive subject to confirmation of remuneration by the voting members at the next general meeting of the Federation.

BYLAW XII - SEAL, DOCUMENTS, AND RECORDS

1. Custodian of the Seal and Records

The National Executive will appoint one member of the staff of the Federation to be the custodian of the seal of the Federation and of all books, papers, records, correspondence, contracts and other documents belonging to the Federation.

2. Execution of Documents

a. Deeds, transfers, licenses, contracts, and engagements on behalf of the Federation will be signed by two Officers of the Federation and, where required, have the seal of the Federation affixed.

b. The Treasurer or any other person appointed by the National Executive for that purpose may transfer or accept the transfer of any and all shares, bonds, or other securities in the name of the Federation; may affix the seal and deliver under the seal of the Federation all documents necessary for such purposes, including the appointment of attorneys.

c. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the National Executive may at any time direct the manner in which any contract, obligation, or instrument of the Federation is executed.

3. Books and Records

The National Executive is responsible for ensuring that all books and records required by law or by these Bylaws are regularly and properly kept.

BYLAW XIII - HEAD OFFICE

The head office of the Federation will be in the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, and at such locations as may be determined from time to time by the National Executive.

BYLAW XIV - OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official languages of the Federation shall be French, English, and Aboriginal Languages. The working languages of the Federation shall be French and English.

BYLAW XV - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

1. **Procedure for Amendment**

   The Constitution and Bylaws of the Federation may only be repealed or amended by the vote of at least two-thirds of the voting members present at a general meeting.

2. **Notice**

   Notice of the substance of an amendment to this Constitution and Bylaws must be received by the National Executive at least six weeks before the general meeting at which it is to be considered. The National Executive shall mail notice of all proposed amendments to the voting members not less than four weeks before the general meeting at which they are to be considered. All said proposed amendments shall be made available simultaneously in both working languages of the Federation. The declaration of the National Executive that due notice has or has not been served will be held to be necessary proof of notice or of the lack therefof, unless evidence to the contrary is presented.

3. **Amendment of Preamble**

   It is understood that the Preamble is a fundamental document and should not be amended except after extensive consultation amongst the Provincial Components and member local associations of the Federation.

4. **Implementation of Constitution and By-law Amendments**

   The repeal or amendment of this Constitution and Bylaws will not be enforced or acted upon until the approval of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has been obtained.

BYLAW XVI - WINDING UP

Upon the winding up of the Federation, all assets of the Federation will be left to another non-profit organisation promoting the interests of students in Canada at a national level, which has policies, aims and goals congruent with those of the Federation.

BYLAW XVII - INTERPRETATION

1. **Number and Gender of Words**

   Unless the context requires otherwise, all pronouns and possessive adjectives used in these Bylaws refer to persons of either gender, and all singular or plural meanings.

This is Exhibit "B" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 26th day of May, 2008.

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Establishment and Revision of Rules: R-1

1. Rules regulate the conduct of Board of Directors business to ensure that Board of Directors' business is conducted fairly and efficiently.

2. A motion to establish or amend a Rule shall be given two weeks notice of motion, and shall be referred to the Constitution and Policy Review Committee for a recommendation and for a report on its impact and effects, and its compatibility with the Constitution and By-Laws and other Rules, Standing Orders, and Administrative Policies of the Society.

3. A Rule shall be adopted or amended only by a 2/3rds majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Board of Directors.

4. Suspension of a Rule shall be for a definite time period and purpose, to be specified in the motion to suspend, and shall require 2/3rds majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Board of Directors. Any motion to suspend Rule 1 shall be out of order.

Establishment and Revision of Standing Orders: R-2

1. Standing Orders regulate the ongoing conduct of Board of Directors and are used to specify its relationship to various committees and other groups.

2. A motion to establish or amend a Standing Order shall be given two weeks notice of motion, and shall be referred to the Constitution and Policy Review Committee for a recommendation and for a report on its impact and effects, and its compatibility with the Constitution and By-Laws and other Rules, Standing Orders, and Administrative Policies of the Society.

3. A Standing Order shall be adopted or amended only by a simple majority vote of members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Board of Directors.

Establishment and Revision of Administrative Policies: R-3

1. Administrative Policies regulate the business of the Society in general. Administrative Policies establish policies and procedures for the conduct of the Society's operations and provide explicit direction where needed.

2. A motion to establish or amend an Administrative Policy shall be given two weeks notice of motion, and shall be referred to the Constitution and Policy Review Committee for a recommendation and for a report on its impact and effects, and its compatibility with the Constitution and By-Laws and other Rules, Standing Orders, and Administrative Policies of the Society.

3. An Administrative Policy shall be adopted or amended only by a simple majority vote of members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Board of Directors.

Establishment and Revision of Issue Policy: R-4

1. Issue Policies are the official position that the Society takes on particular matters of concern.

2. A motion to establish or amend an Issue Policy shall be given two weeks notice, and shall be referred to the Constitution and Policy Review Committee for recommendation and for a report on its impacts and effects, and its compatibility with the Constitution and By-Laws, other Issue Policies, Rules, Standing Orders, and Administrative Policies of the Society.

3. An Issue Policy shall be adopted or amended only by a simple majority vote of members present and voting at a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors.

Establishment and Revision of Forum Policies: R-5

1. Forum Policies regulate the conduct of Student Forum business to ensure that Forum's business is conducted fairly and efficiently. Forum Policies also regulate the relationship between Forum and any advisory committees that are struck in accordance with By-Law 2.

2. Forum has the exclusive power to establish, revise, and repeal Forum Policies.

3. A motion to establish or amend a Forum Policy shall be given three weeks notice of motion, and shall be referred to the Constitution and Policy Review Committee for a recommendation and for a report on its impact and effects, and its compatibility with the Constitution and By-Laws and other Rules, Standing Orders, Administrative Policies, and Forum Policies of the Society.

4. A Forum Policy shall be adopted or amended only by a 2/3rds majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Forum.

5. Suspension of a Forum Policy shall be for a definite time period and purpose, to be specified in the motion to suspend, and shall require 2/3rds majority vote of the members present and voting at a quorate meeting of Forum.

Executive Officers Duties, Responsibilities & Stipend Requirements: R-6

1. Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers
   a. Executive Officers shall attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee called during the month.
   b. Executive Officers shall attend all meetings of Board of Directors and Forum called during the month.
   c. Executive Officers shall attend all General Meetings of the Society called during the month.
   d. Executive Officers are expected to chair at least one standing committee of the Society, and to actively participate in one other committee of the Society, other than the Executive Committee, or to which the Society nominates or appoints; the Graduate Issues Officer is expected to chair the meetings of the Graduate Issues Committee and participate in one working group of the Graduate Issues Committee as part of these requirements.
   e. Executive Officers shall complete 120 hours of work on behalf of the Society per month, with a minimum of 25 per week; shall post and keep office hours and shall submit a semi-monthly time sheet to the Treasurer confirming these hours.
   f. Executive Officers shall provide a written monthly report of their activities to Board of Directors and the Board of Directors.
   g. Executive Officers shall maintain and update the procedures manual for their respective positions.
   h. Notwithstanding the above, during the months of April, August, and December it is understood that the duties and responsibilities of Executive Officers may be reduced by a maximum 1/2 of the required hours, and that this reduction in activity shall not affect stipend allocations.

2. Stipend Eligibility for Executive Officers
   a. The eligibility of an Executive Officer for full stipend is determined by fulfilling each of the requirements of Rule 6(1). In addition, the stipend will be approved by the Board of Directors upon acceptance of a monthly written report and timesheet. In the event that a report is not approved by the Board of Directors, direction will be provided by the Board to the Treasurer to adjust the officers stipend.
   b. At the first meeting of each semester Executive Officers must offer proof of registration or proof of payment of the Student Society fee to the Board of Directors in order to be considered a member in good standing.
   c. In the event of illness Executive Officers may be excused for a maximum of 30 hours per one-year term of office. Officers elected on a temporary basis may be excused for a maximum of 10 hours per semester of office. Excused hours in any pay period must be fulfilled within the subsequent month.
   d. Executive Officers must submit an exit report detailing their activities during their term in office in order to receive their final stipend. Failure to do so within ten (10) business days following the end of their term will result in a $150 deduction per week from the final stipend, unless extenuating circumstances exist. Further, Executive Officers who have been reelected to a subsequent term on Board will have all further stipends withheld until such time as an exit report has been submitted.

3. Stipends for Executive Officers
   In recognition of the time Executive Officers volunteer the Society provides a stipend of $1500.00 per month.

Faculty Representative and At-Large Board of Directors Duties, Responsibilities & Stipend Requirements: R-7

1. Duties and Responsibilities of Directors
   a. A member of the Board of Directors (A Director) shall attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the board of directors called during the month.
   b. Directors shall attend all General Meetings of the Society called during the month.
   c. Directors will be expected to participate in the work of the Society, including but not limited to: informing students in their faculty of the Society's activities, forwarding issues of importance from their faculty to the Board of Directors, assisting with projects and campaigns, and facilitating communications between the Society and its members.
   d. Directors shall be expected to make efforts to attend departmental student union general meetings, and to report the activities of the Society to unions within their faculty if requested.
   e. With the exception of the At-Large Graduate Representative, directors shall be a member of and actively participate on at least two standing committees and one working group of the Society.
   f. The At-Large Graduate Representative shall be a member of and actively participate on the Graduate Issues Committee, one additional standing committee, and working group of the Graduate Issues Committee.
   g. All Directors shall be required to submit a timesheet of their hours for each month to the treasurer. Each director shall volunteer a minimum of 60 hours per month to the Society in order to meet their stipend requirements.
   h. Not withstanding the above, during the months of April, August, and December it is understood that the duties and responsibilities of Faculty and At-large Representatives may be reduced by a maximum of 1/2 of the required hours, and that this reduction in activity shall not affect stipend allocations.

2. Stipend Eligibility of Directors
   a. The eligibility of a Faculty or At-large representative for full stipend is determined by fulfilling each of the requirements of Rule 7(1). In addition, the stipend will be approved by the Board of Directors upon acceptance of a monthly written report and timesheet. In the event that a report is not approved by the Board of Directors, direction will be provided by the Board to the Treasurer to adjust the officers stipend.
   b. At the first meeting of each semester each Faculty and At-large representative must offer proof or registration or proof of payment of the Student Society fee to the Board of Directors in order to be considered a member in good standing.
   c. In the event of illness Faculty and At-large representatives may be excused by a maximum of 15 hours per one-year term of office. Officers elected on a temporary basis may be excused for a maximum of 5 hours per semester of office. Excused hours in any pay period must be fulfilled within the subsequent month.
   d. Faculty and At-large representatives must submit an exit report detailing their activities during their term in office in order to receive their final stipend. Failure to do so within ten (10) business days following the end of their term will result in a $150 deduction per week from the final stipend, unless extenuating circumstances exist. Further, Faculty and At-Large Representatives who have been reelected to a subsequent term on Board will have all further stipends withheld until such time as an exit report has been submitted.

3. Stipend for Directors

In recognition of the time Directors volunteer to the Society, each director shall receive a stipend of $750.00 per month.

Reported to the Board of Directors May 1, 2004. Amended August 10, 2005, suspended on January 17 2007

Forum Representatives Duties, Responsibilities and Stipend Requirements: R-8

1. Definitions
   Forum Representatives" shall refer to Department Representatives and Constituent Group representatives as defined in Bylaw 7 – Student Forum.

2. Duties and Responsibilities of Forum Representatives
   a. Forum Representatives are encouraged and expected to participate in the work of the Society, including but not limited to: informing students in their departments of Society activities, forwarding issues and concerns of importance to members of their Department Student Union, Graduate Caucus, or Constituency Group to Board of Directors and/or appropriate Society committees, assisting with projects and campaigns, and facilitating communication between the Society and its members.
   b. Forum Representatives shall:
      i. Post in their Common Rooms or Departments and at the Society General Office a reliable means by which students can contact them.
      ii. Provide a report of their activities at the request of Board of Directors or their Department Student Union, Graduate Caucus or Constituency Group
      iii Attend all Forum Meetings, General Meetings of the Society, and no less than 75% of any General Membership Meetings called by the Department Student Union, Graduate Caucus, or Constituency Group called within the semester
   c. Forum Representatives are strongly encouraged to be a member of committees and working groups of the Society

3. Stipend Eligibility for Department Representatives
   Stipends are awarded on a per-meeting basis.

4. In recognition of the time Forum Representatives volunteer the Society provides a stipend of $30.00 per scheduled meeting attended.

R-9

Rule 9 was deleted by the Board of Directors on December 7, 2005.

Ethical Standards of Conduct for Members of Board of Directors and its Committees: R-10

1. Proper operation of a democratic student organization requires that students elected to Board of Directors or appointed by Board of Directors to a Society or University Committee be duly responsible to the membership. To this end it is imperative that:
   a. Society decisions and policy be made through the proper channels of the Society's structure.
   b. Elected and appointed positions not be used for personal gain.

2. Members of Board of Directors and Society Committees shall:
   a. Maintain the highest ideals of honor and integrity while serving on Board of Directors or a committee.
   b. Avoid any situations that could cause any person to believe that they may have brought bias or partiality to a question before Board of Directors or a committee.
   c. Avoid any situation that could impair their judgment in the performance of their elected duties while in office and carry out those duties with impartiality and equality of service to students.
   d. Declare to Board of Directors at the first opportunity their interests, or known interests of any close relatives, acquaintances or business partners, in any enterprise which proposes to transact business with the Society and should leave the place of the meeting during discussion and vote on the subject.
   e. Not use information designated confidential for the personal gain of himself or herself or any other person.
   f. Not communicate information designated confidential to anyone not entitled to receive same information.

Society Records and Property: R-11

Any documents or materials including correspondence, office supplies and equipment, received or obtained by members of Board of Directors or its committees in the course of fulfilling their duties shall be considered property of the Society and must be returned to the Society upon vacating their position.

Board of Directors Meetings, Quorum and Speaking Privileges: R-12

1. Regular meetings of Board of Directors shall be limited to three hours duration from the time when quorum has been achieved.

2. Once a meeting of Board of Directors becomes quorate, that meeting shall be considered quorate until such time that a question of quorum is raised. A question of quorum shall be treated as a point of order, as defined by Robert's Rules of Order.

3. All students who are members in good standing shall have full speaking privileges at Board of Directors Meetings.

Board of Directors Meetings, Chairperson, Honorarium and External Chair: R-13

1. Board of Directors may, by simple majority vote, appoint a person to chair Board of Directors meetings from amongst its seated members, or it may appoint a chairperson external to it.

2. An external chair shall receive a $75 honorarium per meeting s/he chairs.

3. The external chairperson shall continue to chair Board of Directors meetings during *in camera* sessions and is bound by all rules governing *in camera* sessions.

Board of Directors Meetings, Agenda, Location & Package: R-14

1. The order and items of business for Board of Directors meetings shall be as follows:
   a. Appointment of the Chair
   b. Adoption of the Agenda
   c. Guest Speaker
   d. Adoption of the Minutes
   e. Matters Arising from the Minutes
   f. Appointments/Resignations
   g. Unfinished Business
   h. Reports from Executive and Department Representatives
   i. Reports of Committees, Representatives and Delegates
   j. New Business
   k. Announcements
   l. Attachments
   m. Adjournment

2. Agenda items for regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and supporting documents must be submitted to the Society Resource Office no later than noon, three business days before a Board of Directors meeting. Board of Directors packages will be available at the Society General Office two business days prior to regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings.

3. Location
   a. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors per year shall be held at the Harbour Centre campus.
   b. At least one meeting of the Board of Directors per year shall be held at the Surrey campus.

In Camera Sessions: R-15

1. Board of Directors and its committees may by simple majority vote move items for discussion in camera. In camera items are strictly confidential and members present are bound by the provisions of Part 3 -- Directors of the Society Act (B.C.) not to disclose the proceedings of in camera sessions. In camera sessions are reserved for discussion of staff relations (in accordance with the relevant Collective Agreements or contracts), legal matters, or other matters of a sensitive or confidential nature. Only members of the Board of Directors and its committees, and invited third parties as may be required are allowed to remain in the meeting. No motions may be moved during in camera sessions.

2. For the purpose of adequately preparing for in camera sessions of the Board of Directors or its committees not relating to labour issues, members of the Board of Directors or its committees who plan on bringing forward in camera items for discussion shall provide a representative member with any documentation relating to the in camera session. The member shall then send an e-mail to the appropriate committee list alerting the committee that the representative member has said documentation. The documentation will be available for review by the committee one hour prior to the meeting where the issue will be discussed in camera. Directors are bound by the same rules as set out in s. 1 of this Rule not to disclose the contents of any documents relating to in camera sessions.

Society Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees and Working Groups: SO-1

1. Establishment of Society Committees and Working Groups
Board of Directors may at its discretion delegate its authority to standing committees, ad-hoc committees and working groups. Standing Committees are established and empowered by Board of Directors to consider and take action on routine duties and responsibilities relating to the Society on a regular and ongoing basis. Ad-hoc Committees are established and empowered by Board of Directors to consider and take action on specific duties and responsibilities relating to the Society which arise regularly, but infrequently. Working groups are established and empowered by Board of Directors or its committees to consider and take action on specific tasks or issues on an "as needed" basis. A working group is constituted for a limited duration and will be dissolved once its purpose has been served.

2. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees
   a. The terms of reference for all standing and ad-hoc committees of the Society are established by Board of Directors as Standing Orders. Committees have the authority to act in accordance with their terms of reference, but must seek direction and approval of Board of Directors on any matters of serious concern or significance to the membership of the Society.
   b. Unless otherwise specified in the Standing Order establishing the committee, standing and ad-hoc committees are chaired by an Executive Officer. Duties of the Chair include: convening regular meetings, informing committee members of meeting times and locations, preparing agendas, distributing any documents or materials to committee members, submitting attendance to the Treasurer, and reporting on committee activities to the Executive Committee and to Board of Directors.
   c. Composition of committee membership is specified by the committee's terms of reference. Unless otherwise specified in the standing order establishing the committee, only members in good standing may be appointed to a voting seat on a standing committee. Duties of committee members include: attending all meetings of the committee, representing to the best of their abilities the interests of the Society and performing any duties assigned as part of the committee's mandate.
   d. Unless otherwise specified in the Standing Order establishing the committee, members of standing and ad-hoc committees shall be elected/impeached by a simple majority vote of Board of Directors.
   e. Unless otherwise specified in the Standing Order establishing the committee, quorum for all standing and ad-hoc committees shall be a majority of the seats filled.
   f. Unless otherwise specified in the Standing Order establishing the committee, all committee members, with the exception of persons employed by the Society are voting members.
   h. For the purposes of the Standing Orders, "student(s) at-large" shall refer to those students who do not hold a position on the Board of Directors and are members in good standing of the Society. Forum member shall refer to those members who sit as members of Forum and are not members of the Board od Directors of the Society.

3. Working Groups
   a. Working groups and their mandates, authority and jurisdiction are established by a motion of a standing or ad-hoc committee or Board of Directors.
   b. The Chair of a working group is selected by and from members of the standing or ad-hoc committee or Board of Directors. Duties of the Chair include: convening regular meetings, informing committee members of meeting times and locations,

preparing agendas, distributing any documents or materials to working group members, submitting attendance to the Treasurer, and reporting on working group activities to its committee, the Executive Committee, or to Board of Directors.

c. Composition of working groups is open to all members in good standing of the Society. Duties of working group members include: attending all meetings of the working group, representing to the best of their abilities the interests of the Society and performing any duties assigned as part of the working group's mandate.

4. Meeting Times and Locations
Meeting times and locations of all standing committees, ad-hoc committees and working groups shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the vicinity of the Society's General Office.

Appointments and Resignations to and from Committees: SO-2

1. All candidates for positions on committees to which Board of Directors nominates or appoints must apply to Board of Directors.

2. Unless otherwise specified by the committee's terms of reference, members are appointed by Board of Directors for a term of office expiring April 30th each year.

3. Resignations from committees are to be delivered to the Internal Relations Officer who shall report them to the subsequent meeting of Board of Directors.

4. Any member of a committee who, without prior authorization by the committee Chair, is absent from two consecutive meetings of the committee shall be deemed to have abandoned their position on the committee and the Chair shall declare that position vacant forthwith.

Advocacy Committee: SO-3

1. Standing Committee
   The Board of Directors shall maintain as a standing committee of the Society an Advocacy Committee. This committee shall generally coordinate the advocacy and university relations' work of the Society.

2. Composition
   Chairperson: External Relations Officer
   [Ex-officio] President
   University Relations Officer
   Member Services Officer
   Two non-Executive members of the Board
   Four members of Forum, a maximum of two from the Board, nominated by Forum.
   Two students at-large
   One representative selected by and from the student members of the Board of Governors
   One representative selected by and from the student members of Senate
   One representative selected by and from the Women's Centre Collective
   One representative selected by and from the Out on Campus Collective
   One representative selected by and from the Graduate Issues Committee
   The representatives to the Canadian Federation of Students, both graduate and under graduate.
   [Non-voting] Resource Coordinator
   [Non-voting] Graduate Issues and University Relations Coordinator

   The Board of Directors shall attempt to ensure that at least one member of the committee is also a student member of the Senate Committee on University Priorities.

3. Terms of Reference
   a. Identify and prioritize issues of concern to students.
   b. Develop and coordinate strategies to address those concerns.
   c. Establish working groups to implement campaigns and take actions to address those concerns.
   d. Ensure that Society members are informed of these issues, and the steps taken to address them.
   e. Prepare the annual budget for the Advocacy Committee for consideration by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
   f. Review the progress of business through Senate, the Board of Governors, the Senate Committee on University Priorities, and the SFU Community Trust.
   g. Assist the University Relations Officer and the Graduate Issues and University Relations Coordinator in recruiting students to sit on university committees and holding these students accountable for their work.

Commercial Services Committee: SO-4

1. Standing Committee
   The Board of Directors shall maintain as a standing committee of the Society a Commercial Services Committee (CSC). This committee shall serve as a committee to generally oversee the Society's commercial services, which shall include all food, beverage and retail services, and other revenue generating departments and/or operations as determined by Board of Directors and shall not unreasonably limit the normal duties and responsibilities of the Student Society Food and Beverage Services Manager.

2. Composition
   a. Chairperson: Internal Relations Officer
   b. [Ex-officio] President
   c. Treasurer
   d. Six Board of Directors members
   e. Three Forum members
   f. One representative selected by and from the Graduate Issues Committee
   g. Two students at-large
   h. [Non-voting] One representative selected by and from non-management Food and Beverage staff
   i. [Non-voting] Financial Coordinator
   j. [Non-voting] Resource Coordinator
   k. [Non-voting] Student Society Food and Beverage Services Manager
   l. [Non-voting] Retail Services Coordinator

3. Terms of Reference
   a. Receive regular reports and recommendations from the managers of the Society's commercial services.
   b. Set goals, make decisions and give direction with respect to the operation, administration and management of the Society's commercial services and make recommendations to Board of Directors as necessary.
   c. Review the performance and operations of the Society's commercial services, ensuring the needs of the Society's members are satisfied in so far as financial and operational realities permit, and make recommendations to Board of Directors as necessary.
   d. Coordinate the preparation of the annual operating budget and the annual capital budget of the Society's commercial services for consideration by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
   e. Review and/or propose any amendments or adjustments to the annual operating budget or annual capital budget of the Society's commercial services for consideration by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
   f. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature regarding the operations of the Society's commercial services shall be held *in camera*.
   g. The Internal Relations Officer is required to call a meeting of the Commercial Services Committee a minimum of once a month.

Constitution and Policy Review Committee: SO-5

1. Standing Committee
   Board of Directors shall maintain as a standing committee of the Society a Constitution and Policy Review Committee.

2. Composition
   a. Chairperson: Executive Officer
   b. [Ex-officio] President
   c. Internal Relations Officer
   d. Three Board of Directors members
   e. Two students at-large
   f. Two representatives from Forum
   g. One at-large graduate student nominated by the Graduate Issues Committee
   h. [Non-Voting] Resource Coordinator (Research & Policy)

3. Terms of Reference
   a. Review proposals and make recommendations to amend, add and/or delete sections of the Society's Constitution, By-laws, Rules, Standing Orders, Administrative Policies and Issue Policies.
   b. Review appeals or questions regarding the interpretation and application of the Society's Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Standing Orders, Administrative Policies and Issue Policies, except those specifically reserved for other committees of the Society.

Executive Committee: SO-6

1. Standing Committee
   Board of Directors shall maintain as a standing committee of the Society an Executive Committee.

2. Composition
   a. Chairperson: President
   b. Internal Relations Officer
   c. Treasurer
   d. University Relations Officer
   e. External Relations Officer
   f. Graduate Issues Officer
   g. Member Services Officer
   h. [Non-voting] Resource Coordinator (Research and Policy)
   i. [Non-voting] Resource Coordinator (Communication)
   j. [Non-voting] Graduate Issues and University Relations Coordinator
   k. [Non-voting] Student Union Organiser

3. Quorum
   Quorum shall be four Executive Officers, two of whom must be signing officers.

4. Terms of Reference
   a. Generally coordinate the day-to-day activities of the Society.
   b. Report to Board of Directors as required on the activities of Society committees as well as other matters of importance.
   c. Recommend actions for consideration by Board of Directors and its committees.
   d. Ensure the timely implementation of all directives of Board of Directors.
   e. Between the last quorate Board of Directors meeting of each semester, and the first quorate meeting of each subsequent semester, be enabled to spend up to $20,000, make appointments to committees, and carry out the day-to-day operations of the Society.

Finance and Administrative Services Committee: SO-7

1. Standing Committee
   Board of Directors shall maintain as a standing committee of the Society a Finance and Administrative Services Committee (FASC). This committee shall generally oversee financial and internal administrative matters of the Society and shall not unreasonably limit the normal duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer.

2. Composition
   a. Chairperson: Treasurer
   b. [Ex-officio] President
   c. Internal Relations Officer
   d. Six Board of Directors members
   e. Three Forum members
   f. Two students at-large
   g. One at-large graduate student nominated by the Graduate Issues Committee
   h. [Non-voting] Financial Coordinator
   i. [Non-voting] General Office Coordinator
   j. [Non-voting] Student Union Fieldworker

3. Terms of Reference
   a. Coordinate the preparation of the annual operating budget and the annual capital budget of the Society and make recommendations to Board of Directors as necessary.
   b. Review and/or propose any amendments or adjustments to the annual operating budget or annual capital budget of the Society and make recommendations to Board of Directors as necessary.
   c. Administer the budget of the Society, including the approval of any financial disbursements or discretionary spending approved within the Society's budgets.
   d. Monitor and oversee all funds, investments and other financial assets and/or liabilities maintained by the Society and make recommendations to Board of Directors as necessary.
   e. Monitor and oversee all other financial aspects of the Society and make recommendations to Board of Directors as necessary.
   f. Make decisions and give direction with respect to the internal administrative procedures and practices of the Society including the administration of all internal services and activities of a non-commercial nature.
   g. Hear appeals of decisions taken by the Student Union Resource Office.
   h. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature regarding financial matters of the Society shall be held *in camera*.

Graduate Issues Committee: SO-8

1. Standing Committee
   Board of Directors shall maintain as a standing committee of the Society a Graduate Issues Committee (GIC).

2. Composition
   a. Chairperson: Graduate Issues Officer
   b. At Large Representative (Grad)
   c. [Ex-officio] President
   d. One graduate student from each department offering a graduate program, appointed by the respective graduate caucus of each Department Student Union. Where no graduate caucus is active, appointment shall be made by the respective Department Student Union. Where no Department Student Union is active, appointment shall be made by Board of Directors
   e. The Society's graduate students' representative on the Executive Committee of the (BC-Component) of the Canadian Federation of Students
   f. One representative selected by and from the graduate student members of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
   g. One representative selected by and from the members of the Teaching Support Staff Union
   h. [Non-voting] The Graduate Issues and University Relations Coordinator

3. Terms of Reference
   a. Provide a opportunity for discussion of issues of concern to graduate students.
   b. Advise the Executive Officers and Board of Directors on all issues of concern to graduate students.
   c. Recommend actions for consideration by Board of Directors.
   d. Encourage the participation of graduate students in all aspects of the
   e. Society's operations.
   f. Advise the Student Union Resource Office regarding the development and maintenance of Department Student Union's graduate caucuses.

4. Duties and Responsibilities of Department Representatives to the Graduate Issues Committee
   Department Representatives shall be required to fulfill the following duties and responsibilities:
   a. Department Representatives are encouraged and expected to participate in the work of the Society, including but not limited to: informing students in their departments of Society activities, forwarding issues and concerns of importance to members of their graduate caucuses to the GIC, appropriate Society committees or to Board of Directors, assisting with projects and campaigns, and facilitating communication between the Society and its members.
   b. Department Representatives shall post in their Common Rooms or Departments and at the Society General Officer a reliable means by which students can contact them.
   c. At the request of the GIC, Board of Directors or their Department Student Union graduate caucus provide a report of their caucus and/or department activities.
   d. Department Representatives shall attend all GIC Meetings called during the month.
   e. S/he shall attend all General Meetings of the Society called during the month.
   f. S/he shall attend 75% of any general membership meetings called by the Department Student Union graduate caucus during the month and shall forward the minutes of those meetings to the Student Union Resource Office.

g. S/he shall be a member of and actively participate on one committee of the Society, or to which the Society nominates or appoints.
h. Notwithstanding the above, during the months of April, August, and December it is understood that the duties and responsibilities of Department Representatives may be reduced and this reduction in activity shall not affect stipend allocations.

5. Stipend Eligibility for Department Representatives to the Graduate Issues Committee.
   a. Department Representatives shall be entitled to a stipend.
   b. The eligibility of a Department Representative for full stipend is determined by fulfilling each of the requirements in section four of this Standing Order.
      1. An excuse issued by the Chair, the Stipend Appeals Committee or by Board of Directors shall be accepted in lieu of any part of requirements (d) and (e) of section four of this Standing Order.
   c. For the first month of any term of office during which a Department Representative fails to fulfill one or more of the requirements, that individual shall receive one-half the normal stipend. For any subsequent month in which one or more requirements are not fulfilled, the individual shall not receive a stipend.

6. Stipends for Department Representatives to the Graduate Issues Committee.
In recognition of the time Department Representatives volunteer the Society shall provide a stipend of $75.00 per month.

Joint Coordinating Committee: SO-9

1. Standing Committee
   The Simon Fraser Student Society and the SFU Student Services shall maintain the Joint Coordinating Committee as a standing committee.

2. Terms of Reference
   The Committee shall coordinate services and events that are jointly administered by the Student Society and Student Services, as defined in the letter of agreement originally signed July 14, 2003.

Labour Committee: SO-10

1. Ad-hoc Committee
   Board of Directors shall maintain as an ad-hoc committee of the Society a Labour Committee.

2. Composition
   a. Chairperson: Executive Officer
   b. President (ex-officio)
   c. Internal Relations Officer
   d. Two other Executive Officers
   e. One Board of Directors member

3. Terms of Reference
   a. To fulfill the duties and responsibilities set out in Article 41 of the CUPE 5396 Collective Agreement.
   b. To negotiate Collective Agreements with CUPE 5396 and CUPE 3338.
   c. The deliberations of the committee shall be closed with no record kept.

4. Remuneration
   In recognition of the time Labour Committee representatives volunteer the Society shall provide a stipend of $12.50/hour up to a maximum of $125/week. This stipend is separate from the Executive Officer or Departmental Representative stipend. This stipend shall only be paid for time spent in collective bargaining as set out in 3(b) of this Standing Order.

5. The Chair of the Labour Committee shall maintain a confidential e-mail list containing only the official e-mail addresses of the members of the Labour Committee.

Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee Standing Order: SO-11

1. Standing Committee
   Board of Directors shall maintain as a standing committee of the Society an Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee.

2. Composition
   a. Chairperson: Treasurer
   b. Member Services Officer
   c. One Board of Directors member
   d. Two students nominated by and from the membership of Students United for Disability Support
   e. [Non-Voting] General Office Coordinator
   f. [Non-Voting] Student Union Organiser

3. Terms of Reference
   a. Review and monitor usage of the Student Society Accessibility Fund.
   b. Make decisions and give approval to accessibility related capital expenses such as technological aides.
   c. Review and make recommendations to amend, add and/or delete sections of policy relating to issues of accessibility and the Accessibility Fund.
   d. Research, maintain and approve a list of accessibility services (including prices) to be made available in the General Office.
   e. Hear appeals of decisions taken by the Student Union Resource Office, the General Office, and the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
   f. The committee shall meet at least once per semester or as required.
   g. All discussions of a sensitive or confidential nature shall be held in camera.

Stipend Appeals Committee: SO-12

1. Ad-hoc Committee
   Board of Directors shall maintain as an ad-hoc committee of the Society a Stipend Appeals Committee (SAC).

2. Election and Impeachment of Members
   Members of the SAC, with the exception of the President, shall be elected by a 2/3rds majority vote of Board of Directors. Members may only be impeached for cause and then only by a 2/3rds majority vote of Board of Directors.

3. Composition
   a. Chairperson: Board of Directors shall elect a chairperson from amongst its own members
   b. President (ex-officio)
   c. Three students at-large
   d. One at-large graduate student nominated by the Graduate Issues Committee
   The Chairperson shall not be an Executive Officer

4. Quorum
   Quorum shall be the Chair plus three other members of the committee.

5. Terms of Reference
   a. The SAC is an internal administrative body, governed by the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. Within this framework, it is free to develop procedures and practices to conduct hearings and is not constrained by strict rules of procedure and evidence.
   b. The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility over stipends, except that the Internal Relations Officer shall have responsibility over the Treasurer's stipend.
   c. The Internal Relations Officer shall have primary responsibility over excuses and leaves of absence.
   d. Any decision taken by the Treasurer or the Internal Relations Officer regarding stipends, excuses, or leaves of absence may be appealed to the SAC by the affected party. Appeals shall be in writing, and delivered to the Chair within twenty working days. In extenuating circumstances, the Chair may extend the time limits for an appellant to dispute the findings of the Treasurer or the Internal Relations Officer.
   e. Upon receiving any such appeal the Chair shall convene a meeting of the SAC within fifteen working days. If the Chair fails to convene a meeting as required the appeal shall be deemed to have been allowed by the committee.
   f. The neutrality of any member of the committee scheduled to hear a case may be challenged and will be determined by the Chair. If the neutrality of the Chair is challenged, it will be determined by the other members of the committee. A member of the committee who's own stipend is under consideration shall not be deemed neutral.
   g. The committee is responsible for interpreting any policy under consideration.
   h. The deliberations of the committee shall be closed with no record kept.
   i. The Chair of the committee shall vote only in case of a tie. No members of the committee shall abstain.
   j. The Chair shall communicate the decision of the SAC, in writing, to the affected parties within five working days of the hearing. The decision shall include reasons. If the Chair fails to communicate the decision as required the appeal shall be deemed to have been allowed by the committee.

6. Appeals

Appeals of decisions of the SAC shall be made to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Board of Directors. Board of Directors may, by a 2/3rds majority vote, overturn any decision of the SAC.

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Graduate Benefits Plan Appeals Committee: SO-13

1. Standing Committee
   Board of Directors shall maintain as a standing committee of the Society a Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals Committee.

2. Composition
   a. Chairperson: Graduate Issues Officer
   b. Co-Chair: At Large Graduate Representative (Grad)
   c. President (ex-officio)
   d. Four Representatives selected by and from the members of the Graduate Issues Committee.
   e. Two alternates selected by and from the members of the Graduate Issues Committee. Alternates may cast a vote in the absence of on or more of the Graduate Issue Committee representative.
   f. [Non-voting] Benefit Plan Coordinator
   g. [Non-voting] Graduate Issues and University Relations Coordinator

3. Quorum
   Quorum shall be the Chair, plus two other voting members of the committee. Alternate committee members shall not be considered towards quorum except in the absence of a Graduate Issues Committee representative.
   Except in extreme circumstances, the committee shall not meet without the presence of the Benefit Plan Coordinator.

4. Terms of Reference
   a. The Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals Committee is an internal administrative body, governed by the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. Within this framework, it is free to develop procedures and practices to conduct hearings.
      i. Notwithstanding section 4.b, discussions around procedures and practices for conducting hearings may be recorded for future reference.
   b. Meetings of the Appeals committee are closed and no record shall be kept of the proceedings. Pursuant to the Privacy Policy (Administrative Policy), members of the committee are prohibited from disclosing any information about an appeal, any deliberations of the committee or any decisions of the committee.
      i. To protect confidentiality and the integrity of the Appeals Committee, with the exception of the Chair, the appeals committee member names and contact information shall remain confidential.
   c. For all eligible Appeals, the Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals Committee shall:
      i. Determine whether an appellant who is not eligible for coverage based on the standard eligibility for enrolment criteria will be allowed to opt-in to the dental/extended health plan(s).
      ii. Determine whether an appellant who is eligible for coverage based on the standard eligibility for enrolment criteria and who does not have comparable coverage will be allowed to opt-out of the extended health / dental plan.
      iii. Determine whether an Appellant has demonstrated financial need and if so whether they can opt out based on this.
      iv. Determine whether an Appellant can opt out based on a case wherein their personal security and well-being may be endangered by the release of personal information and if so whether they can opt out based on this.
      v. Determine whether an Appellant can opt out where the appellant failed to meet the plan deadlines due to documented physical incapacity due to illness, work schedule or residential constraints.

d. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Co-Chair will assume the Chair's duties until such time as the Chair returns.
e. Upon receiving a complete and eligible appeal the Chair must convene a meeting of the Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals Committee within fifteen working days.
f. The neutrality of any member of the committee scheduled to hear a case may be challenged and will be determined by the Chair. If the neutrality of the Chair is challenged, it will be determined by the other members of the committee. A member of the committee who's own Appeal is under consideration shall not be deemed neutral.
g. The Chair of the committees shall vote only in case of a tie. No members of the committee shall abstain.
h. The Chair shall communicate the decision of the Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals Committee to the appellant in writing, within five working days of the hearing. The decision shall include reasons.

5. Appeals
All decisions made by the Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals committee are final.

Surrey Campus Committee: SO-14

1. Standing Committee
   Board of Directors shall maintain as a standing committee of the Society a Surrey Campus Committee.

2. Definitions
   In this Standing Order, "SFU Surrey student" means a student who is enrolled in at least one course located primarily at SFU Surrey

3. Composition:
   a. One representative of each Departmental Student Union or Graduate Caucus with members enrolled at SFU Surrey
   b. One representative from each first year cohort-based program located at SFU Surrey
   c. Three SFU Surrey students at-large
   d. One Board of Directors liaison
   e. [Non-voting] Student Union Organiser
   f. [Ex-officio] President

4. Terms of Reference
   a. Provide an opportunity for discussion of issues of concern to SFU Surrey students.
   b. Advise the Board of Directors on all issues of concern to SFU Surrey students.
   c. Recommend actions for consideration by the Board of Directors.
   d. Encourage the participation of SFU Surrey students in all aspects of the Society's operations.
   e. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the University, in liaison with the University Relations Officer.
   f. Represent campus-specific issues of concern to the external community, in liaison with the External Relations Officer.
   g. Coordinate campus-wide activities in liaison with active Departmental Student Unions or Graduate Caucuses.

5. Election of Members
   a. The Departmental Student Union or Graduate Caucus representatives shall be elected by and from among the members of the Departmental Student Union or Graduate Caucus who are SFU Surrey students.
   b. The representatives of each first year cohort-based program shall be elected by and from among the students enrolled in that program. The election shall be conducted by the committee in accordance with Special Rules of Order to be specified by the committee.
   c. The students at-large shall be elected by and from among SFU Surrey students. The election shall be conducted by the committee in accordance with Special Rules of Order to be specified by the committee.

6. Removal of Members
   a. The DSU representatives may be removed from office in accordance with procedures that may be adopted by the DSU.
   b. The representatives of each first year cohort-based program may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the students enrolled in that program. Such a vote shall be conducted at a meeting that shall be called by the committee upon the request of any four students enrolled in that program.

c. The students at-large may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the SFU Surrey students. Such a vote shall be conducted at a meeting that shall be called by the committee upon the request of any four SFU Surrey students.

7. Term of Office
   a. The term of office of Departmental Student Union or Graduate Caucus representatives shall be in accordance with procedures that may be adopted by the Departmental Student Union or Graduate Caucus.
   b. The term of office of representatives of first year cohort-based programs and students at-large shall be determined by a special rule of order of the committee.

8. Chairperson
   Notwithstanding SO-1 (Society Standing Committees, Ad-hoc Committees and Working Groups), the chairperson shall be elected by and from among the voting members of the committee.

9. Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules
   a. In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, the committee may adopt special rules of order and standing rules to regularize its business.
   b. The Student Union Organiser shall maintain the official copy of the committee's special rules of order and standing rules. A copy shall also be kept available at the SFU Surrey campus.

10. Funding
   a. Subject to budgetary considerations, the committee shall receive funding in accordance with the rules specified in AP-16 (Departmental Student Unions and Graduate Caucuses) for Departmental Student Union or Graduate Caucus, and may have both a core account and a trust account with the Society.
   b. For the purpose of this section, the 'membership' of the committee shall be deemed to consist of all SFU Surrey students.

Graduate Benefit Plan Reserve Fund Committee: SO-15

1. Ad-hoc Committee

   Board of Directors shall maintain as an ad-hoc committee of the Society a Graduate Benefit Plan Reserve Fund Committee.

2. Composition

a. Chairperson: Graduate Issues Officer

b. President (ex-officio)

c. Treasurer

d. At-Large Representative (Grad)

e. Two Board of Directors members

f. Two representatives selected by and from the members of the Graduate Issues Committee.

g [Non-voting] Benefit Plan Coordinator

h. [Non-voting] Financial Coordinator

3. Terms of Reference

The committee shall allocate the annual reserve fund, as set out in the Health Plan department budget. This may include, but is not limited to, funds to be distributed by the Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals Committee, and workshops.

Absence, Leave, Resignation: AP-1

1. Resignation of directors according to section 1 of by-law 5:
2. In order to comply with the provisions of section 1 of by-law 5, which requires each director of the Society to be registered as a student in at least two of the three semesters comprising their tenure of office, each person who is elected or appointed to be a director of the Society shall submit to the Society and to the University Registrar their written consent for the University Registrar to, at any time during their tenure of office, produce a report on their registration status in each of the three semesters comprising their tenure of office and to make this information available to the Society's Financial Coordinators and to any member of the Society upon request. They shall give this consent no later than the first day of their tenure of office as a director and they shall not withdraw this consent until the last day of their tenure of office.
3. Any person not giving consent as required in subsection a. shall be deemed not to be registered for classes for the purposes of section 1 of by-law 5.
4. For the purposes of this policy, a report under subsection a. shall list whether the subject of the report is currently registered in a course, program, or graduate program at the University, and for each of the previous semesters in their term of office, if the subject was so registered in that semester.
5. The Society's Financial Coordinators will,
6. no later than one week before the first scheduled meeting of Forum in each semester, and,
7. as soon as possible after the University's last class "drop date" in each semester, obtain from the University Registrar reports pursuant to subsections a. on the registration status of each director of the Society.
8. The Society's Financial Coordinators will, in the case of a director elected in a by-election or appointed by Forum or by ordinary resolution to be a director, obtain from the University Registrar a report on the registration status of that person on, or as soon as possible after, the first day of that director's tenure of office.
9. As soon as possible after obtaining the reports given in subsections d. and e., the Society's Financial Coordinators shall distribute to the members of the Student Forum those reports along with a list of any directors who have paid their society fee for that semester directly to the Society and a list of any directors who owe to the Society any fee, fine, or penalty levied by the Society in accordance with the Society's by-laws or regulations.
10. Upon receipt of registration and fee-payment reports produced under this section, Forum shall review the report and shall advise the Board if they agree with the findings in those reports as they relate to the application of section 1 of by-law 5.
11. If Forum shall disagree with any information provided to it under this section, it shall provide clear and concise reasons to the Society of the nature of its disagreement with the report and the Society shall pursue those issues and a report on the issue will be provided to Forum as soon as possible.
12. For the purposes of administering section 1 of by-law 5, except as given otherwise in this policy, the Society shall consider each director to be a member in good standing until such time as Forum has agreed with the content of the report indicating that the director is not a member in good standing. Further, once Forum has agreed with the content of a report indicating that a director is not a member in good standing, the Society shall deem that person to not to be a member in good standing, and they shall cease to be a director of the Society according to section 1 of by-law 5.

Access, Society Offices: AP-2

1. Key Control
   a. Only the President and the General Office Coordinators shall be entitled to authorize the University to issue keys.
   b. The General Office Coordinators shall maintain control over temporary keys.
   c. All keys are held at the discretion of the Society and must be returned upon request. Key deposit costs shall be covered by the Society for the Internal Relations Officer and the Treasurer. For all Board members, final paycheques will be withheld until proof of key return is submitted to the General Office Coordinator.
   d. Department Representatives shall not have keys to Society Offices, unless they are entitled to specific office keys as the Surrey Campus Liaison.
   e. Executive Officers shall have keys to all Society Offices. However, only the Internal Relations Officer and the Treasurer shall have keys to the Society's commercial service areas and Finance Office, and no Executive Officer shall have a key to the Ombuds Office.
   f. The Society's Food and Beverage Services Manager shall have keys to the Society's commercial service areas and Finance Office. The Surrey Campus Liaison shall have keys to the society's offices in Surrey, including all areas except commercial areas unless they are entitled to hild these keys as the Internal Relations Officer or the treasurer outside of their role as the Surrey Campus Liaison.
   g. Society Managers, Permanent employees, Term employees and Temporary Project Workers shall have keys to their office or work area(s).
   h. Except for the Staff Room, Student employees shall not have keys to Society Offices.
   i. At Large and Faculty Representatives of the Board of Directors shall only receive a key to the Board of Directors Office, unless they are the Surrey Campus Liaison.

2. Restricted Areas
   a. No one shall access the Board of Directors Office unless a Board member is present, or unless they are an employee of the Society and have been given direction to the contrary by a Board member.
   b. No one shall access the Ombuds Office unless the Ombudsperson is present.
   c. No one shall access the offices of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) unless a member of the IEC is present. No one, other than members of the IEC, shall have a key to the offices of the IEC without the written permission of the IEC.

3. Constituency Group Offices
   a. Each Constituency Group shall select from its members up to three members who would be eligible to be issued keys to Maggie Benston Centre Room 2240.
   b. General Office staff may open the door to Maggie Benston Centre Room 2240 for any constituency group member during office hours.

2. Restricted Areas
   a. No one shall access the Board of Directors Office unless a Board member is present, or unless they are an employee of the Society and have been given direction to the contrary by a Board member.

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Activity Fee: AP-3

1. The Student Activity Fee shall be non-refundable.

2. Simon Fraser University students aged sixty years or more at the commencement of the summer semester, and who are Canadian citizens or who hold permanent resident status in Canada, are honorary members in good standing of the Society and are exempt from the Student Activity Fee.

3. Students only taking audit courses shall be exempt from the Student Activity Fee.

4. The following groups of students shall only be charged half the regular Student Activity Fee:
   a. students in "off-campus" programs, defined as programs housed outside the SFU Burnaby, SFU Vancouver, SFU Surrey and Great Northern Way campuses.
   b. students taking three or fewer course hours for credit
   c. students taking Summer Session courses only
   d. students taking Intersession courses only

5. The Finance and Administrative Services Committee shall request and review a report from the University once a semester that indicates:
   a. the total value of the Student Activity Fee that was collected.
   b. the numbers of students, broken down by category and by part- and full-time status, who are exempt from paying the Student Activity Fee or who are only charged half the fee.
   c. the numbers of students, broken down by part- and full-time status, who are enrolled in courses at the SFU Program in Kamloops, and the total value of the fees collected from them.

6. As the Society receives fees from the University they shall be apportioned among the Society and affiliate organizations for which fees are collected.

7. Society members who are studying at another institution as part of a formal exchange program continue to be assessed and pay Society fees at Simon Fraser University. Students from another institution who are taking course work or conducting research under a formal exchange program or as a graduate student from another Canadian university shall not be assessed Society fees.

Advertising on Campus: AP-4

1. If excessive or inappropriate advertising occurs, those responsible will be subject to any or all of the following:
   a. A written reprimand
   b. The removal of posters
   c. The suspension of their privileges to use space

2. General Office staff shall make the determination of what constitutes excessive or inappropriate advertising.

3. All appeals to the General Office staff's determination shall be directed to the Board of Directors.

4. This policy shall not apply to campaign materials for University or Student Society elections or referenda.

Anti-Racism: AP-5

1. The Society recognizes racism as a form of discrimination that deprives the community of full participation by its members. The Society supports an environment that protects and promotes the dignity, worth, and human rights of every person and encourages mutual respect and cooperation among individuals. Furthermore, the Society:
   a. Acknowledges the challenge of becoming responsive to the needs of a pluralistic community
   b. Affirms that the racial, ethno-cultural, lingulstic and religious diversity of its members and employees is a source of enrichment and strength for the organization and the University; and
   c. Commits to elimnating barriers that racial, ethno-cultural, lingulstic and religious groups encounter in the course of their efforts to participate in education and employment opportunities

2. The Society is committed to:
   a. Promoting an inclusive environment where racial equality is fundamental to its goals and philosophy
   b. Creating an understanding that race relations issues must not be trivialized or marginalized
   c. Cultivating a mutual acceptance of cultural diversity among its members and employees
   d. Taking into account the anticipated impact on the diverse membership when creating new programs, policies, and services
   e. Working with its employees to ensure that Collective Agreements and employment practices reflect the organizations commitment to effectively dealing with issues of racism
   f. Organizing campaigns for the purpose of increasing awareness about racism with the goal of creating a learning environment in which all members of the community can fully participate; and
   g. Lobbying the University to develop policies and procedures to effectively deal with issues of racism, including:
      i) An on-going review and evaluation of University curricula, programs, policies, hiring practices, services, and methods of service delivery with the goal of removing inequities and biases
      ii) A recognition that curricula must present a global view of the community which includes the experiences and achievements of diverse cultural groups
      iii) Recognition of the value and importance of first language(s) and educational experiences of First Nations students
      iv) Continued support of English as a Second Language programs
      v) Training, guidance and support for members, faculty, administration and staff, to enhance cross-cultural understanding, mutual respect, unlearning racism, and acceptance of cultural diversity; and
      vi) Support for an Ethnic Relations Officer and appropriate counseling services for people of colour and First Nations people

Conference Room, Forum Chambers and Atrium Bookings: AP-6

1. Audio-Visual Equipment
   a. Student groups may borrow audio-visual equipment for student activities, except that students who require equipment for class projects shall arrange to borrow it through their departments.
   b. For audio-visual equipment set-up involving an audio-visual technician, or for equipment that is to be used off-campus, borrowers shall complete an Instructional Media Centre Work Order to be signed by a General Office Coordinator.
   c. Where there will be a charge for a student group with no Society budget or Trust Account, a deposit or pre-payment shall be required.

2. Rooms, except for the Graduate Student Lounge, may be booked by completing an appropriate form and attaching the name and contact information of two people.

3. The walls which separate the Society's conference rooms may only be opened or closed by a trained employee or trained Directors of the Society. Between Friday, 4:00 pm and Monday 10:00 am, all the walls be opened. Between Monday and Thursday after 4:00 pm the wall configurations will be set and may not be moved.

4. Groups booking the Society's conference rooms, the Atrium and the Forum Chambers must return the room to the original set-up as laid out by posted diagrams. Groups who do not complete this requirement may have their booking privileges revoked and/or restricted for up to one semester. Any cost incurred on behalf of an event will be forwarded to the group.

5. Non-paying groups may make up to 2 conference room bookings. Any subsequent booking may only be made at the end of the current bookings. Groups may book the Forum Chambers on a semesterly basis.

6. Furniture may not be removed from any conference room, the Atrium or the Forum Chambers of the Society, unless given prior permission by a General Office employee. All applicable work orders must be forwarded to the General Office for prior approval.

7. The General Office reserves the right to require a deposit from groups who are hosting events involving food in conference rooms, the Atrium and the Forum Chambers. The deposit to will be returned upon a clean inspection by a General Offic

8. The conference rooms, the Atrium and the Forum Chambers are not available for booking between the last working day in December and the first school day of the Spring semester.

9. Any group or individual booking conference rooms, Forum Chambers or the Atrium for the purpose of review or exam preparatory sessions relating to (a) Simon Fraser University course(s) may charge:
   a. For admission to the session, a maximum of $5/student, and
   b. For materials provided at the session, a maximum of the cost of producing the materials.
   c. For the purposes of s. (b), materials so produced may cost no more than:
      i. For printing, no more than the price of printing at Quad Books
      ii. $1.00 per data or audio compact disc
      iii. $4.00 per data or video DVD

Budget: AP-7

1. The fiscal year for the Society shall be from May 1st to April 30th.

2. Board of Directors shall, on recommendation of the Treasurer and the Finance and Administrative Services Committee, set an annual budget for the Society each spring semester preceding the commencement of each new fiscal year. The Finance and Administrative Services committee shall review the Society's annual budget six months into each fiscal year, taking into account actual revenues and expenditures to date, and make recommendations to Board of Directors as necessary.

3. Board of Directors shall ensure that the annual budget of the Society, to the best of its ability, reasonably and accurately reflects the projected levels of revenues and expenditures in all areas and departments (including all commercial service areas) of the Society for the new fiscal year in a consolidated and comprehensive manner.

4. Internal budgets for all departments and areas of the Society shall be, at a minimum broken down semesterly; except that internal budgets for commercial service departments shall be broken down monthly.

5. The annual budget of the Society shall maintain, at a minimum, a net surplus or return to members' equity in an amount equal to or greater than 5% of the Society's net student activity fee revenue for that fiscal year. This requirement shall remain in force and effect until such time as the net assets or members' equity of the Society, as indicated by the audited financial statements of the Society, is equal to or greater than the equivalent of 30% of the Society's annual net student activity fee revenue.

6. Department and area coordinators and/or managers shall be responsible for monitoring their departments' or areas' budgets monthly and semesterly. No expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted shall be permitted without the specific authorization of Board of Directors. Projected Expenditures for an event or campaign of the Society must not exceed the amount remaining in the relevant line item(s).

7. The Society's Finance Office shall maintain and prepare monthly statements of revenues and expenditures for each internal department and area no later than the 15th day of the following month. Department and area coordinators and/or managers shall review and regularly monitor such statements.

8. Changes to amounts allocated to line items within department budgets require the approval of the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.

Canadian Federation of Students, National and BC-Component General Meetings: AP-8

1. The delegation to the National and Provincial meetings of the Federation will consist of:
   a. One Executive Officer selected by the Executive Committee
   b. CFS BC-Component Undergraduate Executive Representative or alternate member selected by Board of Directors
   c. CFS BC-Component Graduate Executive Representative or alternate member selected by the Graduate Issues Committee
   d. One student enrolled at and selected by the SCES-SFU Student Society
   e. One staff person from the Advocacy Area selected by the Executive Committee
   f. Any other members in good standing of the Society selected by Board of Directors

2. The Board of Directors will review all motions submitted with due notice to National and Provincial meetings of the Federation.

3. At plenary sessions of National and Provincial meetings of the Federation, the delegation shall abstain from all votes unless a majority of delegates favours voting in favour or against a motion.

4. Delegates to National and Provincial meetings of the Federation will participate in the production of a report regarding these meetings to be presented to the Board of Directors no later than six (6) weeks after the end of the meeting.

Cheques, Receipt of Payment by: AP-9

1. The Society may accept for payment a cheque, provided that it is personalized and supported by at least two acceptable pieces of identification, at least one of which shall be photo identification.

2. A $25 charge shall be applied towards all NSF cheques.

Cheque Requisitions: AP-10

1. All Society expenditures shall be authorized by Board of Directors, or by resolution of an appropriate Society committee.

2. This section shall not apply to the Food and Beverage Services department.
   a. Cheque requisitions shall be "requested" and "approved" by two different individuals.
   b. Cheque requisitions for Society Clubs shall be approved by a General Office Coordinator.
   c. Cheque requisitions shall only be approved by an Executive Officer.
   d. Cheque requisitions for donations approved by a standing committee shall be requested by the chair of the respective committee.
   e. Cheque requisitions for donations approved by the Board of Directors or Forum shall be requested by the Treasurer.
   f. Before a cheque is issued, a duly authorized cheque requisition and documentation satisfactory to the Society's auditor shall be supplied to the Finance Office.

Childcare Expenses: AP-11

1. Members of Forum, the Board of Directors and the Graduate Issues Committee, and all members of the Society's committees and working groups, shall be entitled to reimbursement of childcare expenses that result from their involvement in meetings of the Society.

2. Childcare expenses shall be reimbursed up to $5 per hour per child to a maximum of $100 per semester for Forum representatives and students at-large, $250 per semester for Faculty and At-Large members of the Board of Directors, and Graduate Issues Committee, and to a maximum of $2000 per semester for Executive Officers.

3. Applications for reimbursement shall be made to the Finance Office and shall be accompanied by supporting documentation satisfactory to the Society.

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Clubs: AP-12

1. Membership Criteria
   a. Club membership shall be open to all members of the University community.
   b. Each club shall consist of a minimum of ten members in good standing of the Society for the first three semesters of operation. Thereafter, each club shall consist of a minimum of twenty members in good standing of the Society.

2. Registration Criteria
   a. To be eligible for initial registration the club shall submit to the General Office:
      i. A membership list
      ii. A list of Executive Committee members (or other contact persons) and signing officers
      iii. A written constitution that shall include:
         a. A statement of aim(s) and purposes
         b. Procedures for holding meetings of its membership
         c. The composition of and election procedures for an Executive Committee (or equivalent)
         d. A clause which requires the transfer of all assets to the Society upon dissolution of the club
   b. To remain eligible for registration the club shall submit to the General Office each semester:
      i. An updated membership list
      ii. A list of current Executive Committee members (or other contact persons) and signing officers
      iii. A written copy of any changes to the Constitution duly made in the previous semester

3. Type I Clubs:
   a. Type I clubs collect membership fees, receive a core budget grant from the Society, and maintain a core operating fund and/or a Society trust account. Any student groups that receive extensive external funding shall not be eligible for registration as Type I clubs.
   b. Determinations of "extensive external funding" shall be made at the discretion of the General Office Coordinators. "Extensive external funding" may include but will not be limited to direct funding from an organization of the same name, or in kind donations from an external organization.
   c. Type I clubs shall collect a minimum membership fee of $2 per semester for each member in good standing of the Society. All other members shall be charged a minimum of $5 per semester. Membership fees shall be held by the Society in the respective core operating fund account.
   d. Type I clubs shall submit to the Society each semester a core budget grant application. Subject to budgetary constraints core budget grants shall be allocated by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee on a semesterly basis.
   e. Unused core operating funds for Type I clubs, including membership fees, shall revert to the Society at the end of each semester. Unused funds held in the trust accounts of Type I clubs shall carry forward semester to semester.
   f. Unused funds held in the trust accounts of Type I and Type II clubs shall carry forward semester to semester, except that if a club becomes inactive all funds shall revert to the Society after a minimum of two years of inactivity by the club. The funds shall be reallocated following the clubs registration deadline in the Fall semester. All such funds shall revert to the general clubs line item.

g. Type I clubs that met the registration criteria in the previous semester may be eligible for reimbursement of up to $50 in expenses in advance of the distribution of semesterly core budget allocations to assist in preparations for Clubs Days.
h. Type I clubs shall not maintain separate bank accounts.

4. Type II Clubs:
   a. Type II clubs do not collect membership fees, do not receive a core budget grant from the Society, and may maintain a separate bank account. Type II clubs may apply to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee for special event funding.
   b. Up to $150 from Type II club funding may be granted at the discretion of the General Office Coordinators for the completion of SFU Work Orders.
   c. The signing officers of Type II clubs shall sign a Club Liability Disclaimer and advise all club members of the nature of the disclaimer.

5. Financial Accountability
   a. Any request for reimbursement shall be made by the clubs signing officers and shall be supported by documentation satisfactory to the Society.
   b. Reimbursement of amounts of less than $50 may be paid out in cash.
   c. Reimbursement of amounts of more than $50 shall be by cheque.
   d. Membership fees, core operating grants and special event funding shall not be spent on alcohol or used to provide stipends to any club member.

6. Recognition of Society Sponsorship
   a. All club publications and/or promotional materials shall include the phrase "sponsored by the Simon Fraser Student Society" in a prominent location.

7. Appeals Process
   a. The General Office Coordinators shall have administrative authority over club operations, and may suspend the activities of any club found to have violated any Society By-Law, Rule, Standing order, or Administrative Policy.
   b. Decisions of the General Office Coordinators may be appealed, in writing, to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.

Conference Funding: AP-13

1. The Society shall maintain a Travel/Conference Fund that shall be administered by the Society's Finance Office.

2. Each member shall be limited to two awards of up to $100 in total of assistance per budget year for registration, admission, and related fees; commercial accommodation; and commercial travel expenses.

3. Application shall be made in advance of the conference to the Finance Office on the appropriate form and shall be accompanied by a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Members Union or Caucus that clearly indicates endorsement of the application.

4.

   a. Applications shall be approved on a first come, first served basis.
   b. Funding Allocations
      i. Subject to budgetary constraints applications for assistance from members of departments whose combined Union and Caucus membership is equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 200 shall be declined if members from said department have already exhausted the annual total of $1600 in travel/conference funding available to them.
      ii. Subject to budgetary constraints, applications for assistance from members of departments whose combined Union and Caucus membership is greater than an annual FTE of 200 but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 300 shall be declined if members from said department have already exhausted the annual total of $1800 in travel/conference funding available to them.
      iii. Subject to budgetary constraints applications for assistance from members of departments whose combined Union and Caucus membership is greater than an annual FTE of 300, but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 500 shall be declined if members from said department have already exhausted the annual total of $2000 in travel/conference funding available to them.
      iv. Subject to budgetary constraints applications for assistance from members of departments whose combined Union and Caucus membership is greater than an annual FTE of 500, but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 750 shall be declined if members from said department have already exhausted the annual total of $2200 in travel/conference funding available to them.
      v. Subject to budgetary constraints applications for assistance from members of departments whose combined Union and Caucus membership is greater than an annual FTE of 750, but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 1000 shall be declined if members from said department have already exhausted the annual total of $2400 in travel/conference funding available to them.
      vi. Subject to budgetary constraints applications for assistance from members of departments whose combined Union and Caucus membership is greater than an annual FTE of 1000, but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 1500 shall be declined if members from said department have already exhausted the annual total of $2600 in travel/conference funding available to them.
      vii. Subject to budgetary constraints applications for assistance from members of departments whose combined Union and Caucus membership is greater than an annual FTE of 1500, but equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 2000 shall be declined if members from said

department have already exhausted the annual total of $2800 in travel/conference funding available to them.

viii. Subject to budgetary constraints applications for assistance from members of departments whose combined Union and Caucus membership is greater than an annual FTE of 2000, shall be declined if members from said department have already exhausted the annual total of $3000 in travel/conference funding available to them.

c. Subject to budgetary constraints applications for assistance from members of departments whose combined Union and Caucus membership is greater than an annual FTE of 500, but less than an annual FTE of 1000, shall be declined if members from said department have already exhausted the annual total of $2200 in travel/conference funding available to them.

d. Subject to budgetary constraints applications for assistance from members of departments whose combined Union and Caucus membership is greater than an Annual FTE of 1000 shall be declined if members from said department have already exhausted the annual total of $2600 in conference funding available to them.

e. In those departments with both Unions and Caucuses the maximum semesterly and/or annual conference funding available shall be divided equally between them. However, either the Union or Caucus may, by way of resolution, authorize the Finance Office to allocate any unused amount from within their respective allotment to approve any outstanding applications for conference funding that originate from within that same department.

5. Reimbursement for travel/conference expenses shall be made after the conference has occurred, and after a cheque requisition supported by original receipts has been submitted to the Finance Office.

6. Application for reimbursement must be made no later than the last day of the fiscal year.

7. Any approved assistance that remains unclaimed by the end of the first month following the end of the fiscal year shall be forfeited.

Conferences/Meetings, Per Diem: AP-14

Each delegate ratified by Board of Directors shall, in addition to reasonable transportation to and from the conference/meeting place, receive $20 for each scheduled day of the conference/meeting they attend.

Corporate Affiliation: AP-15

1. Any type of affiliation or purchasing agreement between the Society and a corporation or commercial operation shall be subject to the following guidelines:
   a. Roaming canvassing on campus shall not be permitted
   b. Society membership lists shall not be made available
   c. The interests of existing Society programs, goods and services shall be given first priority when considering new programs, goods and services
   d. Any contract shall contain a cancellation clause allowing for termination of said contract without penalty to the Society in the event that this policy is breached

2. The Society shall not be affiliated with or purchase from corporations or commercial operations that:
   a. Follow unfair labor and/or business practices, including but not limited to the violation of fundamental human rights, and practices leading to increased poverty, abuse, violent or non-violent oppression, or unsafe working or living environments for individuals or groups
   b. Directly or indirectly damage the natural or human environments
   c. Sell, promote, or advertise goods or services that promote violence or discrimination as set out in the British Columbia *Human Rights Code*
   d. Appear on the Canadian Federation of Students boycott list

3. Where practicable, preference shall be given to corporations or commercial operations that:
   a. Are Canadian owned and operated
   b. Have a unionized work force
   c. Have a proven record of conducting business in accordance with this policy

Department Student Unions and Graduate Caucuses: AP-16

1. Society funds may be used to cover event costs when a Union or Caucus is a sponsor and the event is intended for purposes that are of collective benefit to the membership.

2. To be eligible for Society funding a Union or Caucus must be 'active'. To be considered active the Union or Caucus must have a constitution filed with the Student Union Resource Office and approved by the Student Union Organiser. The Union or Caucus must also submit to that Office each semester:
   a. the minutes of all properly constituted general meetings conducted in the semester for which the request is made
   b. advance electronic notice of all meetings held, in accordance with the Union or Caucus' constitution
   c. a list of current Executive Committee members (or other contact persons), signing officers and Department Representative(s)

3. In the event that a Union or Caucus remains inactive for four consecutive semesters all assets shall revert to the Society.

4.
   a. Maximum core budgets shall be allocated as outlined below subject to budgetary considerations:
      i. Unions and Caucuses that become 'active' in the first month of semester will be eligible for the full core amount.
      ii. Unions and Caucuses that become active in the second month will be entitled to 3/4 of the funding.
      iii. Unions and Caucuses that become active in the third month will be entitled to 1/2 of the funding.
      iv. Unions and Caucuses that become active in the final month of the semester will be entitled to 1/4 of the funding.
   b. Maximum core budget limits.
      i. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions or Caucuses whose membership is equivalent to or less than an annual FTE of 200 shall receive a core budget of $200/semester.
      ii. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions or Caucuses whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 200, but less than an annual FTE of 301 shall receive a core budget of $300/semester.
      iii. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions or Caucuses whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 300, but less than an annual FTE of 501 shall receive a core budget of $400/semester.
      iv. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions or Caucuses whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 500, but less than an annual FTE of 750 shall receive a core budget of $500/semester.
      v. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions or Caucuses whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 750, but less than an annual FTE of 1000 shall receive a core budget of $600/semester.
      vi. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions or Caucuses whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 1000, but less than an annual FTE of 1500 shall receive a core budget of $700/semester.
      vii. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions or Caucuses whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 1500, but less than an annual FTE of 2000 shall receive a core budget of $800/semester.
      viii. Subject to budgetary constraints Unions or Caucuses whose membership is greater than an annual FTE of 2000, shall receive a core budget of $900/semester.

c. Requests greater than $1000, or requests that would the total annual grant funding to a union or caucus in excess of $2700 of the grant line item, may be approved by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
d. Net core funds remaining from active semesters shall carry forward semester to semester, except that all unused core funds shall revert to the Society at the end of each fiscal year.
e. The signatures of two Union or Caucus officers are required to release any Society funds.
f. Unions and Caucuses may establish trust accounts for securing funds other than SFSS core or grant allocations.
g. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement within 30 days of incurring an expense and must be accompanied by supporting minutes from a properly constituted quorate meeting.

5. Grant Funding
   a. Loans or supplementary grants may be provided to assist Unions or Caucuses with their activities, with the following stipulations:
      i. Some core funds must be committed to every undertaking for which grant funding is requested.
      ii. No grant funds will be provided for strictly social events, except when the Student Union Organizer is conducting an organizing drive on behalf of the Union.
      iii. There must be active Union or Caucus involvement in the project/event.
      iv. Grant funds shall not be used for fund-raising events.
      v. Grant funds may not be donated to off-campus organizations.
      vi. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement within 30 days of incurring an expense and must be accompanied by supporting minutes from a properly constituted quorate meeting.
   b. Single requests of up to $1,000 may be approved by the Student Union Organiser, provided that the total annual grant allocation per union or caucus not exceed $2700 of the grant budget.
   c. Requests greater than $1000 or requests that would bring the total annual grant funding to a union or caucus in excess of 8 per cent of the grant line item may be approved by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
   d. Requests for loans or supplementary grants shall be made in advance of any activity, and shall be supported by documentation satisfactory to the Society.
   e. Core funds may be withheld until such time as any outstanding loan has been recovered.

6. Decisions of the Student Union Organizer may be appealed, in writing, to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.

7. Board of Directors may suspend the activities of any Union or Caucus found to have violated any Society By-Law, Rule, Standing Order, Administrative Policy.

8. Because executive turnover may cause Departmental Student Unions and Graduate Caucuses to lose access to their external bank accounts, Departmental Student Unions and Graduate Caucuses must disclose bank account numbers to the Student Union Organiser.

9.

a. A Union or Caucus may permit voting by teleconference or videoconference if specifically provided for in the organisation's Constitution or policies.
b. A Union or Caucus may not allow for proxy voting or for voting in meetings via text-messaging or email.

Constituency Groups: AP-17

1. Society funds may be used to cover event costs when a Constituency Group is a sponsor and the event is intended for purposes that are of collective benefit to the membership.

2. This policy will not apply to Women's Centre Constituency Group, Out On Campus Constituency Group, and First Nations Student Association Constituency Group.

3. To be eligible for Society funding a Constituency Group must be 'active'. To be considered active the Constituency Group must have a constitution filed with the Student Union Resource Office and submit to that Office each semester:
   a. the minutes of at least one properly constituted general meeting conducted in the semester for which the request is made
   b. a list of current Executive Committee members (or other contact persons), signing officers and Constituency Representative(s) to Forum.

4. In the event that a Constituency Group remains inactive for four consecutive semesters all assets shall revert to the Society.

5.
   a. Subject to budgetary constraints active Constituency Groups shall receive a core budget of $300/semester.
   b. Active Constituency Groups are entitled to spend core funds at their discretion and to be reimbursed for expenditures from core funds with the approval of their membership.
   c. Net core funds remaining from active semesters shall carry forward semester to semester, except that all unused core funds shall revert to the Society at the end of each fiscal year.
   d. The signatures of two Constituency Group signing officers are required to release any Society funds.
   e. Constituency Groups may establish trust accounts for securing funds other than Society core or grant allocations.

6.
   a. Loans or supplementary grants may be provided to assist Constituency Groups with their activities, except that grant funds will not be approved for funding purely social events.
   b. Requests of up to $1000 may be approved by the Student Union Organizer.
   c. Requests greater than $1000 may be approved by the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.
   d. Requests for loans or supplementary grants shall be made in advance of any activity, and shall be supported by documentation satisfactory to the Society.
   e. Core funds may be withheld until such time as any outstanding loan has been recovered.

7. Decisions of the Student Union Organizer may be appealed, in writing, to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.

8. The Board of Directors may suspend the activities of any Constituency Group found to have violated any Society By-Law, Rule, Standing Order, Administrative Policy, and Issue Policy.

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Direction to Society Employees: AP-18

1. Department Representatives shall not give direction to Society employees.

2. Direction to the Society Food and Beverage Services Manager shall be given by the Executive Committee and/or the Commercial Services Committee, and shall be communicated through the Internal Relations Officer or Treasurer. Only the Society Food and Beverage Services Manager (or her/his designate) shall give direction to employees who work in the Society's commercial service areas.

3. Employee workload priorities shall be set by the Executive Committee in consultation with the employees concerned. However, this shall not preclude Executive Officers from giving direction to employees as needed to ensure that the duties associated with their portfolios are fulfilled, and/or to ensure that the Society's day-to-day operations are carried out.

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Elections: AP-19

1. The Independent Electoral Commission shall be maintained by the Society outside of election, by-election, and referenda periods. The Chief Commissioner shall immediately report any vacancies on the Commission to the Board of Directors.

The Chief Commissioner shall receive a stipend of $750 per month during any election, by-election or referenda period. During all other months she/he shall not receive a stipend.

The members of the Independent Electoral Commission shall receive a stipend of $400 per month during any election, by-election, or referenda period. During all other months they shall not receive a stipend.

For the purposes of this section, the election period shall be defined as commencing at the time when the election, by-election, or referenda period is declared and ending when the official results of the election, by-election, or referenda are reported.

The eligibility of a Commissioner for their full stipend shall be determined by their fulfilling the responsibilities outlined below:

attend Independent Electoral Commission meetings, where commissioners shall hear and rule on complaints, including the levying of fines

verify nomination papers

assist in the organization of candidate information session

assist in the organization and promotion of Candidate debates

assist the Chief Electoral Commissioner in logistical preparations for the election

review campaign materials to ensure they comply with election rules and regulations

hold office hours during the campaign period

supervise voting during polling period

oversee ballot counting

In the event that a Commissioner does not fulfill their responsibilities, the Chief Commissioner shall determine the amount of the stipend to be deducted and shall report said deduction to the Treasurer. The Commissioner may appeal this deduction in writing to the Stipends Appeals Committee

In the event that the Chief Commissioner does not fulfill her or his responsibilities, a recommendation may be made a majority of the other Commissioners to the Treasurer of an amount to be deducted from the Chief Commissioner's stipend, which may be deducted at the discretion of the Treasurer. The Chief Commissioner may appeal this deduction in writing to the Stipends Appeals Committee

2. The Independent Electoral Commission shall be required to maintain minutes of its meetings. A Resource Coordinator shall take these minutes and a copy shall be kept in the Resource Office.

3. The Chief Commissioner shall be responsible for providing and updating an Electoral Handbook for approval by the Independent Electoral Commission. The Electoral Handbook shall contain a copy of all Society rules governing elections and by-elections. A copy of the Electoral Handbook shall be issued to prospective candidates along with their nomination forms.

4. All completed nomination forms shall be held in confidence by the Chief Commissioner until nominations are closed.

5. The IEC shall inform all nominees of the requirements of AP-1(1) and prior to the approving any of the nominee's campaign material, shall obtain the nominee's consent in writing to abide by this policy if elected.

6. The Society shall pay 50% of the maximum amount permitted by the By-Laws of the campaign expenses incurred by candidates in Society elections. Candidates for Senate and the Board of Governors shall be entitled to an equivalent subsidy.

7. The Chief Commissioner, with the assistance of the members of the Independent Electoral Commission, shall create a web-site containing election, candidate, and referenda information including but not limited to the following.

a. Candidate information shall be provided by candidates no later than one day following the close of nominations, and shall include the names of all candidates and the position for which they are nominated; and if a candidate so requests, the candidates' email address, phone number, a statement, and the URL of the candidate's campaign website. All submitted information shall be posted on the web-site no later than three days following the close of nominations.

b. Referenda information shall be provided by registered referenda campaigns and positions no later than one day following the day on which the last referendum campaign for that referendum has been recognized by the IEC, and shall include the nature of the campaign or position (for, against, position of the Board of Directors); and if a campaign so requests, a contact telephone number and/or email address, a statement, and the URL of the campaign's website.

c. The dates, times, and locations where voting will take place.

d. Voting instructions for off-campus members

e. An electronic copy of the Electoral Handbook

f. The dates, times, and locations where the all-candidates meeting will take place.

g. The dates, times, and locations of IEC meetings.

h. The procedure for submitting complaints related to the election, by-election, or referendum.

i. The official results of the election, which shall be posted on the website within two business days of their having been declared, and shall remain on the website for a minimum period of seven calendar days.

8. Candidates shall not run in slates, which consist of, but are not limited to shared slogans/common group names/campaign colours or common visual identities,, or share expenses for campaign materials. A slate shall mean a group of candidates who run for elected office (including but not limited to positions on the SFSS Board of Directors, the SFSS Student Forum, and positions in the Senate and on the Board of Governors) on a similar platform for mutual advantage. Candidates may endorse each other verbally.

9. Any elections-related material presenting any combination of name, face, slogan, or other distinguishing characteristic of a nominated candidate (including such items bearing sufficient similarity to these that it would be expected that a reasonable person would associate the material with the candidate) will be considered campaign material and is subject to the restrictions outlined in this policy and any relevant bylaws.

10. For the purposes of the restrictions and limitations outlined in this policy and in Bylaw 14, "elections-related material" refers collectively to all material produced by, or under the direction of, a candidate to promote their election to any position for which they are running, including but not limited to positions on the SFSS Board of Directors, the SFSS Student Forum, the SFU Senate and the SFU Board of Governors.

11. The limit on campaign expenditures includes but is not limited to expenses for campaign materials, campaign activities, and campaign equipment, whether paid for or

donated. Donations from businesses or organizations are strictly prohibited. Donations from individuals will be counted as expenses as determined at fair market value by the IEC, and this value must be assessed by the IEC prior to acceptance of the donation. No outside business, organization, or individual may play a significant role in the production of a candidate's campaign materials without receiving payment to do so.

12. Campaigning is anything you do to attempt to convince students to vote for you. Permissible forms of campaigning include:

13. distribution of leaflets, bookmarks or buttons,

14. hanging up banners and posters

15. one-on-one conversations with students

16. classroom speaking

17. a website freely accessible to all Society members

Prohibited forms of campaigning include:

a. Mass, unsolicited emails

b. Web-based material that cannot be accessed freely by all Society members

c. Forms of campaigning prohibited under By-Law 14.

13. All printed elections-related material shall clearly identify the originator(s) and shall be printed at CopyRite.

14. Any elections-campaign-related buttons must be created through the Student Society's General Office using the Student Society button maker.

15. All campaign materials including but not limited to posters, buttons, banners, leaflets, bookmarks, and static website content must be approved by the Independent Electoral Commission before they are produced. The URL of any campaign websites must be submitted to the IEC.

16. Use of SFSS and Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) resources in the production of campaign material is not permitted, as it can lead to an unfair advantage for incumbents, except as explicitly allowed under this Policy.

17. Campaigning is not permitted in Student Society space, as it can lead to an unfair advantage for incumbents, with the exception that the IEC may, at its discretion, hold all-candidates meetings in Student Society space, and with the exception where candidates are invited to events held by student and Society groups not directly affiliated with any candidate or campaign, and where that space was properly booked by that group. Student Society space includes, but is not limited to, Student Society offices in the Maggie Benston Centre, the Graduate Lounge, the Highland Pub, Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, the Women's Centre, and Out on Campus.

18. A signed statement of expenditures with receipts (and including all donations) must be submitted to the IEC within 72 hours of the close of the campaign period.

19. The Chief Commissioner, with the assistance of the members of the Independent Electoral Commission, shall organize and publicize an all-candidates meeting.

20. Candidates are entitled to have a scrutineer present during polling and ballot counting to ensure that the process is enacted fairly. Scrutineers cannot attempt to influence voters or attempt to see how individuals voted.

21. Polling stations shall provide a private area in which all ballots shall be marked.

22.

a. All members of the Society designated as "off-campus" shall be entitled to vote in Society elections and referenda via mail-in ballot.

b. Members shall be considered "off-campus" for the purpose of this policy if they are registered in courses or programs designated by the University as "off-campus" and are not registered in any courses that are held at any campus where a polling station is present in the semester during which an election or referendum is held. The Independent Electoral Commission may, at its discretion, determine that other members of the Society shall be considered "off-campus".

c. The Independent Electoral Commission shall determine the best way to contact all off-campus members in order to inform them of how to obtain an a mail-in ballot. The Chief Commissioner shall ensure that a mail-in ballot is sent to all off-campus members who request a mail-in ballot.

d. All mail-in ballot envelopes shall be postmarked no later than the last day of polling and received no later than two weeks following the last day of polling. These ballots shall be counted and added to the total before official results may be announced.

e. Unofficial results (i.e. results that do not include a tally of off-campus ballots) may be announced in advance of the official results.

23. Poll-workers shall have the responsibility of setting aside and noting the circumstances of ballots that may have been cast in contravention of Society rules governing elections and by-elections. Each suspect ballot and an explanation of the circumstances shall be placed in a separate, sealed envelope and deposited in the ballot box. The disposition of any such ballots shall be determined by the Independent Electoral Commission.

24. All complaints related to elections, by-elections and referenda shall be in writing and shall submitted to the Chief Commissioner within 48 hours of the close of polls.

25. When the difference between prevailing candidates in a race is less than two per cent (2%) of the total number of votes cast in the election for that position, the Chief Electoral Commissioner shall call for a recount within 24 hours. When the difference between a prevailing candidate in a race is greater than 10 per cent of the total number of votes cast in the election for that position, the Electoral Commission reserves the right to refuse a recount request. After the recount deadline, as specified in Bylaw 14.21 has passed and all recounts have been conducted, the ballots for the election shall be destroyed under supervision of the Chief Commissioner.

Reported to the Board of Directors June 30, 2004. Amended February 14, 2007

Employment, Board of Directors Members: AP-20

1. No Board of Directors Member shall be employed by the Society during, or for a period of four months following, her/his term of office.

2. No person employed by the Society shall be appointed to Board of Directors for a period of four months following the termination of her/his employment.

Graduate Student Lounge: AP-21

1. The graduate student lounge shall be opened at 7am and closed at 10pm, seven days a week.

2. The graduate student lounge shall ordinarily be reserved for use by graduate students, and no event from which graduate students are excluded may take place therein.

3. The Graduate Issues Committee (GIC) may grant permission for non-graduate students or non-members to use the conference room of the graduate student lounge for a particular, specified purpose. These requests are to be submitted to a committee member for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the GIC.

4. If the date of the proposed event is scheduled to occur prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the GIC the chair may grant permission on behalf of the GIC, provided that the chair reports the decision to the GIC at its next meeting.

Accessibility Fund: AP-22

1. Definitions
   For the purposes of this policy, 'activities' shall include, but not be limited to: Simon Fraser Student Society elections, production and distribution of printed materials, department student union meetings and events, club meetings and events, meetings of the society, and events of the society.

2. Purpose
   The Accessibility Fund shall be used for the purposes of increasing the accessibility of (and removing barriers to participation in) Student Society activities for students with disabilities.

3. Responsibility
   a. Organisers and facilitators of activities shall be responsible for ensuring that their event is accessible.
   b. The Member Services Officer (MSO) shall be responsible for ensuring that the fund is meeting the needs of students with disabilities to the greatest extent possible by liaising with Students United for Disability Support (SUDS), departments of the Society, and the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee (AFAC).

4. Procedure
   a. Organisers and facilitators of activities shall be responsible for booking accessibility services, but shall be limited to services approved by the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee.
   b. Accommodations shall be provided to active members by contacting the General Office or the Member Services Officer.
      i. Accommodation shall be provided subject to verification of stats of registration with the Centre for Students with Disabilities, as consented to by the requesting member.
      ii. Those students not registered with the Centre for Students with Disabilities or not consenting to a check of their status with the Centre for Students with Disabilities will provide sufficient documentation for an external assessment.
   c. Requests from students who are not registered with the Centre for Students with Disabilities shall be referred directly to the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee.
   d. Invoices for accessibility services shall be sent to the General Office for processing.
   e. The General Office shall maintain a list of accessibility service providers, to be made available for activity organisers and facilitators.

5. Interpretation
   All matters concerning the interpretation of the present policy shall be referred to the Accessibility Fund Advisory Committee.

Management Consultant: AP-23

1. Board of Directors shall employ the services of a Management Consultant to fulfill the following duties:
   a. Collective bargaining with CUPE 5396 and CUPE 3338
   b. Functions related to particular sessions of collective bargaining such as mediation or arbitration
   c. Aid with ongoing labour relations in the workplace including grievance proceedings
   d. Maintenance of records related to collective bargaining
   e. Legal referrals

2. The Management Consultant shall not be an employee of the Society.

3. No member of Board of Directors shall be employed in the position of Management Consultant.

4. The Management Consultant shall be required to attend the following meetings:
   a. Negotiations with CUPE 5396 and CUPE 3338
   b. Mediation sessions with CUPE 5396 and CUPE 3338
   c. Arbitration or court hearings

5. The IRO shall be the Executive Officer primarily responsible for maintaining contact between Board of Directors and the Management Consultant. The IRO shall report to Board of Directors on the activities of the Management Consultant on a regular basis.

6.
   a. The IRO shall require the Management Consultant to submit to her/him a monthly log of hours worked.
   b. The IRO shall request, and the Treasurer shall approve, monthly remittances to the Management Consultant.
   c. The IRO shall be responsible for determining an appropriate budget for the Management Consultant for recommendation to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee.

7. Any Executive Officer may request that the IRO require the Management Consultant to attend a given meeting.

8.
   a. Upon taking office, the IRO shall immediately contact and meet with the Management Consultant.
   b. The Management Consultant shall meet with the Executive Committee at least once per semester.

Minutes: AP-24

1. Minutes of meetings of Board of Directors shall include a summary of verbatim discussion.

2. Minutes of meetings of Society committees shall be in report format, shall be approved by the committee and submitted to the Resource Office for inclusion in the Board of Directors package and shall include the following:
   a. A summary of committee discussion, including any comments that those in attendance asked be recorded
   b. A record of motions passed, direction given and action taken

3.
   a. Minutes for meetings of the SFSS Forum and all SFSS standing committee meetings (except the Joint Coordinating Committee) shall be completed and submitted to the chair or each committee within fourteen (14) days of the completion of the meeting. Minutes for Board and Forum will be submitted to the Internal Relations Officer instead of the chair.
   b. Minutes for meetings of the SFSS Board of Directors shall be ready for inclusion in the agenda package for the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting in accordance with R-13 Section 2.
   c. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.
   d. Minutes shall be posted on the Society's website after their approval.

Ombuds Office: AP-25

1. This Administrative Policy is enacted in accordance with By-Law 20.

2.

   a. In the case of an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest, the Ombudsperson shall make this fact known to the complainant. An Ombudsperson shall have the right to refuse to take up any case where she/he reasonably believes involvement would be inappropriate, and to withdraw from a case for the same reason, providing a written rationale for this action on request.
   b. The Ombudsperson may inquire into any matter brought to her/his attention, with priority given to complaints brought by members of the university community, and after an investigation may make appropriate recommendations. The Ombudsperson shall not initiate legal or other action on behalf of any complainant.
   c. The Ombudsperson shall ensure that all cases presented to the Ombuds Office are dealt with in a fair and timely manner.
   d. The Ombudsperson shall produce an annual public report, indicating amongst other things the number and types of cases, for inclusion in the Society's Annual Report to the Membership.
   e. The Ombudsperson shall be available by appointment, and the Ombudsperson shall keep and post at least four drop-in hours per week.
   f. The Ombudspersons shall not disclose any information provided to them in confidence by a complainant.

Personal Information: AP-26

1. The Simon Fraser Student Society shall comply with the Personal Information Protection Act (hereinafter referred to as the Act.). This includes the Board of Directors, staff, departments, committees, working groups, departmental student unions, graduate caucuses, clubs, and constituency groups of the Society.

2. Personal information as defined by the Act is "information about an identifiable individual and includes employee personal information but does not include (a) work contact information, or (b) work product information".

3. Personal information shall not be disclosed to outside persons or organizations, except as required by law, without the consent of the individual. Personal information shall not be sold to other persons or organizations.

4. Personal information shall not be included on the agenda or supporting documentation of meetings of the Society's Board of Directors, Student Forum, committees or working groups without the consent of the individual. Such consent shall include an understanding that such documents are publicly available to the Society's membership.

5. The following, or similar language shall be included in or posted clearly by all sign up sheets, petitions, and any other forms or documents designed to collect personal information for the Society and its branches:

   "This form has been created in compliance with the Personal Information Protection Act. The personal information you provide will be used solely for _____ [fill in purpose here]. By providing it, you give the Simon Fraser Student Society [or name of department] consent to use this information in this way only. This information will be kept confidential and will not be sold or traded to any other organisation. If you do not consent to this, please refrain from providing us with your information."

6. The Internal Relations Officer and the Financial Coordinators jointly serve as Privacy Officers for the Society and shall be responsible for:
   a. familiarising themselves with the Act and the legal requirements that it places on the Society
   b. coordinating the education of the Society's staff, Board of Directors, Student Forum, committees, working groups, and the executive officers of the Society's departmental student unions, graduate caucuses, clubs, and constituency groups concerning their obligations and responsibilities under the Act and this policy
   c. ensuring that all forms, petitions, and other documents that are used to collect personal information clearly note the purposes for which such information shall be collected
   d. receiving and responding to all personal information protection requests and complaints
   e. ensuring that the Society maintains appropriate controls over all personal information that is under the control of the organization
   f. ensuring that the Society destroys personal information that may no longer be used or disclosed

7. All completed forms used to collect personal information shall be kept in a locked filing cabinet or box. Any electronic files containing information gathered from said forms shall be stored on a password-protected computer.

8. Each office and/or department of the Student Society shall develop a retention and destruction schedule that will be kept on file with the Society's Privacy Officers.

9. Any decision of the Privacy Officers may be appealed to the Executive Committee. The Society will make every reasonable effort to resolve disputes without the need to involve the Privacy Commissioner under the Act.

Reported to the Board of Directors March 2, 2005, amended 21 September 2005

Referendum Campaigns: AP 27

1. In the event that a referendum question is put to a vote of the members of the Society, and Board of Directors decides to take a position on the issue, it shall be limited to $300 in campaign expenses.

2.
   a. The Independent Electoral Committee may accept applications for, and recognize one "Vote Yes" and one "Vote No" campaign committee.
   b. All applications must be received within a period of two weeks from the announcement of the referendum.
   c. All recognized campaign committees shall be composed of members in good standing of the Society.
   d. All recognized campaign committees shall be limited to $300 in campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Society.
   e. All referendum related material shall clearly identify the originator(s) and shall be printed at CopyRite.

Special Funding Request Policy: AP-28

1. To be eligible for special funding from the Student Society:
   a. All applicants must fill out an administrative funding package a minimum of two weeks prior to the funding approval date.
   b. Requests for Advocacy-related events will be presented to the Chair of the Advocacy Committee. Requests must specify a line item from the Advocacy Budget.
      i. This policy does not apply to funding requests from Working Groups to the Advocacy Committee.
      ii. Donations from the Advocacy committee shall be limited to a maximum of $200.
      iii. Priority in funding shall be given to on-campus, student events.
      iv. Funding for campaigns and events initiated by organisations external to the Student Society or by organisations of which the Student Society is a member shall be limited to 10% of the Donations line item each fiscal year.
   c. All other requests for special event funding will be presented to the Chair of the Finance and Administrative Services Committee for a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
   d. All requests for Departmental Student Union funding must be made through the Student Union Organiser.
   e. Total projected expenditures for an event must not exceed the amount remaining in the relevant line item(s).
   f. A representative of the applicant(s) must be available to attend all relevant meetings.
   g. Groups may seek funding from only one of the following bodies: the Board of Directors, Student Society committee, Out on Campus and the Women's Centre.

Staff Schedules: AP-29

All Permanent and Term employees shall post their work schedules in a conspicuous place immediately adjacent to their work area(s), and submit a copy to the Internal Relations Officer at the beginning of each semester.

Stipends: AP-30

1. There shall be no advances on Board of Directors or other stipends.

2.
   a. The Resource Office shall provide the Treasurer (or designate) with a list of attendance at Board of Directors as well as committee meetings after the last Board of Directors meeting of the month.
   b. The Treasurer (or designate) shall provide the Finance Office with a list of Society members showing their eligibility for stipend after the last Board of Directors meeting of the month.

3. Remuneration to the Executive Officers shall be in the form of twice monthly payments which shall occur on the 15th and last days of each month.

4. Remuneration to the Faculty, At-Large, Department and Graduate Issues Committee Representatives shall be in the form of monthly payments.

5. The Treasurer shall withhold from a member's stipend an amount equal to any outstanding sums of money owed to the Society.

6. Stipends will not be paid for months where the timesheet is submitted more than one month late.

Telephone, Long Distance Calls: AP-31

No personal long-distance calls shall be made on Society telephones.

Vendors Program: AP-32

1.
   a. Vending rates shall be set by the Society and are subject to change without notice.
   b. Fees shall be paid in full one week in advance.
   c. Two working days notice of cancellation shall be required for a refund.

2.
   a. A list of goods for sale shall be provided to the Society and the sale of goods shall be at the discretion of the Society.
   b. Vendors shall obtain, and provide proof to the Society if requested, any permit or license required by law.

3.
   a. A fee may be charged by the Society for the provision of vending tables.
   Any racks supplied by the vendor shall be free-standing and stable.
   No tables or racks shall be erected in front of any doorway, fire equipment, elevator, locker, alarm or vending machine.
   No tables or racks shall be erected in front of the University Art Gallery or so as to obstruct the ramp below the University's Audio-Visual Services department.
   No part of any display shall be attached to any University fixture.
   Any extension cord shall be taped securely to the floor.
   Lit candles shall not be permitted.
   Equipment shall not be left in the vending area on weekends.

4. The Vendor's refund policy shall be clearly displayed.

5.
   a. Product distribution and placement of promotional materials shall remain at the location designated by the Society.
   b. Vending set-up shall be restricted to a table length of eight feet by six feet. Further space may be available upon payment of an additional fee.

6. Violation of this policy, or of any other Society, University or government rule, shall be grounds for termination of any vending permit, and eviction of the vendor without refund of the vending fee.

7. Any group or individual looking to advertise or sell commercial services or products in excess of the Society's advertising policy must notify the General Office for proper application of the vendor program and procedure.

Annual and Special General Meetings, Preparation, Staffing and Procedures: AP-33

Subsequent to the procedures and obligations set out in By-Law 10 , 4, 6, and Rules 6, 7, and 8, the following preparatory guidelines shall apply to the planning and procedures of Annual and Special General Meetings.

1. The Board of Directors will be responsible for:
   a. Fulfilling all duties with regards to Annual and Special General Meetings as detailed in By-Laws 4-6 and R-6 and R-7.
   b. Determining the date and time of all Annual and Special General Meetings in compliance with By-Law 10, and immediately informing the Resource Office of all event logistics.
   c. Encouraging the general membership to attend and participate in the General Meeting.
   d. Designating a chair for the meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting, and immediately informing the Resource Office.
   e. Assisting in the set up of the meeting, under the coordination of the Member Services Officer.
   f. Assisting with registration of members and acting as floor captains for the duration of the meeting for vote and quorum counts, under the coordination of the Member Services Officer.
   g. Ensuring that all contributions to the Annual Report are submitted to the Member Services Officer at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date (in the case of an AGM).
   h. Ensuring that staff are consulted to adjust hours and priorities accordingly.

2. The Member Services Officer will be responsible for coordinating:
   a. The compilation of the Annual Report of the Board for consideration at the Annual General Meeting (Bylaw 4.4.d).
   b. Board Members' roles and responsibilities in preparing for the meeting.
   c. Board Members' roles and responsibilities during the meeting and ensuring that registration and floor captain needs are adequately staffed.
   d. The monitoring of attendance at meetings.
   e. The monitoring of vote/quorum counts and reporting to the Chair.
   f. The booking a meeting room and any audio-visual equipment, appropriate for the needs of the meeting as established by the Board of Directors.
   g. Microphones for speakers from the floor (if necessary).
   h. That students with special needs are accommodated for.

3. Staffing:
   a. The Resource Coordinator – Communications will be responsible for:
      i. Complying with the provisions of By-Law 10(3) regarding serving notice of meeting.
      ii. Layout, design, editing, and printing of the Society's Annual Report.
      iii. Compiling and printing the agenda.
      iv. Liaising with the Ombuds Office with regards to report presentation and production.
   b. The Resource Coordinator – Research and Policy will be responsible for:
      i. Procuring a membership list(s).
      ii. Compiling the previous meetings' minutes for inclusion in the Annual Report.
      iii. Assisting the Member Services Officer with her/his duties as outlined in section 2.

iv. Ensuring that the Chair receives an agenda and all other written materials at least 24 hours before the meeting, and is kept informed of expected attendance, the course of proceedings, the length of presentations, and any room changes.
v. Ensuring that the full text of any proposed By-law changes is available to all members at the meeting.

c. The Student Union Organiser will be responsible for:
i. Sending written or electronic memoranda to all active Unions and Caucuses, in accordance with By-Law 10.3.b.
ii. Assisting the Resource Office in the staffing of the meeting and any preparations, as necessary.

Satellite Campus Liaisons: AP 34

1. The Board of Directors shall select one liaison from amongst itself for
   a. SFU Surrey
   b. SFU Vancouver

2. Each liaison shall
   a. Attend meetings of the respective satellite campus committee
   b. Report activities and concerns of the satellite campus committee regularly to the Board of Directors

3. Liaisons shall only be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors upon recommendation from the respective campus committee.

Reported to the Board of Directors March 10, 2006.

Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals: AP-35

1. Preamble
   a. The Appeals Committee shall ensure that all cases presented to the Appeals Committee are dealt with in a fair and timely manner.
   b. The Appeals Committee shall not disclose any information provided to them by any Appellant.
   c. This Administrative Policy details the procedures followed by the Graduate Benefit Plan Appeals Committee, enacted by the Standing Order of the same name.

2. Assessing Appeals
   a. Upon receipt of each appeal, the Chair will contact the Benefit Plan Coordinator to determine each Appellants benefit coverage start date, which will assist the Chair in determining whether the Appellant has met the required deadline(s).
   b. The Chair will determine whether an appeal is ineligible based on the ineligible appeals guidelines. The Appeals committee will not review or accept appeals that are based on any of the following:
      i. Dissatisfaction with the benefit plan
      ii. Non-compliance with opt-out documentation requirements
      iii. Failure to meet enrolment or opt out deadlines
      iv. Failure to meet the following Appeals deadlines:

Month Semester Starts	Appeals Deadline
September (Fall)	October 31
January (Spring)	February 28
May (Summer)	June 30

      If the appeal is ineligible, the Chair will notify the Appellant in writing within 15 working days.
   c. The Chair will review the appeal and determine whether the Appellant has included all of the required documentation, as follows:
      i. A letter and/or Documentation which provides adequate "proof" and/or documentation for their claim.
      ii. Proof of assessment showing the Appellant has been charged for and is enrolled in the Graduate Benefit Plan and whether or not they have paid the fees.
      iii. A completed waiver form, family add-on, or enrollment form. (as applicable)
      iv. In the case of Financial Need, a student must complete and submit a copy of the Financial Assessment form.

      If the appeal is incomplete, the Chair will contact the Appellant in writing within 15 working days to request any outstanding documentation. The appeal shall not be forwarded to the Appeals Committee until the Appellant has supplied all relevant information.
   d. The Chair will review the appeal and determine if the Appellant has sufficient grounds based on the following grounds for appeals.
      i. Graduate students who are eligible for coverage based on the standard eligibility for enrolment who wish to opt-out of the plan and who do not have the requisite comparable extended medical or dental coverage.
      ii. Demonstrated financial need.
      iii. Cases wherein a students' personal security and well-being may be endangered by the release of personal information.
      iv. Inability to meet plan deadlines due to documented physical incapacity due to illness, work schedule or residence constraints.

e. If sufficient grounds for an appeal are present, the appellant has met the appeals deadline and all required documentation has been received, the Chair will call a meeting of the Appeals Committee to review the appeal within 15 working days.

2. Criteria for Appeal Reviews
   a. The Appeals committee will review each appeal by using as a reference the following documentation/guidelines/knowledge and procedures.
      i. Student Society Privacy Policy (Administrative Policy)
      ii. The current eligibility for enrolment guidelines
      iii. The current opt out, enrolment and Appeals deadlines
      iv. The current Benefit deadlines for opting out/in and the required procedures.
      v. The understanding that all approved appeals will be credited/debited using the Benefit Plan Reserve Fund.
   b. After careful review and discussion amongst the appeals committee, the Chair shall call a vote on each Appeal.

3. Following Appeals Committee Review
   a. Following a decision on each appeal, the Chair will send written notification to the Appellant advising them on the status of their appeal.
   b. A copy of this letter shall be attached to the front of the Appeal and all Appeals and related documentation shall be filed in the Benefit Plan Office per the Privacy Policy (Administrative Policy)

4. Decisions
   All decisions made by the Appeals Committee are final.

Sustainability: AP-36

1. The Society recognizes that wasteful activities cause significant detrimental impacts locally and globally, and that by taking steps to reduce the amount of waste generated by the Society it is contributing to the improvement of SFU.

2. The Society will endeavour to reduce waste wherever possible. This shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
   a. Pre and post consumer food waste
   b. Use of paper for all meeting packages
   c. Energy use in all building spaces
   d. Use of disposable packaging materials by all services
   e. Recycling paper, plastic and glass
   f. Battery recycling

3. The Society will endeavour to develop sustainable practices wherever possible. This shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
   a. Creating a composting program that services all of the Food and Beverage Services
   b. Only use non-chlorine bleached, recycled paper for all printed materials for meeting packages
   c. Any new construction project will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified
   d. Using biodegradable packages for all of the vendors' take out orders and for all catering orders
   f. Lobby the University to adopt policies and practices that support, promote and reflect sustainable practices.

Deregulation of Tuition Fees: IP-1

The Simon Fraser Student Society opposes the deregulation of tuition fees for students pursuing post-secondary education

Reported to the Board of Directors March 19, 2003

Students with Disabilities: IP-2

The Simon Fraser Student Society believes that students with disabilities have the right to full participation in the university environment. Further, the Simon Fraser Student Society supports equal access for students with disabilities, including freedom of choice of lifestyle, education, housing and employment as full and equal members of the university community.

Reported to the Board of Directors March 19, 2003

Differential Tuition Fees: IP-3

The Simon Fraser Student Society opposes differential tuition fees for students pursuing post-secondary education.

Reported to the Board of Directors March 19, 2003

Plagiarism Detection Software: IP-4

The Simon Fraser Student Society is opposed to any mandatory submission of student work to plagiarism detection software.

The Simon Fraser Student Society is opposed to any use of Turnitin.com software at Simon Fraser University. The Student Society believes that the university should terminate any agreements with Turnitin.com, and should not enter into any further agreements with Turnitin.com.

Reported to the Board of Directors May 19, 2004

Institutionally-Administered Loans: IP-5

The Simon Fraser Student Society is opposed to the use of institutionally-administered private student loans at Simon Fraser University, or elsewhere in Canada.

The Student Society is opposed to any partnerships between Simon Fraser University and the First Student Loan company, or any other for-profit student loan provider.

Reported to the Board of Directors May 19, 2004

Excuses, Resignation: FP-1

1.

a. An "Excuse" shall be defined as follows: a protective mechanism that ought to be employed only in the event that unforeseen, extenuating circumstances prevent a member of Forum from attending a meeting at which they otherwise would have been present.

b. Requests by Forum members for excuses from meetings of Forum shall be directed to the Member Services Officer for approval. Such requests must be received no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting, except for unforeseen circumstances. In the event that the Member Services Officer requests an excuse it shall be directed to the Treasurer to present at Forum for the approval of Forum.

c. All requests for excuses shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the reasons for seeking it.

d. In the event that a request for an excuse is denied, the Member Services Officer or Treasurer shall provide written reasons for their decision.

2. Leaves of absence and excuses approved or denied by the Member Services Officer shall be reported to Forum. Decisions of the Member Services Officer may be appealed to Forum.

3. Notices of resignation from Forum shall be directed to the Member Services Officer and reported at the subsequent meeting of Forum. Notices of resignation shall also be sent to the representative's departmental student union, graduate caucus, or constituency group.

Reported to Forum January 19, 2006.

Forum Funding: FP-2

1. Forum shall maintain as a standing advisory committee of Forum a Forum Funding Advisory Committee.

2. The Forum Funding Advisory Committee shall be comprised of seven members of Forum, including no more than three Board members. The Student Union Organiser shall be a non-voting member of the committee. The committee shall elect its own chairperson.

3. The Forum Funding Advisory Committee shall consider funding requests from organisations for funding from Forum, and shall submit recommendations to Forum regarding such requests.

4. Debate at Forum on a funding request shall be limited to twenty minutes, unless Forum, by a two-thirds (2/3) supermajority vote, chooses to extend debate on the matter.

Reported to Forum April 6, 2005

Forum Policy: Forum Chair: FP-3

1. Forum may, by simple majority vote, appoint a person to chair Forum meetings, for a term of up to one semester, from amongst its seated members, or it may appoint a chairperson external to it.

2. An external chair shall receive a $75 honorarium per meeting chaired. The external chairperson shall continue to chair Forum meetings during in camera sessions and is bound by all rules governing in camera sessions.

3. In the event that no chair has been appointed by Forum, the Member Services Officer shall be deemed to be Chairperson pro tem and shall have the authority to enforce Bylaw 16.3.

Reported to Forum July 6, 2005. Amended January 18, 2006

This is Exhibit "D" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 26th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

FEE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into at Burnaby, BC Canada, on the 20 day of July , 1987 , by and between the Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Federation of Students - Pacific Region, Canadian Federation of Students - Services, Canadian companies without share capital, hereinafter referred to as "the Federations" and Simon Fraser Student Society hereinafter called the "Member Local Association".

WHEREAS the Federations are a national student organization which provide a framework for advancing student interests; and

WHEREAS the Member Local Association became a duly admitted voting member of the Federations on the 19th day of January 1982 and thereby agreed to collect and remit Federation membership fees of the full and part-time students it represents at Simon Fraser University and

WHEREAS the Member Local Association and the Federations wish to set out the method by which fees will be collected and paid to the Federations pursuant to the constitutions of the Federations;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Member Local Association agrees to collect, either directly, or by agreement with Simon Fraser University membership fees of the Federations from students represented by the Member Local Association as follows:

   a) Full-time students
      per semester..... $3.75

   b) Part-time and continuous intake students
      per semester..... $3.75

      or to be pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association in the collection of its own fee.

2. All membership fees of the Federations collected shall be held in trust by the Member Local Association for the Federations until paid over.

3. The Member Local Association shall pay the membership fees of the Federations for each membership year within thirty (30) days from the date on which the Member Local Association receives the membership fees of the Federations.

4. Membership fees of the Federations not paid in accordance with the above, shall bear interest at a rate of 10% per annum.

5. The parties agree that if the membership fees of the Federations or the default interest rate is amended by the Federations in accordance with their bylaws, then the amount per student to be collected and paid under this Agreement shall be amended to reflect such charge and fees, as shall the interest rate on outstanding accounts.

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6. In all other matters the Member Local Association agrees to be bound by the by-laws of the Federations as duly amended from time to time.

7. This Agreement is in force so long as the Member Local Association is a member of the Federations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Federations have executed this Agreement in its name and on its behalf by its officers and the Member Local Association has affixed its hand and seal all on the day and year first above written.

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - PACIFIC REGION

Witness:

Name.....

Address...

Per:

CFS-PR

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

Witness:

Name.....

Address...

Per:

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS - SERVICES

Witness:

Name..... Stephen Howard

Address... TC 319, SFU

Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

Per:

MEMBER LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Witness:

Name..... Rhonda Spence

Address... TC 319, SFU

Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

Per:

Nelson Quiroga, President

Barry Carlson, Treasurer

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CUPE 2396

This is Exhibit "E" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 27th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

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Coast Salish Territory, Burnaby, BC, V5A 1S6
tel: 604.291.3181 fax: 604.291.5843
www.sfss.ca

BY REGISTERED MAIL

April 18, 2007

Attn: Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students,

The Simon Fraser Student Society wishes to notify the Canadian Federation of Students of its withdrawal from the Canadian Federation of Students.

Sincerely,

Sasha Fox
External Relations Officer
Simon Fraser Student Society

This is Exhibit "F" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 21st day of May, 2008.

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May-16-2007 03:45pm From-Simon Fraser Student Society 6042915843 T-933. P.002/003 F-401

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May 8, 2007

Canadian Federation of Students
170 Metcalfe St., Suite 500
Ottawa, Ontario
K2P 1P3
Attn: Amanda Aziz, National Chairperson

Amanda

~~Ms. Aziz,~~

The Simon Fraser Student Society wishes to clarify its position which we believe was improperly relayed to the media today. The Society also hopes that any discussions you may wish to have on the topic of the Society's withdrawal from the Federation can occur between the Society and the Federation without first contacting the press.

Regarding the substance of the article which appeared on the Macleans website today, the Society recently informed the Federation of its intent to withdraw from the Federation as per the bylaws. We hope that the Federation holds a withdrawal vote at the May 2007 General Meeting as per its bylaws.

We request that, in future, the Federation contact the Society directly should there be any questions regarding the Society's withdrawal or any other questions concerning our membership in the organization.

In Solidarity,

Derrick ~~Harder~~

Direct line: (604) 268-6564

This Is Exhibit "G" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 21st day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

Canadian Federation of Students
CFS FCEE
Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants

COPY

May 18, 2007

Derrick Harder, President
Simon Fraser Student Society
MBC 2250, Simon Fraser University
8888 University Drive
Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

Mr. Harder,

I am in receipt of your letter, dated May 8, 2007 and received by fax in our office on May 16, 2007. Some clarification is clearly required.

Neither I, nor any other official with the Federation, contacted the press as you imply. Instead, a reporter from Macleans contacted me for a response to a claim made by officials of your Society that the students of Simon Fraser University had withdrawn their membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

In most instances I would have contacted your Society in order to confirm the validity of the claim prior to answering the reporter's questions; however, in this instance, I was already aware that at least one Society official was making such a claim. On April 30, 2007 the Federation received a one-sentence letter from Society External Relations Officer Sasha Fox that stated:

> "The Simon Fraser Student Society wishes to notify the Canadian Federation of Students of its withdrawal from Canadian Federation of Students."

Please note the text of the letter from Mr. Fox does not express an "intent to withdraw" from the Federation, as you stated in your letter of May 8, 2007. Rather, it seems to suggest that some sort or withdrawal process has already occurred. As for your stated hope for the Federation to conduct a "withdrawal vote at the May 2007 general meeting as per the bylaws", such a vote would not be in order and I am at a loss to understand how you believe it would be.

Finally, there has been absolutely no attempt on the Federation's part to communicate with your Society through the media, as you suggest in the third and final paragraph of your letter. Please be assured that any questions or concerns will be communicated directly to you.

In Solidarity,

O/S

Amanda Aziz
Chairperson

This is Exhibit "H" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 2nd day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

C-7

PETITION

We the undersigned students of Simon Fraser University and members of the Simon Fraser Student Society are requesting that a Referendum be held at Simon Fraser University to consider the following questions:

1. Do you wish to remain a member of the Canadian Federation of Students?

2. If the Simon Fraser Student Society ceases to be a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, do you agree that the former CFS semesterly membership fees of $7.62 per full-time student, or $3.81 per part-time student, should be redirected into a Society Development Fund? This will result in no overall fee increase for students.

NAME	STUDENT NUMBER	SIGNATURE
Kevin Harding	301022747	
Joseph Paling	301031648	
Bryan Attha	20010825O	
PHIL BOUTROS	301050395	
Sasha Fox	20006315I	
Paul McCulloch	301059816	
Suresh Fernando	3010 49419	
Priya Chardunsing	3010400097	P. Chardunsing.
Jasvir Wraich	2010557 4	jwraich@sfu.ca.
Marcus Pathy	301031067	
Chris Sandve	200090172	
Natalie Bocking	3010475O2	
Karen Tsi	2 7013653 4	
Lindsay Hinrichsen	301013127	
Neil Cowell	95301 4975	
Christy Jung	20037850	
Steve Chia	2010 5490	
Anna Belkine	20001 5421	

This is Exhibit "I" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 16th day of May, 2008.

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September 21st, 2007

Attention: Amanda Aziz, Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students

Last April, local 23 voted to withdraw from the Canadian Federation of Students, and submitted notice of its withdrawal to the national executive. CFS bylaw I-7-b requires that a motion to ratify our withdrawal must be put on the agenda of the next opening plenary. By providing notice in April 2007, Local 23 has submitted its withrawal *well* in advance of the upcoming General Meeting. We anticipate seeing a ratifying vote on our withdrawal at the November 2007 General Meeting, and request that you confirm that this will be the case.

Sincerely,

Amy Fox

External Relations Officer

Simon Fraser Student Society

Local 23 of the Canadian Federation of Students

SEP 25 2007

This is Exhibit "J" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 6th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

Canadian Federation of Students
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October 12, 2007

Amy Fox
External Relations Officer
Simon Fraser Student Society
MBC 2250
8888 University Drive
Burnaby, BC
V5A 1S6

Dear Amy:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 21, 2007, received in our office on September 25, concerning a proposed notice of motion for the upcoming Federation national general meeting.

As I have previously explained to you and other members of the Society Executive and staff, such a motion would only be in order if the members of the Simon Fraser Student Society vote against maintaining Federation membership in a referendum held in accordance with the provisions of Federation Bylaw I. Therefore, your proposed motion is not in order at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification.

Yours truly,

O/S

Amanda Aziz
Chairperson

This is Exhibit "K" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 16th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

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November 5, 2007

To Amanda Aziz, National Chairperson, Canadian Federation of Students

You have now received both our Petition and our accompanying notarized Notice of Defederation in accordance with the relevant National bylaws. It is our intention that the March referendum be conducted in a manner that is efficient, transparent and fair. Acting in compliance with CFS Bylaw 2.4 and the Simon Fraser Student Society bylaws, we have scheduled the referendum for March 18th-20th, at the same time as the SFSS elections. To that end, we have enclosed with this letter a proposed procedure that we hope will allow the election and referendum to take place simultaneously, without the efficiency or integrity of either being compromised.

To the extent possible, our procedure is consistent with both the CFS and SFSS Bylaws. The procedure also attempts to resolve potential difficulties not addressed in either the SFSS or CFS bylaws.

One of the key elements of our proposed procedure is a mechanism for resolving disputes that might arise either within the Oversight Committee ("OC"), or between the OC and the Independent Electoral Commission ("IEC") required under the SFSS bylaws. As matters now stand, there is no procedure in place for resolving deadlocks within the four-person OC, and neither the SFSS nor CFS bylaws address the relationship between the IEC and OC. Amongst other things, our procedure proposes the appointment of a neutral third party arbitrator to be agreed upon by the CFS and SFSS.

We ask that you please provide us with any comments concerning this proposed procedure by Tuesday, November 27th, 2007. As I am sure you will agree, it is in everyone's best interests that any issues concerning the procedures be resolved well in advance of the referendum.

The SFSS has paid all its fees to the National CFS and, as agreed upon by External Relations Officer Amy Fox and former BC-CFS chair Scott Payne, the SFSS will pay all outstanding fees to the BC- CFS upon receipt of the BC-CFS audited financial statements.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 778.782.6564 should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Derrick Harder, President
Simon Fraser Student Society

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PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR DEFEDERATION REFERENDUM

DEFINITIONS

1. In these Procedures, the following definitions apply:

   (a) **Arbitrator** means the Arbitrator appointed pursuant to paragraph 14 of these Procedures.

   (b) **CFS** means the Canadian Federation of Students, and includes both the national and provincial branches of the Canadian Federation of Students.

   (c) **IEC** means the Independent Electoral Commission formed pursuant to Bylaw 14 of the Simon Fraser Student Society Bylaws.

   (d) **OC** means the Oversight Committee formed pursuant to Bylaw 2 of the CFS National Bylaws and these Procedures.

   (e) **SFSS** means the Simon Fraser Student Society.

NOTICE

2. On or before 18 September 2007, SFSS shall deliver a Petition, signed by at least 10% of its members, asking for a referendum on the issue of Defederation (the "Defederation Referendum") to the head office of the CFS.

3. On or before 18 September 2007, the SFSS shall deliver a Notice to the head office of the CFS indicating that it intends to hold a Defederation Referendum.

4. The Notice shall include the exact dates and times of the vote on Defederation and be delivered by registered mail.

5. The question appearing on the ballot for the Defederation Referendum shall be as set out in the Petition.

DATE OF REFERENDUM

6. The Referendum shall be held on March 18th, 19th, and 20th, 2008, between 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

7. An OC shall be created consisting of two members selected by the CFS and two members selected by the SFSS.

8. The OC shall keep Minutes of its meetings and shall keep a copy of the Minutes on the SFSS website.

9. All nominees for the OC and IEC shall be active members in good standing of the SFSS, other than members of Forum or the SFSS Board.

10. The OC shall work with the IEC to ensure that the Defederation Referendum and campaign are conducted in a manner that is transparent, fair and efficient.

Comment: See SFSS Bylaws 14(7) and 17(5)

11. The IEC and OC shall report on the conduct of the campaign and refer the results of the Defederation Referendum to the Board of Directors of the SFSS for ratification.

Comment: See SFSS Bylaw 17

12. Subject to paragraph 13, the OC and IEC may jointly make amendments to these procedures or add any procedures necessary to ensure a transparent, fair and efficient Defederation Referendum, so long as the proposed amendment or procedure is not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the SFSS. No amendment or new procedure will be valid until it has been consented to in writing by both the OC and IEC.

13. Notwithstanding paragraph 12, the OC and the IEC shall not make amendments or additions with respect to the following:

(a) the date and time of the Defederation Referendum(paragraph 6);

(b) the location of the polling stations for the Defederation Referendum (paragraph 26);

(c) the wording of the ballot for the Defederation Referendum (paragraph 5);

(d) the right of the OC and the IEC to have scrutineers present at the polling stations (paragraph 29); or

(e) the role of the SFSS Board in ratifying the results of the election and Decertification Referendum vote (paragraph 11).

14. On or before 7 January 2008, the OC and IEC shall jointly appoint an Arbitrator who shall have the powers and duties set out in these Procedures. If the OC and IEC have not appointed an Arbitrator by 7 January 2008, the Arbitrator shall be appointed by the Registrar of Simon Fraser University.

15. In order to ensure that the elections and Referendum Campaign proceed smoothly, the OC and IEC shall make best efforts to resolve any procedural issues that arise during the Defederation Referendum campaign or vote. Subject to paragraph 16, if either the OC or the IEC are of the opinion that any issue that arises during the campaign or vote cannot be resolved jointly by the OC and the IEC in a timely fashion, that party may refer the issue to the Arbitrator, whose decision shall be binding.

16. At the close of the Referendum, the Arbitrator shall provide the Board with a report concerning any issues he or she considered and decisions he or she made. The Board shall consider the Arbitrator's Report and recommendations of the OC and IEC in determining whether or not to ratify the Defederation Referendum.

CAMPAIGNING

17. Campaigning shall be open for no less than two weeks prior to the Defederation Referendum.

18. Campaigning shall be limited to members and representatives of the SFSS and members and representatives of the CFS.

19. All campaign posters and related paraphernalia shall be removed on or before 12:01 am on 18 March 2008.

20. Literature circulated in the course of the campaign shall not be libelous or discriminatory.

21. The OC and IEC may review all materials relating to the Defederation Referendum to ensure that they are not libelous or discriminatory. If either of the OC or the IEC considers that material is libelous or discriminatory and the other party does not agree, the parties shall refer the matter to the Arbitrator pursuant paragraph 15* of these Procedures.

QUORUM AND MAJORITY VOTE

22. The Defederation Referendum vote shall have no effect unless at least 5% of the members of the SFSS have voted in the Defederation Referendum.

23. The resolution in favour of Defederation shall pass if a simple majority of the members who voted in the Defederation Referendum vote in favour of Defederation.

VOTING

24. There shall be less no less than 16 hours of polling on March 18-20, 2008.

25. The polling shall take place at the following polling stations:

(i) Three polling stations at SFU Burnaby (one in the foyer of the library, one located at the south-east corner of the Academic Quadrangle, and one across from Ravens Cafeteria in the West Mall Center);

(ii) One polling station in the foyer of SFU Surrey, and

(iii) One polling station in the foyer of SFU Harbour Center.

Comment: **These are the sites that are traditionally used in SFSS elections and referenda They were selected on the grounds that they were visible and**

known sites and most likely to attract eligible voters, and have worked in the past.

26. Polling stations shall provide a private area in which ballots shall be marked.

27. The OC and IEC shall oversee the voting on 18-20 March 2008. The OC and IEC may delegate the task of supervising the polls to paid SFSS students who shall be hired by both the OC and IEC and report to both the OC and IEC.

28. The CFS and SFSS may each have a scrutineer present during polling and the counting of the Defederation Referendum ballots. Scrutineers shall not attempt to influence voters or determine how members voted.

OFF CAMPUS MEMBERS

29. The IEC shall contact all members of the Society designated as "off-campus" for whom it has email addresses, to inform them of the election and any referenda, including the Defederation Referendum, and ask them if they intend to participate. The IEC shall send each individual who indicates that he or she intends to vote in the election and/or referendum a copy of the ballots by registered mail no later than four weeks before the date of the Defederation Referendum, with instructions that only those sealed ballots that are returned the chair of the IEC before 7:30 p.m. on 20 March 2008 will be included in the count.

Comment: We have left this task to the IEC since it is required to do it for SFSS elections

30. Members shall be considered "off campus" if they are registered in courses or programs designated by the University as "off-campus" and are not registered in courses that are held at any campus where a polling station is present.

COUNTING THE BALLOTS

31. The IEC shall seal the ballot boxes upon close of the voting. Members of the OC may be present when the boxes are sealed.

32. The IEC shall count the ballots and tally the results of the Defederation Referendum. Members of the OC may be present when the ballots are counted.

33. The IEC may use an electronic means to tally the results of the Defederation Referendum.

Comment: **The IEC traditionally uses a Scantron machine to count the ballots since it provides a secure and impartial means of counting ballots. The IEC and the Oversight Committee can both be present when the Scantron does the count.**

34. The OC or IEC may request a recount of the ballots cast in the Defederation Referendum within 72 hours of the polls closing.

35. The ballots will be kept for 30 days following the close of the polls or as required by law.

This is Exhibit "L" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 21st day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

December 3, 2007

Dear Mr. Harder,

I am writing in response to your letter dated November 5, 2007 and received in my office on November 13. As I believe you are aware, ten percent of the members of the Simon Fraser Student Society petitioned for a referendum on the question of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

As outlined in Bylaw 1.6.f., a Referendum Oversight Committee is struck and charged with the responsibility of preparing the rules that will govern a referendum and executing said referendum. Sole authority for the referendum rests with this Referendum Oversight Committee.

At its fall meeting, the National Executive selected the Federation's members of the Referendum Oversight Committee. National Treasurer Ben Lewis and Director of Organising Lucy Watson will be the Federation's representatives. I have taken the liberty of forwarding them your letter. Please advise them as to who will be representing the Simon Fraser Student Society on the Committee.

Finally, I cannot comment on the status of the remittance of the membership fees collected from Simon Fraser University students and held in trust by the Simon Fraser Student Society for the Canadian Federation of Students-British Columbia. I suggest that you communicate directly with that organisation.

Regards,

Amanda Aziz
National Chairperson

cc. Ben Lewis, Federation Representative on the Referendum Oversight Committee
Lucy Watson, Federation Representative on the Referendum Oversight Committee

This is Exhibit "M" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 26th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

MINUTES

Referendum Oversight Committee Canadian Federation of Students
Monday, February 3, 2008 • Teleconference

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kyall Glennie	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Michael Letourneau	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Ben Lewis	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative
Lucy Watson	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative

1. DEVELOPMENT OF MEETING PROTOCOL

Decisions:

The Committee meetings will be co-chaired by a Simon Fraser Student Society Representative and a Canadian Federation of Students' Representative.

Committee member Watson will record the minutes of the Committee meetings.

The minutes of each Committee meeting will be made available to Committee members for editing and approval within 24 hours of the relevant Committee meeting. The minutes of each Committee meeting will be approved at the subsequent Committee meeting.

A copy of the minutes will be made available to the Simon Fraser Student Society office to be posted outside the office and on the Simon Fraser Student Society website. A copy will also be provided to each registered campaign team.

A common email address will be created for members of the Committee. The email address will be publicised on the notice of referendum posters and the Committee minutes. Members will communicate directly with the Committee using the common email address.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

Watson registered serious concern about the pre-campaigning in which the Simon Fraser Student Society had been engaged since the early fall. It was agreed that the Committee would first establish the criteria for campaign materials before discussing the issue of pre-campaigning.

MINUTES

Referendum Oversight Committee Canadian Federation of Students
Monday, February 11, 2008 • Teleconference

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kyall Glennie	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Michael Letourneau	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Ben Lewis	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative
Lucy Watson	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 4, 2008 Oversight Committee meeting were approved.

2. DISCUSSION OF REFERENDUM PROTOCOL

Decisions--Quorum:

Quorum shall be five percent of the eligible student population.

The result of the referendum shall be determined by a 50 percent plus one majority of the votes cast.

Decisions--Campaign Materials:

The Committee shall approve all campaign-specific materials prior to distribution.

The Committee will not approve materials that are defamatory, libellous or factually incorrect. The onus is on the author of the proposed campaign materials to demonstrate the contents are correct in the event they are challenged or questioned. The Committee shall not engage in fact checking unless requested to do so. Campaigners may challenge the facts on campaign materials should they believe them to be incorrect and may submit complaints to that effect to the Committee.

Materials that have not received Committee approval cannot be distributed.

The Committee will not approve materials that cannot be removed at the conclusion of the campaign; or materials that are likely to damage property including stickers and paint applied to building surfaces.

Campaigns and/or campaigners shall provide an electronic copy of all versions of proposed campaign materials. The Committee shall provide in confidence a written approval or refusal of proposed campaign materials, and shall respond by 5pm the next business day.

The Committee shall retain electronic and hard copies of all materials for the duration of the referendum campaign.

Each campaign and/or campaigners shall comply with any building regulations set out by the University.

Decisions--Campaign (General):

In order to participate in the referendum, individuals and campaign teams must register with the Oversight Committee.

MINUTES

Referendum Oversight Committee Canadian Federation of Students
Tuesday, February 19, 2008 • Teleconference

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kyall Glennie	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Michael Letourneau	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Ben Lewis	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative
Lucy Watson	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee will approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 Oversight Committee meeting at the next meeting.

2. DEVELOPMENT OF MEETING PROTOCOL

Decision:

The Committee reserves the right to invite non-Committee members to present to the Committee regarding proposed campaign materials and/or complaints that have been submitted in accordance with the referendum protocol.

3. DISCUSSION OF REFERENDUM PROTOCOL

Question--Decision:

The referendum question shall read:

"Are you in favour of maintaining membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?

Yes or No"

Campaign Materials--Decisions:

Materials cannot be posted or affixed to glass or painted surfaces. Use of chalk on any surface (excluding chalk boards) is prohibited.

No individual may remove, deface, damage or destroy campaign material(s) without the authorization of the Referendum Oversight Committee.

Banners, whether made from paper or any other materials shall be restricted to maximum dimensions of 4' by 10'. Banners must be hung with string or a similar material.

MINUTES

Referendum Oversight Committee Canadian Federation of Students
Thursday, February 28, 2008 • Teleconference

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kyall Glennie	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Michael Letourneau	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Ben Lewis	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative
Lucy Watson	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the February 25, 2008 Oversight Committee meetings.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF REFERENDUM DATES

Motion

Be it resolved that polling for the referendum occur on March 18-20 9:30-7:30 as specified in the notice.

DECISION: No agreement was reached.

3. DISCUSSION OF REFERENDUM PROTOCOL

Campaign Materials--Decisions:

Any reference to "materials" in the Referendum Protocol shall include all electronic materials.

Individuals and/or campaign teams must register referendum campaign-specific websites, Facebook groups, web logs etc. with the Oversight Committee.

Where the Oversight Committee determines that campaign materials which have not been approved by the Committee are being distributed, displayed or used by a campaign, then the Committee shall order the materials immediately withdrawn or removed.

Campaigning--Decision:

There shall be no campaigning at any time in areas or at events where alcohol is served, in bathrooms or in the library.

In order to participate in the referendum campaign, individuals must familiarise themselves with the referendum rules as outlined in this document. Any person who wishes to campaign in the referendum may request and shall receive an orientation to the referendum rules by the members of the Referendum Oversight Committee.

In order to participate in the referendum, individuals or campaign sides must register with the Oversight Committee. A registration form shall be available from the Referendum Oversight Committee.

MINUTES

Referendum Oversight Committee Canadian Federation of Students
Monday, March 3, 2008 • Teleconference

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kyall Glennie	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Michael Letourneau	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Ben Lewis	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative
Lucy Watson	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the February 28, 2008 Oversight Committee meetings.

2. DISCUSSION OF REFERENDUM PROTOCOL

Campaigning--Decisions:

The Committee approved the Campaign Registration Form.

A registration form shall be available from the Referendum Oversight Committee and must be submitted electronically to the Referendum Oversight Committee email account.

There shall be no campaigning at any time in student residential areas including UniverCity.

Ballot Boxes--Decisions:

All ballot boxes and ballots shall be secured in a location approved by the Committee.

The ballot boxes shall be sealed and not opened until counting.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Glennie expressed concern about hiring poll clerks or allowing volunteers to poll clerk outside of the CUPE 5396 Collective Agreement.

MINUTES

Referendum Oversight Committee • Canadian Federation of Students
Tuesday, March 11, 2008 • Teleconference

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kyall Glennie	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Michael Letourneau	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
Ben Lewis	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative
Lucy Watson	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee postponed the approval of the minutes of the March 3, 2008 Oversight Committee meeting.

2. DISCUSSION OF REFERENDUM PROTOCOL

Materials--Decisions:

The Committee may assign an additional penalty, which may include destruction of the material or a restriction on campaigning provided that the penalty is balanced against the volume of the materials distributed or its effect, and that no destruction shall take place until the appeal period is expired.

In order to participate in the referendum campaign, individuals must familiarise themselves with the referendum rules as outlined in the referendum rules document. Any person who wishes to campaign in the referendum may request and shall receive an orientation to the referendum rules by the members of the Referendum Oversight Committee.

3. REVIEW OF MATERIALS

The Committee reviewed and approved referendum campaign materials.

MINUTES

Referendum Oversight Committee • Canadian Federation of Students
MonFriday, March 28, 2008 • Teleconference

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kyall Glennie	Simon Fraser Student Society Representative
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Lucy Watson	Canadian Federation of Students' Representative

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the March 12 and 17, 2008 Oversight Committee meetings.

2. APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM RESULTS

Proposal:

Letourneau suggested that the Committee consider a motion to approve the results of the vote conducted by the Simon Fraser Student Society on March 18-20.

The Canadian Federation of Students' Representatives requested that the following response be included in the record:

"We have made these comments previously but given the motion that you wish to introduce, we would like to state the following and have it noted on the record:

We understand that the Society has taken the position that the vote held on March 18-20, 2008, constitutes a binding and effective referendum on membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

It has been our position throughout this process that the vote on March 18-20 was conducted outside of the jurisdiction and procedure of the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students and the Referendum Oversight Committee. For this and other reasons (made known to the Society and this Committee through discussion here and correspondence from counsel), this vote was not in accordance with the Bylaws and, accordingly, can not be and is not a valid or binding referendum.

We wish to make it clear that the CFS will not recognize the validity of the March 18-20 poll.

Certainly, we will not "approve" or recognize the vote results in any fashion.

Finally, we also wish to make it clear that we are committed to the process set out in the Canadian Federation of Students' Bylaws and will continue to meet as a Committee in order to implement a referendum, in accordance with the Bylaws, on continued membership in the Federation."

This is Exhibit "N" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 26th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

International News

Guy Fawkes wannabes take on Scientology

Similar demonstrations unfold in cities around the world

Sam Norris
Associate News Editor

Masked demonstrators converged on Vancouver's Church of Scientology last Sunday as part of a global movement to protest the criminal actions of the organization.

The demonstrations were organized by Anonymous, a loose group of internet activists dedicated to the destruction of the Church of Scientology. They allege that the church takes advantage of desperate people for monetary gain, and has been responsible for the death of at least one person.

In January, a compromising video interview with the movie star Tom Cruise intended for internal uses surfaced on the Internet. In some parts of the video, Cruise appears unstable. Scientology spokespeople have pointed out that it is selectively edited, though the full version is also available online.

After the organization's lawyers lobbied the removal of the video from YouTube and a number of other websites, Anonymous was spawned in chatrooms and forums across the Internet in mid-January. For several weeks, the group launched distributed denial of service attacks against church websites, succeeding in taking down some of the targets for extended periods of time.

Distributed denial of service attacks harness a network of coordinated computers to bombard a website with data requests, potentially overwhelming it and taking it offline.

The Church of Scientology has characterized the group's actions as "terrorist" and defended their right to religious expression.

Perhaps in response to church characterizations of Anonymous as "computer geeks," the group organized a series of protests outside church locations around the world for February 10.

The Vancouver protests attracted approximately 200 people at the height. A Scientology official at the scene told CTV News that Anonymous had paid many of them to be in attendance. Some demonstrators wore masks in a self-described attempt to protect their identity from the Church. Others carried signs emblazoned with "Religion is free ... Scientology isn't," a reference to the large fees the church charges its members.

"Anonymous is perpetrating religious hate crimes against Churches of Scientology and individual Scientologists for no reason other than religious bigotry," the church said in a statement.

Similar demonstrations occurred in 50 cities in 14 countries, attracting an estimated 7,000 people worldwide. Some members of Anonymous claimed that as many as 200,000 demonstrators took to the streets.

The Church of Scientology's legal status varies as much as the differing views of the Church and Anonymous. In Germany, the group has been under surveillance by the intelligence services since 1997 as a group that "prevaricates for a society where the dignity of mankind and the right to equal treatment would be suspended or restricted," according to a recent court ruling.

However, the U.S. State Department's annual Human Rights Report regularly cites the German government for the monitoring.

The U.S. and Australia have recognized the Church of Scientology as a religious organization and accordingly given it tax-exempt status.

The church claims eight million members worldwide. Other sources think that 500,000 is a more accurate figure.

Martha Essak / THE PEAK

Protestors use merchandise from the movie V for Vendetta as masks to protect their identity.

Campus News

Oversight Committee disagrees on question

Shara Lee
News Editor

The two sides of the Oversight Committee that was set up to watch over the spring defederation referendum are disagreeing over the wording of the CFS membership question.

The CFS's proposed question is a two-page-long document that asks, "Are you in favour of maintaining formal relations with the students who are members of the following students' unions" and goes on to list well over 60 universities and colleges across Canada.

The SFSS is proposing a much shorter question that asks students, "Are you in favour of maintaining membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?"

The CFS side of the Oversight Committee has yet to approve this question from the SFSS side, although this same question has already been approved for usage in the University of Victoria Graduate Students Society Referendum that will be held later this spring.

"We're trying to get a lot of the referendum protocol issues tacked down and it's going slowly," said graduate student Michael Letourneau, a member of the SFSS side of the Oversight Committee. "I think the question that they proposed is unclear," said Letourneau.

Disagreements in Oversight Committees are not limited to SFU. The Kwantlen Student Association, whose student union is also attempting to defederate, is undergoing similar problems within its own Oversight Committee.

According to Titus Gregory, who serves as Policy Analyst of the KSA,

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Campus News

Student politicians eye early victories

Senate and Board elections offer opportunities for would-be politicos

Shara Lee
News Editor

SFU students will soon be going to the polls in the first election of the season. Online balloting to select student representatives to the university's Senate and Board of Governors is set to begin on February 20 and will last until February 22 at 4:00 p.m.

The Senate and Board of Governors are twin assemblies that jointly make the rules that govern SFU, the former on matters of academic policy and the latter on more general matters of corporate governance. Though the majority of seats on both bodies are held by individuals appointed either by the university or provincial government, both also have a few seats reserved for students, who are elected every year.

In the Senate, there are 14 student seats to be filled. A total of 17 nominations were received. According to Senate rules, there must be one student from each faculty and at least one graduate student. The term for student senators elected this year will last from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009.

Since no nominations were received from the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the Faculty of Business Administration, these two positions still remain vacant.

Graduate student Bhuvinder Vaid, the former Education rep on the SFSS Board, was acclaimed the as student senator for the Faculty of Education. Undergraduate student Benjamin Lee also ran uncontested for the Faculty of Health Sciences and will be the Senate representative for his faculty.

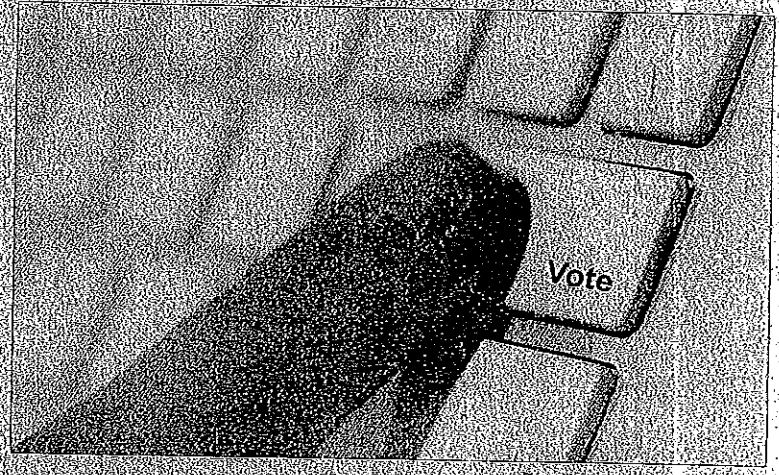
Students will elect 10 students to fill the remaining Senate positions.

Students who run for seats on the Senate and Board of Governors tend to be among SFU's most politically active and often hold office in the Simon Fraser Student Society's Board of Directors. This year proves to be no exception. With Student Society elections a mere month away, many of this year's candidates clearly intend to use the university's elections as an opportunity to raise their public profile among student voters.

The candidates include a number of students who have either stated they intend to run for office in the March Student Society election, or students who are heavily involved in student politics and are likely to run for Student Society positions.

Students running for the remaining Senate positions include Aman Bains and Anna Belkine from the Faculty of Science, as well as 13 other students from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences including Hajda Armanios Assefa, Senault Antolick, Natalie Bocking, Jason Chan, Andrew Ferguson, Kevin Harding, Camille MacDonald, Joe Paling, Ravi Patel, Chen Shen, Robin Steudel, Earl Tapia, Roberto Trasolini and Amanda van Baarsen.

Two students are to be elected to the Board of Governors. Candidates include current SFSS At-Large representative Natalie Bocking (who is also running for Senate), current SFSS University Relations Officer Amanda van Baarsen, and Kevin Harding, a current SFSS staffer who is also President of the CUPE local that represents SFSS employees. The two other candidates are David Newman and Robin Steudel.



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STUDENT ELECTIONS – SPRING 2008
ON-LINE BALLOTING FEBRUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 22, 2008 AT 4:00 PM

By Bounce will be sent to the internal Webadvisor E-mail address. Students will receive an e-mail with the following information: instructions on voting, links to candidate information statements, and a link to the WebAdvisor ballot. Students will be required to use their SFU Computing ID and password in order to access the voting system.

Summary of Nomination Results

Board of Governors

Two students to be elected in response to the call for nominations. 4 nominations were received (one was subsequently withdrawn) and balloting is required to elect two students for terms of office from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 from the following candidates:

Natalie Bocking | Kevin Harding | David Newman | Robin Steudel | Amanda van Baarsen

Senate

Fourteen students to be elected in response to the call for nominations. 17 nominations were received. Senate rules state that amongst the student representatives on Senate there must be one student from each Faculty and one graduate and one undergraduate student. *That two by-elections ensued from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Business Administration has no bearing on this.* There was one nomination received from the Faculty of Education (Bhuvinder Vaid, Graduate Student) and one nomination received from the Faculty of Health Sciences (Benjamin Lee, Undergraduate) to have candidates have been elected by acclamation for terms of office from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009.

Balloting is therefore required to elect 10 students to fill the remaining positions for terms of office from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 from the following candidates:

Hajda Armanios Assefa	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Aman Bains	Faculty of Science
Anna Belkine	Faculty of Science
Natalie Bocking	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Jason Chan	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Andrew Ferguson	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Kevin Harding	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Camille MacDonald	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Joe Paling	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Ravi Patel	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Chen Shen	Faculty of Science
Robin Steudel	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Earl Tapia	Faculty of Science
Roberto Trasolini	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Amanda van Baarsen	

SFU Community Trust – Community Advisory Committee

Student members for the CAC shall include one student who acts as liaison with the Simon Fraser Student Society and one student who acts as liaison for student enrolment. In response to the call for nominations, two nominations were received for each position and balloting is required to elect one student for each position from the following candidates:

SFSS Liaison for term of office from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010:
Jason Chan | Ravi Patel

Student Residence Liaison for term of office from date of election to March 31, 2009:
David Newman | Earl Tapia

Senate Graduate Studies Committee

Four students (2 Regular, 2 Alternate) to be elected. In response to the call for nominations, one nomination was received. **Michael Letourneau elected by acclamation** to one of the Regular positions for term of office from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. The remaining positions will be filled by election by Senate at a future meeting of Senate.

Statements from the candidates are available on the Web at http://students.tc.ca/elections/students/

Oversight Committee contention

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since all four members of the committee are partisan, "the committee is designed to fail."

Most of the time, these committees succeed because most of the time the Students Union is on the side of the Federation," said Gregory.

Letourneau was hesitant to say that the Committee was deadlocked. "We haven't hit any issue where we can't decide one way or the other."

Although Letourneau stated that the Oversight Committee is functioning without dilemma, sources close to the SFSS Executive have stated that the Committee may be breaking down. The reason members on the SFSS side of the Oversight Committee may be hesitant to let out too many details is because, as a source stated, "The theory is that they want to keep face in front of the CFS and any sign that the two sides are not getting along is only detrimental to the success of the referendum."

This is Exhibit "O" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 26th day of May, 2008.

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The race is on for the *2008 Student Society General Election!* Check out the SFSS Elections Website for more information.

We Have A Wiener! Hot Dogs, Beverages, Fun, Games, and Music in the Convo Mall, Wednesday March 5th from Noon to 4 pm (more info).

Want to join a club or start your own? Check out our list of clubs and resources.

Tell us about your transit experiences. Are the lineups too long? Did you have a friendly bus driver that you'd like to thank? Do you have suggestions we can bring to our next meeting with Translink?

The Simon Fraser Student Society is the students' union at Simon Fraser University. Each student enrolled at Simon Fraser University is a member.

By pooling the resources of the students at our university, the Student Society is able to represent the interests of our members to University administrators and the broader community.

The Student Society also offers services that benefit its members including an Ombuds Office, a Women's Centre, free legal clinics and the only pub on campus.

What's New:

WE WANT OUT! Learn more about the SFSS campaign to cease membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)

Visit the new Graduate Student Society website

Graduate Student Health & Dental Benefit Plan

Visit Quad Books Online

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In March 2007, 78% of SFU voters said that they want out of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Your SFSS clearly heard your voices and we are working hard to achieve our independence.

SFU students currently give the CFS over $430,000 per year.

Leaving the CFS will allow us to create a better campus by improving our services, campaigns, and social events - we will improve student life at SFU. Leaving the CFS will not result in the loss of any services that SFU students currently enjoy – like TravelCuts or the ISIC card.

The SFSS actively lobbies for SFU student issues on campus and in BC by meeting regularly with many administrators, MLAs, MPs, and other key decision makers. We are addressing the issues that are important to you – transit, fees, quality of education, student rights – and making our university better.

The CFS pays for its campaigns with our money, but keeps us at arms length from its spending decisions. By leaving the CFS, students will have direct control over our own money. We will advocate more effectively for issues that are important to our students.

Breathe new life into SFU. Take back your campus.

sfss.ca home page

We Want Out!

Learn more about why BC students want to end their CFS membership:

- Macleans.ca articles [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7]
- Studentunion.ca - News and views for student union activists in Canada
- Global TV News covers CFS links to financial problems at Douglas Students Union, interviews CFS staff member Philip Link
- Archives of The Peak - SFU's student paper
- Report of the SFSS's CFS membership working group [PDF]
- "A Lying Truth" student blog - afreak.ca
- Journal Article by Caelie Frampton about the CFS's dysfunctional relationship with activist student organizers [PDF]
- The web sites of CFS-BC and CFS National

... and we're not alone!

- Kwantlen College Students are also petitioning to leave the CFS - cfstruth.ca
- University of Victoria Graduate students and Undergraduate students are also getting out.

Also, students at Douglas – see a pattern?

Help out this campaign

Click here for a list of quick things you can do to support the campaign to take back our campus.

Contact us any time for more information.

Do you have a story about the CFS you'd like to share? Send us 300 words or less about your experience with the CFS, along

with your name and e-mail address. Just click here to send us an e-mail!

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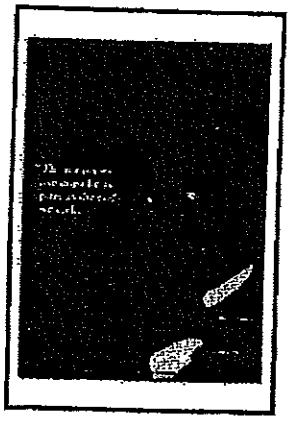

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Last Word

Why We Should Leave

By Amy Fox, External Relations Officer for the SFSS

Lately, you may have noticed a sharp increase in Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) advertising and promotion at and around SFU's campuses. But if you think you've seen CFS advertising so far, you ain't seen nothing yet. This semester will see more CFS advertising than ever before. Given past CFS practice, we can expect all of the following in the next few months. There will be ads on SkyTrains, stations, buses, and wherever, displaying pictures of well-paid actors standing in front of SFU backdrops, pretending to be SFU students. While CFS dayplanners used to cost our student union $60,000, this year Federation staff will give them away for free. Take one. Take ten! They won't be free next year — whether or not we're still in the CFS. Come February, we can expect cheery-faced well-paid CFS staff to stop SFU students in the hall to explain the wonders of the Federation. Closer to the referendum, we'll see 'volunteers' flown and bused in from other schools to pitch the CFS at us.

Hopefully, this will be a clean campaign, free of such incidents found at Langara College's successful independence referendum in the mid '90s. Hopefully, no one will steal all the student newspapers or drag student journalists out of their car by their camera strap.

We will see both the National and Provincial CFS spend hundreds of thousands of students' dollars flogging all the great things that the CFS claims to have accomplished. Like how a number of years ago B.C. once lowered tuition by five per cent just before an election without funding universities to make up the shortfall. This forced B.C. universities to accrue huge deficits. After the election, this translated into a series of hikes that doubled our tuition. Or we'll hear about how "the CFS lowered Alberta's tuition," despite the fact that only a tiny fraction of Alberta students are in the CFS. Or maybe we'll hear that if we leave the CFS, we'll be 'abandoning the student movement' — as if the CFS owned student issues and SFU was unable to work with other schools both CFS and non-CFS alike.

They'll boast about 'CFS services,' even though every 'CFS service' (save two) is available at non-CFS schools or available for free elsewhere. TravelCuts may not be very good, but it's available at UBC and other non-CFS schools, and it'll still be here if we leave the CFS. SWAP is more or less the same. The Student Union Directory is a frequently-outdated paper copy of contact information posted on student union websites. The CFS health plan (the one that the impeached directors tried to force grad students to switch to) is available to non-CFS members. Same goes for the International Student Identity Card (ISIC). Student Phones just re-sells other companies' cellphone packages. CFS online tax filing is just a duplicate of Revenue Canada's free online filing for anyone on a student income. Homes4Students is just a subpar free rental listings site. There are only two CFS 'services' that we will 'lose.' One is the student union website service that makes websites for student unions (ie. not students) by shoving text into an online template. The other is their discount card, which is so out of date that many 'discounts' no longer apply; where it is accepted, the discount is often available to all students, CFS or not.

While these cheery-faced boosters will shower their love of the CFS onto us like backing-up sinks, they'll show little or no engagement with the problems in the CFS. What about the dodgy financial-advances-to-be-paid-back-later (they sued Kwantlen for calling them "loans") during the Douglas College scandal? What about the CFS's habit of threatening lawsuits against student journalists? Will they see any tie between the CFS and past scandals at SFU, Kwantlen, and Douglas? Likely, they'll chalk up these spectacular dysfunctions to 'misunderstandings perpetuated by people who don't want to work with students'

Why all this extra attention now? The advertising blitz started after our referendum to leave the CFS, held last March. The referendum ended with 78 per cent in favour of leaving. Pro-CFS students refused to participate, then complained about not being represented (see JJ McCullough's letter ["CFS referendum," October 15]). And then the CFS refused to acknowledge our vote. SFU is one of the few large universities still stuck in the CFS. We lend them credibility. We're also the third biggest cash cow in the national CFS, the largest in the B.C.-CFS, and soon we'll be holding a legally

binding referendum on whether to leave — and if we do, their money and prestige might dry up. The CFS charges Simon Fraser students around $430,000 per year. They charge Kwantlen students (who are also leaving) about $140,000 a year; the UVic Grads (they're leaving too), about $50,000. Over in Nova Scotia, Cape Breton University pays about $32,000, and they're leaving too, but the National Federation is trying to ignore it. If we could only be so cy.

At their last meeting, the national CFS (we also belong to B.C.'s provincial CFS), allocated $60,000 to campaigning in referenda on top of $100,000 already set aside, of which $35,000 will go to "membership development" — ie. advertising the CFS to students. That's up from $10,124 spent last year, and most of the increase is going to travel. I guess the national CFS is finally getting off their Ontario-centred duffs to come out to B.C. with love and hugs. And that's just the national half. This doesn't include the "I am CFS" campaign, which is $50,000 of B.C.-CFS "membership development." Nor does it include whatever other student money B.C. diverts into "raising our awareness." It's almost as if we're paying the CFS to advertise itself to us.

Which school will be the target of this enormous and costly "awareness raising?" Will it be the 3,000 UVic graduate students at who pay $50,000 per year, the Kwantlenites at $140,000, or the 26,000 SFU students who pay $430,000 a year?

They'll be here. Their ads will be everywhere. But as soon as the referendum is done, they'll be gone again. They'll say that they've always been involved at SFU, but then why didn't we see them last year? Or the year before? I guess that if we only get this kind of service now, we should leave every year.

Next week: Why we should stay . . .

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Our Relationship with the CFS: A Working Report by SFSS Members

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Jason Tockman

Goals and guidelines:
The ultimate goal of this assessment is to present a review of the costs and benefits of SFSS membership in the CFS, financial or otherwise.

In the interests of full and diverse representation, all working group members have been able to add material to this report, and the removal of any material from the report requires the permission of the working group member who posted it.

This report is divided up as follows:

1 **Financial costs of CFS membership**

2 **Services provided by CFS and approximate financial value where calculable**

3 **Non-financial costs and perceived or alleged issues**

4 **Alternatives to the CFS as a larger-scale student union**

Section 1. **Financial costs of CFS membership**

Our membership fees to the BC-CFS and Federal CFS have been as follows for the last two years:

2005-Spring	$149,292.00
2005-Summer	$96526.80
2005-Fall	$162,222.18
2005 total	$408,040.98
2006-Spring	$158,196.18
2006-Summer	$103241.28
2006-Fall*	$173,767.26 *unpaid at present, to be remitted upon receipt of auditor's report
2006 total	$435,204.72 (of which we have paid $261,437.46)

- BC-CFS bylaws specify a per-Diem of $20 per day for local-area delegates and $35 per day for non-local delegates. Specific travel costs are reimbursed by the CFS.
- Administrative costs and costs of staff & directors' time spend on CFS-related activities.

Section 2. <u>Services provided by CFS and approximate financial value where calculable</u>

- **Lobbying**
  - It is unclear *how* the CFS campaigns, but it does itemize its meeting with politicians. The CFS webpage focuses on official Federation policies on student loans, tuition, income contingency loans, millennium scholarships, part-time studies and their no-means-no campaign. The BC-CFS emphasizes access to Adult Basic Education. Little attention has been given to graduate funding.
  - The CFS issued a Charter challenge to the Canadian Government over bankruptcy laws that specified that declaring Bankruptcy does not affect student loan payments.
  - The efficacy of CFS lobbying remains unclear. Despite claiming a "strong presence on parliament hill" and citing tuition freezes as victories, the CFS has not shown how or if their lobbying has led to any reduction in or stabilization of tuition.
  - Little mention is given to how tuition freezes have later been overturned in favor of increases, or to the sharp rises in tuition between fee freezes.
  - The CFS claims outside organizations (such as the Canadian Autoworkers Union and Oxfam) as "coalition partners" in the struggle against high tuition. Whether these organizations have a direct link to the CFS is unclear. (CFS Website)

- **Organizing student rallies and petitions**
- **Student handbooks:** We buy handbooks from the CFS - as can non-CFS schools
- **ISIC** card:

  - The General Office produces about 4.24 cards per day; Without CFS membership, ISIC cards cost $15 each. Based on 4.24 cards/day * 365 days/year * $15/card, the annual value of free ISIC cards is $23214/year averaged over past 3 yrs.
  - An ISIC card qualifies the rider to a discount on Eurorail Passes. They are the only student discount card accepted by VIA Rail. Greyhound Canada accepts both ISIC Cards and regular student cards, but provides a better discount for short-term ticket purchases made with an ISIC card.

- **Studentphones:** studentphones.com is an independent international business that has a partnership with the CFS. Students get a "student bonus", which requires an ISIC card. This said, the SFSS is locked into an exclusive contract with Studentphones that is costing us money in vendor revenue.
- **Studentsaver** card: included with day planners; cost less than $10 to purchase; some banks give them away to students. The Studentsaver often duplicates the function of the ISIC card save that studentsaver is available to part-time students. Some studentsaver discounts are available with regular student ID.
- **SWAP program**: This work-exchange assistance program is open to all students in Canada regardless of CFS membership.
- **TravelCUTS:** CFS owns a majority of TravelCUTS and has spaces on their Board of Directors. Travelcuts is also available at non-CFS schools
- **National Student Health Network**: We do not subscribe to this service, and the grads have rejected their bid in favour of another health plan provider.
- **Students' Union Website Service**: provides website templates & hosting for member locals: No prices are listed online as far as I can tell. It's not clear whether this is any better than many other services, since similar private business services often offer "discounted" hosting and free URL registration.
- **Research & informational briefs** on student issues.
  - Almost all is secondary research (i.e., compiled from research not performed by CFS); very little is primary research.
- **UFile: free online tax filing:** this is free for all students, regardless of CFS membership status, and to anyone with a total family income of $25,000 or less.
- **Facilitate communication** between locals through general meetings and other networking
- **Workshops for delegates**: training and experience for delegates
- **homes4students:** appears to be an online student housing database, but seems to be a duplication of existing listings, such as an SFU site. May offer little or no value to SFU students.

- **Provides a framework** for future programs
- **Subsidies for small postsecondary schools**
- **Campaign** organization and design
    - No Means No
    - Lower Tuition Fees
    - Access to Graduate Studies
    - etc. etc.

Section 3 **Non-financial costs and perceived or alleged issues**

- **Denied SFU its right to a proxy vote** at the December 2006 national meeting; has not explained actions
- **No audited financial reports** have been presented for the 2005 fiscal year (BC-CFS)
- **Alleged interference or over-involvement in elections,** either directly and indirectly through staff members, to back sympathetic candidates in student elections at locals, in violation of collective agreement
    - Derrick Harder reports logistical campaign support from CFS during 2003 election.
    - "Access all-stars" used CFS-BC office resources in 2003 SFSS election
    - Pro-CFS slates have posters that appear to be made from the same templates, with the same slogan of "Reduce Tuition Fees" for elections dating back to 2003.
    - Pro-CFS slates at Douglas, Kwantlen and SFU have been involved in large scandals
- **Alleged involvement in purges of "non-CFS-friendly" staff** at locals
    - In the aftermath of the USSU (University of Saskatchewan student union) 2004 referendum to join the CFS, pages from a notebook alleged to belong to (and have been stolen from) Gavin Gardner, then President of USSU, were publicized. The included statements such as "Purging bad staff... Replacing w good staff - CFS", "Getting everyone out of Amiccus" (a professional organization for student union staff), "switching health plans", "NSHN talk to Tom", "phones for students" , "handbook", "USSU website", "Long term CUTS lease", "Withdrawing from CASA... Stopping other members from joining", " Getting UBC out of CASA / GM", "Getting local 10 back", "time line for McGill", "Get Premier to mention CFS". Assuming this is not a fabrication, the collective contents of the notebook could be interpreted as a potential plan to replace a number of services with CFS versions, to replace staff with pro-CFS staff and remove the influence of non-CFS labour organizations. Additional possible interpretation is that Gardner was present at a conversation about strategies or plans for non-CFS-member student societies such as McGill and UBC to become members of the CFS.

- **Undemocratic structure:** all CFS student unions get 1 vote at plenary meetings, regardless of the size of their student body. SFU is the largest school in the BC-CFS and pays the most fees, but has only one vote - the same number as the smallest member-college, and half as many as Vancouver Community College's twin student unions, and any member local with separate graduate and undergraduate student unions.
- **Barriers to withdrawal from CFS:** CFS bylaws require a 10% petition, board motions, a 5% referendum and specify that the CFS makes up half of the committee that rules on electoral infractions.

    - If membership is so good, why does the CFS make it so hard to leave?

- **Suing schools that cancel their membership** (e.g., Acadia);

- **Lack of financial accountability** due to a lack of audits from CFS-BC for past 2 years, and the lack of publicly-available detailed budgets and audits.
- **Lack of transparency**
    - student press not permitted to attend national meetings & plenaries (Clea Moray telephone interview with Erin Millar, president of Canadian University Press (CUP));
    - Hostile relations between university press and CFS senior staff, possible intimidation of student reporters covering stories that cast CFS in a negative light
    - Threatening to sue student blogger Titus Gregory (the source of online copies of the bylaws)
- **Possible financial mismanagement:** alleged undocumented loan to Douglas College. Global News stated that CFS-BC and CFS-national collectively gave $500,000 to Douglas college in undocumented/unsecured loans. Global reports that about $400,000 of student fees that are supposed to be paid in health & dental premiums were instead spent by Douglas College Student Union on purchasing a building in New West.
- **Lack of opportunities for dialogue** and bottom-up input at general meetings and from day to

day

- **Alleged to be politically partisan,** dependent on NDP favour for government lobbying
- **Public perception of nepotism;** that CFS-friendly student reps and CFS-execs are rewarded with CFS jobs or travelcuts jobs/Board positions while those who might challenge the system feel that established authorities work to keep them out of any position of power
- **Opinion that CFS staff and exec positions are overpaid**
- **Large student unions (i.e. the SFSS) subsidize services** for campaigns at smaller schools.
- **Dubious claims of success:** Day of Action flyer cites Alberta's tuition cap despite that there are only two CFS member locals in Alberta: Calgary Graduates and the Alberta College of Art and Design

- **Alleged/perceived conflict of interest** in cases relating to CFS-Services. National Student Heath Service (e.g., recent SFSS Common Sense slate's insistence on bringing SFU undergrads a not-for-profit health plan, where the NSHN health plan is the only one that meets this description).

- **Disinterest in or active opposition to reform:** pro-reform member locals may be more likely to see electoral interference

Section 4 **Alternatives to the CFS as a larger-scale student union**

- Independence
  - Many CFS services are available to schools without CFS membership.
- CASA membership
  - perceived by some as friendly to the Federal Liberals
  - clearer explanation of what they stand for and what they do.
  - locals enter by a vote of their Board of Directors and step down to Associate member and then non-member status by the same route
  - Dubious regional representation: British Columbian schools are under the same regional director as Alberta, North-West Territories, Yukon Territory and Nunavut
- CAIS (An Alberta Organization)
- Potential to form an independent BC student alliance
  - Historical precedent: The British Columbia Student Association (BCSA), renamed The British Columbia-Yukon Student Association

A Lying Truth

Search:

I am not the CFS

17 January, 2008 (18:18) | Student life, Stupidity

One of the most annoying things I have come across since returning to school is this whole damn I am CFS campaign put on by the twits at the BC chapter of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Since when am I an organization? Do I get to represent the CFS the way I want to since I am CFS? If I am CFS, then why do you ban student journalists from your meetings? Or hell, even attempt to sue them? If I am CFS, why do you force my elected student government to discuss issues with my MLAs or MPs through them not just by themselves? If I am CFS, can I fucking leave?

This whole bullshit campaign started when a number of student unions in British Columbia's post-secondary institutions announced plans to hold referendums on discontinuing membership within the lobbyist group. These unions include the Simon Fraser Student Society, Kwantlen Student Assocation (they have an anti-CFS site), as well as the graduate union for the University of Victoria. UBC Alma Matter Society and the Langara College Student Union have long since revoked their membership within the federation.

Who can blame them? The CFS has this bizarre-o notion that it is a political group not just for students, but exists also to promote a socialist agenda that is unsustainable in this country-don't get me wrong, as I vote Green.

At an anti-war rally a number of years back, Ontario CFS organizer, Joel Duff made the following statement: "Students have always been at the forefront of every movement for social change, [and] every other war from now to the end of time, students will be there to say 'Not in our names.'" Last time I checked, the hundreds of thousand of dollars my student union has forked over to you twits was to go towards services and lobbyism to serve me as a student, not to serve views on world events that I may or may not agree with-I am not pro-war either.

It doesn't help that the group is corrupt to begin with.

In 2006, the CFS loaned several hundred thousand dollars to the Douglas College Student Union without proper authorization. When word got around about this, the federation went out its way to force Ryerson University's student paper to not publish an article about this and the other problems it faces unless it wishes to face lawsuits. Others who may be connected to the CFS have forced people to be silent about this issue as well. Fortunately, this says otherwise.

If shit like this is flying, I am certain that this is not the lone case.

You can tell that Amanda Aziz, President of the federation is having a hard time dealing with keeping the CFS under the control of some overzealous elite and the student unions that want nothing to do with her and her possé. In an interview with the SFU student paper, The Peak she makes the following comment:

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> **"I think, in the broader sense, students are worse off if we're not working together. I guess I would just throw a question out there and ask if the Student Society thinks that they are going to be able to have the same sort of political pull on the federal level, be able to do the same sorts of lobbying. The students, I would argue, at Simon Fraser University will be worse off,"**

Let me translate this for you: "I am going to be out of a job if this keeps up." She somehow has this brain-dead notion that student unions are largely idiotic and cannot advocate or lobby on their own. While I may question the intelligence of some student governments out there, there are some people involved who do have brains. In fact, I am willing to bet that even if there is one person per student union who is intelligent enough that it would outnumber the ruling elite at the CFS four to one.

So to those of you voting on membership in the March 2008 elections, vote against the CFS. You are not CFS, you are a student. The CFS is not representing students, but only itself.

Ironically, CFS also stands for "Chronic fatigue syndrome", which explains my being tired of them.

« Suing cross-border style

This has to be the coldest winter in my memory »

Comments

Comment from Rayne
Time: January 17, 2008, 7:16 pm

Well said. I agree completely. I'm so sick of paying for CFS fees and not even knowing what they do with them.

And now I'm all irate because I've found out.

Comment from Zach Carlson
Time: January 27, 2008, 2:28 pm

The SFSS could never have the same influence on decision-makers that it could when working with students across the country within the CFS. The SFSS could never single-handedly pressure government to make Adult Basic Education (High School for adults) free, like the work of students (including SFU students) did last year with the National Day of Action.

Our elected representatives at the CFS have an average of 10 meetings a month with elected representatives. The media will call our reps at the CFS for the opinion of students on an issue, not the SFSS.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not "anti-SFSS" or something. Our local student union is extremely important for carrying out campaigns on campus and engaging student volunteers, but we also need to work democratically with students across the province and the country. If each student union is working alone, we won't get what we want. We need to pool our resources.

Comment from Andrew
Time: January 31, 2008, 6:41 pm

The CFS seems more concerned with flashy ad campaigns than getting results. Instead of hiring a few good lobbyists the CFS would rather blow boatloads of money on stupid "shows of force" which do nothing but waste money. Case and point, the chartered buses when everyone had a U-Pass.

The CFS has next to no influence on decision makers because it simply gives one line and tries to repeat it at maximum volume as many times as possible.

That, and an lobby group that (what a concept) isn't corrupt, doesn't spend money on non student issues (seriously, plenty of other groups on the other issues, don't raise my student dues to cover someone's political paradise) and gets results is what we need. Not the CFS.

Comment from CFirstYear
Time: February 3, 2008, 12:50 am

I am sorry but, "The CFS has an average of 10 meetings a month with elected officials"? So what?

If they are not accomplishing anything, which they are not, then they have no business representing us. I just finished watching the 3 news reports Global did on the CFS, CFS-BC and the Douglas College Student Union fiasco in 2006.

I must say, it does not engender any confidence in the CFS in me, particularly the over the phone interview with the CFS representative in Ottawa where he flat out denied everything he had written in a letter.

I've been reading all the different points of views, and asking plenty of questions on the subject and I have found no reason for why any Student Union should be part of the CFS. It is poorly managed and seems to be of no consequence.

Us students of SFU deserve better representation and if the SFSS feels they can do better, all the more power to them. As a student I have the ability to effect some change at my university, hopefully one day I will be given that opportunity when I run for student governance.

Perhaps having a history in the working world, specifically the non-profit sector where I dealt with many Provincial and Federal Government ministries has given me a different view of the world had I gone straight into Uni after high school. I must say that I feel it has helped open my eyes so that I am not blind to what is being shoveled to us by the CFS.

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Comment from Adrian Mander
Time: February 14, 2008, 5:01 am

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The CFS is a bloated, corrupt, NDP-affiliated organization that exists to take our money, to interfere in our affairs for their own benefit, and to give us just about nothing in return. Get them out. Let's have student government for students.

Write a comment

Name:

E-mail:

Website:

Comment:

16 things you can do to help the "We Want Out" campaign at SFU!

1. Photograph yourself with "I Want Out" written on your hand (or elsewhere) and post it to your facebook or another online source.

2. Come into our offices to get a poster of your choice to put up on your door, locker, window or wall. Want a funny political cartoon? Want a poster comparing Star Trek and the CFS? Want a sexy picture of Apaak for your very own? Come to our offices.

3. Read our website (**www.wewantout.ca**), read their websites (**www.iamcfs.ca**) pick a couple articles that you think get the point across best, and send them to a friend.

4. Change your Facebook information to something like "[Your Name] is leaving the CFS!" "[Your name] wants out of the CFS because..." well, why do you want out? Speak up!

5. Write a letter or post to the Peak or any Blog expressing your opinion.

6. Come in to the SFSS offices in Burnaby or Surrey to get a "We Want Out" scarf for yourself, and get one for a friend or lover.

7. Write "wewantout.ca" and anything else you think appropriate on the class chalkboard.

8. Pick a location and help us do some postering.

9. Come to our offices for some banner painting.

10. Get some "we want out" leaflets and drop them where you see fit.

11. Read "the leaked document" to find out the CFS campaign plans. (at **wewantout.ca**)

12. Since the CFS is using student money to bus or fly "concerned volunteers" from across the country, if you see a CFS campaigner, find out if they're really an SFU student. What are they studying? Which is their favourite class in their department? If they're not an SFU student, ask how they got here, who's paying for their food and lodgings, and how much of our money it cost.

13. Come to debates and ask questions.

14. Help us put tags and buttons on scarves.

15. Join our Facebook group.

16. Do you have a story about the CFS you'd like to share? Send us 300 words or less about your experience with the CFS, along with your name and e-mail address. Just click here to send us an e-mail!

Send us any ideas you have for more things you can do to leave the CFS to *communications@sfss.ca*. Freestyle yodeling contests? Pin-the-tail-on-the-waste-of-time-and-money? Wombat bowling? We're receptive to new ideas.

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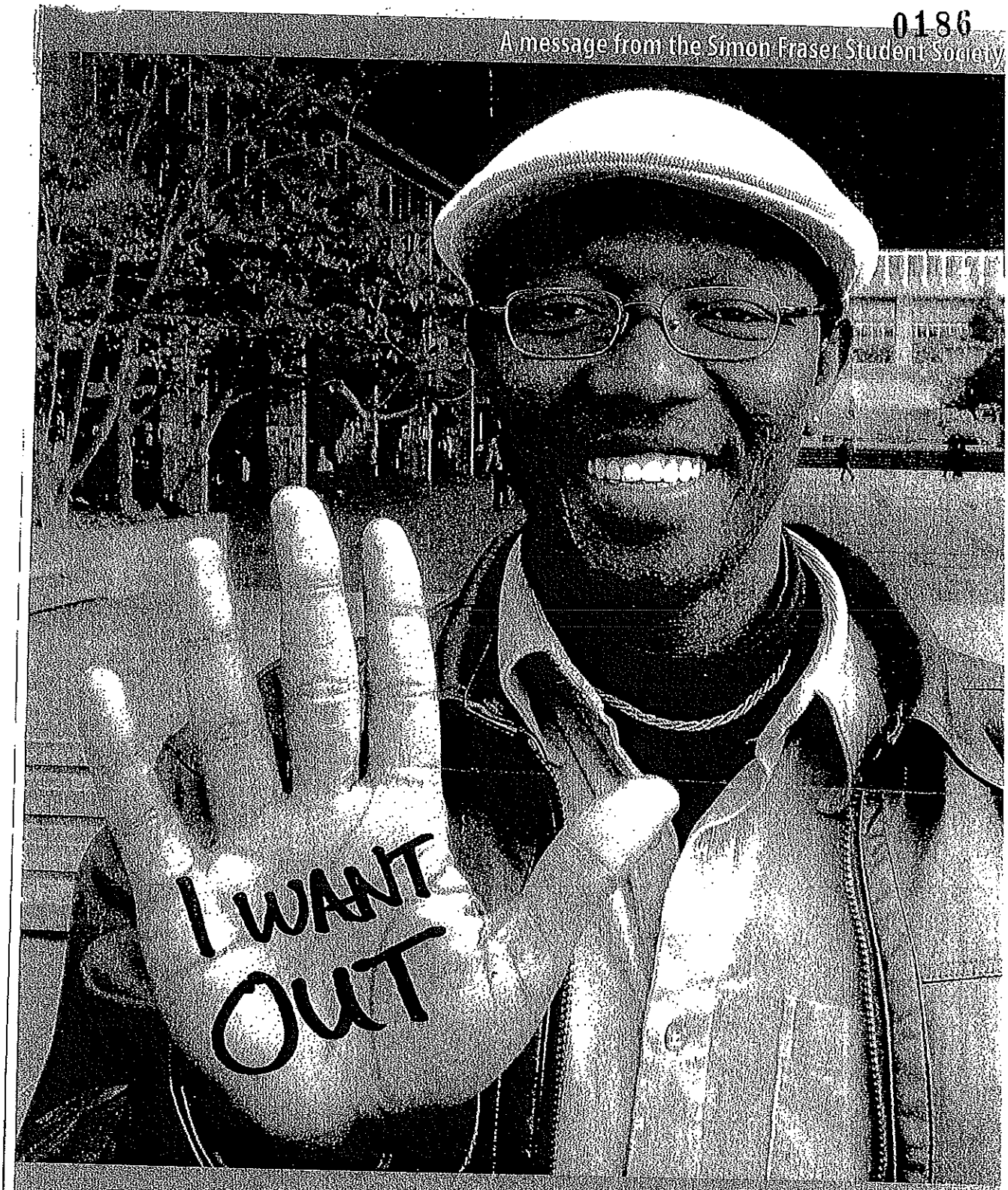
A message from the Simon Fraser Student Society

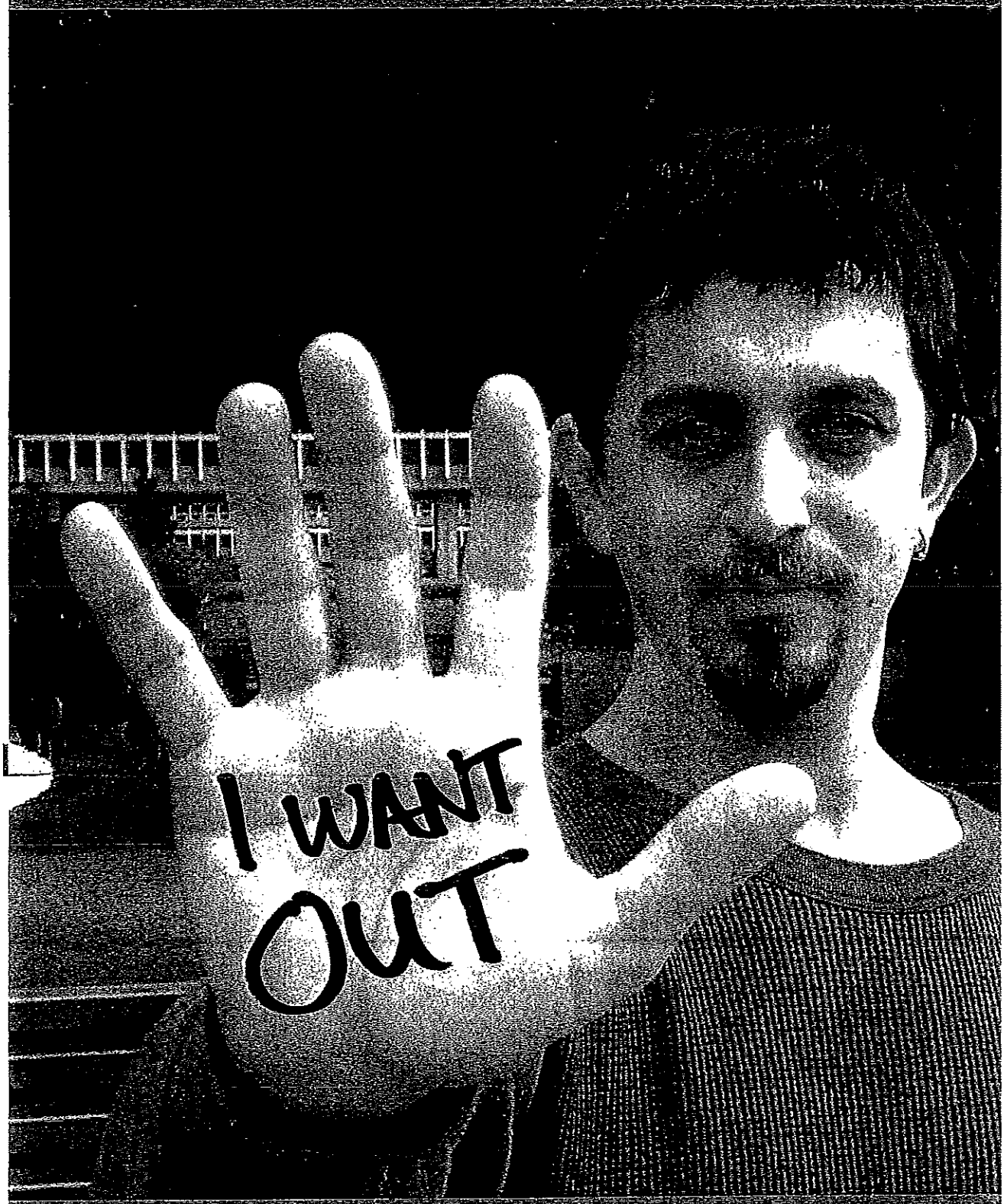


I WANT OUT OF THE CFS BECAUSE IT IS UNACCOUNTABLE

"The CFS has continually avoided and obfuscated accountability to members, including direct questions from SFU students and failing consistently to reply to direct emails from SFSS elected representatives."

–Former SFSS President and PhD Candidate, Clement Apaak

A message from the Simon Fraser Student Society



I WANT OUT OF THE CFS BECAUSE IT IS ANTI-DEMOCRATIC

"Last year, a slate called 'Common Sense', led by Shawn Hunsdale, took power at the Student Society. Six months later, they were impeached at the largest General Meeting held in a decade, after racking up over $205,000 in legal fees. I voted to impeach them for their dishonesty, unaccountability and unethical treatment of their workers. When a member of Common Sense told me that the CFS had supported their campaign, I concluded it was time to leave the CFS."

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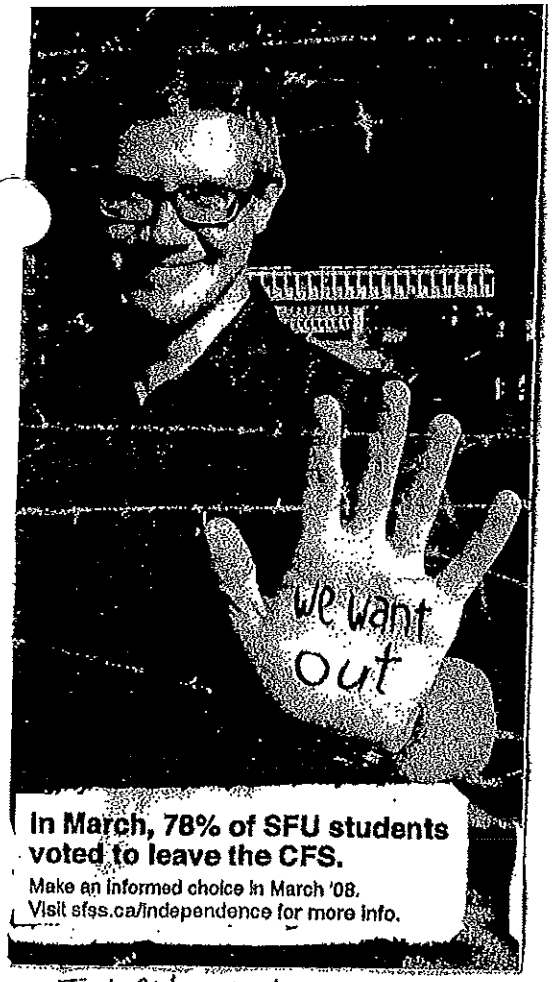

Joel Blok - Grad Rep

Dornick Hacker

Anna Belkine - Sciences Rep

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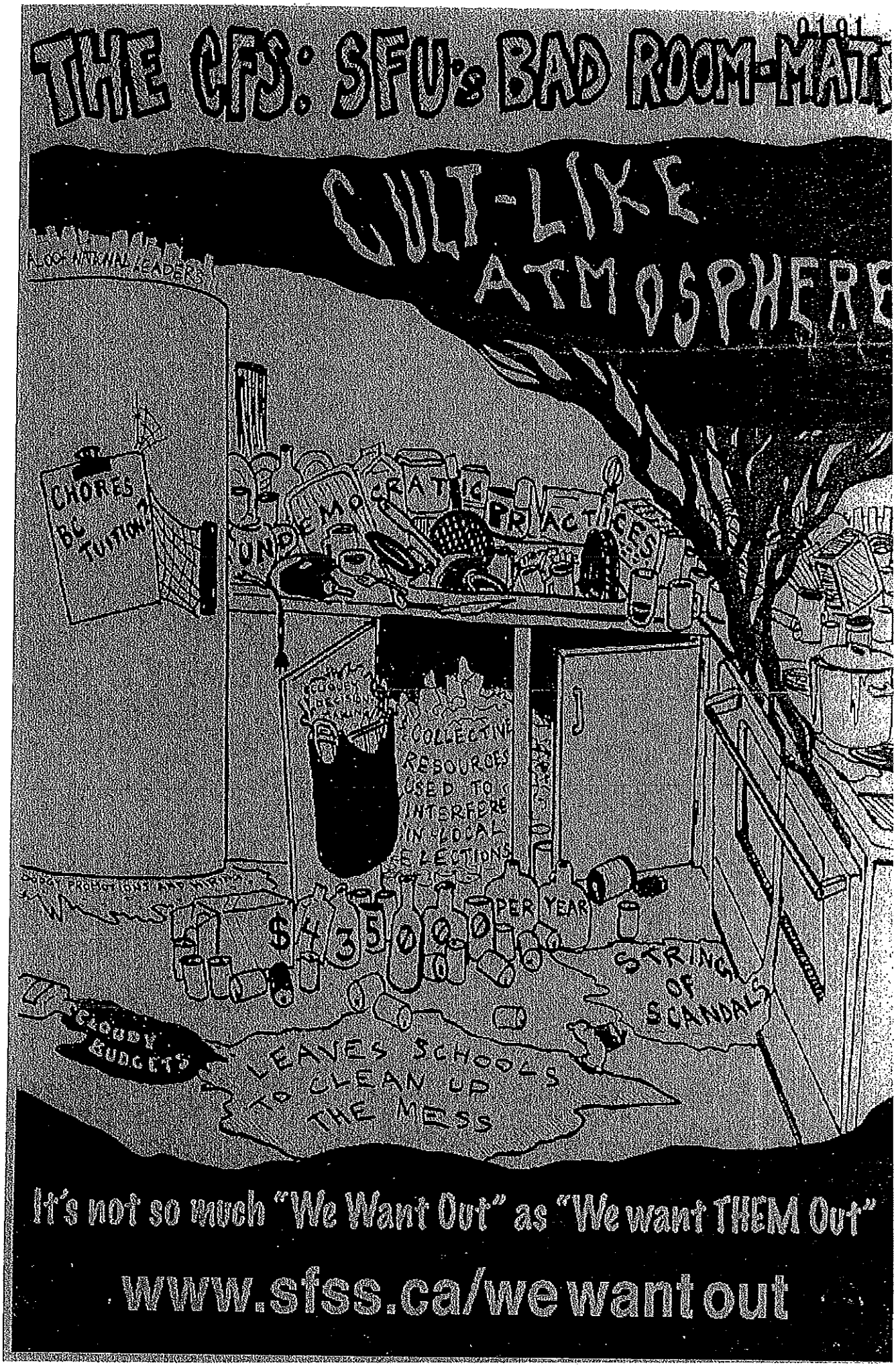
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CULT-LIKE ATMOSPHERE
ACADEMIC LEADERS
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$4350000 PER YEAR
STRING OF SCANDALS
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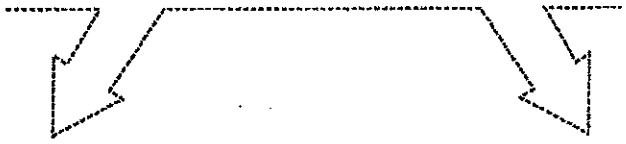
LEAVES SCHOOLS TO CLEAN UP THE MESS
It's not so much "We Want Out" as "We want THEM Out"
www.sfss.ca/we want out

$430,000.

Paid by SFU students to the CFS every year.

That's a lot of money.

What could we do with it?



Keep paying the CFS?

- to flood our campus with their "i am CFS" posters and swag
- to give unauthorized loans to organizations with disastrous financial problems (like Douglas SU)
- to keep repeating the same stale campaigns with poor results
- to try to influence the outcomes of elections and hirings at independent student unions
- to try to keep SFU under CFS control

Or improve SFU?

- increase grant funding for club and departmental activities
- fund effective campaigns and coordinated lobbying efforts
- more money for bursaries and awards
- money for sustainability initiatives
- more special events on campus
- cover the cost for free ISIC cards

... the possibilities are endless.

Think about it. Take back your campus.

Every SFU student is a member of the SFSS. To learn about the campaign for independence from the CFS:

www.wewantout.ca

2008/02/15

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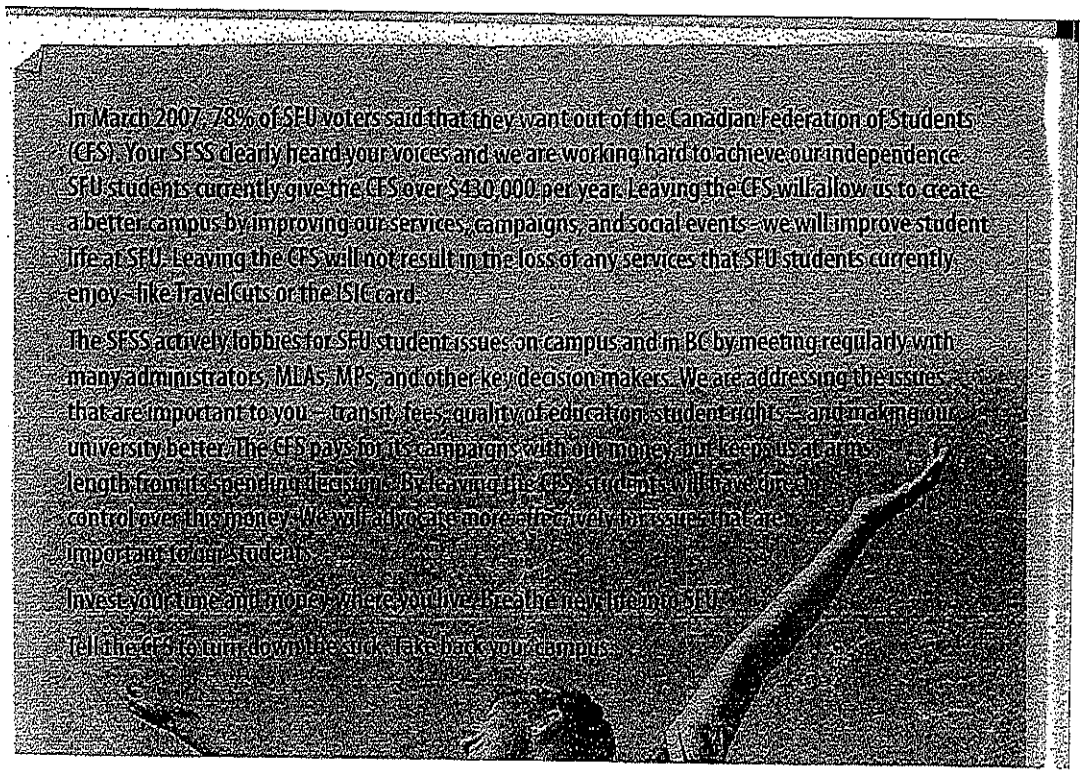

In March 2007, 78% of SFU voters said that they want out of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Your SFSS clearly heard your voices and we are working hard to achieve our independence. SFU students currently give the CFS over $430,000 per year. Leaving the CFS will allow us to create a better campus by improving our services, campaigns, and social events - we will improve student life at SFU. Leaving the CFS will not result in the loss of any services that SFU students currently enjoy - like TravelCuts or the ISIC card.

The SFSS actively lobbies for SFU student issues on campus and in BC by meeting regularly with many administrators, MLAs, MPs, and other key decision makers. We are addressing the issues that are important to you - transit fees, quality of education, student rights - and making our university better. The CFS pays for its campaigns with our money, but keeps us at arms length from its spending decisions. By leaving the CFS, students will have direct control over this money. We will advocate more effectively for issues that are important to our students.

Invest your time and money where you live, breathe and learn in SFU.

Tell the CFS to turn down the suck. Take back your campus.

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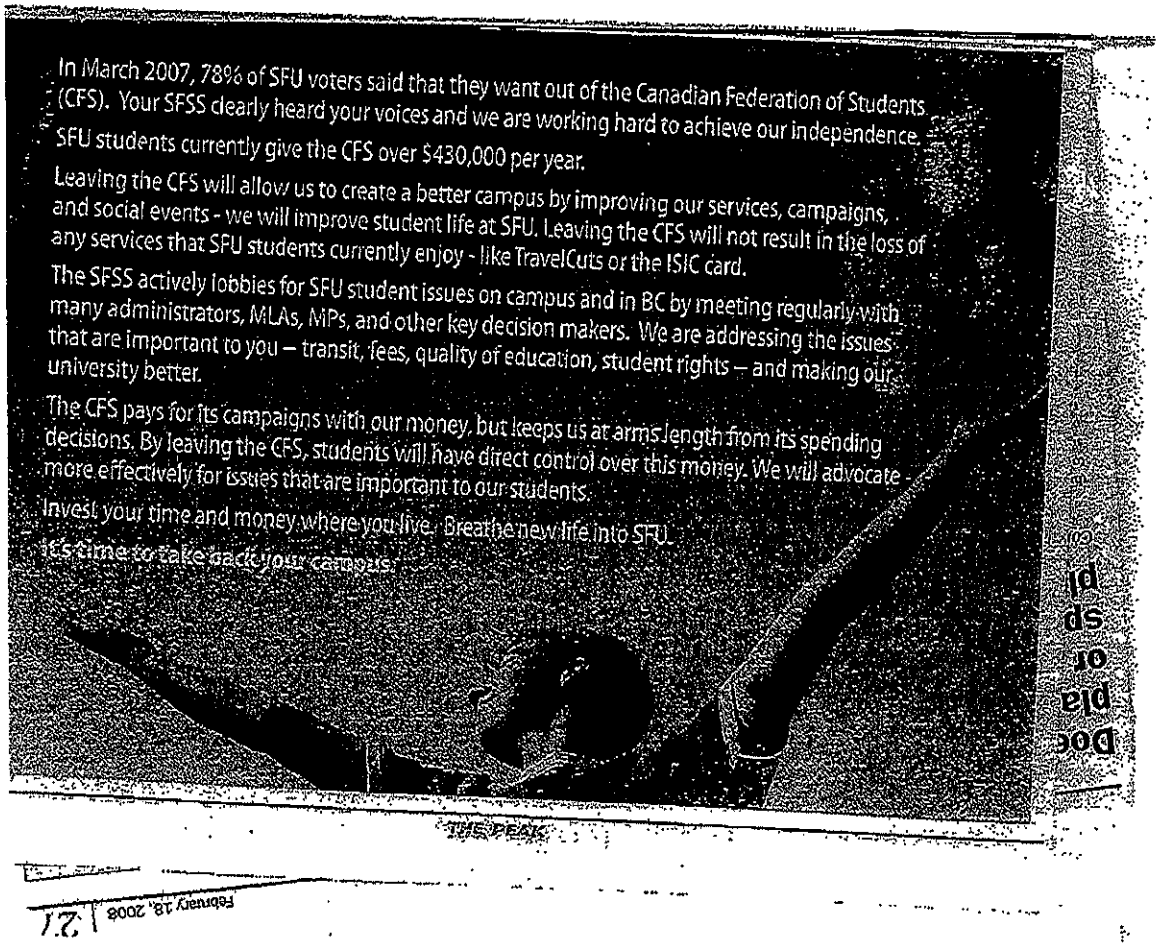
The Peak - ½ p.ad



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Refused to CFS campaign posters (unrelated to ref.) Reduced size

PAYING MODELS TO POSE AS STUDENTS?
CFS: WTF?
www.sfss.ca/wewantout
News Article Research Paper Online Source TV News Report
CFS = POSTERS
(AND NOT MUCH ELSE)
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Andy Shen (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 11:22pm yesterday

Well. Here is also a defed candidate running in the SFSS election for URO:

http://sfu.facebook.com/group.php?gid=12558455188

Message - Report

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 10:43am yesterday

The official campaign period starts this wednesday, and voting days will be March 18,19,20. So I'd say we are a step closer.

Message - Report

Jugdeep Dhaliwal (Abbotsford Collegiate) wrote
at 12:44am yesterday

so as of now, where do we stand
are we a step closer out ?

Message - Report

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 1:38pm on February 23rd, 2008

Senate elections are over, and I'm back to the grindstone:

Paling for President, The Defed Candidate:
http://sfu.facebook.com/event.php?eid=8467387963

Message - Report

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 12:42pm on February 23rd, 2008

lols as the joke totally flies over everyone's heads :P

Message - Report

Andy Shen (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 12:44am on February 23rd, 2008

I want to pass a motion that will LIMIT the amount of words allowed in a referendum. Like seriously, who is going to read all 9000 words? It is also a waste of paper.

Message - Report

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 9:14pm on February 22nd, 2008

Number of words in the CFS-proposed referendum question:

IT'S OVER 9000!!!

Message - Report

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 7:48am on February 22nd, 2008

Remember to vote online today, polls open until 4:00pm.
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http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/13971830

Re-Elect Joe Paling!

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Andy Shen (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 11:39pm on February 20th, 2008

I agree. The senate election is used by many SFSS newcomers as a way of gaining publicity (they could use as much resource as they can and want to).

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Group Info

Name: SFSS referendum on CFS membership

Type: Student Groups - Student Government

Description: The SFSS Spring election is taking place March 20-22, 2007. As part of the election, students will be asked to vote on a referendum question on whether students support ceasing membership in the CFS.

This group is for people to discuss the pro's & con's of CFS membership, and to ask and answer questions about SFSS membership in the CFS, and the CFS in general.

RELATED WEBSITES:

1. SFSS Elections website: http://www.sfss.ca/elections/ecindex.htm
2. CFS Website: http://www.cfs-fcee.ca/
3. CFS-BC Website: http://www.cfs.bc.ca/
4. CFS bylaws (unofficial copy): http://www.sfu.ca/~tgregory/cfs/index.html

SUBMISSIONS TO SFSS STUDENT FORUM, FEB 21.

1. Submission from CFS-BC: http://www.sfu.ca/~cmoray/cfs_submission.pdf
2. Submission from Forum Working Group (Overview): http://www.sfu.ca/~cmoray/working_group_submission.pdf
3. Submission from Forum Working Group (Long unabridged version): http://www.sfu.ca/~cmoray/working_grp_full.pdf
4. Submission from Forum Working Group (summary list of peak articles): http://www.sfu.ca/~cmoray/cfs_articles.doc
5. Submission from Forum Working Group (incomplete history of SFSS-CFS relations/incidents): http://www.sfu.ca/~cmoray/cfs_incidents.doc

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Recent News

On Feb 21, SFSS Student Forum voted to approve the placement of a non-binding referedum question on CFS membership on the Spring election ballot (pending legal advice).

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No one has uploaded any videos.

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- Clea Moray (Simon Fraser) (creator)

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Greg Mather

Sarah Anne Crawford Russell

Adam Lein

Frederick Chesneau

Xenia Maren Menzies

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Andrew Wade (University of
at 1:28am on March 28th, 2007

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Olea Moray (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 2:19pm on March 9th, 2007

The "Vote Yes" campaign now has a website: http://www.sfssvoteyes.ca/

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JJ McCullough (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 12:48pm on March 5th, 2007

I have booked a debate time for that exact purpose, yes. But it will not be much of a debate unless a no side eventually registers. There are enough pro-CFS people on campus... I hope someone will come forth.

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Vanessa Kelly (Vancouver, BC) wrote
at 4:23am on February 25th, 2007

The working group report presented to forum do not list an author. May I inquire who this working group member is (the chair or otherwise)? Many parts of this report contain sentences that are written in first person, and could be conflicting.

Message - Report

Clea Moray (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 5:13pm on February 23rd, 2007

If the referendum shows that SFU students want to cancel their membership in the CFS, I hope that the new Board of Directors will consult with students and the CFS over what to do next. I personally feel that the CFS bylaws on leaving are overly restrictive, and I'm not convinced that they are without legal flaws (don't know enough about this latter point to have an opinion). I would personally be in favour of the Board examining options for leaving that are "untraditional" - untraditional methods might turn out to be cheaper and/or cleaner.

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Clea Moray (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 5:10pm on February 23rd, 2007

It's not *illegal* for us to have the referendum (we can have a referendum on anything we want). But Robin is correct that it may not be legally binding upon the CFS to stop considering us members in the case that people vote that way. The CFS has bylaws on defederating that Titus Gregory has posted an unofficial copy of on his website (http://www.sfu.ca/~tgregory/cfs/bylaw1.html). The official bylaws are not available online from the CFS. These rules are pretty restrictive.

However, there are alternatives. For example, if the result of the referendum clearly indicated that SFU students wanted out, the CFS could honour our wishes by "expelling" us through a resolution of the national exec and a motion at a CFS general meeting (also described in Bylaw 1).

Additionally, some schools have, in the past, purported to "leave" the CFS without following the CFS bylaws. There is currently on ongoing lawsuit over this between the CFS and Acadia student union, which has not been ruled on yet.

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Duncan McDonald (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 4:16pm on February 23rd, 2007

I am so glad we are having a vote to ask students if they want to leave the CFS.

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Robin Steudel (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 12:27pm on February 23rd, 2007

My understanding is:
I don't think that the referendum can be on this March's election ballot. There has to be a six-month window from when it's called to when it happens or something. I'm not sure about the logistics (so if someone could clarify, that'd be great) but I'm pretty sure that it's illegal for us to have the referendum this March. So, since we can't legitimately have the referendum, we'd either have to call a separate referendum this fall, or wait until March of next year. Just so everyone knows.

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Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 3:03am on February 23rd, 2007

Perhaps I ought to add a little caveat to this whole situation...

Technically, this non-binding referendum isn't directly part of the defederation process, but simply asks for a mandate from the student body on the question. The response of the membership to the referendum will give the next year's Board and Forum a clear direction in which to proceed on this issue.

I don't want to curb anyone's enthusiasm by saying all these obvious facts, but the reason I'm making

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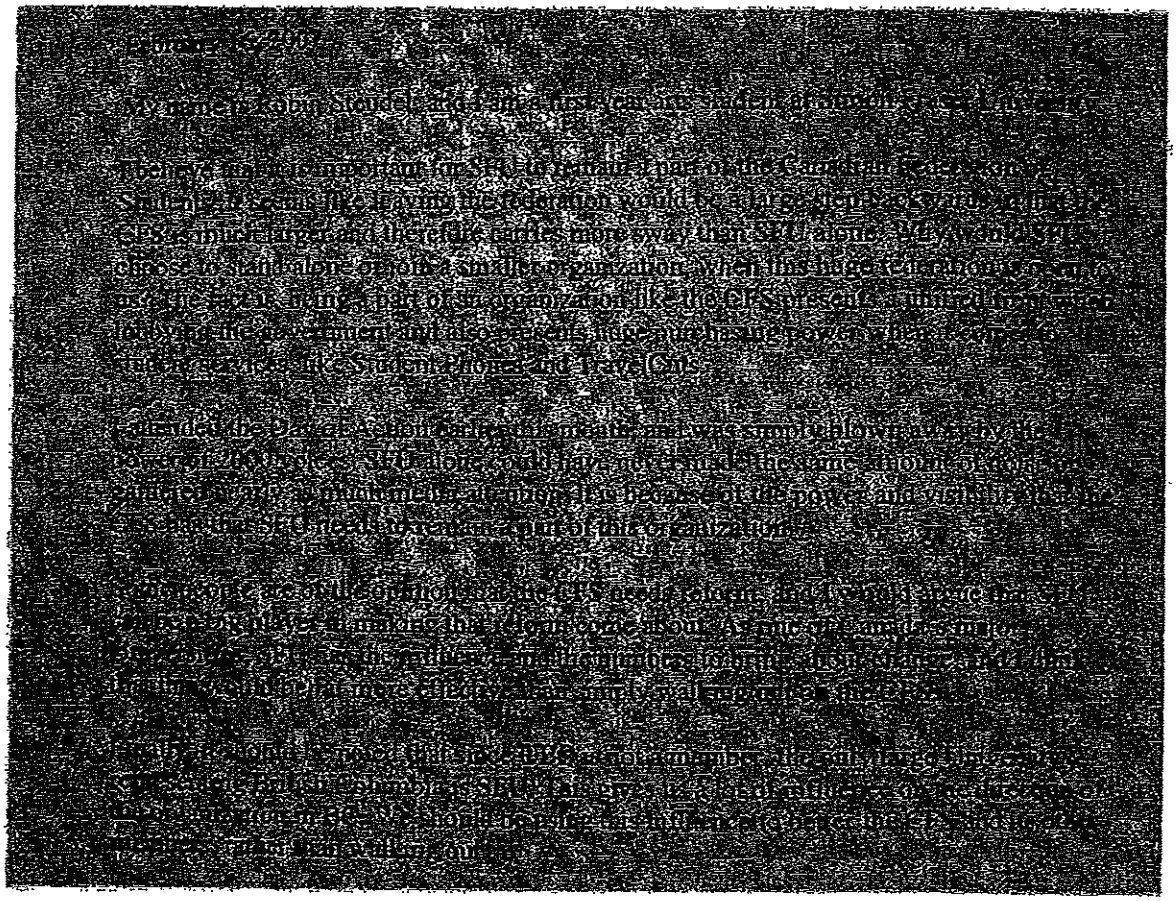

Robin Steudel's letter to Forum appealing them to remain in the CFS (with apologies for the low quality)

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Added by Juan Tolentino to the group "SFSS referendum c CFS membership"

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Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 1:40pm on March 1st, 2007

Kevin Harding earlier made a comment about this letter, but it happened to be lost due to me deleting and re-uploading the photo. He said:

"How could the SFSS effect reform in the CFS when they deny us the right to proxy our vote? They removed our right to vote!" (from http://tinyurl.com/27o2me)

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Clea Morey (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 2:39pm on March 1st, 2007

All schools that are part of the CFS have 1 vote at general meetings regardless of their size. Therefore, although SFU is a large school, and the largest member in BC that is part of the CFS, this doesn't give us any more influence to bring about change in the CFS than if we were the *smallest* school.

That the SFSS lacks much influence is well-illustrated by the post from our rep to the CFS-BC about last weekend's CFS-BC exec meeting (posted on the discussion board of this group, "CFS response to referendum"). SFSS concerns were moved to near the end of the meeting agenda, many delegates left before this item was reached, and there was insufficient time left in the meeting to discuss more than a couple of the concerns that the SFSS delegate wanted to raise.

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Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 4:24pm on March 1st, 2007

Can it also be argued that, given that the SFSS contributes about $400,000 a year, a substantial proportion of the income for CFS-BC (and possibly CFS National as well), it would be prudent for the CFS to listen to us unless they want us to become dissatisfied and defederate?

I'm not saying that this is a particularly strong argument, but I just thought I'd throw it out there for consideration.

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Chris Demwell (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 9:22pm on March 2nd, 2007

Juan, I think that as members of the organization (regardless of how much money we pour in) it would be prudent for them to listen to us unless they want us to become dissatisfied and defederate. History has shown that this is not a sufficient incentive, hence the present question of defederation. I think that Clea's point is closer the mark since because we are a large group of people, to disenfranchise us is worse because it is to disenfranchise more people than some smaller group.

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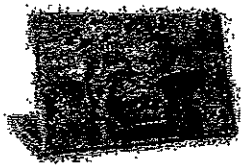

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Amy Fox (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Feb 26, 2007 at 11:15 PM.

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Post #1

The Peak has announced the referendum and mentioned the forum motion, but only looked at the conventional method of defed.
http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-1/issue8/ne-cfs.html

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Mar 1, 2007 at 10:26 AM.

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Post #2

An objection from Robin Steudel about how that Forum meeting went:
http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-1/issue8/le-sfss.html

Clea Moray (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Mar 1, 2007 at 3:38 PM.

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Post #3

Since you brought it up, I have to say that I think Robin badly mischaracterized the meeting.

Only 1 out of approx. 50 Forum reps answered the roll call with "fuck, yeah.", and with the exception of Jan Gunn's comments, I thought the 3-hour meeting was pretty orderly.

Contrary to Robin's assertion that "members of Forum were there for one purpose, to leave the CFS", Forum reps (and guests) spoke both for and against the motion, and we discussed the question for over an hour before voting. And what was voted on was not to defederate, but to put the question to the members as a referendum. To me, the people who seemed least interested in discussion were the CFS reps, who were invited to the meeting to present their views and answer questions, but left after only a few minutes, after answering only 1 question.

Plus, the vast majority of Forum is comprised of Forum reps elected by individual DSU's (and who are *not* members of the Board), so Robin's hope that "in the future, students will elect a Board that treats student politics with the respect it so desperately needs" is a totally misplaced reaction to a Forum meeting.

Kevin Harding wrote
on Mar 1, 2007 at 8:19 PM.

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Post #4

Jan's comments were in anger because the CFS reps left after promising to answer questions - I can understand.

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Mar 3, 2007 at 1:38 AM.

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Post #5
1 reply

Just thought I'd post that for discussion/completeness. It's something I do ;)

While I don't want to speculate too much, it seems to me that many of those who objected to the referendum question felt as though the defed folks had a lot of unofficial influence that would govern the atmosphere of the meeting. Certainly, I can understand their position, as people who support the CFS seem to originate from more "activist and volunteering" circles rather than "political" circles, and a larger proportion of the student body seems to fall in the former category. Consequently, those who dip their toes into the workings of the Society might find the environment a bit onerous, mostly due to lack of familiarity.

The feeling of being "left out" of the workings of the SFSS is something that extends to most students at the university, whom are generally more open to participating in activism and lobbying campaigns such as those the CFS organizes through the National Day of Action (if they participate in anything at all). In fact, had I not been forgetful enough to not vote last Spring, I would have voted for the Common Sense Slate for most of the positions, with the main reason being that I thought their focus on lobbying to be just what we needed (note that this is before I learned about the, er, darker side of student politics).

I realize that I may have made some gross generalizations about what sort of people are on both sides, and if I have offended anyone, I apologize profusely. However, I feel that this issue can be dealt with much better if everyone understood where the other side is coming from. Not everyone who supports the CFS is a "hack" or unwilling to accept the "facts", and conversely not everyone who supports defederation is doing so out of political expediency or base vendetta. If we can at least put aside our personal differences during what I'm sure will be a lively discussion, we can all work out a proper solution or understanding and therefore truly move forward to improving our Society and our university life.

Post #6

Gurjeet Singh (Simon Fraser) replied to Juan's post
on Mar 5, 2007 at 9:44 PM

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Thanks for that Juan. Many of us who want to defederate

1) Have no political affiliation to anyone CFS or otherwise
2) Gain nothing politically by wanting to defederate

Many of us want to defederate because we CARE about SFU. If anybody wants to speak against that point, please go ahead, entertain me, because I'm sick and tired of being cut down by pro-CFS'ers who say we have some sort of political motivation. If caring about SFU and wanting to make it a better place is political motivation then we're guilty as charged. We do NOT need the CFS because they do nothing for us, they're a parasite and need to be removed.

And before anyone comes to the defense of the CFS, let me spare you the trouble and say, Agenda's, TravelCuts and the other MINOR services that the CFS provides are NOT a good reason to keep the CFS (those reasons make me laugh). And if you want to argue about advocacy, first show us some actual results before you preach to us about how important the CFS is. Give us a REAL reason or just admit that the CFS use our money to sit around and do nothing. Occasionally they get off their butts for a moment, drag it to the airport, and sit right back down into a airplane seat, fly across the country, and then sit their asses down again to talk about how great they are and how much they do for us. The CFS and their supporters must think we're blind...to those supporters, I say YOU are the blind ones.

Think how much $430,000 could help SFU. It could go towards the research and development of the MUCH needed Student Union Building. It could go towards the Pub and get it out of debt. It could go towards the SFSS and help increase their events budget so that they

could put on AMAZING events that help to promote Student life at SFU. Many great things could be done.....only if we got rid of the CFS.

Sincerely,

Not a politically motivated student, not a SFSS stakeholder, not a student running for a Board/Forum position.....just a student who cares about his University and wants to see the best for it.

(Vote Yes!)

PS. If anyone has anything they would like to refute, please go ahead, my friends and I could use the laugh:)

Post #7
2 replies

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Mar 13, 2007 at 11:19 AM.

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Another Peak article critical of the referendum, this time by Tommy Thomson (he's not cited on the HTML article, but he is on the PDF version): http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-1/issue9/op-so.html

So far, that makes two letters for the "no" side, zero for the "yes" side. However, the "no" side has yet to register an official "no" committee. Kind of an odd situation...

Post #8

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) replied to Juan's post
on Mar 13, 2007 at 12:08 AM.

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I spoke too soon. This week's Peak provides a more substantial exploration of the referendum issue:

The Letter of the Week ("Harder course of action") goes after the "overzealous" promotion of the referendum question: http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-1/issue10/le-lotw.html

Andrea Sandau has a straightforward reply to Tommy Thomson's letter ("Referendum bias?): http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-1/issue10/le-refer.html

A relatively neutral letter by Alex Hemingway citing the need for greater discussion ("Students need a chance to talk"): http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-1/issue10/le-sfss.html

Campus News: Referendum round-up: http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-1/issue10/ne-referendum.html

You figure that they'd allow HTML on these things, or something...

Post #9

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) replied to Juan's post
on Mar 20, 2007 at 9:38 AM.

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The "end run" Peak articles about the referendum are now out. I'll let you figure out which side they're on.

"Vote 'No' on CFS Question" (Tommy Thomson):
http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-1/issue11/le-cfs2.html

"Clarifying the CFS Question" (Andrew Sandau):
http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-1/issue11/le-cfs.html

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Kyle Jones (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Mar 15, 2007 at 12:50 AM

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Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) replied to Kyle's post
on Mar 15, 2007 at 1:03 AM

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Somebody set up us the bomb!

For great justice!!

Xenia Maren Menzies (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Mar 15, 2007 at 7:03 AM

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Post #3

funny...hahaha

but a bad use of student resources.. sorry... ask some of the other candidates.

Xenia Maren Menzies (Simon Fraser) replied to Kyle's post
on Mar 15, 2007 at 7:04 AM

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Post #4

but... I can offer that I beat ubc in two debating competitions on sfu's behalf and our business school took first place at their competition.... does that do good? haha

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Amy Fox (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Feb 25, 2007 at 10:26 PM.

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I hope that this doesn't sound too negative.

I was at the BC-CFS exect meeting all weekend: It went from 10h to 18h Saturday and Sunday.

My report contained neither referendum, but I spoke of both during the opening. It was decided that we would address related issues in Membership development.

The meeting was run by Robert's Rules of Order and was consumed by reports and structured responses thereto. Anticipating a lack of time and a surplus of boredom, during the first day's review of the AGM, I suggested that we go over to a free brainstorming session, rotating between chalkboards to compile our points with greater speed and more openness. This was voted down in favour of a spakers list approach.

Membership development was secton 11 of the meeting; but points 12 and 13 being moved up to take place before it. As a consequence, by the time we started in Kwantlen and SFSS issues, we had lost a good portion of our delegates, and had 21 minutes to cover everything before more delegantes would leave and we would lose quorum (quorum being 12 people including me, Kwantlen and the executive).

--- Section 11a, addressing Kwantlen and SFU, was scheduled to take place in-camera. We were given contracts to sign about non-disclosure. I did not sign them. Nonethless, I am forbidden from discussing what went on in camera. Still, I am of the opinion that SFSS-CFS relations are not in-camera matters and I assure you, would be the type to make that know in camera. ---

When we came out of camera, I addressed our issues. The first point that I raised was that the smart thing for the CFS to do would be to sign a contract stating that the CFS would not interfere in our elections. Whatever their decision, I would send it to our members.

Valentine Crawford, the rep from New Caledonia, said that he found the combination of the referendum and my suggestions to be 'distasteful' and 'unprofessional' among other things, then left the room in protest. Valentine had raised similar objections to my initial report (where filled vacancies, resigned directors and impeached directors were crossed out and noted).

This left me, Kwantlen, one rep from Emily Carr and the executive and staff in the room.

Scott Payne, the Chair, spoke at great length about the difficult situation he was in - where Kwantlen wanted, but did not receive, CFS help in getting rid of their exceptionally corrupt directors (i.e. hiring private investigators with student funds to follow their rivals, ballot stuffing, trying to physically prevent non-supporters from voting, setting up shell companies to embezzle over a hundred thousand dollars) whereas we wanted them to stay the hell out our elections.

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This took us until after 18:00, having lost quorum around 17:30. I did not have the opportunity to bring up our other issues.

After the meeting, I asked Scott, 'If the referundum is successful, will you do what you can to help our local defederate?' He said that he would have to think about it.

Scott and Shamus should be back up on campus to speak with the board in the next few weeks, if anyone would like to join us.

Post #2

Gilles Kiepis (Simon Fraser) replied to Amy's post
on Mar 11, 2007 at 7:53 PM.

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Sasha, please post the date, time + location when they come to SFU.

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CFS lobbying on grad issues

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Topic: CFS lobbying on grad issues

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Post #1
1 reply

Clea Moray (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Feb 22, 2007 at 3:33 PM.

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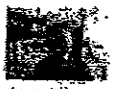
One of the items in the Forum working group report was that there is not much attention given to lobbying government over grad funding. I was the one who added this item to the report, and my basis was the list of government relations meetings (July 2003-present) provided by Shamus Reid & Scott Payne from the BC-CFS. Only 3 out of the 55 meetings listed any grad-specific issues as part of the subject of the meeting. "Access for Graduate Students" is one of the CFS' campaigns, but based on the list of meetings, it doesn't sound to me like this receives much attention in terms of lobbying efforts.

At the Forum meeting on Feb 21, BC-CFS reps Shamus and Scott expressed that they felt this item in the report was a misrepresentation, but I didn't get a chance to ask them to elaborate about this at the meeting. Therefore, I'd be interested to hear more from them and/or others about the extent of CFS/CFS-BC government lobbying over grad issues.



Post #2

Amy Fox (Simon Fraser) replied to Clea's post
on Feb 23, 2007 at 9:53 PM.

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There was a motion at the BC-CFS meeting this weekend about grad issues. I think that the CFS can allocate up to $15,000 towards grad business. Bhuvinder Vaid, the SFSS education rep and our graduate rep to the CFS, should be able to fill you in on the details. His contact information is on the "contact" section of www.sfss.ca.

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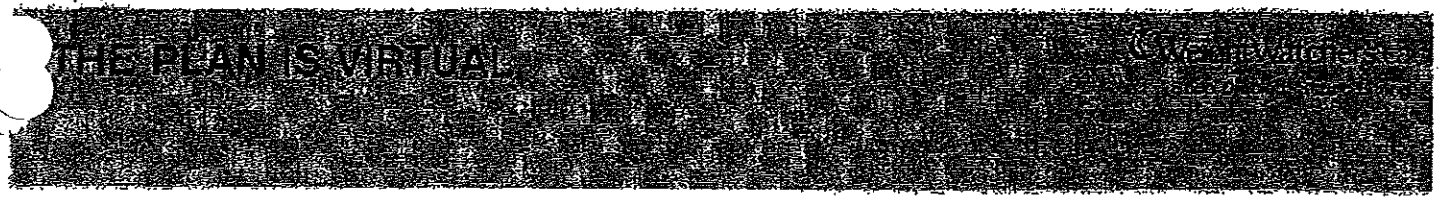
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WE WANT OUT!

Simon Fraser

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Group Info

Name:	WE WANT OUT!
Type:	Organizations - Political Organizations
Description:	SFU is the best university in BC, and we can make it better!

INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT? EMAIL mso@sfss.ca AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO: postering, planning, writing on chalkboards or whatever.

In March 2007, 78% of SFU voters said they want out of the non-governmental organisation (NGO) known as the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students).

Your Student Union is listening and we are working towards independence.

Currently SFU students give the organisation $430,000. That's a lot of zeros after that that $43X,XXX, but it doesn't mean much, because those zeros mean about zero in quality of service and effectiveness in lobbying.

FACTS ABOUT THE CFS AND OUR MEMBERSHIP:

FACT: The CFS denied our proxy vote in 2006, despite their own rules allowing for it. Undemocratic.

FACT: Tuition freezes, caps, and reductions in this province have happened near or around election years.

FACT: Alberta has a similar tuition cap as BC, with almost no CFS presence.

FACT: The British Columbia component of the CFS went three years without audited financial statements, despite spending over $200,000 of our (us student's) money, each year.

FACT: The BC Component of the CFS has interfered in SFSS elections: http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2006-3/issue10/op-harder.html

FACT: Directors at the SFSS meet with Federal MPs and Provincial MLAS all the time, and lobby for SFU student specific interests. Since the beginning of their mandate, directors have met with Bill Siksay, Harry Bloy, Coast Mountain Bus Company and Translink.

FACT: The CFS is against the Millenium Scholarship, despite the fact that it has saved SFU student loan borrower thousands of dollars, each. (Including SFSS Member Services Officer Joe Paling, who has proof of saving almost $10,000 thanks to the program targeted to those in need.)

FACT: The folks on the IAMCFS posters are paid actors. Those on the SFSS posters are real SFU students!

FACT: The University of British Columbia Student Union (the AMS) is not a member of the CFS.

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Group Type

This is an open group on the Simon Fraser network. Anyone from Simon Fraser can join and invite others from Simon Fraser to join.

Admins

- Andy Shen (Simon Fraser) (creator)
- Garth Yule (Vancouver, BC)
- Amy Fox (Simon Fraser)
- Derrick Harder (Simon Fraser)
- Joe Paling (Simon Fraser)

They have a Student Union Building.

SOME MYTHS AND THE CORRESPONDING TRUTH:

MYTH: SFU Students may lose some services by leaving the CFS.

FACT: Non-CFS members still have access to Travel CUTS, Student Phones, housing4students, and other CFS commercial services. SFU students will still be able to get the ISIC card.

MYTH: The CFS is a democratic body that works for student interests.

FACT: Despite representing over 20,000 students and a third of the BC Component's budget, and members, SFU has only one vote at any CFS meetings. Vancouver Community College has two.

CFS-BC has also circumvented both the desire and needs of graduate students and opted for a campaign that graduate students are against!

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Recent News

2 February 2008
It's official! The SFU only, Facebook group, WE WANT OUT, has more members than the GLOBAL group I am CFS! Compare our 330 to their 320!

Despite an attempt to tamper on their side (whereas, we tried to sway, and only SFU students) we still won the text message poll this week! With over 106 voters, we got 44% and they get 39%! Good job folks and good news for the campaign. Now not the best quotes for us here, but here is the article:
http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1760-seriously-peak-s-text-message-poll

Again, good job everyone!

1 February 2008
Great News: Last Sunday, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) executive-like the SFSS for rez, unanimously endorsed leaving the CFS.

The We Want Out website has been updated:
http://www.sfss.ca/independence

Independence Scarves will be available at next week's Space Consultation in the Rotunda! Show your SFU pride, and wear your scarves.

Better organized set of posted items:

My Response to Chairman Reid, Robin Steudel and Aman Bains:
http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1752-collective-action-starts-at-home

A well argued response to Miss Bocking:
http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1744-why-the-we-should-stay-

Caelie Frampton's Article on the CFS (not the official opinion of the SFSS)
http://www.geocities.com/joe_surplus/uta_cfs.pdf

Kwantlen's Independence Website (not in concert with the SFSS)

http://www.cfstruth.ca/

Well-written blog post (not the official opinion of the SFSS)
http://afreak.ca/2008/01/17/i-am-not-the-cfs/

Amy Fox's Well Written Article in the Peak
http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1566-why-we-should-leave

Alex Hemingway's Response to Mr. Fergusson
http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1445-fergusson-misses-point-

Peak Coverage from Sept 2007, Free at Last?
http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-3/issue1/he-sfss.html

Peak Coverage from May 2007, We Want Out
http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-2/issue2/he-sfss.html

Studentunion.ca, Mr. Gregory's Blog (not the official opinion of the SFSS)
http://www.studentunion.ca/

Peak Column, Federation Blues, by Derrick Harder
http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2006-3/issue10/op-harder.html

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The Peak - Collective action starts at home - Opinions
http://www.the-peak.ca/article...

Collective action is the main issue in the campaign to leave the CFS, now spreading through campuses all over B.C. Over the years the CFS has shut out and alienated vocal advocates for student rights and collective action. ...

Posted by Joe Paling

www.geocities.com
http://www.geocities.com/joe_surplus/uta_cfs.pdf

Caelle Frampton's Article on the CFS, not the official opinion of the SFSS.

Posted by Joe Paling

Discussion Board

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CFS Dirty Tricks!
3 posts by 3 people. Updated 20 hours ago.

Wanna help out?
7 posts by 4 people. Updated on Feb 3, 2008 at 10:35 AM

What would you do with $435,000?
8 posts by 7 people. Updated on Jan 29, 2008 at 12:57 PM.

Members

This group has 336 members at Simon Fraser. See All

Jonathan Brocknian

David Illescas

Simon Walker

Tyler Masse

Geoff Manton

Andrew Kumar

The Wall

Found 10 of 35 wall posts. See All

Alexa Adams (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 3:23am on January 25th, 2008

Amy Fox's article ("Why We Should Leave") was probably the best written article I have read in the Peak in a LONG time. Kudos, Amy. The one this week ("Why We Should Stay") was horribly written and poorly argued. It made me realize, yet again, why I joined this group.

Message - Report

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 6:01pm on January 20th, 2008

Chris,

On behalf of myself, Derrick and Apaak, you're very welcome.

JP

Message - Report

Christopher Mulvenna (Vancouver, BC) wrote
at 10:21pm on January 19th, 2008

Thank you guys for answering my questions, much appreciated.

Message - Report

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 7:35pm on January 19th, 2008

On lobbying, I would also note that by being students at SFU, we can take a much more holistic approach. The fact that tutorials are being cancelled, is not just a result of a lack of provincial funding, but the decisions of the university administration as a method to deal with this loss. This is terribly unfortunate, but shows the need to not only lobby at the Provincial and Federal levels (which we're doing) but most importantly, at the University level!

The U-Pass is another example of successful SFSS lobbying, without the CFS. The U-Pass is, in effect, a targeted tuition reduction, as it saves low-income students between $90-$400 a term, which is actually already more than the 10% the CFS thinks they can get.

It's targeted and progressive because high-income students who can afford a car, end up paying more.

The SFSS also successfully lobbied to allow International Students to sit on University Board of Governors, and gained recognition of the humanitarian crisis in Darfur.

Message - Report

Derrick Harder (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 6:38pm on January 18th, 2008

Pod health plans, the CFS does operate a health

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Taken with Joe Paling's Cellphone, the Member Servics Officer for the Student Society.

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Kevin Harding, the first of about 3500 students, signing the petition to have a binding referendum in March to 1) Leave the CFS 2) Bring the money ($435,000) back for selvices at SFU!
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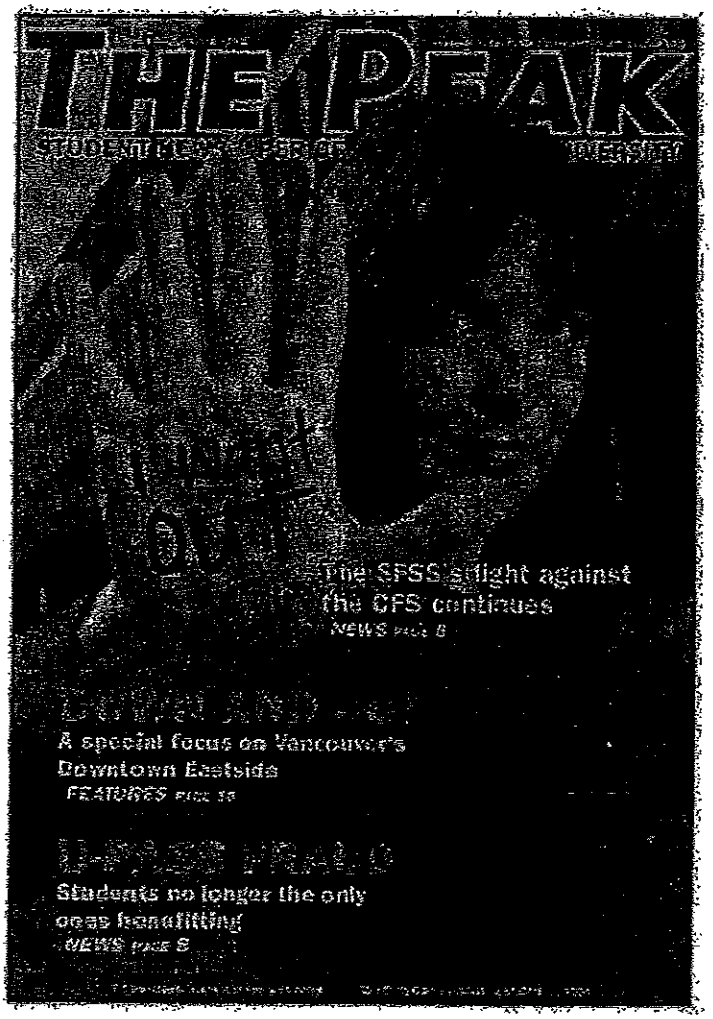

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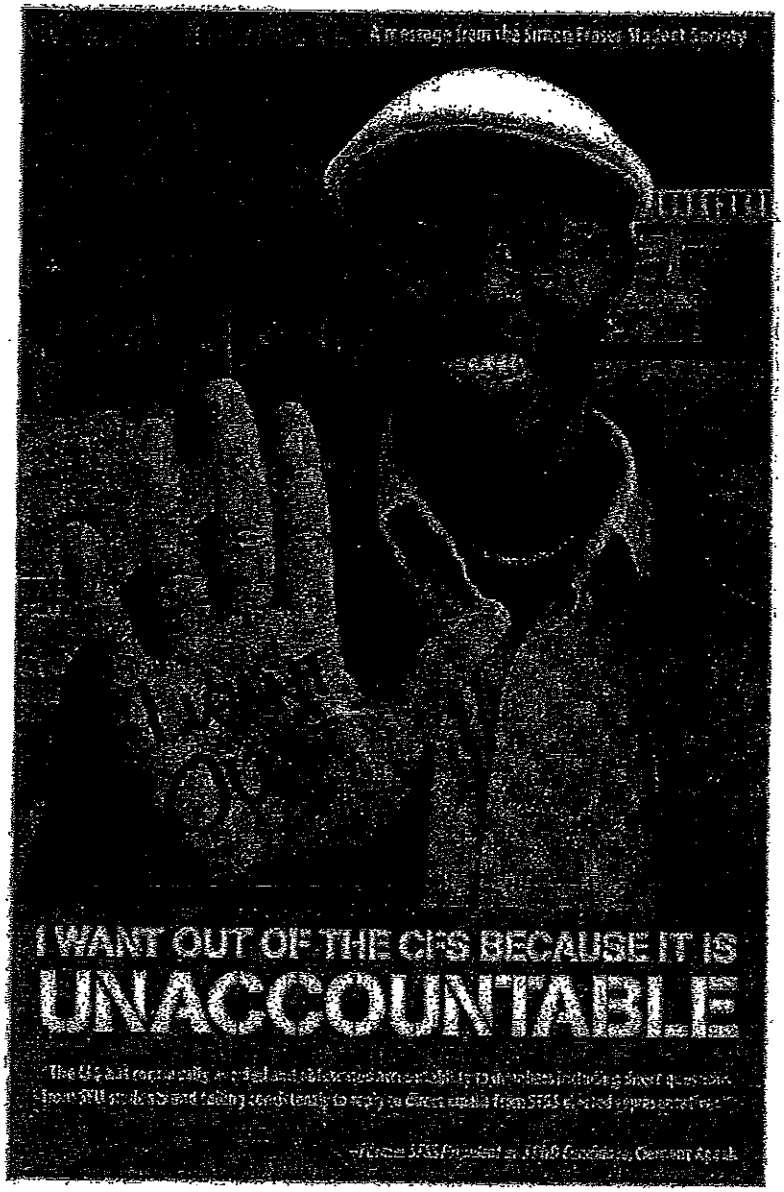

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Kevin Wu (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 1:05pm on January 17th, 2008

everytime I see this picture I laugh.

I don't quite know why.

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Clement Apaak (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 7:10pm on January 21st, 2008

Maybe its the smile

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What would you do with $435,000? 8 posts by 7 people Created on Jan 8, 2008 at 9:06 PM.	Latest post by Govinda Sharma Posted on Jan 29, 2008 at 12:57 PM.
More Peak articles 6 posts by 3 people Created on Jan 16, 2008 at 6:30 PM.	Latest post by Joe Paling Posted on Jan 29, 2008 at 12:42 PM.
Philosopher Cafe: What do you think about Caelie's argument in her article? 2 posts by 2 people Created on Jan 15, 2008 at 2:19 PM.	Latest post by Juan Tolentino Posted on Jan 25, 2008 at 6:44 PM.

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CFS Dirty Tricks!

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Topic: CFS Dirty Tricks!

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Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Feb 3, 2008 at 11:47 PM.

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Post #1
1 reply

At the last Provincial General Meeting, the CFS raised the membership/referenda line item from $1000 to TEN THOUSAND (according to Arts Rep. Masse), and they informed our directors that they have people set up to work as poll clerks (in violation of our Union's agreement).

In the first week of classes they violated the union agreement with facilities management and the university, and ours and the University's policy on corporate advertising, by bringing their own table in to promote their organisation, and pushing promotional materials on students in the ASB and the West Mall. WORK THEFT!

The CFS have violated the SFSS union agreement during club days by giving out ISIC cards, despite the fact they are subject to our agreement since we're members of the CFS. WORK THEFT!

CFS supporters have taken advantage of captive audiences in the rez dining halls (a violation of our campaign policy and university policy).

CFS supporters have also been seen tearing down our posters and destroying our flyers, purposefully postering over our posters, and over-postering (all violations of SFSS policy, which they are subject to when on our campus).

Overall, the CFS has acted in manner that is despicable, and violates the rights and responsibilities of both our agreement with unions and the University's. Please expand and tell us what other dirty tricks, you've seen the CFS engage in.

A CFS supporter on the Board of Directors has violated the mandate of the voters and her own fidicuary duty by using her position as an SFSS director to speak on behalf of the CFS.

The SFSS has worked hard to take the high road, and it's important to note that almost all the poster boards on campus are the SFSS's, and if they continue to violate our policy on postering than a ban might have to be exercised.

Also, What are your thoughts on reactions?

Christopher Malvena (Vancouver, BC) replied to Joe's post
on Feb 3, 2008 at 12:07 AM.

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Post #2
1 reply

If they do continue doing such things some kind of reaction is needed, however if you ban them from postering than what will their next move be? At least right now you know what they are doing and maybe instead come up with a way to show this underhandedness(?) of theirs for what it is.

Maybe setting up a series of debates on important issues with CFS vs SFSS and a seperate debate with main CFS supporters vs SFSS supporters.

An open debate that is mediated by an independent panel that asks a set list of questions that are determined by SFU students, if advertising was posted around and within the Peak I am sure that you could garner

some interest and inquiries for said questions.

Of course I may just be naive in thinking that that will really draw out more students than those who are already involved. But I think it would.

[redacted]

Post #3

Kynnin Scott (Simon Fraser) replied to Christopher's post
20 hours ago.

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The last time SFSS arranged a serious debate on anything related to the CFS, the CFS representatives were loud, rude, ran roughshod over other speakers, ignored questions they apparently didn't like, and left early.

This was during Forum just before the SGM. I don't really think they'll be any more sporting now.

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Wanna help out?

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Topic: Wanna help out?

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Post #1

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Jan 31, 2008 at 11:58 PM.

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You're probably thinking, "fuck, yeah, I want to help out with leaving the CFS" but can't think of how you could help!

Well this message board is for brainstorming, email mso@sfss.ca if you are interested in postering, chalking, or volunteer coordinating or otherwise.

Post #2

Juan Telentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Feb 1, 2008 at 10:49 AM.

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One way that the message can be spread is by offering to speak at DSU meetings. Pro-CFS folks are already doing this, and I think that having someone from the pro-independence side speak as well will provide much needed balance.

It would be nice to have the actual Board member proponents speak, but as I understand it they have somewhat more work to do than others. Still, it's worth a shot if you can convince such-and-such students at the various DSUs to vote 'yes', or even just think about the issues more carefully.

Post #3

Ryan Dickie wrote
on Feb 2, 2008 at 12:49 PM.

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There's a difference between marketing to apathetic students and getting voters out. Sadly,, it doesn't matter what the student body believes in because it only matters in how many people vote.

I'll try to get everyone out to vote I know. I think that is best :D

Post #4
1 reply

Christopher Mulvena (Vancouver, BC) wrote
on Feb 3, 2008 at 1:01 AM.

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Yes, actually getting people to get out and vote. That is the hard part, I am sorry I am too tired to look it up this moment, but the election, is it held over more than just one day? One suggestion would be to see if we can get TA's that lead tutorials to bring their students to vote, and to try and get one or two people into each lecture hall for the end of each lecture to remind people to vote and where it is.

I think that a series of debates however is a great way of garnering student involvment and to make them more aware of the issues. I myself was not completely convince until after I watched the Global news reports that have links on the SFSS independence web page.

I appreciated everyones answers to my questions on the wall of this group, it helped me find answers, but having a third party source is always more beneficial. And with debates, having a place where students can speak their minds by having their questions answered by members of both sides is great. Put it on CJSF and have it recorded for playing on the internet for all to see could help as well.

Post #5
1 reply

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) replied to Christopher's post
on Feb 3, 2008 at 8:45 AM.

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Hey guys,

The voting period is three days, and there will be a debate between the two sides during the campaign period, held by the IEC. It will be broadcast and archived on the internet, as well as shown on a screen in Surrey. CJSF may or may not broadcast it.

Getting people out to vote is important, especially since there is a quorum for the referenda to be binding. However, what's most important is getting people to know the issues. That's why we need folks to help poster, and do other tasks like that. Are you guys interested in helping with this stuff? Even if you want to take a stack of leaflets to your classes, and pick up a scarf from the Board Office to wear around.

Post #6
1 reply

Christopher Mulvena (Vancouver, BC) replied to Joe's post
on Feb 3, 2008 at 10:44 AM.

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Thanks for the info, what number is quorum for the referendum? I would be glad to help out with some postering and helping to get the correct information out.

Post #7

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) replied to Christopher's post
on Feb 3, 2008 at 10:46 AM.

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It's 5%, which has been about 1300 in the past.

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What would you do with $435,000?

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Topic: What would you do with $435,000?

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Post #1

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Jan 8, 2008 at 5:05 PM.

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If the money we give to the CFS was instead kept at SFU for our own services, how would YOU spend it?

Post #2

Elise Ikoma (Vancouver, BC) wrote
on Jan 8, 2008 at 10:34 PM.

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I would build a broadcast studio out there on the North side of SFU's AQ "4th floor" for SFLIVE, the online media collective I have been obsessing over recently.
With that sort of cash it could even be soundproof. A glass room would work well later at evening when less people are milling about...
Perhaps we could even give it for lend to CJSFers (http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2229709587) if they would like to get involved, the booths would for sure be share-able 8-)

Join my group and find out about the discussion group meetings: mondays:
http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6021644823

Furthermore, anyone who has Academic student union and other SFSS funded groups contact info/link/meeting time/email please do share!!!! message me or post on:
http://www.facebook.com/topic.php?topic=37298&post=14444&uid=6021644823#post14444

Post #3

Kody Huard (Vancouver, BC) wrote
on Jan 8, 2008 at 11:29 PM.

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better staffing at Academic Advising would be nice... the people are great, but there just aren't enough of them to deal with the entire SFU student body.

Post #4

Christopher Mulvena (Vancouver, BC) wrote
on Jan 9, 2008 at 9:28 AM.

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Put it back into the students pocket?

Post #5

Jan Gunn (Vancouver, BC) wrote
on Jan 11, 2008 at 6:58 PM.

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Pub renos. A kitchen bigger than a bread box = better food faster. Food choices suck at SFU, and if you've been here as long as I have it begins to grow tiresome.

Sebastian Sajda (Vancouver, BC) wrote

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Post #6

on Jan 16, 2008 at 12:29 PM

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Put aside part of the money as a fund that students can access by proposing creative forms of lobbying/drawing attention to student issues (e.g. a group of students could have an idea for some sort of temporary art installation at the BC legislature's lawn with students 'drowning' in debt; such a fund could provide funding for materials/transportation/hostel stay).

Post #7

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Jan 16, 2008 at 11:45 PM

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Also on the table:

$10,000 for Residence

30% increase for Clubs; Core and Grant Funding

50% increase for DSUs; Core and grant funding!

Leaving the CFS means better services on campus!

Post #8

Govinda Sharma (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Jan 25, 2008 at 12:57 PM

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To me, the atmosphere of a university is hugely impacted by the quality of its pub and the liveliness of its residence.

I'd want some of that money going towards revamping the pub and infusing the Residence Hall Association with some cash.

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Topic: More Peak articles

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Post #1
2 replies

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Jan 16, 2008 at 6:30 PM

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Below is a more comprehensive list of Peak articles concerning the SFSS defederation bid, ordered in rough chronological order. Since the articles from summer are already linked, this list starts in September.

[07-3] Campus: CFS responds to petition--> http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-3/issue3/he-sfss.html
[07-4] Speak Out: Inform Yourself (Andrew Ferguson)--> http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-3/issue4/op-so.html
[07-6] SFSS poll results misleading (Arthur Gonigberg)--> http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-3/issue6/le-sfss1.html
[07-6] Clarifying independence (Amy Fox, SFSS ERO)--> http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-3/issue6/le-sfss2.html
[07-7] Letter of the Week: The CFS referendum was as fair as I could make it (J. J. McCullough, SFSS Chief Electoral Commissioner)--> http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-3/issue7/le-lotw.html
[07-13] CFS unites students for lower tuition fees (Andrew Ferguson)--> http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-3/issue13/le-cfs.html

[08-1] Ferguson 'misses point' (Alex Hemingway, SFSS At-Large Rep)--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1445 (already linked, but included here for completeness)
[08-2] News: B.C. Chairperson of the CFS responds to Harder and Paling--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1561
[08-2] Give the CFS a chance (Arman Bains)--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1558
[08-3] The deceitful (sic) dancing duo (Robin Steudel)--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1558
[08-3] Why we should leave (Amy Fox, SFSS ERO)--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1566

Post #2

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) replied to Juan's post
on Jan 17, 2008 at 3:09 PM

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Wrong link for Robin Steudel's letter. It's at http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1559-the-deceitful-dancing-duo

(Note to Facebook: Letting us edit without a time limit would really help)

Post #3

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) replied to Juan's post
on Jan 21, 2008 at 10:32 PM

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Issue 4 is out:

Letter: Blood, sweat, tears, and the SFSS (Maegan Thomas)--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1676-blood-sweat-tears-and-the

Last Word: Why we should stay (Natalie Bocking, SFSS At-Large Rep)--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1694-why-we-should-stay

Alexander Hemingway (Vancouver, BC) wrote

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Post #4
1 reply

on Jan 28, 2008 at 3:17 PM.

Report

I just want to clarify that my article is not about the defederation bid. It's a response to a letter from Andrew Fergusson that criticizes an SFSS initiative on tuition and education funding, which I've been coordinating.

Post #5

Juan Tolentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Jan 29, 2008 at 10:17 AM.

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The plot thickens in issue 4 (mismumbered the last one):

Letter: Why the 'We should stay' people are misguided (Gary Brecher)--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1744-why-the-we-should-stay

Speak Out!: Corruption and Scandals and Day Planners, Oh my! (Alicia Costa)--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1750-speak-out-corruption-and-scandals

Opinion: Collective planning starts at home (Joe Paling, Member Services Officer)--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1752-collective-action-starts-at-home

Opinion : Student proposes at (sic) SFSS/CFS compromise (Paul McCulloch)--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1753-student-proposes-at-sfss-cfs-compromise

News: CFS Interview: Amanda Aziz, Uncensored--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1757-cfs-interview-amanda-aziz

News (Campus): Slush fund allegations--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1758-campus-slush-fund-allegations

News: 'Seriously?': Peak's Text Message Poll Results Questionable--> http://www.the-peak.ca/article/1760--seriously-peak-s-text-message-poll

Post #6

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) replied to Alexander's post
on Jan 29, 2008 at 12:42 PM.

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That's a valid clarification, and it's included because many of Fergusson's statements claim that the CFS is the ONLY way to lobby, and you're article debunks it quite well.

BTW, you need a scarf, it's cold out there.

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Philosopher Cafe: What do you think about Caelie's argumen article?

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Topic: Philosopher Cafe: What do you think about Caelie's argument in her article?

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Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Jan 19, 2008 at 2:19 PM.

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Post #1

The article is here:
http://www.geocities.com/joe_surplus/uta_cfs.pdf

A different view and not the official opinion of the SFSS. This article is very interesting, in my view, and should be discussed by us fellow academics and scholars.

Juan Tofentino (Simon Fraser) wrote
on Jan 23, 2008 at 6:44 PM.

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Post #2

I finally got around to reading this thing.

Caelie makes a number of important points. The whole purpose behind the CFS is to act as an advocate for its members' interests, but given the current organizational climate such a goal is not being tenably achieved. In fact, the basic method of CFS advocacy is fundamentally flawed, as it is based on the sheer power of communicated grievance rather than constructive appeals to government entities. Much more effective, I agree, is local lobbying that empowers small groups and communities to communicate in a larger political context. "Think globally, act locally" is a principle that ought to appeal to both the left and the right.

Unfortunately, Caelie's article (and, I dare say, her point of view) suffers from a particular shortsightedness that afflicts the "radical left". She blames the "bureaucratic" nature of the CFS as the primary, if not the sole, factor in its increasing impotence and irrelevance, but I believe that the problem is someone more personal and specific.

The CFS is basically bogged by former activists whose visions for Grand Revolution were dashed by the impracticality of their world-view and practice coming in contact with the real world, and rather than adapt and grow from their mistakes they chose to stagnate and evolve into leaches that continually deprive the organization of vitality and strength. On top of that, there's the disturbing trend among liberal activists to silence contradictory views in most illiberal ways. Take, for example, the praise given to the muzzle on Benjamin Netanyahu by the Concordia Student Union (which Caelie does not hesitate to cite as positive). For the CFS "cabal", this tendency to drive out opinions that "don't deserve to be heard" (or some other rationalization) has morphed into a habit of maintaining strict control over criticism of the CFS lest such words damage the credibility of the "Movement".

Caelie doesn't seem to see that such degeneracy has occurred because, rather than despite, the bourgeois leftism that too many grads like her espouse. In fact, it is illogical to presume that a direction on the political spectrum is the standard by which to make moral and ethical judgements about courses of action. Conservatism can be debased into neo-liberalism or Kissinger-style realpolitik liberalism can be degenerated into neo-conservatism (seriously) or a patronizing "statism" that uses the full might of polity to "achieve"

social reform.

Despite these many reservations I think her basic arguments stands. True social action must find its genesis from the grassroots if progress is to be made in a comprehensive and wide-spread manner. It is therefore incumbent upon the individual student or activist (or student-activist) to take the initiative and propose his own plan of action at the local level. We are, after all, free citizens, and free citizens make their best contribution to society by his personal commitment to his immediate community.

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Joe Paling posted a link. Share

at 8:59pm Jan 28.

The Peak - Collective action starts at home - Opinions

http://www.the-peak.ca/article...

Collective action is the main issue in the campaign to leave the CFS, now spreading through campuses all over B.C. Over the years the CFS has shut out and alienated vocal advocates for student rights and collective action.

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Joe Paling posted a link. Share

at 5:17pm Jan 19.

www.geocities.com

http://www.geocities.com/joe_surplus/ufa_cfs.pdf

Caelie Frampton's Article on the CFS, not the official opinion of the SFSS.

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Joe Paling posted a link. Share

at 4:49pm Jan 19.

kwantlen student association | www.cfstruth.ca

http://www.cfstruth.ca/

Kwantlen's Independence Campaign Website

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Joe Paling posted a link. Share

at 2:35pm Jan 18.

afreak.ca

http://afreak.ca/2008/01/17/i-am-not-the-cfs/

A solitary blog post, and the opinion of one SFU student. Not the

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Joe Paling posted a link.
at 11:59am Jan 18. Share

The Peak - Why We Should Leave - Last Word
http://www.the-peak.ca/article...

Lately, you may have noticed a sharp increase in Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) advertising and promotion at and around SFU's campuses. But if you think you've seen CFS advertising so far, you ain't seen nothing yet. ...

Amy Fox's excellent piece on what we an expect from the NGO CFS.

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Joe Paling posted a link.
at 2:58am Jan 9. Share

The Peak - Fergusson 'misses point' - Letters
http://www.the-peak.ca/article...

I read with interest Andrew Fergusson's criticism of the Simon Fraser Student Society's new campaign on the issue of education funding and tuition fees ["CFS unites students to lower tuition fees" November 26, 2007] , ...

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Joe Paling posted a link.
at 11:41pm Jan 8. Share

e.Peak (14/5/2007) news: Local: We want out: SFSS
http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-2/issue2/ne-5...

The SFSS's bid to withdraw from the Federation has not been recognised by the CFS, and is not on the agenda for their 51st annual general meeting, taking place from May 24-27.

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at 11:40pm Jan 8. Share

StudentUnion.ca - information on students' unions, association, societies, CFS, CASA, and a great de
http://www.studentunion.ca/

The National Union of Students of the United Kingdom, one of the world's largest national student organisations, will be holding an Extraordinary Conference on December 4, 2007 to vote on a motion to radically ...

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at 11:40pm Jan 8,

e.Peak (4/9/2007) news: Campus: Free at last?
http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/2007-3/issue1/ne-s...

The Simon Fraser Student Society submitted a petition with the necessary number of signatures to submit a withdrawal bid to the CFS.

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Alexa Adams (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 3:23am on January 25th, 2008

Amy Fox's article ("Why We Should Leave") was probably the best written article I have read in the Peak in a LONG time. Kudos, Amy. The one this week ("Why We Should Stay") was horribly written and poorly argued. It made me realize, yet again, why I joined this group.

Message - Report

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 6:01pm on January 20th, 2008

Chris,

On behalf of myself, Derrick and Apaak, you're very welcome.

JP

Message - Report

Christopher Mulvena (Vancouver, BC) wrote
at 10:21pm on January 19th, 2008

Thank you guys for answering my questions, much appredated.

Message - Report

Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 7:35pm on January 19th, 2008

On lobbying, I would also note that by being students at SFU, we can take a much more holistic approach. The fact that tutorials are being cancelled, is not just a result of a lack of provincial funding, but the decisions of the university administration as a method to deal with this loss. This is terribly unfortunate, but shows the need to not only lobby at the Provincial and Federal levels (which we're doing) but most importantly, at the University level!

The U-Pass is another example of successful SFSS lobbying, without the CFS. The U-Pass is, in effect, a targeted tuition reduction, as it saves low-income students between $90-$400 a term, which is actually already more than the 10% the CFS thinks they can get.

It's targeted and progressive because high-income students who can afford a car, end up paying more.

The SFSS also successfully lobbied to allow International students to sit on University Board of Governors, and gained recognition of the humanitarian crisis in Darfur.

Message - Report

Derrick Harder (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 6:38pm on January 18th, 2008

2)on health plans, the CFS does operate a health plan at arms length, called the National Student Health Network. the plan is not related to membership, though - there are CFS schools that have contracts with other health plan brokers and non-CFS schools who work with the NSHN, we could and, I think, should work on an undergraduate health plan, but such a decision would not be affected by membership, or lack thereof, in the CFS.

we actually had an undergraduate health plan in 1997 with the CFS plan but it was terribly botched in implementation and we lost it in referendum the next year...

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Derrick Harder (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 6:36pm on January 18th, 2008

hi christopher,
1)on your first question, no, there have not been any concerns raised by the MLAs we've met with. those that have heard about our referendum this year have asked about it, but have not had concerns, and have merely been curious - it's an internal issue, and not something that they're especially

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Aaron Cruikshank (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 1:59am on January 11th, 2008

What do you have to do to get out? If you just stop paying the bill, they'll drop SFU sooner or later, right?

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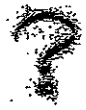

Christopher Mulvena (Vancouver, BC) wrote
at 7:09pm on January 10th, 2008

As Clinton suggested then, why dont the schools across Canada that are fed up with the way things are going join together and make a united front for positive change within the CFS rather than trying to fight the good fight alone?

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Joe Paling (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 3:58am on January 10th, 2008

Christopher,

Many schools are dissatisfied with the CFS. Many schools across the country are in a similiar process of independence as we are in. Uvic Grads and Kwantlen are some of the more local ones doing this.

UBC just never saw a need to join, and recent events have not given them any reason.

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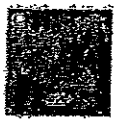

Clement Apaak (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 2:25am on January 10th, 2008

Clinton Hallahan,

This has gone on too long. I used to be an insider, did my best to bring about change,but some of the leaders found ways to prevent meaningful change.

Then, key leaders that we removed from office for mishandling our trust at SFU, and victimizing us were reworded in other parts of Canada. So I asked myself, why will I want to be a part of an organization that does not want to change, and seem to sympathize with leaders we impeached.

At the same time many stories of nepotism and unaccountability surfaced. This was when I drew the line.

Yes, I believe in a united front, but such a front has no meaning when the organization that is supposed to represent us acts in ways contrary to the very principles for which it stands for.

Maybe, if we get out, the leaders will rethink and do what needs to be done to ensure that other locals do not leave. This is how we can cause the change to happen. We have no option, we gave them many chances to do the right thing.

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Christopher Mulvena (Vancouver, BC) wrote
at 11:04pm on January 9th, 2008

Thank you Joe for that info, much appreciated. Joe, do you know if there are other schools that are dissatisfied with the CFS as SFU is? Is that a reason that UBC and some other schools in the greater Vancouver region are not part of the CFS?

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Clinton Hallahan (Simon Fraser) wrote
at 7:37pm on January 9th, 2008

I am reading up/getting a CFS schooling from a friend, but now I am just wondering if this discontent is widespread or concentrated to the hill. And if it is widespread, do we have to even take on this action alone?

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February 27, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE

Simon Fraser Student Society
Maggie Benston Centre, Room 2250
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Attention: Derrick Harder, President

Dear Mr. Harder:

Re: Canadian Federation of Students Membership Referendum

We are the solicitors for the Canadian Federation of Students ("CFS").

As you know, an Oversight Committee, consisting of two members appointed by the CFS and two members appointed by the Simon Fraser Student Society (the "Society"), is in the process of meeting to deal with a referendum regarding the Society's continued membership in the CFS. The role of the Oversight Committee is set out in Bylaw 1, Article 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws (the "Bylaws") of the CFS. We understand that there are a number of critical unresolved issues, including:

(a) the date that the referendum is to be held including campaign and voting dates;

(b) how the polling is to be conducted; and

(c) complaints regarding alleged violations of referendum rules including the process and penalties.

It is important that there was no date set by the petition which requisitioned the referendum and thus this is a matter to be dealt with by the Oversight Committee.

We understand that the Society has taken the position that the referendum is to be held on March 18 – 20, 2008, the same date as the Society's general elections.

The CFS's position is that the Society's general elections and the referendum can not take place on the same dates. Given that the issue of CFS membership may well play a significant role in the Society elections and the campaign leading up to such elections, having the elections and referendum on the same date could confuse the two issues. The CFS's view is that membership in the CFS ought not to be caught up in the question of who the members of the Society elect for 2008-2009 and the CFS is concerned that the integrity of the referendum will be compromised if held at the same time as the general elections. Conducting the elections and the referendum at the same time may also compromise the ability of the Oversight Committee to govern the referendum process.

We understand that the CFS has offered to hold a referendum on dates other than March 18 – 20, 2008 but the Society has refused to change its position regarding the date. The CFS maintains its position that the referendum cannot be held on March 18 – 20, 2008.

We now understand that the Society at a board meeting on February 25, 2008 decided to independently present two questions to voters on March 18 – 20, 2008 outside of the mandate of the Oversight Committee and the referendum proposed pursuant to the Bylaws. The two questions are:

1. "Are you in favour of maintaining membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?"; and

2. "If the Simon Fraser Student Society ceases to be a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, do you agree that the former CFS semesterly membership fee would be redirected into a Society Development Fund which will result in no overall fee increase for students?"

First, it is not reasonable for the Society to conduct a polling of students parallel to the CFS referendum procedure which was initiated by the members of the Society. CFS's position is that this parallel procedure must cease. The CFS will not recognize the validity of any poll conducted outside of the procedures set out in the Bylaws.

In addition and in any event, the second question that the Society is currently proposing is inappropriate and will clearly bias the result against continued membership in the CFS. The addition of this second question is contrary to the agreement which had been reached by the Oversight Committee regarding the question to be put forward.

As well, the discussions and deliberations of the Oversight Committee are to be confidential. We do not think that there is any dispute over that. However, confidentiality has not been maintained by the Society. We understand that positions being taken by the CFS representatives during in camera Oversight Committee meetings have been reported in the student newspaper, The Peak and, as well, open Society board meetings have occurred where, again, the position of the CFS

representatives has been reported, and inaccurately, to the public. This is a breach of the process agreed upon and has made it now practically impossible to hold a fair referendum on March 18 – 20, 2008. CFS asks that the Society maintain the confidentiality which the Society agreed to.

Lastly, we have been provided with samples of campaign materials produced by the Society denouncing the CFS. These materials have been widely distributed on campus and on-line as part of a campaign promoting the cessation of membership in the CFS. Under Bylaw 1, Article 6, the Oversight Committee is to administer the campaign and responsibilities include approving all materials to be distributed during the campaign. The distribution of campaign materials prior to the campaign period constitutes a violation of both the letter and spirit of the rules. Offending material includes, but is not limited to, material on the Simon Fraser Student Society webpage under the heading "We Want Out: Learn more about the SFSS campaign to cease membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)". Again, this activity has made it impossible to have a fair referendum on March 18 – 20, 2008 and must cease.

The CFS wishes to have the Oversight Committee meet again in an effort to work out all of the above issues in a reasonable and cooperative manner. The CFS is committed to a referendum process, conducted in a transparent and fair manner, so as to ensure that the views of the members of the Society are accurately measured.

The CFS does, however, reserve its right to pursue all possible remedies available to it in these circumstances. If the above matters cannot be resolved, the CFS may well be forced to apply for a court order to ensure that a standard of fairness is maintained.

Yours truly,

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Attention: Derrick Harder, President

Dear Mr. Harder:

Re: Canadian Federation of Students Membership Referendum

Further to our letter of February 27, 2008, we gather that there was a further Oversight Committee meeting on February 28, 2008 but, unfortunately, none of the key issues between the parties, including the proposed date for a referendum, have been resolved.

We understand that the Society intends to go ahead with its decision, made at a Society board meeting on February 25, 2008, to independently present two questions to voters on March 18 – 20, 2008, as set out in our earlier letter.

The CFS wishes to make it clear that it will not recognize the validity of this proposed poll which is being conducted outside of the procedure set out in the Bylaws.

For all of the reasons set out in our earlier letter, a fair referendum on March 18 – 20, 2008 is not possible and the proposed poll will be fundamentally flawed.

Having said that, the CFS does intend to implement a campaign but will do so under protest on a without prejudice basis to its position that any poll unilaterally conducted by the Student Society on March 18 – 20, 2008 is not a valid or legally effective defederation referendum.

Yours truly,

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Notice of Referenda for the 2008 Simon Fraser Student Society General Election

1. CFS membership

"Are you in favour of maintaining membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?"

2. Student Development Fund

"If the Simon Fraser Student Society ceases to be a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, do you agree that the former CFS membership fees of $7.64 per semester for full time students and $3.82 for part-time students should be redirected into a Society Development Fund which will result in no overall fee increase for students?"

3. Changes to Acclamation

"Do you support the amendment of By-Law 14 (17) as written?"

By-Law 14 (17)

a. If only one valid nomination is received for a particular office, the Independent Electoral Commission will conduct an election in which the nominated candidate will face a "yes/no" election.

b. If a candidate fails to receive a majority of "yes" votes, then the contested position will remain vacant.

4. Amy's By-Law 22

"Do you support the creation of By-Law 22 as written and the corresponding changes to By-Law 17(3)?"

By-Law 22: Membership in Provincial and National Student Organizations

1. The Society may become a member of a provincial or national student organization that requires the Society or its members to pay a membership fee to that organization, but only if the Society and the organisation enter into a binding, written agreement, which will remain in effect as long as the Society is a member of the organisation. The agreement must guarantee the following:

a. The Society's membership in the organisation does not preclude the Society's membership in other organisations.

b. The organisation will make its by-laws, policies and minutes available online to all members of the Society within three (3) months of their approval.

c. The organisation will, within two (2) months of receipt of a written request from any member of the Society, provide to them a copy of any document in care or control of the organisation not lawfully required to be kept private.

d. The organisation recognizes that the Society reserves the right to terminate its membership in the organisation according to the Society's by-laws and policy and according to any of the following procedures:

i) by resolution of the Board if the Society joined the organization by resolution of the Board;

ii) by resolution of a General Meeting if the Society joined the organization by resolution of the Board or by resolution of a General Meeting; or

iii) by referendum in any case conducted in accordance with By-Law 17.

2. If the Society terminates its membership in an organization as described in By-Law 22(1) by any means other than referendum, and if the Society normally collects a membership fee from its members on behalf of that organization and remits it to that organization, then the Society will immediately cease collecting fees.

3. If a resolution is put to referendum to terminate the Society's membership in an organization as described in By-Law 22(1), and if the Society normally collects a membership fee from its members on behalf of that organization and remits it to that organization, then a resolution to cease collecting the membership fee shall be automatically put to referendum according to By-Law 17 to occur concurrently with the referendum on ceasing membership in the organization.

By-Law 17 (3) amended to read:

Resolutions may be put to referendum by a simple majority vote of the Board or Forum, except where prohibited by these By-Laws, or upon presentation of a petition to the Board which contains the text of the proposed resolution and the signatures of five percent of the members in good standing of the Society, or according to By-Law 22(1)(d) or By-Law 22(3).

5. Undergraduate Health Plan

Whereas the purpose of an extended health plan is to provide you with reimbursement of your medical expenses such as prescription drugs and paramedical and travel coverage while a dental plan provides you with reimbursement of your dental expenses, and;

whereas, undergrad students are currently not covered by a health and dental plan, and;

whereas this question does not establish any new fees and is non-binding:

"Are you in favour of the SFSS developing an extended health and ental pain for undergraduate students?"

Voting will take place on March 18, 19, and 20 from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Polling stations will be located in the AQ, WMX, and Library at Burnaby, as well as the main lobbies of the Surrey and Vancouver campuses.

for more information contact Chief Electoral Officer J.J. McCullough at jjm@sfu.ca or visit www.sfss.ca

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----- Forwarded message from organiser@cfs-fcee.ca -----
Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 16:42:41 -0500
From: organiser@cfs-fcee.ca
Reply-To: organiser@cfs-fcee.ca
Subject: Re: URGENT: Materials Approval
To: Kyall Glennie <keg3@sfu.ca>
Cc: Michael Letourneau <mletourn@cs.sfu.ca>, treasurer@cfs-fcee.ca

Kyall,

As we discussed at our previous meeting, the Canadian Federation of Students will be engaging in a campaign but will do so under protest on a without basis to its position that any unilaterally conducted by the Student Society on March 18-20 is not a valid or legally effective de-federation referendum. Nothing has changed.

The "yes" side was registered last week by a Simon Fraser student, Andrew Fergusson. He has also submitted materials (button and six posters) to be reviewed and approved by the Referendum Oversight Committee.

Garth Yule (presumably acting for the as yet unregistered "no" side) has also submitted materials for the Committee to review. However, these materials are in circulation despite not being approved by the Referendum Oversight Committee.

I am proposing that we meet to review all of these materials without further delay.

I trust that clarifies the issue,

Lucy

Quoting Kyall Glennie <keg3@sfu.ca>:

> I hear your concerns Lucy but we have never determined a "pre-campaign"
> period, nor deemed a campaign period, for any referendum dates that we have
> proposed. Thus, the referendum rules we have set to date have been in
> effect followed, in my view.
> Also, I am completely unclear as to what the CFS / "yes" campaigners are
> engaging in at this time. I was under the impression that the CFS has
> decided not to campaign in the referendum process underway by the IEC, but
> this is obviously not the case. If you could please clear this up that
> would be appreciated and would speak to why this is "urgent" as opposed to
> something that can wait until our regular meeting of Monday.
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> kg
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> On Sat, Mar 8, 2008 at 1:23 PM, <organiser@cfs-fcee.ca> wrote:
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>> Hello everyone,
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>> I think we need to meet this weekend in order to review the materials

>> Submitted by the "yes" side and those submitted by Gaven Yule. I am
>> concerned that our failure to meet will unfairly prejudice the "yes"
>> side which is following the referendum rules while the "We Want
>> Out"/"Vote No" campaign is distributing unapproved materials on campus.
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>> Ben and I are available to meet anytime this weekend (including
>> evenings). Please let us know when you are available.
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>> Lucy
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----- Original Message -----
From: "J.J. McCullough" <jjmccullough@gmail.com>
To: "Paul Browning" <pbrownin@sfu.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2008 5:20 PM
Subject: Re: Referendum on membership in the Canadian Federaton of Students

> Sometime last month, the Board of Directors voted to suspend AP-27 for
> the purposes of the CFS referendum. AP-27 is the policy which outlines
> all normal rules governing referendums at the Society. This means that
> I am not conducting the CFS referendum according to normal rules, and
> am instead allowing both sides to campaign fairly freely, without
> spending limits, etc.
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> I've never registered formal "sides" either, largely because a) the
> only real reason to register sides is to impose spending limits, and
> b) because it's very obvious who the "sides" in this feud already are.
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> Nevertheless, the board has recently started to submit materials to
> the IEC for approval anyway. I am not sure of what practical relevance
> this is, and I doubt the CFS will start doing that for their
> materials, but I'm not really too concerned either way.
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> I am somewhat unclear as to what the ROC is or is not doing right now.
> I wanted to be appointed that that committee, but the Board refused.
> All anti-CFS materials that my committee has approved have also been
> also forwarded to the ROC for approval, but I am not sure if they are
> actually approving or disapproving anything at this point. If they
> are, I'm unaware.
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> -J.J.
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> On 3/8/08, Paul Browning <pbrownin@sfu.ca> wrote:
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>> JJ,
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>> With regard to the referendum on membership in the Canadian Federation of
>> Students, on the IEC website, it reads that the Oversight Committee, not
>> the
>> IEC has the duty of "approving all materials to be distributed during the
>> campaign" and "establishing all other rules and regulations for the
>> vote",
>> in addition to a number of other administrative duties. Is it the case
>> that
>> none of the rules governing the referenda of the SFSS govern the
>> referendum
>> on membership in the Canadian Federation of Students? Does the IEC or the
>> ROC officially register campaigns?
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>> Finally, it was evident that the so called "We Want Out" campaign was

>> campaigning throughout last week, with leaflets encouraging members to
>> vote
>> no to membership, and has been campaigning for some time. Has that
>> campaign
>> been officially registered, and its materials approved by the ROC? Or by
>> the
>> IEC? Or both?
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>> A timely response would be appreciated.
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>> Thank you,
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>> Paul Browning
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> --
> J.J. McCullough
> Chief Electoral Officer
> Simon Fraser Student Society

This is Exhibit "BB" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 26th day of May, 2008.

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March 10, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE AND E-MAIL

Simon Fraser Student Society
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Attention: Derrick Harder, President

Dear Mr. Harder:

Re: Canadian Federation of Students Membership Referendum

We write with respect to campaign material.

We understand that the Simon Fraser Student Society (the "Society") has submitted campaign material to the Referendum Oversight Committee for approval but such material is inaccurate, offensive and otherwise inappropriate in a number of respects.

However, we also understand that this same material was submitted by the Society to the Society's Independent Electoral Commission which has approved the material and it is currently being used by the Society in its campaign to attempt to persuade Simon Fraser University students to vote in favour of withdrawing from the Canadian Federation of Students.

It is our view that the Independent Electoral Commission has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the Referendum, which has been made clear before, and this committee ought not to be involving itself in the Referendum.

We reiterate the CFS's position that the use of this unapproved material by the Society is a continuing breach of the CFS constitution and bylaws (the "Bylaws") and is contributing to the fundamentally flawed nature of the Society's proposed March 18 – 20, 2008 poll.

As well, and further to our letter of February 29, 2008, the CFS does intend to carry out a campaign under protest and on a without prejudice basis to its position that the March 18 – 20, 2008 poll is invalid.

In fact, we understand that the CFS has also submitted campaign materials to the Oversight Committee but, due to the unavailability of the Society representatives, that Oversight Committee has not met and has not approved any of the CFS campaign materials. This is an impossible situation for the CFS.

The Society has had campaign materials distributed on-line and at Simon Fraser University campuses since at least September, 2007 and now the CFS is unable to utilize campaign materials a week before the poll.

This letter is to put you on notice that commencing Monday, March 10, 2008, the CFS intends to start using the campaign materials the CFS submitted to the Oversight Committee although those materials have not yet been approved by the Oversight Committee. The actions of the Society representatives have left the CFS no practical choice.

The CFS hopes that the Oversight Committee will be able to meet shortly in order to review and approve the CFS campaign materials.

Yours truly,

GOWLING LAFLEUR HENDERSON LLP

Martin L. Palleson

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cc: client
cc: Todd Burke (Gowlings)
cc: Referendum Oversight Committee

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Local 23 Referendum Oversight Committee <cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com>

Letter to Amanda Aziz

1 message

J.J. McCullough <jjmccullough@gmail.com> **Wed, Mar 12, 2008 at 9:03 PM**
To: Local 23 Referendum Oversight Committee <cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com>

Dear members of the Oversight Committee,

Yesterday I gave the following attached letter to Chairperson Amanda Aziz of the Canadian Federation of Students. In it, I outline the procedures that my committee is currently engaged in regards to our scheduled referendum on CFS membership set to be held on March 18, 19, and 20. I also encourage the CFS to dispatch scrutineers to supervise all referendum polling stations, in the interests of transparency, as well as invite Chairperson Aziz and one other CFS representative to attend our vote count, which will occur late on the night of Thursday, March 20, after polling has commenced. I had a private meeting with BC Chairperson Shamus Reid today as well, in which I explained these same procedures and plans to him.

Clearly the referendum that I am proceeding with has not been organized through the Local 23 Referendum Oversight Committee, but I believe it is nevertheless important that I stay in full communication with CFS representatives, including members of the ROC, and make them aware of my activities. I will not pretend that I am fully aware of your deliberations, proceedings and conclusions, but I have been encouraged by the presence of "Vote Yes" posters around campus, which suggests to me that the CFS is still interested in remaining engaged in my committee's referendum in some form.

My committee will be meeting again tomorrow, during which we shall establish some further rules regarding the location and time of vote counting and ballot box storage. I will keep the ROC informed of all further developments.

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J.J. McCullough
Chief Electoral Officer
Simon Fraser Student Society

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Amanda Aziz
National Chair
Canadian Federation of Students

Dear Chairperson Aziz,

In the interests of openness and transparency I would just like to formally make you aware of some of the events that will be transpiring in the coming weeks. As I am sure you know by now, my committee, the Independent Electoral Committee of the Student Society, is in the process of conducting a referendum on separation from the Canadian Federation of Students, to be held on March 18, 19, and 20. Though I have been led to believe that the CFS considers this referendum to be illegitimate, I am encouraged that the CFS is still participating in the campaign, which indicates that your organization does have some interest in affecting the outcome of this vote, regardless of the legality of its conclusion. This referendum represents an important dialogue at Simon Fraser, so I am encouraged that the CFS is engaged in the debate on campus.

On this note, I would like you to be aware that it is fully within the rights of the CFS to supervise the conduct of the polling on March 18, 19, and 20, through whatever scrutineers your organization chooses to dispatch for the purpose. All I ask is that scrutineers be largely quiet, and not interfere with student voters or poll clerks, unless a very serious concern occurs. I would hope it would also go without saying that scrutineers should not engage in anything resembling campaigning or lobbying while in close proximity to the polling stations. If anyone does wish to campaign near polling stations, I ask that they remain at least 15 feet away (I will mark such boundaries with tape).

Just to confirm, voting will take place from 9:30 to 7:30pm on all three days, with ballot stations located in SFU's AQ, WMX, and Library buildings, as well as its Surrey and Vancouver campuses.

I would also like to invite you personally, along with another CFS representative, to supervise my committee's official vote count of the referendum, which will occur on the evening of Thursday, March 20th at SFU. If you can't attend, I hope you will find two other CFS representatives willing to be present. I don't yet know where exactly on campus the vote count will occur (the committee will be deciding this on Thursday), but I will sure to let you know once I do.

Please email me at the easiest available opportunity at jjm@sfu.ca to let me know if you are interested in participating in the vote count supervision, or with any other questions or concerns about the issues I have discussed here.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

J. J. McCullough
Chief Electoral Officer
of the Simon Fraser Student Society

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March 18, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE

Independent Electoral Commission
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Attention: J. J. McCullough, Chief Electoral Officer

Dear Sir:

Re: Canadian Federation of Students Membership Referendum (the "Referendum")

You have written to Amanda Aziz, National Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students ("CFS") as of March 11, 2008 and, also, to the Referendum Oversight Committee ("ROC") as of March 12, 2008 with respect to the Referendum. Both of these letters have been given to us for response. We act for the CFS in this matter.

We understand that there is to be a vote held on March 18 – 20, 2008 by the Independent Electoral Commission and the Simon Fraser Student Society ("SFSS").

We agree with your comment in paragraph two of your March 12, 2008 letter that this vote is not taking place under the organization or control of the ROC. As we have said in prior correspondence, it is our view that the holding of this vote, independent of and outside of the authority and control of the ROC, is contrary to the constitution and bylaws (the "Bylaws") of the CFS and neither you nor the Independent Electoral Commission have any jurisdiction or authority with respect to the Referendum.

For that reason, it is the CFS's position that any vote held on March 18 – 20, 2008 will not be binding on the CFS or legally effective to achieve defederation.

In our view, this position was endorsed by the decision of Mr. Justice McEwan on March 14, 2008 in a decision, Canadian Federation of Students v. Kwantlen University College Student Association, BCSC, Vancouver Registry, No. S081553. We understand that the SFSS has retained Ms. Susan Corlstine to act for it with respect to the Referendum and she was in attendance at court on March 14, 2008. Mr. Justice McEwan held that the actions of the Kwantlen University College Student Association in attempting to hold a vote outside of the authority of a referendum oversight committee appointed pursuant to the Bylaws was contrary to the Bylaws and would result in an irregular and flawed vote on continued membership.

With respect to the information you provided regarding the planned polling for March 18 – 20, 2008, the CFS will not be participating in any polling activity carried out by the Independent Electoral Commission. It is the CFS's position that the Referendum must be conducted under the governance and authority of the ROC.

With respect to CFS campaigning, as we have indicated in prior correspondence, the CFS's campaign activities are being carried out under protest on a without prejudice basis to its position that any vote on March 18 – 20, 2008 is not a valid or legally effective defederation referendum.

Yours truly,

GOWLING LAFLEUR HENDERSON LLP

Martin L. Palleson

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Referendum Oversight Committee

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Re: CFS-ROC
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March 12, 2008
To: Martin Pallleson, on behalf of the Canadian Federation of Students

I am writing in response to your letter of 10 March 2008, which is factually incorrect.

The difficulties the Referendum Oversight Committee (ROC) has experienced in approving campaign materials, and resolving other procedural issues, have been caused by the CFS appointees to the ROC. I understand that some weeks ago the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) appointees to the ROC agreed on a general procedure by which campaign materials (and other issues) could be considered and approved by email. The procedure for approving campaign materials called for the members of the ROC to respond to any materials under review by 5:00 PM on the business day after the materials were submitted by email to the ROC. It is my understanding that the email procedure was chosen because the regular ROC meetings are only scheduled for Mondays, which did not give the ROC sufficient time to review the materials, and the CFS appointees are in Ontario, making it difficult to meet on short notice.

Although they agreed to this process, the CFS appointees have refused to follow it and refused to provide their views on the campaign materials by email. They have instead taken the position that these decisions can only be made at meetings of the ROC.

I further understand that early last week the SFSS appointees made themselves available to meet midweek and later to allow the ROC to discuss the campaign materials. They informed the CFS appointees that they were available to meet on Wednesday and then on Friday. The CFS appointees did not agree to meet at either those times. The regular meeting of the ROC was scheduled for March 10. It was cancelled by the CFS appointees. The "impossible" situation the CFS claims it finds itself in is, once again, of its own creation.

From the start the CFS appointees to the ROC have largely refused to cooperate with the SFSS appointees, refused to agree to any procedural or other suggestions made by the SFSS appointees, and undermined the proper functioning of the ROC. Their refusal to cooperate with respect to the campaign materials is just another example of such conduct.

I further note that the SFSS anticipated problems of this nature, due to the problematic structure of the ROC, and made repeated attempts to resolve anticipated procedural issues in advance. We also recommended a dispute resolution procedure to deal with the kinds of problems the ROC is now experiencing. Unfortunately, representatives of the CFS, both in the national office and on the ROC, were unwilling to discuss the SFSS' concerns. I can only conclude that the CFS has been purposefully intractable in an attempt to delay the scheduled referendum.

Finally, it is my understanding while the CFS appointees to the ROC have not agreed to all of the SFSS materials, they had never indicated to the ROC that they found the materials to be "inaccurate, offensive and otherwise inappropriate" as you suggest in your letter.

Sincerely,

Derrick Harder, President
Simon Fraser Student Society
cc. Referendum Oversight Committee; Amanda Aziz, National Chairperson, CFS

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March 31, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE

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Attention: Derrick Harder, President

Dear Mr. Harder:

Re: Canadian Federation of Students Membership Referendum

We write in response to your letter dated March 12, 2008, sent by fax March 18, 2008. We have received instructions from the Canadian Federation of Students ("CFS") with respect to your letter.

CFS vigorously denies that its representatives on the referendum oversight committee ("ROC") have caused or contributed to any procedural difficulties or delays.

We are instructed that, contrary to what you say in paragraphs 2 and 3 of your letter, the ROC did not agree to approve campaign materials by e-mail. The decision taken was that campaign materials would be submitted by e-mail. There was discussion that if all members of the ROC approved campaign materials by e-mail, then those materials could be approved outside of a regular committee meeting. All remaining materials, however, would have to be discussed at the next meeting of the ROC. These proposals, including the discussion around timelines, were made by the CFS representatives and not the SFSS representatives.

We are instructed as well that the primary reason at the ROC for allowing e-mail exchanges with respect to campaign materials was to accommodate the academic schedules of the SFSS representatives on the ROC.

We also point out that the CFS representatives on the ROC were located in Vancouver since late February and not in Ontario as stated in the second paragraph of your letter.

With respect to paragraph 4 of your letter, again, the CFS's position is that the CFS ROC representatives were ready, willing and able to meet during March 3 – 9, 2008 but the SFSS representatives were not. The CFS ROC representatives made every effort to secure mutually agreeable meeting times. This is demonstrated by the e-mails exchanged during this period.

The Monday, March 10, 2008 meeting was postponed because the ROC received legal correspondence pertaining directly to the ROC's deliberations immediately prior to that meeting. The ROC rescheduled the meeting for Tuesday, March 11, 2008 and there was a meeting at that time and, as well, on the following day, March 12, 2008.

With respect to paragraph 5 of your letter, the CFS states that its appointees to the ROC, at all times, acted reasonably and in a cooperative fashion and, contrary to your assertion, actively proposed procedures and rules in an effort to facilitate the ROC's deliberation throughout the entire process. There has been no "refusal to cooperate" with respect to campaign materials by the CFS representatives.

Furthermore, and with respect to paragraph 6 of your letter, the ROC representatives made every effort to finalize referendum rules and submitted a number of proposals for consideration by the ROC. The CFS ROC representatives met with resistance from the SFSS representatives who stated that they had been given clear instructions to not seek compromises with respect to certain issues (for example, the date of the referendum and the role of the independent electoral commission).

With respect to the last paragraph in your letter, the CFS representatives on the ROC did set out clearly the concerns that they had with campaign materials submitted by the SFSS. We attach a spreadsheet which was sent to the ROC and the SFSS representatives by the CFS representatives by way of an e-mail dated March 15, 2008.

The CFS and its representatives remain committed to the ROC process and conducting a referendum pursuant to the CFS Bylaws. I trust this clarifies any misunderstandings, factual or otherwise, between the CFS and the SFSS regarding the ROC process and progress to date.

Yours truly,

GOWLING LAFLEUR HENDERSON LLP

Martin L. Palleson

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Enclosure

cc: client

Material	Approved/Rejected	Comments	Objection Details
Posters			
Compare and Contrast		**Objection**	False.
I Want Out of the CFS because it's a Financial Black Hole		**Objection**	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
I Want Out of the CFS because it is Unaccountable		**Objection**	Defamatory and/or false require proof of the claims.
I Want Out of the CFS - It's time to Take Back Our Campus		**Objection**	Require proof of the statements.
I Want Out of the CFS because it's Anti-Democratic		**Objection**	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
I Want Out of the CFS because I Want My Voice Heard		**Objection**	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
We're Not Crazy	**Approved**	Unapproved Website Link Included	
Blindfolded		**Objection**	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
Tiggles		**Objection**	Suggests that students who vote "No" will be rewarded financially.
The CFS: Wasting Our Money		**Objection**	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
CFS Lemons		**Objection**	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
CFS Advocacy Flowcharts		**Objection**	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
We Want Out of the CFS as Soon as Possible	**Approved**	Unapproved Website Link Included	
I Want Out of the CFS because There's a Better Way	**Approved**	Unapproved Website Link Included	
Thuggy		**Objection**	Defamatory.
We Want Out of the CFS Because They Don't Know How to Party	**Approved**	Unapproved Website Link Included	
I Want Out of the CFS because I Like This School	**Approved**	Unapproved Website Link Included	
I Want Out of the CFS because Something Smells Bad		**Objection**	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
B.A.M.F. Wants Out of the CFS		**Objection**	False: "Beards represent individuality... the CFS does not." Require proof of this statement.
I Want Out of the CFS because I've Seen them in Action		**Objection**	Require proof of the statements.

Leaflets			
We Want Out Flyer		**Objection**	False: "Leaving the CFS will allow us to create a better campus by improving our services, campaigns, and social events - we will improve student life at SFU. Leaving the CFS will not result in the loss of any services that SFU students currently enjoy - like TravelCuts or the ISIC card." Require proof of this statement.
Take Back Your Campus Flyer Front		**Objection**	"Take back your campus"
The CFS: Strength in Numbers, Weakness in Collective Action Flyer Back		**Objection**	False: "The CFS claims the new grants program announced in the federal budget is a CFS victory, but the CFS National Office is conveniently taking credit for work they didn't do themselves. Four political parties and two other student organizations also claimed it as their own victory; a lot of lobbying was done by individual non-CFS schools. The victory was a collective one, due in part to the SFSS's lobbying efforts, and certainly not exclusive to the CFS." Require proof of this statement.
$430,000 Flyer Back		**Objection**	False and defamatory: "to give unauthorized loans to organizations with disastrous financial problems (like Douglas College Students' Union)" Require proof of this statement.
The CFS: Strong Words, Weak Actions Flyer Back		**Objection**	False and/or defamatory statements in each point. Require proof of these statements.
Referendum Questions: What?		**Objection**	Not within purview of Oversight Committee.
Buttons			
I Want Out	**Approved**		
We Want Out	**Approved**		
Ask Me Why I Want Out of the CFS	**Approved**		
Chinese Language Button	**Approved**	Unapproved Website Link Included	
I Don't Do What the CFS Tells Me To		**Objection**	False.
Deregulation, Make It So	**Approved**	Unapproved Website Link Included	
Other			

Website		**Objection**	Defamatory and/or false require proof of the claims.

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Compare and Contrast

United Federation of Planets

1. Voluntary council representing many planets in the galaxy

2. Progressed beyond the need for money

Canadian Federation of Students

1. Ontario centered bureaucracy that won't let you leave

2. $430,000 a year in fees, plus extra for services, plus more to participate in CFS campaigns and conferences

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Stalls our students' attempts
to affect change
4
Throws lawyers at student
journalists; refuses to work with
other student groups; can't deal
with constructive criticism
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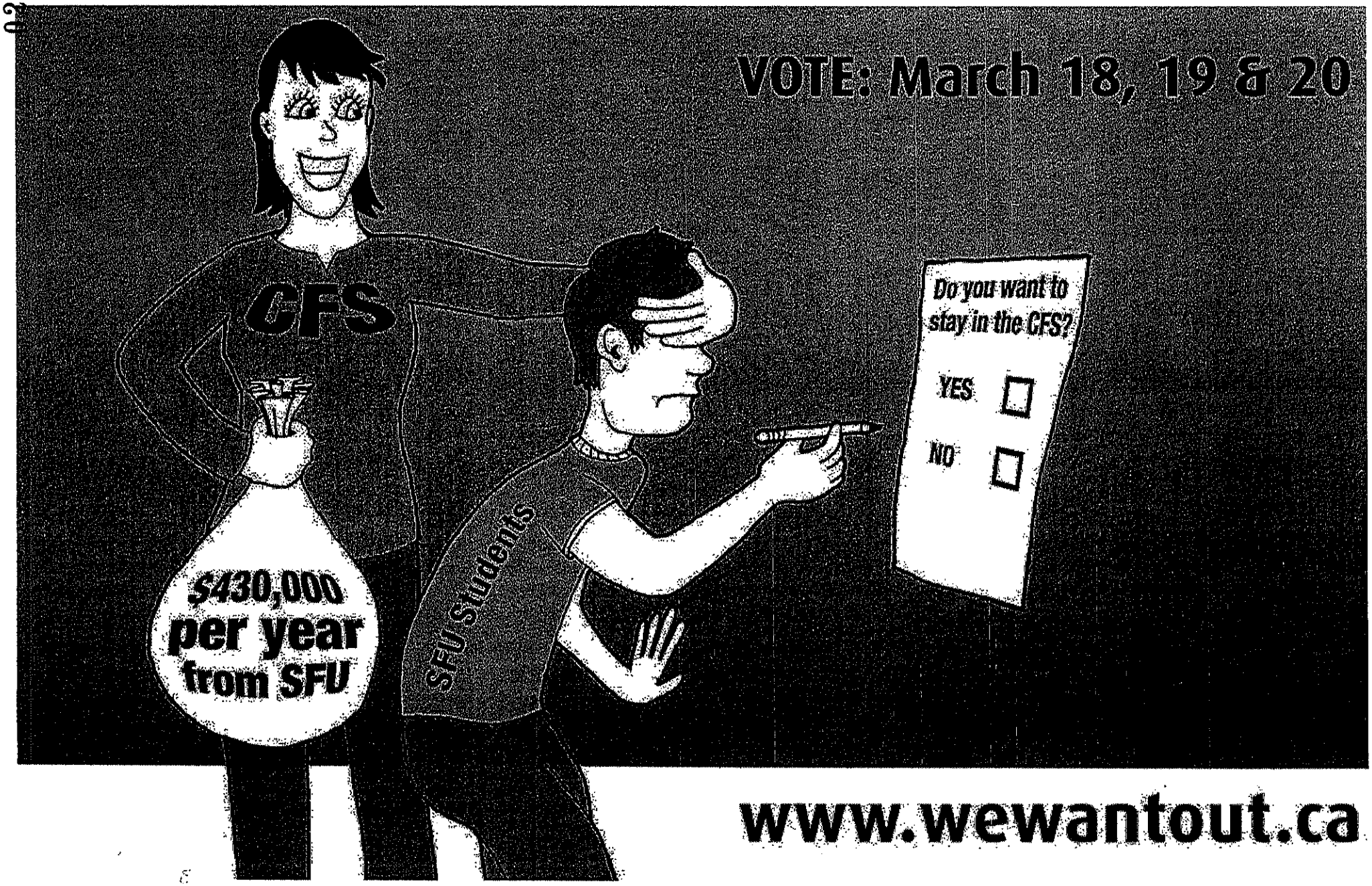
Prefers control, obedience
and conformity
6
Does not even have
William Shatner
Helps people travel at
warp speed
Strives for peaceful cooperation
Values innovation, democracy
and honesty
Rapidly Spreading Disease
Dangerous, bad, sexy
Operation Make It So
Wanted: Star Trek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CFS
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SFU Students
Do you want to
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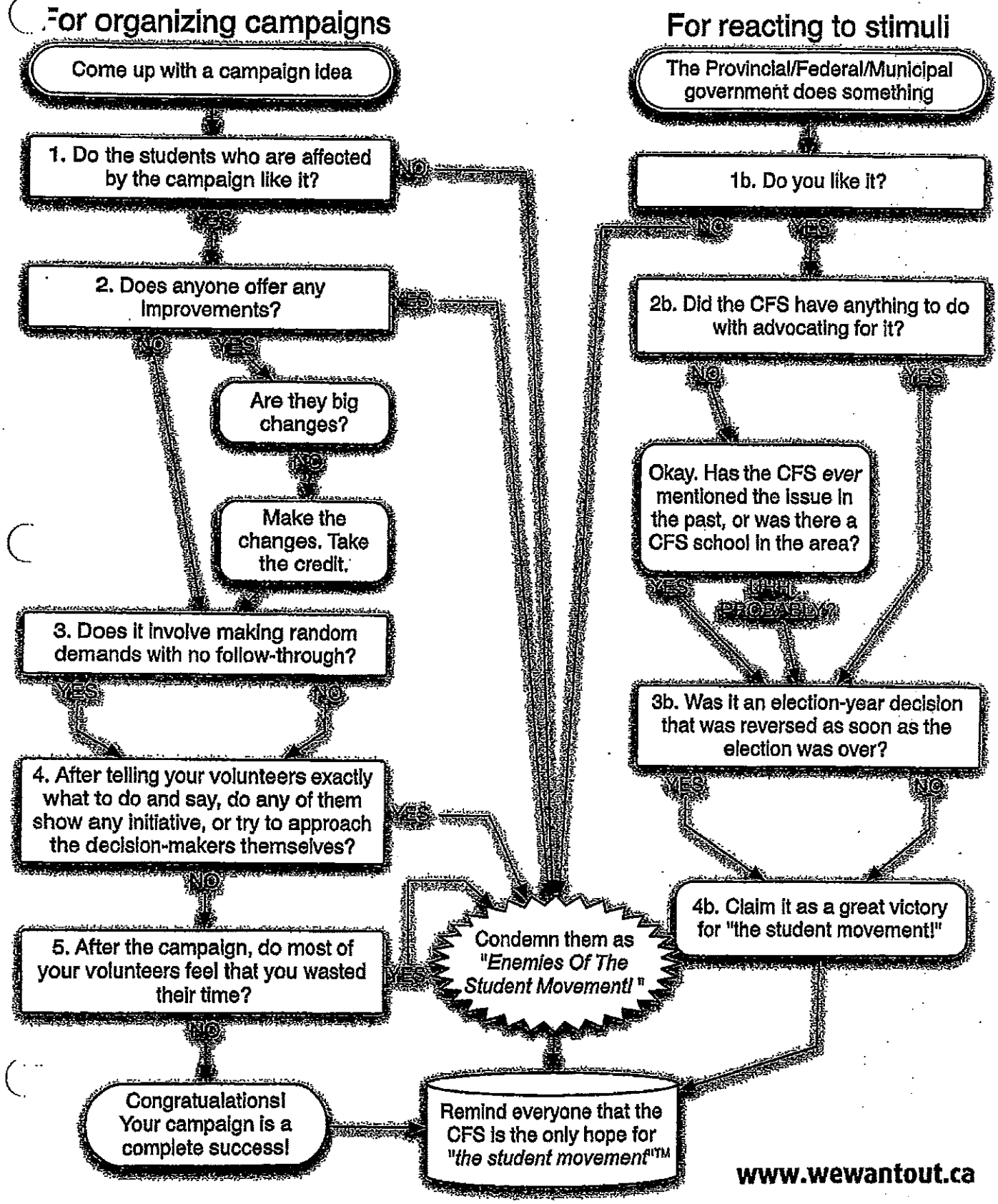
YES
NO
www.wewantout.ca

CFS "Advocacy" Flowcharts



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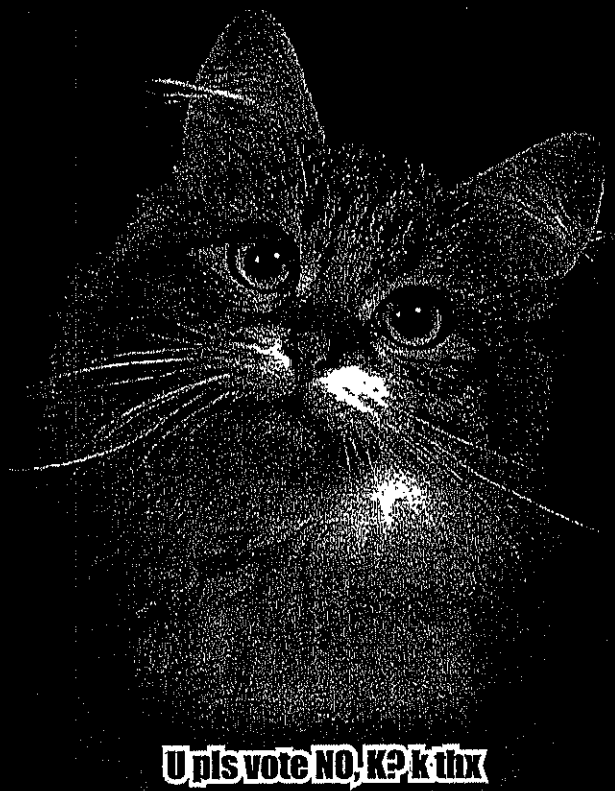
"Tiggles"

has been Independent from the Canadian Federation of Students her whole life.

She's OK.

You will be too.



And Tiggles suggests you buy her some treats with all the money you'll have in your pockets once you vote to leave March 18-20. Tiggles has no pockets.

ATTENTION PEOPLE'S !!!!

TODAY LOOK-UP TOWARD THE
PM
NIGHT-SKY AT 9:30-7 AM TO
MIGHT YOU WILL SEE THE
GUARDIAN'S THAT WAS PROPHESIED
IN THE BIBLE THEY ARE
EXTRATERRESTRIALS!!! THERE →
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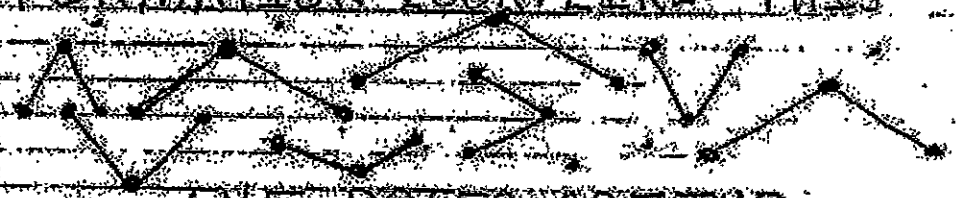

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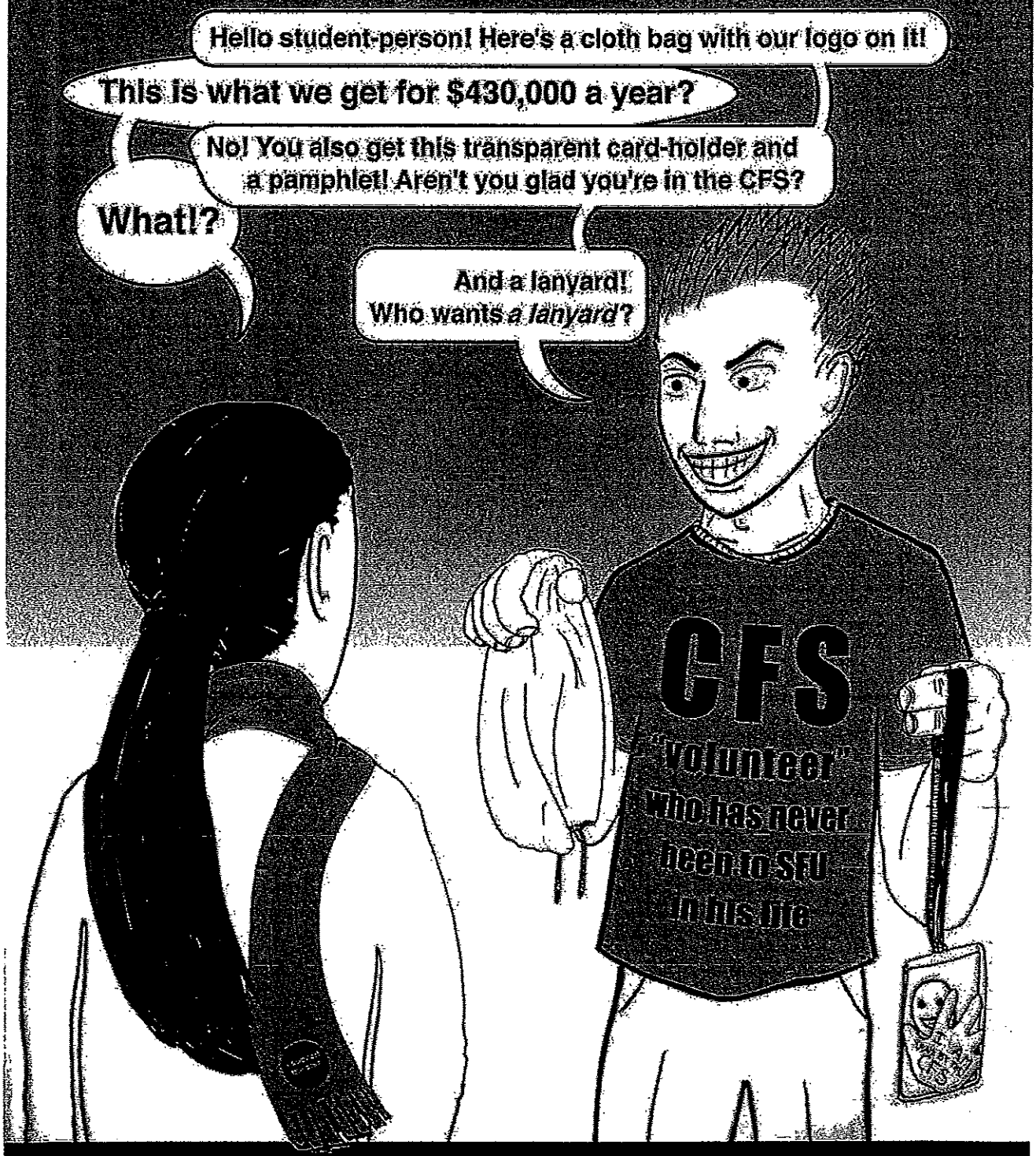
The CFS: Wasting Our Money



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A message from the Simon Fraser Student Society

WE WANT OUT OF THE CFS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

"We want the SFSS to make decisions 100% in the interests of SFU students, and not be pulled into making decisions that benefit an external organization at the expense of students here. We impeached the board last year because of that, and *we* don't want to re-live that kind of stupidity ever again."

– *SFU Students* Catherine, Karen, Geoff, and Mark

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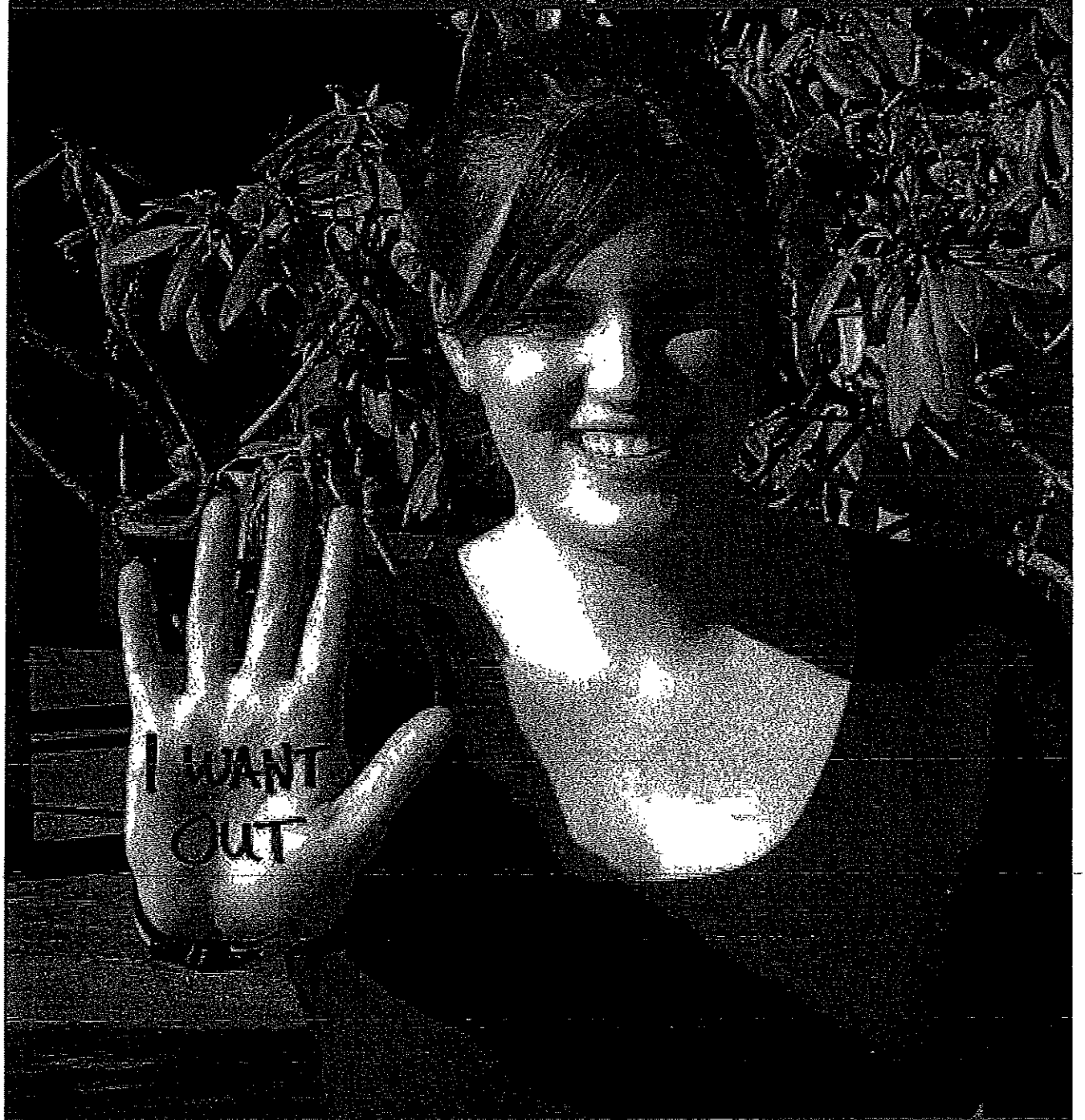

I WANT OUT OF THE CFS BECAUSE

THERE'S A BETTER WAY

"The SFSS has been doing a good job at cleaning up the mess left after the impeachment last year. They are making real progress at defining what the new, progressive face of student politics looks like, and maybe the CFS is finding that a little threatening. It's too bad the CFS won't work with anyone that criticizes them, because they could use the help."

– *SFU Criminology Student Association President* Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald

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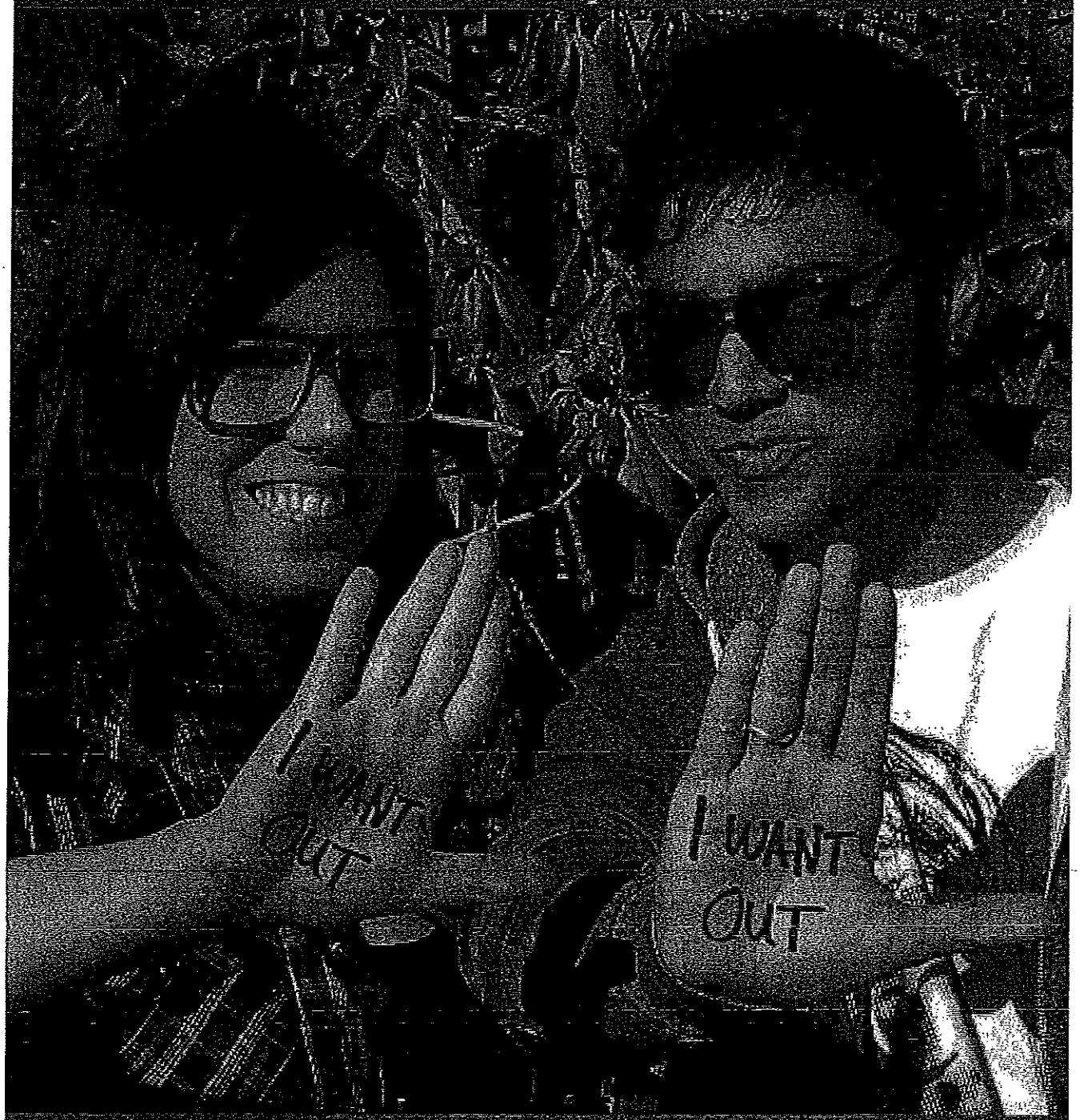

WE WANT OUT OF THE CFS BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO PARTY

"CFS people need to mix more with people outside the CFS. They get pretty wrapped up in themselves."

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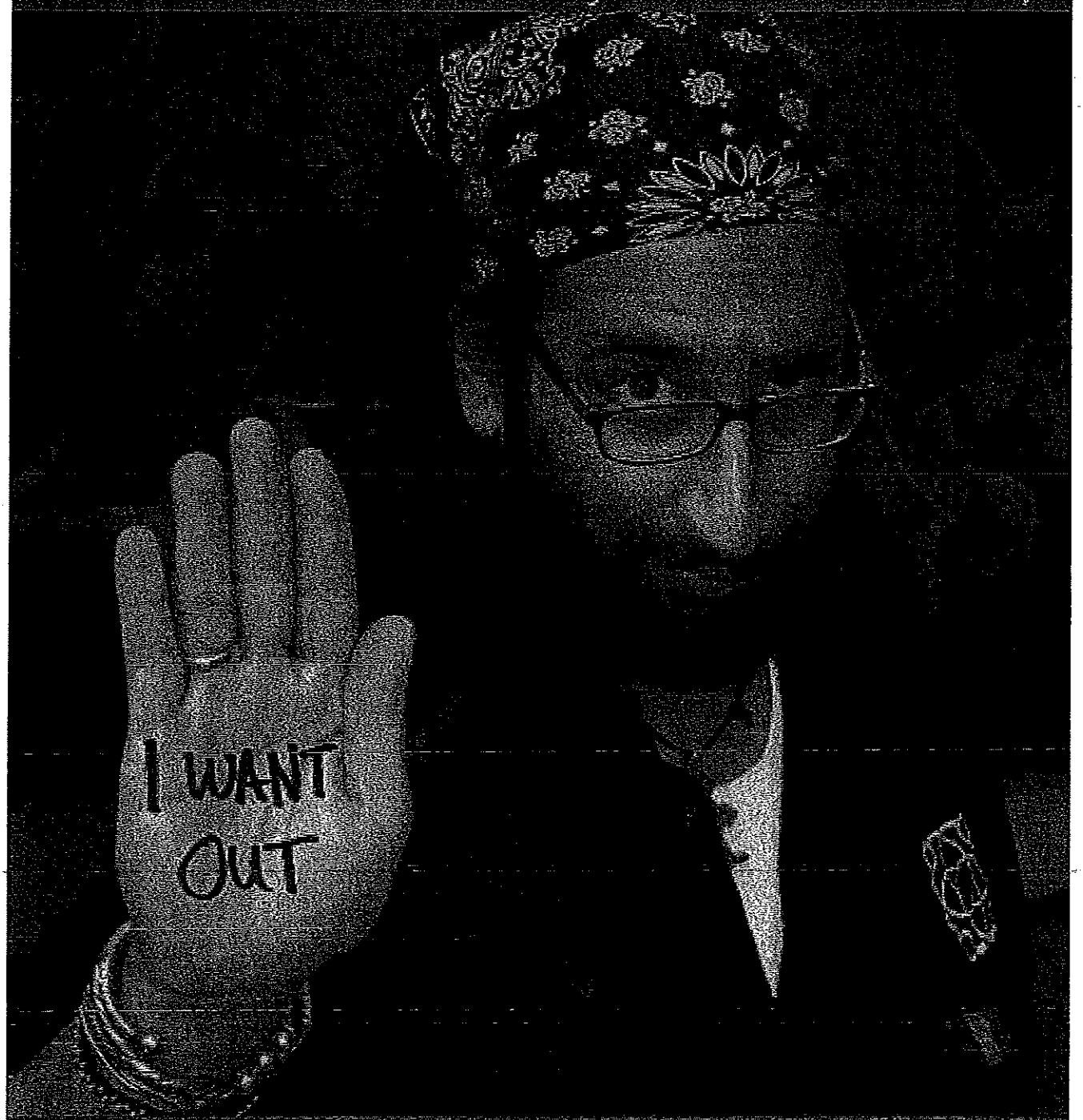

I WANT OUT OF THE CFS BECAUSE

I LIKE THIS SCHOOL

"SFU has lots of great student leaders that can really stick it to the administration but that also know how to have a good time and get their classes and friends involved – Comp Sci is a great example. Self-proclaimed "student leaders" from the CFS act like know-it-alls with the divine right to take over the school – that turns good people away from student politics and that makes me sad."

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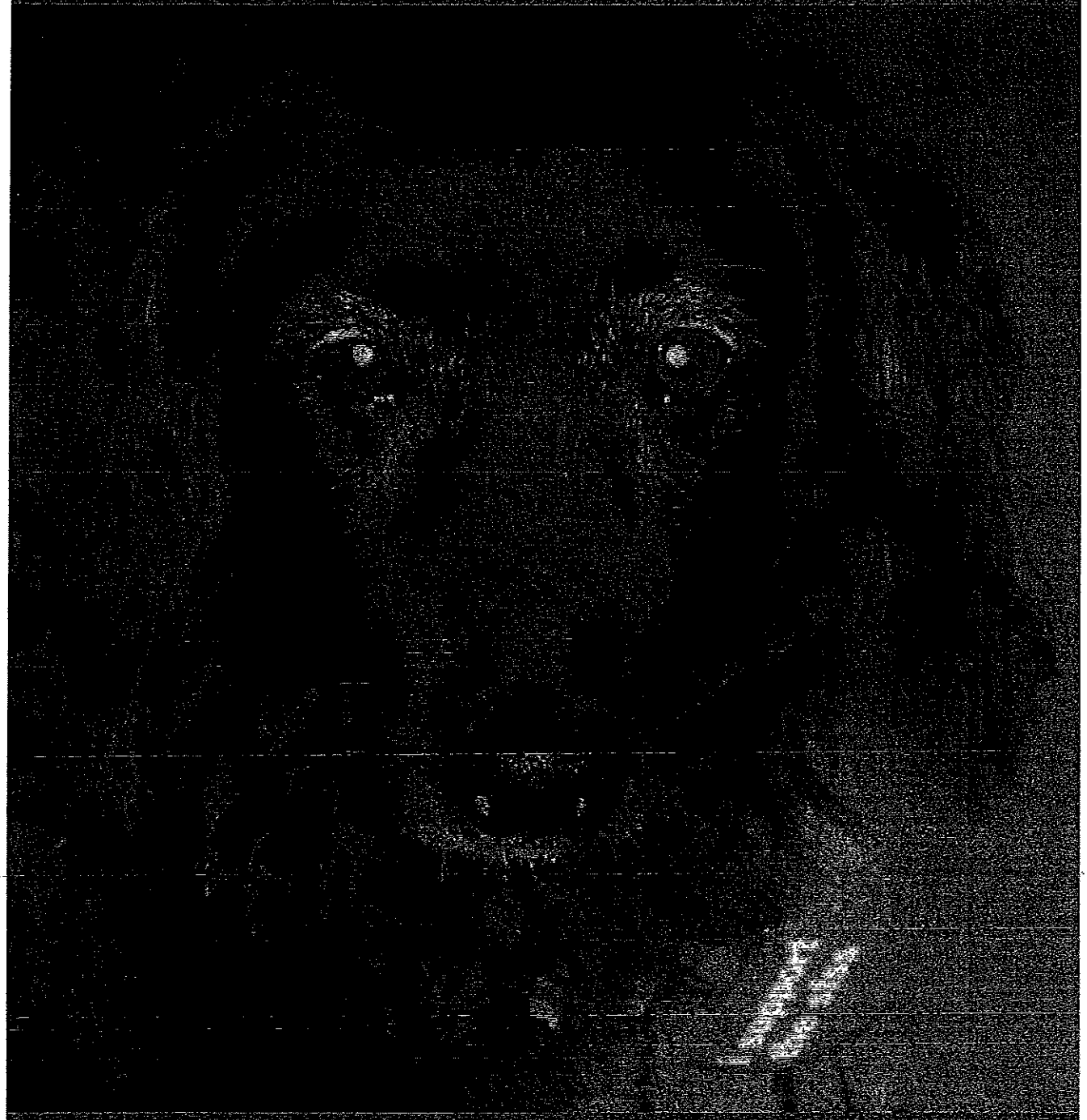
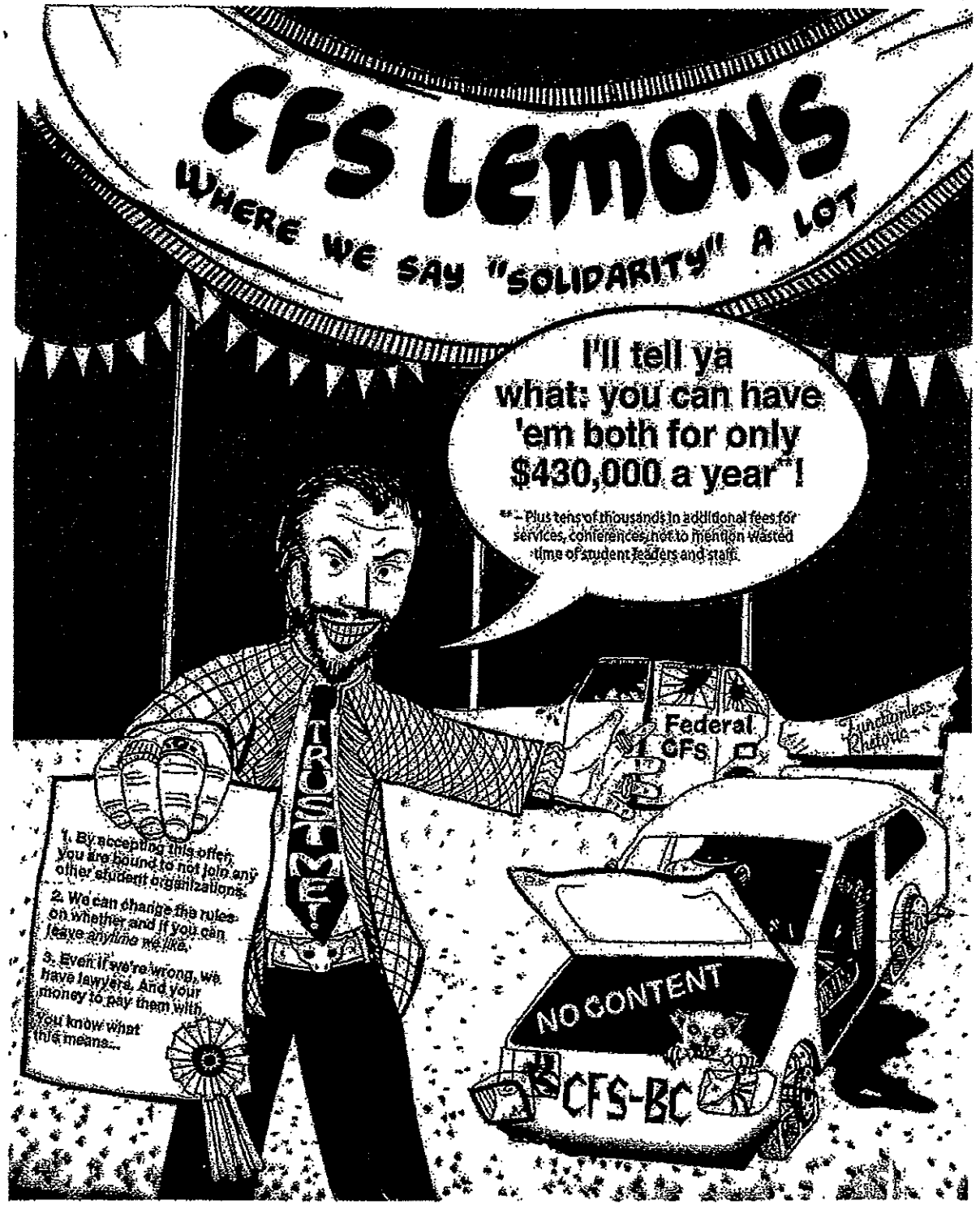


I WANT OUT OF THE CFS BECAUSE SOMETHING SMELLS BAD

"I'm usually the first one to enjoy a rotting fish or some tasty garbage, but even I can't stomach the stinky shenanigans of the CFS's hired campaigners. And they don't give me belly rubs."

– *Long-time SFSS Supporter, Rufus*



Quite the Shady Salesman...

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This is Exhibit "FF" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 26th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

From: "Local 23 Referendum Oversight Committee" <cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com>
Date: April 3, 2008 10:24:40 AM PDT (CA)
To: organiser@cfs-fcee.ca
Subject: Fwd: confusion of referendum process

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: <han1@sfu.ca>
Date: Thu, Apr 3, 2008 at 9:52 AM
Subject: confusion of referendum process
To: cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com

I sent this to the IEC and the Referendum Oversight Committee during the election, but I had the email adress wrong.
I hope that this is received.

Thanks
Hafeez

Dear members of the Independent Electoral Commission,

After witnessing the referendum campaign on membership in the Canadian Federation of Students over the last two weeks, I am thoroughly confused by the process. My understanding is that a referendum oversight committee is responsible for the administration of the referendum, and yet the question on today's ballot appears to be part of the independent electoral commission of the SFSS only. The IEC states on its website that "The [CFS Referendum] Oversight committee has the following constitutional duties:
- deciding the manner of voting, be that by referendum, general meeting or mailout ballot.
- deciding the number and location of polling stations;
- approving all materials to be distributed during the campaign;
- deciding the ballot question;
- overseeing the voting;
- counting ballots;
- adjudicating all appeals; and
- establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

The polling stations set up today were the same for the referendum and the elections. Was this a decision of the Oversight Committee? If it was an IEC decision, what other extra-constitutional duties has the IEC taken on from

the Oversight Committee.

Additionally, who are complaints brought to? Why are campaigns not being registered by the IEC for the membership question, yet being registered for all other SFSS referendums?

In short, has an extra-constitutional patchwork of referendum administration duties been taken on by the IEC or foisted upon it by the SFSS Board? In my mind, this severely muddies the administration of the process, and makes accountability to individual members very suspect. How can I have confidence that polling is being conducted correctly, and that the referendum is being administered in a fair and open manner?

I wish to receive a written response from the IEC to the above questions and concerns.

Thank-you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Hafeez

This is Exhibit "GG" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 14th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

independent electoral commission

Sunday, March 2, 2008

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REFERENDUM NEWS

The SFSS Constitution allows the Board and Forum to put questions to a school-wide vote of all SFU students. These can either be held during a regular election or at a different time of the Board's choosing.

Confirmed Referendum Questions for the 2008 Election:

- Question 1- CFS Membership
- Question 2- Development Fund
- Question 3- Ending Acclamations
- Question 4- Student Organizations
- Question 5- Undergraduate Health Plan
- Take a Side!

Question #1- Membership in the Canadian Federation of Students

The 2007-2008 SFSS Board of Directors has made separation from the Canadian Federation of Students one of their main initiatives. It was therefore decided that vote on formal separation (also known as "defederation") from the organization would be held concurrently with the SFSS General Election of March 18-20, 2008.

The referendum on separation from the Canadian Federation of Students is a complex matter that is different than ordinary SFSS referendums because it must be conducted according to the terms of the CFS constitution, rather than simply the SFSS constitution.

To read a relevant excerpt of the Constitution of the Canadian Federation of Students that outlines the organization's rules regarding referendums on separation, **click here**.

CFS REFERENDUM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The powers of the SFSS Independent Electoral Commission over a CFS referendum are very limited. Instead, most authority rests with a separate group known as the "**Oversight Committee.**"

According to the CFS constitution, the Oversight Committee consists of ***"two (2) members appointed by the Federation and two (2) members appointed by the member local association."***

The current committee, appointed by both the CFS executive and the SFSS Board of Directors is as follows:

Name	Appointed by:	Contact info
Michael Letourneau	**SFSS**	***mletourn@cs.sfu.ca***
Kyall Glennie	**SFSS**	-
Ben Lewis	**CFS**	-
Lucy Watson	**CFS**	-

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- deciding the manner of voting, be that by referendum, general meeting or mailout ballot.
- deciding the number and location of polling stations;
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- counting ballots;
- adjudicating all appeals; and
- establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

In the coming weeks, the Oversight Committee will meet and further clarify how the CFS referendum will be conducted. With their co-operation, the IEC will publish any relevant developments on this website.

THE QUESTION:

Are you in favour of maintaining membership in the Canadian	**Yes or No**

Federation of Students?

Question #2- Society Development Fund

In anticipation of leaving the Canadian Federation of Students, the Board has created a question relating to the redirection of former CFS fees.

THE QUESTION:

If the Simon Fraser Student Society ceases to be a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, **do you agree** that the former CFS membership fees of $7.64 per semester for full time students and $3.82 for part-time students should be redirected into a Society Development Fund which will result in no overall fee increase for students?"	**Yes or No**

Question #3- Ending Acclamations

Presently, the SFSS constitution allows candidates who run unopposed in elections to be automatically acclaimed to office. This question proposes changing the constitution to no longer allow that, and instead force sole candidates to undergo a "yes/no" vote of approval from voters.

THE QUESTION:

Do you support the amendment of By-Law 14 (17) as written?

By-Law 14 (17)
a. If only one valid nomination is received for a particular office, the Independent Electoral Commission will conduct an election in which the nominated candidate will face a "yes/no" election.

b. If a candidate fails to receive a majority of "yes" votes, then the contested position will remain vacant.

Yes or No

Question #4- Membership in student organizations

Question 4 proposes changing the SFSS constitution to establish specific criteria that a provincial or federal student organization must conform to before the SFSS will be able to join it. The amendments are as follows:

By-Law 22: Membership in Provincial and National Student Organizations
1. The Society may become a member of a provincial or national student organization that requires the Society or its members to pay a membership fee to that organization, but only if the Society and the organisation enter into a binding, written agreement, which will remain in effect as long as the Society is a member of the organisation. The agreement must guarantee the following:
a. The Society's membership in the organisation does not preclude the Society's membership in other organisations.
b. The organisation will make its by-laws, policies and minutes available online to all members of the Society within three (3) months of their approval.
c. The organisation will, within two (2) months of receipt of a written request from any member of the Society, provide to them a copy of any document in care or control of the organisation not lawfully required to be kept private.
d. The organisation recognizes that the Society reserves the right to terminate its membership in the organisation according to the Society's by-laws and policy and according to any of the following procedures:
I) by resolution of the Board if the Society joined the organization by resolution of the Board;
II) by resolution of a General Meeting if the Society joined the organization by resolution of the Board or by resolution of a General Meeting; or
III) by referendum in any case conducted in accordance with By-Law 17.
2. If the Society terminates its membership in an organization as described in By-Law 22(1) by any means other than referendum, and if the Society normally collects a membership fee from its members on behalf of that organization and remits it to that organization, then the Society will immediately cease collecting fees.
3. If a resolution is put to referendum to terminate the Society's membership in an organization as described in By-Law 22(1), and if the Society normally collects a membership fee from its members on behalf of that organization and remits it to that organization, then a resolution to cease collecting the membership fee shall be automatically put to referendum according to By-Law 17 to occur concurrently with the referendum on ceasing membership in the organization.

By-Law 17 (3) amended to read:
Resolutions may be put to referendum by a simple majority vote of the Board or Forum, except where prohibited by these By-Laws, or upon presentation of a petition to the Board which contains the text of the proposed resolution and the signatures of five percent of the members in good standing of the Society, or according to By-Law 22(1)(d) or By-Law 22(3).

THE QUESTION:

Do you support the creation of By-Law 22 as written and the corresponding changes to By-Law 17 (3)?	**Yes or No**

Question #5- Undergraduate health plan

SFU does not currently have a health plan for undergraduate students. This non-binding plebiscite asks students if they would be interested in getting one.

THE QUESTION:

Whereas the purpose of an extended health plan is to provide you with reimbursement of your medical expenses such as prescription drugs and paramedical and travel coverage while a dental plan provides you with reimbursement of your dental expenses, and; whereas, undergrad students are currently not covered by a health and	**Yes or No**

dental plan, and; whereas this question does not establish any new fees and is non-binding:

Are you in favour of the SFSS developing an extended health and dental plan for undergraduate students?

Take a Side!

Do any of these questions get you particularly excited / angry? If so, maybe you should consider leading a campaign of support or opposition to one of them. The Society's bylaws allow the Election Commission to recognize one official "Yes" and "No" side for each referendum. The sides in turn get to organize their own campaigns and spend a budget of up to $300, of which the Society will reimburse half.

If you are interested in fielding a "Yes" or "No" campaign for any of the above questions (excluding the CFS question, to which this rule does not apply) then please email J.J. McCullough, the Chief Electoral Officer, at jjm@sfu.ca.

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Andrew Mikurec

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: <waf@sfu.ca>
Date: Thu, Mar 20, 2008 at 5:11 PM
Subject: Electoral Improprieties - March 18
To: elections@sfss.ca
Cc: cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com

Dear members of the Independent Electoral Commission,

I have attached a document that cites various polling infractions and irregularities that were witnessed on the first day of polling on Tuesday, March 18. In the event you require further evidence of these infractions and irregularities I would be happy to provide it.

As I am sure you will agree upon review of this document, these infractions and irregularities seriously compromise the validity of the referenda and elections that are currently being conducted by the Simon Fraser Student Society and the Commission. Please inform me as to what steps you intend to take with regards to these infractions and irregularities.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Andrew Fergusson

------ End forwarded message ------

Elections and Referenda Polling Irregularities
Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Burnaby Campus – AQ

SFSS Non-Electoral Staff Influencing the Electoral Process of the IEC

At approximately 9:30 am, a female poll clerk approached SFSS staff members Garth Yule and Mike Letourneau and spent approximately 2 minutes asking a question and conferring with them. Garth Yule provided direction to the poll clerk who nodded and returned to the poll.
Witnessed by Shamus Reid and Jeremy Salter

Scrutineer Campaigning

At 10:23 am, a white male scrutineer who was wearing a hat and a name tag that read "Garth" went behind the screen with voters and discussed the ballots. This occurred on two or three occasions. Afterwards, the scrutineer set up a chair close to the CRO and in the area behind the voter screens, from which he continued to speak to voters. This occurred on six or seven occasions.
Witnessed by Fuad Abdi.

Unsupervised Ballots Outside of the Polling Area

At 1:23 pm, a pair of voters of Asian descent, one male and one female, were allowed to leave the voting area with unmarked ballots. They wandered approximately 100 ft west of the polling station with their ballots and were able to talk to two different electoral candidates about the elections and referenda before the ballots were retrieved from the CRO, J.J. McCullough. Approximately 5 minutes elapsed before the ballots were retrieved. The CRO was at the polling station during the entire incident. Photographic evidence was taken.
Witnessed by Natalie Bocking, Andrew Fergusson, and Joel Duff.

At approximately 11:00 am, four to five voters were allowed to take their ballots to the wheelchair accessible ramp behind polling location where they were completed without use of a voting screen. The two poll clerks on duty were a female with blonde hair and male with tan complexion.
Witnessed by Vita Carlino

Irregular Disposal of Ballots

At 3:00 pm, a poll clerk improperly disposed of a set of elections and referenda ballots after a student removed them from the polling location in the AQ. The poll clerk disposed of the ballots in a garbage can near washroom facilities in the South hallway of the AQ.
Witnessed by Sandy Hudson.

Poll Clerk Campaigning

At 4:16 pm, a heavy-set male poll clerk with a tan complexion and shaved head, wearing a black t-shirt, followed a voter behind the voting screen and began explaining the questions and instructing the voter on how to cast his ballot.
Witnessed by Fuad Abdi.

At 5:40 pm, a female poll clerk wearing a red sweater told a group of two voters at the poll station that "the YES side are not real SFU students but were flown in from Ontario." This was told to voters while at the poll station (within the 15 feet perimeter) and after they had been given ballots.
Witnessed by Hamid Osman.

At 6:00 pm, the same female poll clerk wearing a red sweater told three separate voters, in succession, that "the CFS campaigners are from Ontario." This was told to voters while at the poll station and after they had been given ballots.
Witnessed by Fuad Abdi.

Campaigning at Polling Station

At 5:44 pm, a student, 6'0", likely of South Asian descent, black hair, beard, mustache, wearing white hoodie with an orange Sikh Khanda symbol, entered the designated polling location in the AQ who had clearly identified his intention to vote "no" on the question of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students and began asking approximately 18 students waiting in line at the polling location how they were voting, explaining his intentions to vote "no" on the same referendum question and further browbeating over a period of 25 minutes without any intervention by poll clerks.
Witnessed by Sandra Hudson

Irregular Poll Clerk Voting

At 7:25 pm, a heavy-set male poll clerk with a tan complexion and shaved head, wearing a black t-shirt, signed his own ballot and voted with only one other scrutineer present.
Witnessed by David Scrivener

Non-Electoral SFSS Staff Handling and Transporting Polling Station Materials

Between the time of 7:40 pm and 8:00 pm, SFSS Out on Campus Coordinator Samonte Cruz was witnessed transporting IEC balloting materials with two poll clerks. The materials were transported from the mezzanine floor of the AQ to one floor below, toward the Maggie Benson Centre.
Witnessed by Shamus Reid

Poll Clerk Neglect of Duties

At various times throughout the afternoon, the heavy-set male poll clerk with a tan complexion and shaved head, wearing a black t-shirt, left the polling location numerous times to juggle three hacky sacs. Voters approached the polling location numerous times and cast ballots with only one poll clerk actively on duty.

Witnessed by Sandra Hudson

Burnaby Campus – WMX

"No" Campaigners and SFSS Influencing the Voting Process

At 10:50 am, J.J. McCullough and the two poll clerks on duty were discussing polling location setup in WMX with male SFSS staff member who was white and stocky with short dark hair, and dark framed glasses. This staff person was also actively participating in the "no" campaign.
Witnessed by Andrea Armborst

At 1:40 pm, four SFSS staff members (one a white male, approximately 6 feet tall, a bright blue coat and a white male wearing green polo shirt, a male wearing black hooded sweatshirt, and a stocky female with black hair) were all talking to poll clerks while students were voting.
Witnessed by Andrea Armborst

At 2:05 pm, an SFSS staff member (white male, 6 feet tall, wearing a blue jacket) was discussing poll setup with the CRO while joking and laughing one foot from polling location.
Witnessed by Andrea Armborst

Unsupervised Ballots Outside of the Polling Area

At 11:10 am, the poll clerks also allowed a female voter to leave the polling station with her ballots and enter women's washroom adjacent to polling location with ballots. She returned from the bathroom and inserted her ballots into the box.
Witnessed by Andrea Armborst

Campaigning at Polling Station

At 11:05 am, the poll clerks allowed three to four voters to go behind the same voting blinders at one time.

At 12:10 pm, an SFSS staff member (white male, with brown hair, wearing a brown shoulder bag, and green shirt) talking to poll clerks while students were voting, while making intimidating gestures at "yes" campaigners. This lased until until approximately 1:30 pm.
Witnessed by Andrea Armborst

At 1:45 pm, a male voter was allowed to complete his ballot while displaying pro "no" ads featured in The Peak within the polling location boundaries.
Witnessed by Andrea Armborst

An SFSS executive member (female, white, stocky, with black hair) was scrutineering while an SFSS staff member (white male, 6 feet tall, wearing a blue jacket) was reading the Peak displaying "no" advertisements within polling location boundaries.

Witnessed by Andrea Armborst

Ballot Boxes Sealed By Only One Poll-Clerk

At approximately 7:35, the ballot boxes in the West Mall were sealed and signed by only one poll clerk.
Witnessed by Isaac Cockburn

Ballot Boxes Transported By Only One Person

At 7:46 pm, a man of approximately 6 feet, short hair, and African heritage was wheeling a cart with a white Mac monitor, sealed ballot boxes and collapsed voter screens. He was traveling alone and unsupervised with the ballot boxes in the South corridor of the West Mall, beside the campus radio station and towards Convo Mall.

The ballot boxes were taken to the SFSS office first, before being transported to the storage area on the lower level.
Witnessed by Isaac Cockburn and Joel Duff

Burnaby Campus – Library

Poll Clerk Conflict of Interest

Throughout the afternoon and evening, the son of SFSS staff member and job steward Hattie Aitken acted as poll clerk.
Witnessed by Shamus Reid

No Campaigners Loitering and Campaigning Within Polling Boundaries

Between 6:50 pm and 7:15 pm 'no' campaigner Andrea Sandau was witnessed loitering within 8 feet of the polling station, speaking within earshot of the polling station to a male of approximately 6 feet. She was overheard referencing the referendum on one occasion. They were joined by 'no' campaigner Brian Jones at approximately 7:00 pm, who joined the discussion.
Witnessed by Shamus Reid

Ballot Boxes Transported to Unsecure Area

Following the dismantling of the polling station at 7:30 pm, ballot boxes were transported to the Board of Directors office of the Simon Fraser Student Society. Individuals other than poll clerks were witnessed in the office at approximately 7:40 pm, shortly before the ballot boxes were brought in. All members of the Board of Directors, including numerous current candidates, have keys to the office.
Witnessed by Shamus Reid and Amanda Jonson

Harbour Centre Campus – Lobby

Polling Station Irregularities

At 9:47 am, the 15 ft no-campaigning zone surrounding the polling station was improperly measured.

Polling station opened approximately 17 minutes late.

Ballots being distributed in incorrect order and lack of proper instruction.
Witnessed by Andrew Bratton

Voter Disenfranchisement

Three female students told they were ineligible to vote although they presented valid student numbers and identification.
Witnessed by Andrew Bratton

Surrey Campus – Lobby

Unsupervised Ballots Outside of the Polling Area

At 9:45 am, a male student was seen walking from the polling station to the computer lab across the Great Hall with all of his ballots. He sat in the computer lab for at least 5 minutes with his ballots before returning to put them in the ballot box.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

Unsupervised Ballots Outside of the Polling Area

At 2:05 pm, a female voter in a white jacket was leaning over a table near 2600 with the ballots spread out on the table. The woman was on her phone. She then walked back to the poll station where she then proceeded to vote.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

Unsupervised Ballots Outside of the Polling Area

At 5:15 pm, a male voter was seen walking past the 15 ft demarcation with his ballots in hand.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

Campaigning at Polling Station

At approximately 10:45 am, two campaigners for the "No" side were within 15 ft of the poll for at least 15 minutes and directed students towards the poll from within the demarcated no-campaigning zone.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

At close to 11:00 am, a line of students that was at least 10 students long was reaching outside of the 15 ft demarcated no-campaigning zone that Independent Elections Officer (Steve) had marked off. The students were all holding ballots

and talking with the IEO and a staff person for the SFSS. The students were also being canvassed by Candidate Brian Ottho while standing in line.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

At 1:40 pm, a student who was standing within the 15 ft with a "We Want Out" button on his hat. He stood there for at least 15 minutes and walked around talking to students. During this time, at least two students who were carrying the "Yes" flyers were told that they weren't allowed to be there with the flyers. So the students turned around and started to walk away. Steve then engaged them for at least 10 minutes. They did not vote.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

At 3:00 pm, friends of candidates Ada and Brian Ottho were standing around and in the 15ft no-campaigning zone and "No" campaigners were hanging about and talking to students as they came into the poll area.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

At 4:45 pm, a no campaigner actively engaged students within the 15 ft no-campaigning zone over the shoulders of students voting, from behind the voting screen. Independent Elections Officer (Steve) started to talk with the students waiting in line with their ballots, ready to vote. A newsletter was distributed to students in line (which featured Ada on the front page). One of the students distributing these sheets had campaigned for the "No" side earlier that morning (for at least an hour).
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

Independent Elections Officer Vote Solicitation

For most of the morning, the Independent Elections Officer (Steve) was soliciting students to vote. It became clear that these were mostly students who vocally supported the "No" side.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

At 5:30 pm, a male voter was allowed to walk away from the poll station with his ballots. He went to the IEO (Steve) and asked him for help with his ballots. Steve brought the student to where he had posted the ballots on the divider. He pointed to the ballots while explaining something and pointed to the "no" box on the first two referendum questions. The student went to the shade to fill in his ballots. While behind the shade, he then called out to Steve again, and they talked from a distance of 10 ft, over another student who was at the shade between them filling out her ballots.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

At 6:08 pm IEO (Steve) was talking to two voters at the polling station where there were ballots on display before they went behind the voting screen. Steve continued talking to the two students as they were behind the voting screen. One of the students then walked to Steve at the other end of the polling station with his

ballots in hand. Steve met him half way and started walking him through the ballot. The other student who was at the shade still walked back to where the ballots were posted and looked to be reading the question. Then the first student went back to the shade that the second student was at and filled out his ballots there, with her ballots still there.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

Scrutineer Campaigning

The "Independent" Kyle S.
There was a person who spent most of the day behind the 15 ft no-campaigning zone demarcation, stationed by the polling station. This individual was only identified by a nametag he wore that said "Independent, Kyle S."

"Kyle" stood at the ballot boxes and asked Steve a number of questions about the referendum questions. A student who had just voted then walked to Kyle and was talking about the ballots and indicating how he had just voted. This conversation continued for about 5 minutes.

At 5:47 pm, "Kyle" and a candidate then wearing a black vest were hanging out within the 15 ft no-campaigning zone demarcation, talking beside students lined up to vote, and pointing to the ballots on display.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto

Ballots being mounted for display

At approximately 4:40 pm, Steve posted unmarked ballots on the divider near the edge of the 15 ft no-campaigning zone demarcation. The ballots were in order of the questions.

There was more than enough time for students to have taken note of what the ballots all looked like. This significantly compromised the security of the ballots as students, once finished voting, put their ballots in the box on their own, would easily be able to add additional ballots to the box while voting. These ballots became a central focus of discussion for students and SFSS staff throughout the latter part of the day, with many people stopping and asking questions about the vote, the ballot, and the questions being asked.

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From: Local 23 Referendum Oversight Committee <cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com>
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To: organiser@cfs-fcee.ca

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Subject: Electoral Improprieties - March 19
To: elections@sfss.ca
Cc: cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com

Dear members of the Independent Electoral Commission,

I have attached a document that cites various polling infractions and irregularities that were witnessed on the second day of polling on Tuesday, March 19. In the event you require further evidence of these infractions and irregularities I would be happy to provide it.

As I am sure you will agree upon review of this document, these continued infractions and irregularities seriously compromise the validity of the referenda and elections that are currently being conducted by the Simon Fraser Student Society and the Commission. Please inform me as to what steps you intend to take with regards to these infractions and irregularities.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Andrew Fergusson

----- End forwarded message -----

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Burnaby Campus – WMX

Alteration of the Ballot Box

At 11:00 am, the Chief Returning Officer, JJ McCullough, used a key to 'saw' through the top of ballot box.
Witnessed by Garry Sran

Voter Disenfranchisement

At 11:09 am, a male student approached the polling station to vote, carrying a valid student card. He was told that part-time students were not able to vote.
Witnessed by Garry Sran

Campaigning Within Polling Station Boundary

At 4:48 pm, a white male with blue jeans and brown curly hair, wearing a leather jacket, conversed with a female with short hair wearing a black fleece, red shoes, glasses and green cargo pants, within the designated polling area for approximately 5 minutes. The two discussed the referendum question on membership in the Canadian Federation of Students while two other students were voting within earshot. The two stated their intentions to vote 'no' on the question and repeated falsehoods from the 'no' side materials.

Voter Disenfranchisement

SFSS member Greg Holman approached 'yes' campaigner Shelley Melanson and informed her that he had been to vote, but was not given a ballot on the question of membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.
Witnessed by Greg Holman, Shelly Melanson

Burnaby Campus – Library

Poll Clerks Displaying Public Bias

At approximately 9:10 am, a male and a female were viewed reading the "CFS is Wasting Our Money" cartoon poster on the SFSS board near the library. The female could be overheard by people passing through Convocation Mall laughing and praising the poster. When approached by a 'yes' campaigner, the woman said that she completely agreed that the CFS was a waste of money. The two individuals then entered the library, set up the polling station and acted as poll clerks for the majority of the day.
Witnessed by Shamus Reid

Improper Ballot Oversight

At 7:45 pm ballot boxes were transported from the polling station to the Maggie Benson Centre by a single poll clerk, with no accompaniment.

Witnessed by Katherine Giroux-Bougard

Harbour Centre Campus – Lobby

Improper Polling Oversight

At 9:30 am, the polling station was set up by just one poll clerk who remained alone at the polling station, until at least noon.
Witnessed by Kimberly Ficke and Andrew Bratton

Compromise of Secret Ballot

For close to one hour there was no privacy screen at the polling station for voters to use. Numerous students voted without privacy during this time.
Witnessed by Kimberly Ficke and Andrew Bratton

Improper Polling Oversight

At numerous times throughout the day, a female poll clerk was alone at the polling station for several minutes at a time.
Witnessed by Kimberly Ficke and Andrew Bratton

Surrey Campus – Lobby

Persistent Poll Clerk Absenteeism

At 10:45am, a poll clerk left the poll station. She returned 10 minutes later but left again for another 10 minutes.

At 11:30am, the poll clerk again left the station. There was only one poll clerk there for at least 15 minutes.

At 1:16pm, a poll clerk left. They didn't return until 1:47pm. The poll was only occupied by a single poll clerk for this entire time.

At 4:46pm, a poll clerk left again. He returned at 4:50.

At 5:39pm, the female poll clerk disappeared under the poll station table. She was not visible to anyone more than 30 feet away from the poll. She emerged from under the table at 5:46pm. This was just in time for the male poll clerk to leave. She then sat alone at the poll station.

At 5:59pm, the male poll clerk returned. At this point, the female poll clerk sat back under the poll station, again not visible by most students walking by. It wasn't until 6:44pm that the poll clerk emerged from under the table. At this point, the male poll clerk left. He returned again at 6:46pm.

At 12:38 pm, a woman who appeared to work for the Administration, started talking to the poll clerks. After about five minutes, she then walked behind the

poll station and continued to talk to the poll clerks for at least another five minutes, while members were voting.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto and Michael Olson

Irregular Poll Procedure

At 1:05pm, the poll clerks were relieved by new poll clerks. The new clerks, rather than using the IEC computers for their duties, brought their own laptops and set them up at the poll station.

At 1:16pm, Steve, a member of the Independent Electoral Commission, talked with some students as they looked over their ballots. He then stood there while a student read through the ballots. Steve then engaged another student who had just voted, right beside the poll while other students were voting.

At 1:47 pm, Steve, a member of the Independent Electoral Commission, held a group meeting, on the floor, beside the poll stations. There were at least 4 students sitting cross-legged in a circle. The purposes of this meeting are unknown. However, the close proximity of this session to the polling station was alarming.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto and Michael Olson

Poll Clerks Influencing the Vote

At 1:10 pm a student was talked through the ballot questions by Steve, a member of the Independent Electoral Commission. The student then filled out his ballot between two poll screens that were both occupied by other students.

At 1:57 pm, poll clerks were talking to students who were asking how to vote. One of the poll clerks waved the ballot for the first referendum question while providing an answer.

At 6:25 pm, a poll clerk helped a student fill out his ballot. This was captured on film.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto and Michael Olson

Poll Clerk Tampering with Completed Ballots

At 5:05 pm, the male poll clerk sat on the floor with piles of ballots in front of him. It appeared as if he was sorting or counting ballots. It should be noted that it was only the referendum ballots. He counted these ballots for at least 25 minutes. The poll clerk attempted to shield what he was doing from students.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto and Michael Olson

Campaigning Within Polling Station Boundaries

It was noticed today that someone who was assumed to be a scrutineer, was actively campaigning for the "No" side and Brian Ottho's candidacy within the 15 ft perimeter of the polling station. This student was wearing a nametag and circulated within 15ft of the poll station for much of the day. During his time as scrutineer, at 9:50am, he was pulling students that he knew toward the poll station

by calling out to them as they walked by. He was within 15ft of the poll station at the time.

At 10:40am, this scrutineer was talking with his friends within 15 ft of the poll station, while students were voting. He was with three other people and one of them was wearing a "We Want Out" button. The four loitered at the polling station for at least 15 minutes.

At 1:07pm, Ada Nadison was within the 15 ft perimeter and talking to students.

At 1:14pm, Ada was again at the poll station, right beside students voting. She had previously been speaking to a student, who was then approached by one of the poll clerks (who had had to leave the poll to approach her). The student and the poll clerk then walked together to the poll station. She and Steve, a member of the Independent Electoral Commission, then talked for a few minutes. Ada returned to the student and Steve at the polling station. She then ran back and forth from outside the 15ft to the poll station a few times until the student voted. Then, they moved 10 ft from the poll, and Ada talked to two voters and Steve (again within 15 ft). This lasted for at least 10 minutes.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto and Michael Olson

Compromised Integrity of the Ballot Box

At 9:15am, while setting up the poll station, Steve, a member of the Independent Electoral Commission, placed additional ballot boxes behind the polling station and poll clerks staffing it. These boxes, located behind poll clerks, were readily accessible to candidates, scrutineers, and other students within the polling boundary throughout the day.

At 9:45am, Steve, a member of the Independent Electoral Commission, was constructing the second of two ballot boxes. He received the help of a "No" campaigner to construct one of the two ballot boxes at the poll station.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto and Michael Olson

Compromised Integrity of the Ballots

At 9:30am, the 5 ballots for the referenda were again posted on the screen dividers in front of the polls. Further to yesterday, there was actually a second set of ballots posted on the other side of the screen behind yesterday's set of displayed ballots. The ballots were displayed in such a way where one side faced towards the polling station and the other faced towards students walking by. These were kept on display for the entire day.

At 1:40pm, a woman who appeared to work for the administration of SFU, and Steve, a member of the Independent Electoral Commission, were talking to students in line at the voting location with their ballots in hand.

At 5:39pm, a student filled out his ballot at least 15 ft. from the privacy screen.

Witnessed by Nora Loreto and Michael Olson

Polling Station Closed for One Hour

At approximately 11:50am, the poll station ran out of ballots. A sign was posted on top of the "vote here" sign, saying that the poll would reopen at 1:30 pm. The polling station then reopened at 12:45 pm. The noon hour is one of the busiest periods at the Surrey campus.

Palleson, Martin

From: organiser@cfs-fcee.ca
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:48 AM
To: Burke, Todd; Palleson, Martin
Subject: Fwd: Polling Improprieties - March 19 and 20

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To: organiser@cfs-fcee.ca

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From: <waf@sfu.ca>
Date: Sun, Mar 23, 2008 at 11:44 PM
Subject: Polling Improprieties - March 19 and 20
To: elections@sfss.ca
Cc: cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com

Dear members of the Independent Electoral Commission,

Please find attached a document listing additional polling irregularities and infractions that were witnessed on Wednesday, March 19 and Thursday, March 20.

Given the recurrence of these infractions and irregularities, and the severe nature of them, it is my position that the referendum (and possibly the election) results are irregular, and cannot possibly be considered as an accurate reflection of the will of students at Simon Fraser University.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

Andrew Fergusson

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Elections and Referenda Complaints
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Burnaby Campus – AQ

Compromise of Secret Ballot

From 9:30 am until at least 10:00 am, there was only one privacy screen for voters. The AQ poll is the most heavily used, and numerous voters completed ballots in plain sight of others.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

Campaigning at Polling Station

From 10:15 am to 12;15 pm, Jason Tockman, a member of the 'no' campaign was regularly inside the polling station boundary actively campaigning for the 'no' side. Mr. Tockman was standing at the ropes where students line up to vote and telling them to vote 'no'. Often during this period, Mr. Tockman was witnessed engaging students who were walking through the marked polling area and walking them to the line to vote. Poll clerks did not ask him to stop.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter, Hamid Osman, Fuad Abdi

At 11:35 am at least two individuals, in addition to Jason Tockman were actively campaigning for the 'no' side of the membership referendum inside the 15 ft polling station boundary. The individuals communicated verbally with students that they should vote no and wore 'no' buttons. Poll clerks did not ask them to stop.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 12:50 pm, Joe Paling's girlfriend, Rachel, a 'no' campaigner, who is not a member of the Simon Fraser Student Society or of the Canadian Federation of Students, was inside the polling station boundary loitering. She bore no markings identifying her as scrutineer, and continuously engaged voters in discussion. Poll clerks did not ask her to stop.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter, Hamid Osman

At 1:30 pm, an Asian male was within the polling area discussing voting on the referendum question on membership and the elections. Poll clerks did not ask him to stop.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 2:45 pm a group of four or five students were at the polling station telling voters, to vote no to membership in the Canadian Federation of Students. Poll clerks did not ask them to stop.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 4:45 pm, SFSS President Derrick Harder was witnessed inside the polling station perimeter with a large (approximately one foot by three feet) sign affixed to

his back, reading "Vote No" in large letters.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 6:00 pm, a woman was witnessed at the polling station telling students how to vote. Poll clerks did not ask her to stop.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

From 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm, music associated with the 'no' campaign could be clearly heard by anyone at the polling station. The music was being played directly behind the polling station, while 'no' campaigners waved large signs telling students to vote 'no' that could be seen from the polling station.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

Improper Communication with Poll Clerks

At 3:00 pm, Kwantlen Student Association staffperson Titus Gregory (an individual known for his dislike of the Canadian Federation of Students) was inside the polling station speaking with poll clerks.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 3:15 pm, Titus Gregory returned to the polling station and spent several minutes there speaking with Chief Returning Officer JJ McCullough.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

Voter Disenfranchisement

At 3:05 pm, several students stated that they had been turned away from the poll because it was out of ballots.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

From 5:50 pm until 6:00 pm the polling station was out of ballots.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Burnaby Campus – AQ

Campaigning at Polling Station

At 9:50 am a male student was in the polling area telling other voters to vote 'no' to the question on membership. He was not asked to leave by poll clerks.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 12:30 pm 'no' campaigners were inside the polling station boundary actively campaigning. Poll clerks did not ask him to stop.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 1:35 pm, 'no' campaigner Joe Paling was witnessed in front of the polling station with a large sign that was clearly visible from the polling station and voter privacy screens. The sign encouraged students to vote 'no' on the question of membership.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 1:50 pm a bald male loitered at the polling station talking to students in the line to vote.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 2:10 a male stood in the line to vote telling students in the line around him how they should vote. Poll clerks did not ask him to stop.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 3:45 pm numerous individuals were witnessed loitering at the polling station talking to students as they voted, and students in the line to vote. Poll clerks did not ask them to leave.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 3:50 pm, three 'no' campaigners stood on the polling boundary line with large signs that were easily visible from the voter privacy screens, encouraging students to vote 'no'.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

From 4:15 pm until approximately 5:15 pm, 'no' campaigner Andy Shen stayed inside the polling area, stopping all students of Asian descent that had been spoken to outside the polling area by members of the 'yes' campaign, and telling them to vote 'no'. He directed many of the students to the voting line-up and stood with them until they had voted.
Witnessed by Fuad Abdi

At 5:15 pm, numerous individuals were witnessed loitering at the polling station telling students how to vote. Poll clerks did not ask them to leave.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

At 7:25 pm, a poll clerk requested that a student leave the poll because he held a 'yes' side flyer that he had been given to him by a 'yes' campaigner. However, poll clerks did not ask voters holding "we want out" materials to leave the polling boundaries at anytime throughout the day.
Witnessed by Jeremy Salter

There were at least four instances throughout the day where 'no' campaigner Anna Belkine was witnessed talking to students with unmarked ballots in their hand about how they should vote. Poll clerks did not ask herto stop.
Witnessed by Fuad Abdi

Compromise of Integrity of Ballots

At approximately 4:00 pm, several marked and unmarked ballots were found in the IBM computer lab in the AQ. Some of the ballots appeared to be photocopied. Pictures are available.
Witnessed by Natalie Bocking

Burnaby Campus – Library

Compromise of Secret Ballot

At 10:15 am, a member filled out a ballot on the windowsill behind the polling station, with no privacy screen. Students inside and outside the library would clearly be able to oversee the voting process.
Witnessed by Isaac Cockburn

At 2:21 pm, four students were witnessed voting on the windowsill behind the polling station, with no privacy screens. Students inside and outside the library would clearly be able to oversee the voting process. This situation likely persisted throughout the day, as the library polling station is a busy one.
Witnessed by Shamus Reid and Katherine Giroux-Bougard

Burnaby Campus – WMX

Campaigning at Polling Station

At 5:20 pm a 'yes' campaigner spoke with a student who then walked to the polling station, an Asian woman wearing a cheerleader uniform and holding a pom pom, yelled to the student, who was then at the polling station, to "hear the other side". This action persisted throughout the 'cheerleader's' time at the polling station, which lasted at least half an hour. She frequently yelled to voters at the polling station, and solicited them to leave the polling station and/or to vote 'no'.

Compromise of Secret Ballot

At 3:30 pm, a member filled out a ballot on top of a recycling bin across the hall from the polling station, while two other members filled out ballots without the use of privacy screens.
Witnessed by Andréa Armborst

Throughout the day, groups of students were witnessed voting together behind a single privacy screen, or without the use of a screen at all.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto, James Bowen, Andrea Armborst, Osmel Maynes

Lack of Ballots

At 2:30 pm the polling station ran out of ballots for several minutes. This happened at least one other time during the day.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto, James Bowen, Andrea Armborst, Osmel Maynes

Compromise of Integrity of Ballot

At 2:30 pm a student was witnessed walking away from the poll with ballots in hand. Poll clerks did not attempt to retrieve the ballots.
Witnessed by Nora Loreto, James Bowen, Andrea Armborst, Osmel Maynes

Harbour Centre – Lobby

Only One Poll Clerk on Duty

From 9:30 am to approximately 10:00 am only one poll clerk was on duty at the poll, and no privacy screens were available for voters.
Witnessed by Kimberly Fick and Andrew Bratton

Integrity of Secret Ballot Compromised

No privacy screens were made available to members at the polling station until 5:00 pm, nearly eight hours after the opening of the poll.
Witnessed by Kimberly Ficke and Andrew Bratton

A mature student named Maria voted without a privacy screen and informed a member of the 'yes' campaign.
Witnessed by Andrew Bratton

Campaigning at the Polling Station

At 10:45 am, a balding male graduate student who had later acted aggressively to 'yes' campaigners and identified himself as part of the 'no' campaign, was witnessed standing at the polling station, talking to a male student who held a ballot in his hand.
Witnessed by Kimberly Ficke and Andrew Bratton

Voter Disenfranchisement

A member named Nicole informed a member of the 'yes' campaign that she had been barred from voting, because she was not enrolled in classes this semester. She attended the fall semester, but was forced to take time off in the spring to work to pay for tuition fees. *By-Law 2 – Membership* of the Simon Fraser Student Society reads "Membership in the Society shall cease when a member fails to register for courses at the University for *two consecutive* registrations [emphasis added]."
Witnessed by Kimberly Ficke and Andrew Bratton

Surrey Campus – Lobby

Compromise of Polling Materials

Between 9:00 am and 9:30 am, Brian Ottho, a member of the 'no' campaign and candidate for Applied Sciences Representative, was witnessed helping set up the polling station, including carrying polling station signs and privacy screens with unmarked ballots posted on them. At times during the set up he was alone with materials.

Witnessed by Michael Olson

Irregular Polling Procedure

At 9:33 am, Steve Anas, a member of the Independent Electoral Commission, counted off fifteen feet from the polling station to mark the boundary. He used his own foot length, and marked the boundary at least 5 additional feet from the day previous.
Witnessed by Michael Olson

Independent Electoral Commissioner Influencing the Vote

At 10:40 am, Steve Anas, a member of the Independent Electoral Commission, and candidate and 'no' campaigner Brian Ottho were witnessed tearing down referendum material for the 'yes' side, as well as external campaign material of the Canadian Federation of Students (eg: posters for the CFS-BC's transit campaign, and the CFS' 'Students for Sustainability' and 'Reduce Student Debt' campaigns). When questioned, Mr. Anas said it was at the request of Facilities, but would provide no documentation or contact information to that effect. He stated that campus rules stipulated only one of the same poster per poster board; however, none of the posters he tore down were duplicated on the poster board from which he tore them. He then stated that it was his interpretation of the referendum rules, but would not elaborate. He stated his perception that posters for campaigns run by the Canadian Federation of Students were advertisements for the CFS, and therefore constituted campaign material, despite no ruling having been made to that effect.
Witnessed by Michael Olson

Scrutineer Campaigning at Polling Station

A male with a nametag identifying himself as a scrutineer actively campaigned for the 'no' side and the candidacy of Brian Ottho at the same time, inside the polling station. This individual's actions persisted for the majority of the day with no redress. Poll clerks did not ask him to stop.
Witnessed by Michael Olson

Integrity of Ballots Compromised

Unmarked ballots were posted at the polling station to be viewed by students walking by, and were left unsecured for the entirety of the day.
Witnessed by Michael Olson

This is Exhibit "II" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 26th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

> From: Andrew Fergusson <waf@sfu.ca>
> Date: March 28, 2008 3:57:03 PM GMT-04:00
> To: jjm@sfu.ca
> Cc: cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com, elections@sfss.ca
> Subject: Re: complaints
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> JJ,
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> I am utterly perplexed by the IEC's decision. I am confident that
> most electoral experts, not to mention average people, would find
> incidents of poll clerks and others campaigning at polling stations,
> as well as the lack of security of the ballots to be not only
> legitimate, but serious concerns regarding the integrity of the
> electoral process. What evidence, precedent, or external information
> or advice could the IEC have possibly reviewed that would lead it
> to make such a ruling?
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> Is it in fact the case that the IEC does not believe that the
> incidents cited violated electoral procedures, as your email seems
> to indicate? If so, then the IEC's position is patently absurd, as
> there are very clear electoral regulations and procedures of the IEC
> and the SFSS that were violated by these actions.
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> Or is it the case, that the IEC investigated each of these incidents
> and found that they did not happen? If so, then I continue to be
> perplexed, as I was not contacted to provide additional information
> or the contact information of witnesses to the incidents. In fact, I
> was not contacted at all regarding these incidents.
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> Please respond to my questions as soon as possible and consider this

> a formal objection to the IEC's dismissal of the complaints.
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> As the IEC's recent actions have led me to lose confidence in its objectivity, I wish to also note for a second time, in writing, my strenuous objection to allowing graduate students to vote on the question on membership in the Canadian Federation of Students and the question on the creation of a "Society Development Fund." Allowing graduate students to vote on these two questions is a blatant violation of the Society's Bylaws.
>
> By-Law 17.1.a reads, in part: "...Referenda regarding fees to be levied only upon undergraduate students or regarding the expenditure of funds raised through such fees shall be voted on by undergraduate students only."
> The outcome of the two referendum questions above will only affect undergraduate students, yet the IEC allowed graduate students to vote.
>
> It is my opinion that this violation has wholly compromised the integrity of the referendum results.
>
> I have addressed this issue verbally with you, JJ, as Chief Electoral Officer, prior to the start of the referendum campaign and you dismissed it. I would like it on the record a second time that I continue to object.
>
> Furthermore, well before the commencement of voting, on the 28th of February, I asked for clarification as to whether graduate and undergraduate votes would be tallied separately as they were last year. The answer I received from you, in writing, was that yes they would be separate totals. Further to that fact, upon voting as the second-in-line first day in the AQ you were briefing the poll clerks how to mark the difference between a graduate and undergraduate vote on the ballots. Why aren't separate tallies available?

> In good faith,
>
> Andrew Fergusson

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This is Exhibit "JJ" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 20th day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

J.J. says:
do you know Marne Jensen?
jeremy says:
yes I do
J.J. says:
what is she like
jeremy says:
She is a very nice person
jeremy says:
and there is a lot of rumors floating around
jeremy says:
and no one knows that they are talking about ha ha
J.J. says:
I was interviewing her the other day cause she now has a job at Douglas, as I am sure you know
jeremy says:
yes
jeremy says:
well its not so much a job
jeremy says:
as a receivership or something bestowed upon her by the government
J.J. says:
by the court
jeremy says:
instead of some $300 / hour acountant
jeremy says:
yah
J.J. says:
sounds like you are a CFS hack sir
jeremy says:
actually hate the CFS, sir
J.J. says:
and yet you are adopting the CFS line on Ms. Jensen
jeremy says:
well to my knoweldge that is what happened, unless she lied to me
J.J. says:
she was only appointed reciever because the CFS demanded it in court
jeremy says:
do you think paying an accounting firm a lot of money would have been better
J.J. says:
let me send you the article I wrote on the matter for my paper
jeremy says:
cool
J.J. sends:

You have successfully received C:\Users\Jeremy\Documents\My Received Files\titus-revised.doc from J.J..

jeremy says:
i think the $300 was the cost of reciving a photocopy of the thingy
J.J. says:
I think you are wrong since I wrote the damn STORY
J.J. says:
he spent a total of 300 on many photocopies
jeremy says:
why?
J.J. says:
because he is a weird obsessive nerd
jeremy says:
lol
jeremy says:
Marne was the general manager of the sub during the period where we went from a million dollars in debt to now, where we are runnign a surplus
jeremy says:
if that matters
J.J. says:
it does not
jeremy says:
why are you so polarized on this issue?
J.J. says:
because this is how SFU works
J.J. says:
you are either for us or against us
jeremy says:
what?
J.J. says:
people are either anti-CFS or they are evil
jeremy says:
I'm not pro-cfs
jeremy says:
at all
J.J. says:
yes but you're not anti-CFS enough either
jeremy says:
are you actually serious?
J.J. says:
a good anti-CFS person hates anyone associated with the CFS in even the slightest way
J.J. says:
and Marne Jensen has been declared an enemy for that reason
jeremy says:
and you are pretending to write an unbaised news article why?
J.J. says:
because that is my job
J.J. says:
I am going to be editor of that paper soon
jeremy says:
wow you guys are just as bad as the marlet
J.J. says:
the Marlet is good, I was visiting them a few weeks ago
jeremy says:
the marlet is terribly one sided
jeremy says:
and they always get facts wrong
jeremy says:
well *often* would be a better word
J.J. says:
sounds like SOMEONE is afraid of criticism!
J.J. says:
student politicians always blame the messenger!
jeremy says:
oh no I think criticism is good
J.J. says:
it's just like what the CFS does!
jeremy says:
the UVSS needs a lot of work
jeremy says:
there are many things it could do better
J.J. says:

I think the best thing it could do would be to stop existing
jeremy says:
the UVSS or the CFS?
J.J. says:
both
jeremy says:
you totally arn't the person I thought you were

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> ----- Forwarded message from mletourn@cs.sfu.ca -----
>   Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 10:16:09 -0700 (PDT)
>   From: Michael Letourneau <mletourn@cs.sfu.ca>
> Reply-To: Michael Letourneau <mletourn@cs.sfu.ca>
>   Subject: Re: Meeting?
>   To: Kyall Glennie <keg3@sfu.ca>
>   Cc: organiser@cfs-fcee.ca, treasurer@cfs-fcee.ca
>
> Hi folks.
>
> Sorry for not replying last week, but on Thursday I was engaged in various
> Referendum-related duties, and then I took 3 days of the weekend off.
>
> I am available for a meeting this week, and would like to place approval of
> the results of the referendum on the agenda. I have attached the results of
> the vote counting to this email for the reference of anyone who was not able
> to attend the ballot counting on Thursday night.
>
> My availability this week looks, so far, as follows:
>   - Monday: generally available
>   - Tuesday: generally available
>   - Wednesday: available before 10:00 AM, noon - 4:00 PM
>   - Thursday: generally available
>   - Friday: generally available
>
> I have a feeling that some of this vast, expansive availability will
> disappear, so if we don't schedule anything until later in the week, some of
> that time may be taken up with other things.
>
>   - Mike
>
>
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Location	18-Mar-08 YES	18-Mar-08 NO	18-Mar-08 BLANK	18-Mar-08 SPOILED	19-Mar-08 YES	19-Mar-08 NO	19-Mar-08 BLANK	19-Mar-08 SPOILED	20-Mar-08 YES	20-Mar-08 NO	20-Mar-08 BLANK	20-Mar-08 SPOILED
Burnaby AQ	226	103	3	1	210	170	4	0	230	150	2	5
Burnaby Library	128	295	5	0	115	276	0	0	135	261	0	2
Burnaby WMX	78	135	1	0	80	112	1	0	81	106	0	1
Surrey campus	52	149	6	1	24	61	3	0	66	88	4	1
Vancouver campus	53	90	0	0	13	43	0	1	30	16	1	0
TOTALS	537	1035	15	2	438	952	8	1	492	951	7	9

TOTAL VOTES	**4442**
TOTAL YES	1452
TOTAL NO	2948
TOTAL BLANK	30
TOTAL SPOILED	12
PERCENT YES	32.60%
PERCENT NO	66.97%

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----- Forwarded message from cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com -----
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 23:03:01 -0400
From: Local 23 ROC <cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Local 23 ROC <cfs.sfss.roc@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: CFS Membership
To: Lucy Watson <organiser@cfs-fcee.ca>

Begin forwarded message:

> To whom it may concern;
> Hi my name is Yvonne Cote, I am currently the President of the
> student council at the Simon Fraser University in Kamloops, BC. I
> have heard that there was a referendum, and was wanting to know why
> our campus was never included or to even vote. We currently have
> approximately 150 students. We are concerned about decisions made
> regarding our membership with the CFS, and that our campus is never
> notified in any current affairs. We have been left on the outside of
> a lot of issues and would like to continue as members with the CFS,
> even thou Burnaby SFU has pulled out. We would like to remain with
> the CFS.
>
> Thank-you for your time regarding this matter.
> Yvonne Cote
> President of The SFU Student Society, Kamloops

----- End forwarded message -----

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Incorporation No: S -0052445 Incorporation Date: 26 JUL., 2007

Last Annual Report Date: 21 FEB., 2008 Nbr of Principals: 24

In Liq: NO Receiver: NO Reporting: NO

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 073 , *Approved and Ordered* FEB - 7 2008

Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the Student Society Designation Regulation is made as set out below:

STUDENT SOCIETY DESIGNATION REGULATION

Simon Fraser University Graduate Student Society

1 The Simon Fraser University Graduate Student Society is a designated student society under the *University Act* for the graduate student body of Simon Fraser University.

Minister of Advanced Education

Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *University Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 468, ss. 27.1 (1) (b) and 71

Other (specify):

December 17, 2007 R/1220/2007/15

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Constitution and By-laws of The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University

July 11, 2007

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Constitution

1. The name of the Society shall be "The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University".

2. The purposes of the Society shall be:
   a. To represent and advocate for the interests of the graduate students of Simon Fraser University;
   b. To support and promote all student activities of, by, and for the graduate students of Simon Fraser University;
   c. To promote the principle of student representation at all levels of decision-making within Simon Fraser University and all other institutions that affect the interests of the graduate students of Simon Fraser University;
   d. To advance and promote the interests of the student body of Simon Fraser University as a whole by coordinating and collaborating with other societies which have as their purposes the like advancement or promotion of such interests; and
   e. To provide services to promote the academic and social interests of graduate students at Simon Fraser University

By-law I – Interpretation and Miscellaneous

1. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires:
   a. "campus" shall refer to a campus of the University, but shall not in any case refer to any campus of the University where there is no graduate program permanently located there unless the name of such a campus is explicitly stated.
   b. "Caucus" shall refer to a Graduate Caucus.
   c. "Constitution" shall mean the Constitution of the Society.
   d. "Council" shall refer to the Society's Graduate Council.
   e. "department" shall mean any academic unit in the University including, but not limited to, Departments and Schools and other such academic units such that the unit is contained within a Faculty and administers its own graduate program or programs. Unless stated specifically otherwise, this term shall be restricted to only those academic units having graduate programs.
   f. "Directors" shall refer to the directors of the Society for the time being.
   g. "Executives" shall refer to those persons who have been elected by Council to the Executive Committee
   h. "Executive Committee" shall refer to the Executive Committee of Council.
   i. "faculty" shall mean a Faculty of the University.
   j. "general membership fee" shall have the meaning given to it in By-law IX – *Finances*.
   k. "independent program" shall mean a graduate program which is administered independently of any department and/or faculty.
   l. "joint program" shall mean a graduate program which is administered jointly by more than one department and/or faculty.
   m. "Officer" shall mean an officer of the Society.
   n. "regular member of Council" shall have the meaning given to it in By-law V – *Graduate Council*.
   o. "regulation" shall mean a rule, regulation, or other enactment approved by Council in accordance with these By-laws.
   p. "semester" shall mean the academic semester as determined by the University.
   q. "SFSS" shall refer to the Simon Fraser Student Society.
   r. "Society" shall refer to The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University.
   s. "Society Act" shall refer to the Society Act of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it.
   t. "special levy" shall have the meaning given to it in By-law IX – *Finances*.
   u. "special membership fee" shall have the meaning given to it in By-law IX – *Finances*.
   v. "special rule of order" shall have the meaning given to it in By-law X – *Regulations and Amendments*.
   w. "student" shall, unless stated specifically otherwise, mean a student of Simon Fraser University who is registered in a graduate program as established by the University and is not on a leave of absence from that program.
   x. "University" shall mean Simon Fraser University, and, if the context does not specify otherwise, shall include all its campuses.
   y. "written notice" shall, unless stated specifically otherwise, include e-mail.

2. So the language in these By-laws shall be interpreted as inclusive:
   a. words which import the masculine shall include the feminine,
   b. words which import the feminine shall include the masculine,
   c. words which import the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, and

d. words that import a person shall include a corporation.

3. The following rules shall apply for the purposes of determining the number of students in any program, department, faculty, or other academic unit of the University.
   a. In all cases, the method of counting shall count the whole number of students enrolled in the program, department, faculty, or other academic unit.
   b. The number of students in a department shall be the number of students enrolled in the graduate programs administered by that department.
   c. The number of students in a faculty shall be the number of students enrolled in the graduate programs administered by that faculty and not by any department within that faculty.
   d. The number of students in a joint program or an independent program shall be counted as the number of students enrolled in that program.

4. Unless otherwise provided for in these By-laws, all definitions in the Society Act in force at the time these By-laws first become effective apply to these By-laws.

5. The Society shall use *Wainberg's Society Meetings Including Rules of Order* as the rules of order for all meetings and committees, except where the Society shall adopt as regulation a special rule of order, in which case that rule shall take precedence.

6. The Society may by resolution of the Council obtain a seal. Such a seal shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary of the Society, and shall not be applied to any document without it first having been approved by resolution of the appropriate body or bodies of the Society as stated in these By-laws, or without approval by a resolution of the Executive Committee should the approval of the matter or matters dealt with in the substance of the document not be addressed in these By-laws.

7. The rights of members and directors to inspect the documents of the Society according to the *Society Act* shall not be abridged except that no request for inspection of documents which:
   a. is served on the Society on, or
   b. which requests to inspect documents on,

   a day which is in any period between the end of the examination period in one semester and the first day of classes in the next semester shall not necessarily be honoured.

By-law II – Membership

1. Ordinary membership:
   a. All students registered in graduate programs at the University shall be ordinary members of the Society.
   b. Ordinary membership in the Society shall cease at the end of the semester when a member begins a leave of absence from his program or at the end of the last semester when the member was registered in his graduate program.

2. *Emeritus* membership
   a. Any person who is an Executive or an Officer may be made an *emeritus* member of the Society by a resolution of Council approved by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting. No other persons are eligible to become an *emeritus* member.
   b. The resolution creating an *emeritus* member may designate when that membership shall commence and cease, but in no event shall any person be an *emeritus* member for more than one semester.
   c. The purpose of *emeritus* membership is to allow an Executive or Officer whose membership in the Society will end during their term as an Executive or Officer but who desires nonetheless to remain in office. Council must, before appointing an Executive or Officer to *emeritus* membership, satisfy itself that the person will satisfactorily carry out their duties as an Executive or an Officer during their period of *emeritus* membership.
   d. Each *emeritus* member shall be required to pay any dues, fees, or levies that are required of a member as a condition of membership in the Society.
   e. *Emeritus* membership includes the right to vote.

3. Honourary membership:
   a. Any person may be made an Honourary member of the Society by a unanimous resolution of the Council.
   b. Honourary membership in the Society shall not cease except by a unanimous resolution of the Council.
   c. Despite anything else in these By-laws or any regulation the Society shall adopt from time to time, no Honourary member of the Society shall be required to pay to the Society any due, fee, or levy that is required of a member as a condition of membership in the Society, but they may be required to pay such dues, fees, or levies as the Society shall establish for the use of the services or facilities of the Society.
   d. An Honourary membership shall not include the right to vote, nor to serve as an Officer, Executive, Council representative, or Electoral Officer.

4. The rights and obligations of the members of the Society shall be those stated in these By-laws and any regulations that the Society may adopt from time to time.

5. Standing of Members:
   a. All members of the Society shall be in good standing unless they are declared in bad standing in accordance with these By-laws.
   b. Council may declare by a 2/3 majority vote that a member is in bad standing. Council may further declare the period of time for which that member will be in bad standing, but this period shall in no case extend past the end of the University semester following the semester in which Council declared the member to be in bad standing, and unless Council declares otherwise, the member shall be in bad standing for that period.

c. Council may vote by a 2/3 majority to extend the period a member is in bad standing if at least three months have elapsed from the time Council declared the member in bad standing or extended that member's period of bad standing, and it is a different semester from the one in which that declaration or extension was made in.
d. A member of the Society will be automatically declared in bad standing if she owes to the Society any amount of dues, fines, or other levies as established by these By-laws or as established by regulation provided for in these By-laws and such amount is outstanding for more than fourteen (14) days past the due date.
e. Whenever a member's standing becomes bad, that member shall be entitled to notice from Council of her bad standing, the reason or reasons why she is in bad standing, and any actions she should take to restore her good standing.

By-law III – General Meetings

1. General meetings
   a. Annual general meetings:
      i. The first annual general meeting of the Society shall be held not more than 15 months after the date of the Society's incorporation and every year thereafter the Society shall hold its annual general meeting on a date being no earlier than January 2 and no later than the last day of February.
      ii. The Executive Committee shall call these meetings accordingly.
   b. Any general meeting of the Society other than an annual general meeting is a special general meeting of the Society.

2. The Society shall conduct the following business at its annual general meeting:
   a. receiving and approving the minutes of any previous general meeting which have not yet been approved,
   b. receiving and approving the audited financial statement for the previous fiscal year,
   c. receiving the report from the auditor,
   d. appointing the auditor for the following year, and
   e. receiving the reports of the Executive Committee, Officers, and Council for the previous fiscal year,

   in addition to any business properly placed on the agenda by the Executive Committee, Council, or members of the Society.

3. Members of the Society may place business on the agenda of the annual general meeting by presenting to the Society a petition:
   a. stating the business to be placed on the agenda; and
   b. bearing the names and signatures of at least seventy-five (75) members in good standing of the Society

   at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the day of the meeting.

4. The Society shall call a general meeting:
   a. upon a vote of at least 2/3 of the members of the Executive Committee or of the Council; or
   b. upon receipt of a formal requisition for a general meeting that meets the requirements stated in the Society Act.

5. Quorum:
   a. Quorum for a general meeting of the Society shall be one-hundred (100) members of the Society who are in good standing, or 10% of the members of the Society who are in good standing, whichever is less.
   b. At an annual general meeting of the Society, if quorum is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time announced for the start of the meeting, then the necessary quorum shall drop to twenty (20) members of the Society who are in good standing but the meeting shall only consider the business given in section 2(a.)-(e.) and the meeting may not consider any other business.
   c. No business other than the appointment of a chair and the adjournment or termination of the meeting shall be conducted at any general meeting at a time when a quorum is not present.

d. If at any time during a general meeting there ceases to be a quorum present, business in progress shall be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated.

6. Call to order:
   a. The President of the Society shall call to order any general meeting of the Society.
   b. If the President of the Society is absent from the meeting, it may be called to order by any other Officer or any Executive or any Council Member.
   c. If no person described in subsections (a.) and (b.) is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the meeting may be called to order by a member in good standing of the Society.
   d. The first order of business of any general meeting of the Society shall be the appointment of a chair.

7. Adjournment of a meeting:
   a. A general meeting may be adjourned from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
   b. When a meeting is adjourned for ten (10) business days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.
   c. Except as provided in this By-law, it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned general meeting

8. Adequate notice for a general meeting of the Society shall consist of:
   a. not less than ten (10) posters at least 8-1/2" x 14" placed on bulletin boards or in other prominent places at the University's Burnaby Mountain Campus and not less than five (5) posters at each of the University's other campuses such that if the Society has permanent physical space at any University campus, then one (1) of the posters designated for that campus shall be placed in a prominent place in the Society's physical space at that campus;
   b. written notices distributed to all Caucuses; and
   c. an advertisement in at least one student newspaper or other such printed periodical publication that shall be available free of charge to all members of the Society,
   d. such that all the aforementioned notices state:
      i. the nature of the meeting;
      ii. the time, date, and place of the meeting;
      iii. the proposed agenda for the meeting;
      iv. the text of any special resolution to be considered at the meeting or, if the full content of the special resolution or resolutions will not fit on the notice, then clear information as to the intent of each special resolution and information where members of the Society can obtain the full text of each special resolution and the hours when that information can be viewed; and
      v. the place where each member can view any supporting materials for any piece of business to be conducted at the meeting,

   and such that each of these notices is posted, published, or issued at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the day of the meeting.

9. Material to be presented at general meetings:
   a. At least ten (10) days prior to the day of the Society's annual general meeting, the Society shall make available its audited financial statement and the report of the Society's auditor.
   b. At least ten (10) days prior to any general meeting of the Society, the Society shall make available any material which the Society must present at the meeting according to regulation or statute, and any material required to conduct the business of the meeting as presented on its agenda.
   c. For the purposes of satisfying the requirements of subsections (a.) and (b.), the Society shall make paper copies of the necessary material available at the Society's office, and shall make electronic copies of all material available to all members.

10. Accidental omission in the giving of any part of the notice of any general meeting required by this By-law, or the non-receipt of such notice by the members of the Society, shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

11. Each ordinary member of the Society in good standing and each *Emeritus* member of the Society in good standing is eligible to attend a general meeting and shall be entitled to one vote at that general meeting. No other person shall be entitled to vote at a general meeting, although the Society may determine by regulation that other persons may be entitled to attend a general meeting, but no person so determined will count toward quorum at the meeting.

12. No voting by proxy shall be allowed at a general meeting of the Society.

13. All resolutions of a general meeting of the Society shall require a majority vote of the members of the Society assembled at the meeting who vote, unless the Society Act requires that the resolution be approved by a vote of a greater number of members of the Society, in which case the requirement specified in the Society Act shall prevail.

14. In case of an equality of votes, the chair shall not have a casting or second vote in addition to the vote to which she may be entitled as a member and the proposed resolution shall not pass.

15. All general meetings of the Society shall be conducted according to the rules of order adopted generally for the Society and any special rules of order adopted by a general meeting.

By-law IV – Graduate Caucuses

1. Definition:
   a. Graduate Caucuses shall be the recognized body for the representation of the interests of Society members at the level of:
      i. departments;
      ii. faculties, for those members in graduate programs directly administered by that faculty;
      iii. graduate programs administered jointly by one or more departments and/or faculties; and
      iv. independent programs.
   b. For each group of students entitled to Caucus representation as given in section 2, only one Caucus shall, at any one time, be recognized to represent the interests of that group of students.
   c. The right to form a Caucus for a department, faculty, joint program, or independent program shall be vested solely in the students outlined in section 2 as it pertains to the membership of the Caucus being formed.
   d. Any existing Graduate Caucus recognized by the SFSS as of April 30, 2007 shall:
      i. be deemed to be continued under this By-law and exist as a Graduate Caucus within the Society; and
      ii. be deemed to represent the same students it represented within the SFSS.

2. The members of a Caucus shall be the members registered in:
   a. all graduate programs within the department, in the case of a Caucus representing the students in a department,
   b. all graduate programs administered solely by a faculty, in the case of a Caucus representing the students in a faculty,
   c. the graduate program, in the case of a Caucus representing the students in an independent program, and
   d. the graduate program, in the case of a Caucus established to represent the students in a joint program

   plus, for the purposes of Council representation as given in these By-laws, any members registered in any joint program who have elected to have that Caucus represent their interests.

3. Requirements of Caucuses:
   a. Each Caucus formed under this By-law or continued under section 1(d) must:
      i. have a written constitution which has been ratified by a majority of the members of that Caucus who attended at a general meeting of the Caucus or, in the event of the establishment of a new Caucus, at a meeting of students who would be eligible to attend an organizational meeting for which public notice was given at least two weeks in advance,
      ii. have aims and objectives stated in its constitution which are not contrary to the purposes of the Society as stated in the Constitution,
      iii. recognize as its members those students represented by it according to section 2,
      iv. seek to represents its members, and
      v. hold regular general meetings that are advertised and which are open to all of the members of the Caucus.

4. Funding:
   a. Each Caucus that fulfills the requirements of section 3 shall be entitled to funding from the Society which may be spent at the discretion of the Caucus.
   b. The Society may determine in regulation the amount of funding given to each Caucus and the manner in which it is released to the Caucus, so long as the amount given to each Caucus represents at least 10% of total amount of general membership fees collected from the students represented by the Caucus and so long as this funding is released to the Caucus at least once per semester.

By-law V – Graduate Council

1. The Society shall maintain a representative body which shall be known as the Graduate Council. The Council shall be responsible directly to the whole membership of the Society, and each representative on Council shall be responsible to the students she represents.

2. Council powers:
   a. The Council alone shall have the power to:
      i. define the long-term goals of the Society in accordance with the purposes of the Society,
      ii. approve the Society's entrance into long-term contracts,
      iii. establish regulations regarding the operation and administration of the Society,
      iv. determine the standing of members of the Society, and
      v. admit honourary and *Emeritus* members to the Society,

      subject to the restrictions placed on those powers in these By-laws, and shall have any other powers as given in these By-laws.
   b. The Council shall have the power to allow expenditures outside the budget, subject to the provisions of By-law IX – *Finances.*
   c. Committees:
      i. Council may strike such committees of its members as it deems necessary to advise it, but it shall not have the power to delegate to any committee or person the authority to exercise any power or do any act or thing.
      ii. Any committee struck in accordance with (i.) shall:
         (1) conform to any rules imposed on it by Council,
         (2) govern itself according to the rules of Order adopted generally by the Society,
         (3) recommend to the consideration of Council such actions as the committee determines Council should take.

3. Composition of Council:
   a. The students in each department in the University with a graduate program shall be entitled to one seat on Council.
   b. The students in each faculty of the University who are part of a graduate program in that faculty that is administered by the faculty and not by any department shall be entitled to a number of seats on Council as follows:
      i. one seat, if they have no more students than the department or independent program with the most students
      ii. two seats, if they have more students than the department or independent program with the most students but no more than twice the number of students as that the department or independent program
      iii. three seats, if they have more than twice the number of students as the department or independent program with the most students.

      No Council representative from a faculty shall be removed from his position for the reason that the number of seats for that faculty as determined according to the above rules decreases during that representative's term.
   c. Any joint program shall for the purposes of determining representation on Council be considered to be part of only one of the departments or faculties that administers that joint program. In such cases:
      i. if the students in that joint program choose to belong to a Caucus representing students from one of the departments or faculties which administer that joint

program, then they shall be represented on Council through the representative from that Caucus.

ii. If the students in that program maintain their own Caucus, that Caucus may, by its own procedures for making decisions, determine which department or faculty shall represent them on Council, and in the event that no such decision has been made by their Caucus, Council may determine which of the Caucuses representing the departments or faculties administering that program shall represent them on Council.

iii. If the students in that program do not join a Caucus or maintain their own Caucus, then they may apply to Council to decide which department or faculty shall represent them on Council.

d. The students in each independent program in the University shall be entitled to one seat on Council.

e. Groups recognized according to the process given in section 5 shall be entitled to those seats as designated by Council according to that process.

f. The regular members of Council shall be those members provided for by subsections (a.)-(e.).

g. The President of the Society shall be a member of the Council but shall not have a vote.

h. The Treasurer of the Society shall be a member of the Council but shall not have a vote.

i. The Secretary of the Society shall be a member of the Council but shall not have a vote.

j. All Executives who are not regular members of the Council shall be members of the Council but shall not have a vote.

4. Should the University establish a graduate program where the determination of its representation on Council is ambiguous or otherwise not provided for under these By-laws, Council shall have the authority to determine the manner in which that new program is represented on Council.

5. Council seats for external groups

a. Council may, by a vote of at least a 3/4 majority, provide a number of seats on itself not greater than 5% of the total number of seats otherwise on Council for such groups as may in some way represent the interests of a substantial number of the members of the Society.

b. Council may, by a vote of a 3/4 majority, determine the group or groups who shall select representatives to fill these seats.

c. Those groups who select representatives to fill these seats may choose their representatives according to their own procedures, except that each such representative must be a member in good standing of the Society and must not be a member of Council at the time they take their seat on Council.

d. The Council seats provided in this section are intended for, but are not limited to, the Teaching Support Staff Union and other like groups.

6. Representatives to Council shall be elected in an election open to all the students represented by that representative. The term of office for all Council representatives shall be one year.

7. A member in good standing of the Society is eligible to be elected to a position on Council if she is eligible to vote in the election for that position to Council unless:

a. she is already a regular member of Council and represents a different group of members than is represented by that position, or

b. she is already an Officer
in which case she is not eligible to be elected to that position.

8. Resignations and abandonment of Council seats:
   a. A member of Council may resign his position by submitting his resignation in writing to the Society and that resignation shall be effective on the date stated in that written communication or on the date that communication is received by the Society, whichever is later.
   b. If any regular member of Council misses three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of Council without having an excuse for his absence approved by Council, then that member's resignation shall be deemed to have been received by the Society on the day following the third meeting missed and it shall be deemed to be effective on that date.
   c. If any regular member of Council:
      i. ceases to be a member of the Society, or
      ii. ceases to be registered in the department, faculty, joint program, or independent program which they were elected to represent according to section 3(a.) – (d.), or
      iii. ceases to be registered in the graduate program they represent according to section 4, or
      iv. ceases to be a member of the group they represent according to section 5,
      then on the day that occurs that member's resignation shall be deemed to have been received by the Society and it shall be deemed to be effective on the following day.
   d. If any member of Council resigns or abandons her position on Council an election shall be called to elect a new representative who shall start a new term of office.
   e. A member of Council may be removed by a referendum according to section 9.
   f. A member of Council may be removed by special resolution.

9. Recall of Council members:
   a. A regular member of Council may be removed from his position by means of a referendum of those members eligible to elect that member of Council.
   b. The Society shall conduct a recall referendum for a member of Council upon receipt of a petition bearing the names and signatures of at least 1/4 of the members eligible to elect that member of Council, and this referendum shall be conducted according to the Society's By-laws and regulations pertaining to referenda, except that:
      i. those eligible to vote shall be only those members eligible to elect that member of Council;
      ii. for the recall to succeed, at least 1/4 of those eligible to vote must cast ballots in the referendum; and
      iii. for the recall to succeed, at least 2/3 of the votes cast in the referendum must be in favour of recalling that member of Council.
   c. If a recall referendum succeeds, then the term of the member of Council who was recalled shall end on the day following the day the full results of that referendum are announced.

10. Council meetings:
   a. Council shall normally meet at least once per month.
   b. Council may meet:
      i. at such suitable places on campus as it sees fit, unless

ii. no such place is available due to inclement weather, strike, Act of God, or other such event, in which case Council may meet at such other places as it sees fit.

c. Quorum for a meeting of Council shall be a majority of the regular members of Council, but shall in no event be less than five (5) regular members of Council.

d. If the number of regular members of Council falls below the number necessary to allow Council to meet, then an election for all unfilled seats on Council shall be deemed to have been called on the day that number fell below the number necessary for Council to meet.

e. A regular meeting of Council shall require at least seven clear days of notice to all members of Council.

f. Council shall be able to meet in an emergency, but then on no less than three clear days notice which provides the agenda for the meeting, and then it shall meet only to carry out the agenda for that meeting as given in the notice. The President of the Society may convene an emergency meeting of Council. If Council has appointed a chair of Council according to section 11, then that chair may convene an emergency meeting of Council.

g. Requisition of emergency Council meetings:
   i. An emergency meeting of Council must be convened at the request of 1/3 of the members of Council if they present to the Society one or more documents requisitioning such a meeting. If Council has appointed a chair of Council according to section 11, then that chair must convene such a meeting, otherwise, the President of the Society must convene such a meeting.
   ii. Such a requisition must state the date, time, and agenda for the meeting, and such a request must be made in accordance with the provisions given in this By-law for emergency meetings of Council.
   iii. If the President of the Society or chair of Council, as the case may be, does not convene the requisitioned meeting, then the members of Council who requisitioned the meeting, or a majority of them, may themselves convene a meeting to consider such business as was provided in the requisition, giving at least two clear days notice of the date, time, and agenda of this meeting.
   iv. At a requisitioned emergency meeting of Council, the substantial business for the meeting must be that business provided in the requisition and no other business.

h. All members of Council shall be entitled to participate in any meeting of Council:
   i. in person, or
   ii. by telephone or other communications medium so long as all members of the Council participating in the meeting can communicate with each other

   and members participating in the manners contemplated by (i) and (ii) shall be deemed for the purposes of these By-laws to be present at the meeting

11. Chair of Council:

a. By 2/3 vote, Council may appoint one regular member of Council, or one member of the Society who is not an Officer of the Society or an Executive who is not a regular member of Council as its chair for the remainder of the semester in which that person was appointed. A person so appointed shall have all the authority normally vested in a chair. If this person is not a member of Council, she shall be eligible to receive a stipend in an amount to be established by regulation of the Society, but which in any case shall not exceed $50, for each Council meeting she chairs. The authority of this person as chair of Council shall extend from the time she is appointed until the end of the semester in which she is appointed.

b. Should the Council not appoint a chair in the manner provided in subsection (a.), Council may choose any regular member of Council or any member of the Society who is not an Officer of the Society or an Executive who is not a regular member of Council to act as chair for that meeting. A person so appointed shall not be entitled to a stipend for serving as Chair, although if a member of Council serves in this capacity, he shall be eligible for any compensation normally available to Council members. The authority of this person as chair of Council shall expire at the adjournment of the Council meeting at which he was appointed.
c. If no Council chair is appointed according to subsection (a.), the President of the Society shall have the ability to call meetings of Council as given in these By-laws and under the rules governing Council meetings. If the President of the Society calls to order a meeting of Council, he shall first seek a nomination for a temporary chair as given by subsection (b.), and only after it has been determined that no such person is willing to function as chair shall he conduct the rest of the business of the meeting.

12. Each member of Council shall be entitled to a stipend for her service which shall be an amount established by the Society by regulation but which shall not in any case exceed $75 per Council meeting attended by that member.

13. Council shall operate according the rules of order adopted generally by the Society in these By-laws and according to any special rules of order Council shall adopt for itself.

14. All meetings of Council shall be open to all members of the Society and all members of the Society shall have speaking privileges at Council meetings and these rights and privileges shall not be abrogated except where Council must meet *in camera* to consider a matter of sensitivity to the Society and then only after Council has approved meeting *in camera* by the proper procedure given in the rules of order under which it operates.

15. Council may take no action *in camera* except those actions normally provided in its rules of order for the maintenance of a meeting operating *in camera*.

By-law VI – Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall be a standing committee of Council. In this By-law, it shall be referred to as "the Committee".

2. Delegation of power and authority:
   a. The following powers of Council are delegated to the Committee:
      i. oversight of the day-to-day management of the Society, and
      ii. giving direction to the Officers of the Society.
   b. The Committee shall also have delegated to it the authority to exercise all the powers and do all the acts and things that the Society may exercise and do, and that are neither by these By-laws nor by statute nor otherwise lawfully directed or required to be exercised or done by the Society in a general meeting or by Council, but subject, nevertheless, to:
      i. all laws affecting the Society,
      ii. these By-laws, and
      iii. such regulations as the Society shall establish from time to time in accordance with these By-laws.
   c. Subcommittees:
      i. The Committee may strike such subcommittees of its members as it deems necessary to carry out its functions but it shall not have the power to delegate to any subcommittee or person the authority to exercise any power or do any act or thing.
      ii. Any subcommittee struck in accordance with (i.) shall:
         (1) conform to any rules imposed on it by the Committee,
         (2) govern itself according to the rules of Order adopted generally by the Society,
         (3) recommend to the consideration of the Committee such actions the Committee should take as the subcommittee determines.
   d. The Committee shall present a report on its operations at each meeting of Council and this report shall:
      i. provide for the information of Council a report on the actions taken by the Committee under:
         (1) subsections (a.) , (b.), and (c.) of this section;
         (2) such other provisions of these By-laws which authorize the Committee to take actions; and
         (3) such regulation as the Society shall adopt from time to time to authorize the Committee to take actions; and
      ii. recommend to Council such actions as the Committee deems necessary, advantageous, or both, for the Council to take on behalf of the Society.

3. The Committee shall consist of:
   a. Five Executives,
   b. The President of the Society,
   c. The Treasurer of the Society, and
   d. The Secretary of the Society.

4. The Executives shall be elected by secret ballot in an election conducted by the Society and those eligible to vote shall be all regular members of Council.

5. The Executives shall serve for a term of one year, commencing on the first day of January. In the event that an Executive resigns, abandons, or is removed from his position, a replacement may be elected to serve during the balance of the term.

6. To be eligible to be elected as an Executive, a person must be:
   a. a member of the Society in good standing and
   b. a regular member of Council
   and must not be an undischarged bankrupt.

7. Stipends for Executives:
   a. Executives shall receive a stipend for each month they serve as an Executive, the amount of which shall be determined by regulation but which shall in no case exceed $400 per month. To be eligible for this stipend, each Executive must:
      i. attend each regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee or be excused from it with a reason approved by the Committee, and
      ii. attend each regularly scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council or be excused from it with a reason approved by the Council, and
      iii. promote the Society within the membership and the University as a whole, and
      iv. actively advance the interests of the Society as determined by Council..
   b. Council may, by a 2/3 majority, pass a resolution reducing the stipend for a given month for any Executive if Council is satisfied that person has not fulfilled some or all of his obligations under these By-laws.

8. Meetings of the Committee:
   a. The Committee shall normally meet every two weeks, except in those times when the University is neither running classes nor holding exams, in which case it may, at its discretion, choose not to meet.
   b. The Committee may meet:
      i. at such suitable places on campus as it sees fit, unless
      ii. no such place is available due to inclement weather, strike, Act of God, or other such event, in which case Council may meet at such other places as it sees fit.
   c. Quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be five members present.
   d. A regular meeting of the Committee shall require at least four clear days of notice to all members.
   e. The Committee shall be able to meet in an emergency, but then on no less than two clear days notice which provides the agenda for the meeting, and then it shall meet only to carry out the agenda for that meeting as given in the notice.
   f. Requisition of emergency Committee meetings:
      i. An emergency meeting of the Committee must be convened if a majority of its members present to the Society one or more documents requisitioning such a meeting.
      ii. Such a requisition must state the date, time, and agenda for the meeting, and such a request must be made in accordance with the provisions given in this By-law for emergency meetings of the Committee.
      iii. At á requisitioned emergency meeting of the Committee, the substantial business for the meeting must the business provided in the requisition and no other business.
   g. All members of the Committee shall be entitled to participate in any meeting of the Committee:
      i. in person, or

ii. by telephone or other communications medium so long as all members of the Committee participating in the meeting can communicate with each other

and members participating in the manners contemplated by (i) and (ii) shall be deemed for the purposes of these By-laws to be present at the meeting.

9. Resignation, abandonment, and removal:
   a. An Executive may resign from the Committee by communicating his resignation in writing to the Society and the resignation shall be deemed to be effective on the date it is received by the Society or on the date the resignation is stated to be effective, whichever is later. If an Executive's written resignation has no date on it, it shall be effective on the date it is received by the Society.
   b. An Executive may be removed from the Committee by:
      i. special resolution, or
      ii. resolution of Council approved by 3/4 of the members of Council, but only if notice of that resolution:
         (1) has been given at least two weeks in advance of the meeting at which that resolution is considered;
         (2) is posted prominently near the offices of the Society;
         (3) is given to all members of Council.
   c. In the event that an Executive is absent from any three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Committee without having excuses for those absences approved by the Committee, the resignation of that Executive shall be considered to have been delivered to the Society on the day following the third Committee meeting missed and shall be considered to be effective on that day.
   d. If an Executive ceases to be a member of the Society, then his resignation shall be considered to have been delivered to the Society on the last day of his membership in the Society and it shall be deemed to be effective on the following day.
   e. In the event an Executive ceases to be a regular member of Council, that shall not in and of itself mean that the Executive has resigned from the Committee.

10. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to all members of the Society and all members of the Society shall have speaking privileges at Committee meetings and these rights and privileges shall not be abrogated except where the Committee must meet *in camera* to consider a matter of sensitivity to the Society and then only after it has approved meeting *in camera* by the proper procedure given in the rules of order under which it operates.

11. The Committee may take no action *in camera* except those actions normally provided in its rules of order for the maintenance of a meeting operating *in camera*.

12. The Committee shall operate according the rules of order adopted generally by the Society in these By-laws and according to any special rules of order the Committee shall adopt for itself.

By-law VII – Officers

1. Officers of the Society:
   a. The officers of the Society (hereafter "the Officers") shall be the President of the Society, the Secretary of the Society, and the Treasurer of the Society.
   b. The Officers shall be elected by an election held annually in the months of February or March. All such Officers shall be elected for a term of one year, commencing on May 1 of the year in which they are elected and running until the end of April 30 of the subsequent year.

2. Any ordinary member in good standing of the Society is eligible to run in an election for a position as an Officer. If a regular member of Council or an Executive is elected as an Officer, then his resignation as a regular member of Council or as an Executive shall be deemed to be have been delivered on the date he is declared elected in accordance with the Society's By-laws and regulations for conducting elections and his resignation shall be effective on the first day of his term as an Officer.

3. Each Officer must attend all regularly scheduled meetings of Council and the Executive Committee and must give a report to those meetings of her work as an Officer.

4. Abandonment, resignation, and removal:
   a. If an Officer fails to attend four consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee or three regularly scheduled meetings of Council and is not excused by the Executive Committee or Council from any of those meetings missed, then the resignation of that Officer shall be deemed to have been delivered to the Society on the date following that fourth consecutive regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting or third consecutive regularly scheduled Council meeting, as the case may be, that was missed without excuse and shall be deemed to be effective that day.
   b. Any Officer may resign by delivering to the Society his written resignation stating the date on which his resignation is effective and his resignation shall be considered effective accordingly or on the date it is delivered, whichever is later.
   c. If an Officer ceases to be a member of the Society, then her resignation shall be deemed to have been delivered to the Society on the last day of her membership in the Society and shall be deemed to be effective on the following day.
   d. An Officer may be removed by special resolution.

5. Replacement of Officers:
   a. Any Officer described in these By-laws who resigns or is removed shall be replaced by means of by-election according to the Society's rules for conducting elections and such a by-election shall be called as soon as is practical.
   b. In the period between the resignation or removal of an Officer and the replacement of that Officer by by-election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to name a person to carry out the duties of that Officer *pro tempore*, but this appointment shall require ratification by Council.

6. The President of the Society shall:
   a. preside at meetings of Council and the Executive Committee as necessary;
   b. represent the Society as a whole to the University and external communities;

c. be a signing officer of the Society;
d. be *ex officio* a member of all committees and subcommittees of the Society;
e. undertake all other duties normally undertaken by the President of a society; and
f. spend approximately 15 hours per week of his time on these duties and such other work to promote and maintain the Society as shall be required of him from time to time.

7. The Secretary of the Society shall:
   a. oversee the administration of the Society;
   b. prepare or oversee the preparation of the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee, Council and any general meetings of the Society;
   c. maintain all records of the Society in such a manner as may be required by the Society Act or bodies with which the Society interacts;
   d. be the primary point of contact between the Society and the administration of Simon Fraser University;
   e. ensure the operation of the Society in accordance with any regulation it shall from time to time adopt, these By-laws, its Constitution, the *Society Act*, and any other applicable statute;
   f. oversee all efforts of the Society in maintaining and updating these By-laws and any regulation that the Society shall from time to time enact, as necessary;
   g. be a signing officer of the Society; and
   h. spend approximately 15 hours per week of her time on these duties and such other work to promote and maintain the Society as shall be required of her from time to time.

8. The Treasurer of the Society shall:
   a. oversee all financial operations of the Society;
   b. ensure that the finances of the Society are kept in compliance with the Society Act and in the manner advised by the Society's auditor;
   c. oversee the construction, maintenance, management, and administration of any property owned or leased by the Society or otherwise under the Society's control;
   d. coordinate all functions of any staff the Society may from time to time employ, and act as the primary liaison between the Society and its staff;
   e. be a signing officer of the Society; and
   f. spend approximately 15 hours per week of his time on these duties and such other work to promote and maintain the Society as shall be required of him from time to time.

9. The Officers shall receive a stipend that shall be paid in installments no less frequently than every month, and the amount of which shall be determined by the Society through regulation but which shall in no case be greater than $1500 for each month served.

By-law VIII – Affiliation

1. The Society shall maintain a standing committee of the Graduate Council which shall be known as the Society Relations Committee and which shall be referred to as "the Committee" in this By-law.

2. The membership of the Committee may be determined by Council through a regulation, but:
   a. its members may only be Officers, Executives, or members of Council;
   b. there shall be at least three (3) persons on the Committee and at most nine (9) persons on the Committee;
   c. the number of persons on the Committee who are Officers or Executives must be less than the number of persons who are regular members of Council; and
   d. the President of the Society shall be a member of the Committee and shall be its chair.

3. The Committee shall:
   a. oversee all relations or interactions between the Society and any other societies that the Society coordinates and collaborates with in accordance with the Society's purposes;
   b. oversee any relations or interactions between the Society and any other organization which represents or claims to represent the interests of students at the University or the interests of graduate students elsewhere within British Columbia or Canada or the world;
   c. recommend to the consideration of the Council, the Executive Committee, and the President of the Society such actions as it sees fit to maintain those relations and interactions.

4. Requirements for affiliation with outside organizations:
   a. In this section, the term "organization" shall refer to a society or other corporate body that claims to represents the interests of the Society or the members of the Society.
   b. The Society shall neither join nor enter into an agreement or contract with an organization which, directly or indirectly has the effect of making the Society or its members subject to the provisions of membership in that organization unless:
      i. that organization regularly publishes its annual budget, audited financial statements, and reports from its auditor in a manner available to all members and in accordance with the legislation governing that organization; and
      ii. that organization allows the Society to terminate its membership or contract if a majority of the members of the Society who, being entitled to, cast ballots in favour of termination in a referendum of the Society conducted in accordance with the Society's By-laws and regulations for conducting referenda,
   c. and the Society shall neither join nor enter into such a contract or agreement with an organization unless:
   d. the terms of that agreement have been approved by no less than 3/4 of the members of the Society who, being entitled to, vote in a referendum conducted in accordance with the Society's By-laws and regulations for conducting referenda, and then only if:
      i. the question asked in that referendum is clearly worded and seeks approval of the contract, agreement, or membership to be approved, and then only if:
      ii. at least 25% of the members of the Society vote in the referendum seeking that approval.

By-law IX – Finances

1. The Society's financial year shall start on September 1 and shall end on August 31 of the following year.

2. At the start of each financial year the Treasurer shall prepare a budget for the Society. The Executive Committee will review the budget and recommend it to Council for its approval. Approval of the budget by Council shall occur no later than the end of the second month of the financial year.

3. The Society may designate by regulation which Officers may spend money allocated in the budget, and may similarly designate what monies may be spent by Council or the Executive Committee and by what means Council or the Executive Committee may decide to spend this money.

4. Restrictions on expenditures:
   a. The Society shall not make any expenditure outside of the budget without it first being approved by the Executive Committee or Council, subject to the following rules:
      i. If the spending on any single item, whether approved as a single expenditure or as multiple expenditures, is no more than $5,000 and does not relate directly to the purchase or other acquisition of real property or an interest in real property by the Society, then it may be approved by a majority vote of either the Executive Committee or Council.
      ii. If the spending on any single item, whether approved as a single expenditure or as multiple expenditures, is in excess of $5,000 and does not relate directly to the purchase or other acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, then the expenditure must be approved by Council by a majority vote.
   b. If the spending on any single item, whether approved as a single expenditure or as multiple expenditures, relates directly to the purchase or other acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, then the expenditure must be approved by Council by a vote of at least 2/3 in favour.

5. The Society shall not enter into any contract extending over a multiple-year period and which shall cost the Society in excess of $5,000 in any one year except upon approval by Council by a vote of at least 2/3 in favour.

6. Restrictions on borrowing:
   a. The Society may raise or secure the repayment of money if necessary to pursue the purposes of the Society.
   b. The Society may authorize the issue of bonds, perpetual or redeemable debentures, or any mortgage, charge, or other security on the whole of the Society's property or on some part thereof, but any such action must be approved by special resolution and by resolution of Council approved by a 3/4 majority.
   c. The Society may borrow money to pursue the purposes of the Society, but any such action shall require a special resolution or a resolution of Council approved by a 3/4 majority.
   d. Notwithstanding subsection (c.), the Society may obtain credit cards, lines of credit, and other such forms of temporary credit as shall be useful for carrying out the

administration of the Society, but the total amount of credit available to the Society through these means must not exceed $5,000.

7. Signing officers:
   a. The Society shall at all times have at least three (3) signing officers. The President of the Society, the Treasurer of the Society and the Secretary of the Society shall be signing officers and if any of those three positions is vacant, the Executive Committee may appoint an Executive as an interim signing officer and this appointment shall end when the position is filled according to section 5 of the *Officers* By-law.
   b. The Society may appoint signing officers in addition to those listed in subsection (a.), but such an appointment may only be made by a resolution of Council approved by a 3/4 majority.

8. Membership fees and levies:
   a. The Society may levy a fee upon all members of the Society in order to advance the purposes of the Society as stated in the Constitution and this fee shall be called the "general membership fee". The amount of this fee must be approved by a referendum in which a majority of the members voting in the referendum approve the fee.
   b. The Society may levy fees upon all members of the Society in order to fund services or organizations outside the Society which serve the membership of the Society in accordance with the purposes of the Society as stated in the Constitution and each such fee shall be called a "special membership fee". The amount of each special membership fee must be approved by a referendum in which a majority of the members voting in the referendum approve the fee. The monies collected from each special membership fee must be used to fund only one specific service or organization and the name of this organization, its purpose, and the purpose the money will be put toward must be clearly stated in the referendum question approving the fee.
   c. The Society may establish levies upon all members of the Society in order to fund special undertakings of the Society which advance the purposes of the Society as stated in the Constitution and each such levy shall be called a "special levy". The amount of each such levy must be approved by a referendum in which a majority of members voting in the referendum approve the fee. The monies collected from each such levy must be devoted to a particular purpose which must be stated clearly in the referendum question approving the levy.
   d. All fees established in accordance with section 8 shall be considered conditions of membership in the Society, and payment of them will be mandatory for all Ordinary and *Emeritus* members.
   e. For the fees and levies permitted in this section 8, the Society may establish a payment structure in which the amount of the fee or levy imposed on a member depends on the his registration status in the University so long as this payment structure is approved in the referendum question approving the overall fee or levy.
   f. The Society may enter into an agreement with the University to permit the University to collect these fees and levies on behalf of the Society and to remit them accordingly to the Society.

9. Auditor:
   a. This section applies only where the Society is required or has resolved to have an auditor.

b. The first auditor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee who shall also fill all vacancies in the office of auditor.
c. At each annual general meeting the Society shall appoint an auditor to hold office until she is re-elected or her successor is elected at the next annual general meeting.
d. An auditor may be removed by ordinary resolution.
e. An auditor shall be promptly informed in writing of her appointment or removal.
f. No Council Member, Executive, Officer or employee of the Society shall be the auditor.
g. No person who is a partner, employer, employee, or immediate family member of any person described in subsection (f.) shall be the auditor.
h. Notwithstanding any other provision in these By-laws, the auditor may attend general meetings of the Society, but may not vote unless they have the right to vote by virtue of membership in the Society.

By-law X – Regulations and Amendments

1. Amendments to the Society's Constitution may be made only by special resolution or by such other methods as allowed by the Society Act.

2. Amendments to the Society's By-laws may be made by:
   a. special resolution, or
   b. such other methods as allowed by the Society Act.

3. Regulations:
   a. The Society may establish, alter, amend, or repeal such regulations as it sees fit in order to provide for the necessary and useful administration of the Society.
   b. Such regulations may only be established, altered, amended, or repealed by a vote of not less than 3/4 majority of a meeting of Council.
   c. No such regulation shall be established, altered, amended, or repealed if the effect of that action shall cause a consequence where that regulation, either in itself or in combination with some other regulation or regulations, shall conflict with the By-laws or Constitution of the Society.

4. Special rules of order:
   a. Council, the Executive Committee, general meetings of the Society, and any other body of the Society created through these By-laws or created from time to time by those bodies may, by vote of a 2/3 majority of that body or meeting, adopt for itself a special rule of order that shall take precedence over the rules of order normally used by the Society but only so long as that special rule of order:
      i. governs the procedure used to run a meeting of that body or the general meeting which adopted it;
      ii. does not change the necessary quorum, notice, or majority for any matter as given in these By-laws;
      iii. does not infringe upon the rights of members as given in these By-laws or by regulation; and
      iv. does not otherwise conflict with these By-laws.
   b. Any body or meeting which adopts a special rule of order according to subsection (a.) may alter, amend, or repeal that rule by a vote of a 2/3 majority of that body or meeting.

By-law XI – Elections and Referenda

1. The Society shall maintain an Electoral Committee (referred to in this By-law as "the Committee") which shall be composed of three members of the Society who shall be referred to as Electoral Officers. Two members of the Committee shall be members who are neither Executives, Officers, nor regular members of Council, and the remaining member of the Committee shall not be an Officer. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by Council, which shall further designate one member of the Committee who is neither an Executive nor a regular member of Council to serve as the Chief Electoral Officer.

2. The Committee shall oversee all elections, by-elections, referenda, plebiscites, and recall votes (referred to collectively in this By-law as "electoral undertakings") as well as other such undertakings of the Society which shall involve determining the democratic intent of the membership as expressed by them individually but which shall not include general meetings of the Society, and shall do so in full accordance with the Society's By-laws and regulations.

3. Members of the Electoral Committee shall receive a stipend for their services in overseeing undertakings. Council shall determine by way of regulation the amount of such stipends and the manner in which they are paid, but the amount of these stipends shall not exceed $300 per month, except that Council may determine that the Chief Electoral Officer be paid a greater amount than the other Electoral Officers, but in no case shall the amount paid to the Chief Electoral Officer exceed $750 per month.

4. Except where given in these By-laws, the Executive Committee shall have the power to actively engage the Committee in overseeing an undertaking as described in section 2.

5. No member of the Committee shall be a candidate for any position being elected in any electoral undertaking being overseen by the Committee nor shall they be involved directly or indirectly in organizing in any campaign for any candidate for election, or for any referenda, plebiscite, or other electoral undertaking being overseen by the Committee.

6. Quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be a majority of the seats filled.

7. Electoral undertakings:
   a. No electoral undertaking of the Society shall proceed until approved by the Committee.
   b. In the event that the Committee shall be required to oversee some other undertaking within its mandate as defined in this By-law which is not an electoral undertaking and the Committee is unable to meet with a quorum and the necessary completion of the event is timely then the Chief Electoral Officer shall proceed with dealing with the undertaking as she feels is appropriate.
   c. No action taken by the Chief Electoral Officer under subsection (b.) shall be deemed invalid by the Committee for the sole reason that it was taken by the Chief Electoral Officer without the approval of the Committee.

8. Delegation to a Caucus of the administration of a Council member election:
   a. The Committee may delegate the administration of the election for any Council seat provided under section 3 of the *Graduate Council* By-law to the Caucus representing

those members of the Society who are eligible to elect that member of Council if the Committee is satisfied that:
   i. the Caucus has formally established an acceptable method of electing Council members, and
   ii. that the Caucus can successfully oversee the election.
b. The Committee may not delegate the administration of the election of any Council member to a Caucus under subsection 9(a.) unless the method established by the Caucus:
   i. has been accepted by a vote of the members of the Caucus;
   ii. has been submitted in writing to the Committee prior to the commencement of the election;
   iii. provides for notice to be given to all members eligible to elect the Council member at least one (1) week before the opening of nominations such that the notice indicates the nomination procedure and period, and the time and place of polling;
   iv. provides for a nomination period of at least one (1) week;
   v. establishes rules governing the method of voting, and
   vi. includes a provision that voting shall be conducted by secret ballot.
c. If the Committee chooses to delegate the election of a Council member according to the manner prescribed in this section, then notwithstanding any other provision in these By-laws, the Caucus shall be bound to carry out the election according to the method approved by the Committee and not according to any other method.
d. Notwithstanding subsection (a.), the Committee retains all rights and powers granted to it by this By-law, including but not limited to the power to invalidate the election of a Council member in the event that the Committee has reasonable grounds to believe that there have been significant irregularities in the electoral process as administered by a Caucus.

9. The method of selecting members to those Council seats provided under section 5 of the *Graduate Council* By-law shall be exempt from all provisions of this By-law.

10. Notwithstanding any other provision in these By-laws, the following rules shall govern the election of Executives:
   a. Sufficient notice of election shall consist of written notice sent by the Committee to all Council members at least three (3) weeks prior to the election, such that these notices contain:
      i. the date or dates and the locations of polling as applicable,
      ii. the positions for which nominations are being opened,
      iii. the dates of the opening and closing of nominations,
      iv. the eligibility requirements for candidates for the positions open, and
      v. the process for submitting nominations.
   b. There shall be a nomination period of at least two weeks duration and ending no later than one week prior to the election. Any member of Council may nominate herself and may also nominate other members of Council.
   c. If at the close of the nomination period there are no more candidates than positions being elected in that election, then those candidates have been duly elected to those positions by way of acclamation and the Committee must declare them so elected.
   d. Within two days of the close of the nomination period, the Committee shall give notice to all Council members of the names of all nominated candidates.

e. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot. Each Council member shall be entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of positions that are being elected, but shall not cast more than one vote for any individual candidate
f. Notwithstanding subsections (a.) – (e.), the Committee retains all rights and powers granted to it by this By-law.

11. Notice of electoral undertakings:
    a. No electoral undertaking of the Society shall occur except upon the giving of sufficient notice
    b. Except where these By-laws state otherwise, sufficient notice for the commencement of any electoral undertaking shall consist of the following:
        i. At least ten (10) printed notices at least 8-1/2" by 14" in size posted at the University's Burnaby Mountain campus and at least five (5) notices posted at each of the other campuses provided that if the Society has permanent physical space at any University campus, then one (1) of the notices designated for that campus shall be placed in a prominent place in the Society's physical space at that campus,
        ii. written notices distributed to all Caucuses, and
        iii. an advertisement in at least one student newspaper or other such printed periodical publication that is available free of charge to all members of the Society and that is made available at all of the University's campuses,
    c. such that these notices contain the following information:
        i. the date or dates and the locations of polling or other like activities;
        ii. the location where more information on the undertaking can be obtained; and
        iii. if the undertaking is an election:
            (1) the positions for which nominations are being opened,
            (2) the dates of the opening and closing of nominations,
            (3) the eligibility requirements for candidates for the positions open, and
            (4) the process for submitting nominations.

12. Nominations:
    a. Except where these By-laws state otherwise, for an election there shall be a nomination period of at least two weeks duration that shall not commence until sufficient notice as described in this By-law has been served.
    b. Any member nominated as a candidate for a position as an Officer of the Society must be nominated by at least fifteen (15) members of the Society.
    c. The Committee may mandate the manner in which members must prove that they are eligible to nominate a candidate, but shall not mandate that members provide more information than their name, student number, program of registration, and signature.

13. For any election, if at the close of the nomination period there is exactly one properly nominated candidate for any position being elected in that election, then that candidate has been duly elected to that position by way of acclamation and the Committee must declare them so elected.

14. Except where these By-laws state otherwise, for an election, within two (2) working days of the end of the nomination period, the Committee shall cause to be posted or published as follows:
    a. At least ten (10) printed notices at least 8-1/2" by 14" in size posted at the University's Burnaby Mountain campus and at least five (5) notices posted at each of the other

campuses such that if the Society has permanent physical space at any University campus, then one (1) of the notices designated for that campus shall be placed in a prominent place in the Society's physical space at that campus,

b. written notices distributed to all Caucuses, and
c. an advertisement in at least one student newspaper or other such printed periodical publication that is available free of charge to all members of the Society and is made available at all of the University's campuses,
d. such that these notices contain the following information:
   i. the date or dates and the location of polling or other like activities,
   ii. for each position being elected, a list of the candidates for that position given alphabetically according to surname, and
   iii. the location where more information on the election can be obtained.

15. Except where these By-laws state otherwise, for an electoral undertaking, there shall be a campaign period beginning not less than two weeks before the start of voting in that undertaking and, if the undertaking is an election, not ending less than two weeks after the end of the nominations for that election.

16. The Committee shall not permit to be posted, published, or distributed any campaign literature or paraphernalia or advertising of any medium which is in bad taste, libelous, or inflammatory.

17. Enforcement and oversight:
   a. The Committee is empowered to enforce as it sees fit all By-laws of the Society related to any undertaking it is charged with overseeing and any regulations the Society shall establish from time to time related to any undertaking it is charged with overseeing.
   b. The Committee shall establish such procedures for overseeing any undertaking it is charged with overseeing as it sees fit but such that these procedures shall neither contradict these By-laws nor the Society Act nor such regulations as Council shall see fit to enact from time to time, and the Committee is empowered to enforce these procedures.
   c. The Committee may invalidate the candidacy of any candidate in any electoral undertaking if that candidate breaches the Society's By-laws or any regulations the Society shall establish from time to time regarding electoral undertakings.

18. Polling:
   a. Except where these By-laws state otherwise, the Committee shall ensure that, for any electoral undertaking, there shall be at least two consecutive days of polling that shall occur at each campus of the University during a period when University classes are in session, and that these days of polling shall not occur until after the end of the campaign period specified in section 16 of these By-laws.
   b. The Committee shall ensure that all polling for any electoral undertaking shall be conducted in such safety, security, and privacy as shall reasonably guarantee that each ballot cast is private.
   c. The Committee may, at its discretion, delegate the supervision of polling for any electoral undertaking to a group of students or to such employees, agents, or servants of the Society as it sees fit.
   d. The Committee shall ensure that all ballots cast are stored securely at all times prior to counting.

e. The Committee shall ensure that the ballots cast will not be counted until after the completion of polling and that counting shall be complete within four (4) business days after the completion of polling, except for any ballots which have been received by mail, which shall be counted no later than fourteen (14) business days after the completion of polling.
f. The Committee shall announce the interim results of any election or referendum as soon as reasonably possible after enough ballots have been counted as to declare any candidate elected or referendum questions answered.
g. The Committee shall announce full results of the election or referendum as soon as reasonably possible after all of the ballots which have been properly cast have been counted.
h. The Committee may, at its discretion, allow for electronic voting in any electoral undertaking.

19. Election results:
    a. For any election, the candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected.
    b. For any referendum or plebiscite, the response receiving the most votes shall be declared as the chosen response.
    c. In the event that the difference between the counts of total votes cast for any candidate or any response to a referendum or plebiscite question such that that candidate or response would be elected or declared as the chosen response and the count of the candidate or response with the next highest count is less than 2% of the total number of votes cast for that position or question, the Committee must undertake a recount of the votes cast, and shall not declare that position elected or a response chosen until it is satisfied as to which candidate or response has received more votes.

20. Power to levy fines:
    a. By a decision of the Committee, the Society may levy a fine against any member who violates these election By-laws but in no case shall such a fine exceed $100.
    b. By a decision of the Committee, the Society may levy a fine against any member who violates any regulations Council shall have established or any procedures the Committee shall have established regarding the conduct of any undertakings the Committee is charged with overseeing but in no case shall such a fine exceed $50.
    c. The amount of any fines levied by the Society in accordance with this section shall be determined by the Committee.
    d. The Committee may, at its discretion, determine the disposition of the monies paid to the Society as the result of a fine levied against any member in accordance with subsections (a.) or (b.).

21. If the electoral process as specified in these By-laws, or in regulation, or in procedure established by the Committee should be severely disrupted due to strike, inclement weather, disaster, Act of God, or other such event, the Committee shall determine the manner in which the process shall be completed.

22. Binding of the Society by referenda:
    a. No referendum shall be deemed binding on the Society unless at least 10% of the members of the Society cast ballots in that referendum.
    b. The result of a referendum voted on by less than the number of members given in subsection (a.) shall be of no force or effect on the Society unless Council, after

receiving the results of the referendum, resolves by a 2/3 majority that it shall adopt the result.

c. The result of a referendum voted on by the number of members given in subsection (a.) shall be deemed automatically to be binding upon the Society unless the text of the referendum question voted on:
   i. clearly indicates that the referendum is non-binding on the Society; and
   ii. who or what body or bodies of the Society shall have the final decision of whether the Society shall, in whole or part, undertake the action presented in the referendum question.

23. In addition to any other restrictions on who may vote in an electoral event, each voter must be a member in good standing of the Society.

By-law XII – Startup Provisions

1. Applicability:
   a. The provisions in this By-law shall be in effect for only the period stated in each section.
   b. No provision of this By-law in sections 1-6 of this By-law shall be effective on any date beyond one year following the date of incorporation of the Society, and no provision in section 7 of this By-law shall be effective beyond two years following the date of incorporation of the Society.
   c. This By-law shall be considered to be effectively repealed two years and one day after the date of incorporation of the Society, and from that day forward the Society shall seek its formal repeal at each Annual General Meeting of the Society that shall be held until such time as the By-law is repealed.

2. Initial Council Members:
   a. Notwithstanding any other provision in these By-laws, as of the first day that the Society is incorporated, the following persons who are first directors of the Society shall be regular members of Council occupying the seats provided for on Council by section 3 of By-law V – *Graduate Council*:
      i. Ursula Maria Arndt, for the Department of Archaeology;
      ii. Carroll Anne Boydell, for the Department of Psychology;
      iii. Bruno Guindon, for the Department of Philosophy;
      iv. Shirin Karimifar, for the School of Engineering Science;
      v. Karilyn Laurenne Kempton, for the Department of English;
      vi. David Jonathan Kent, for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology;
      vii. Roland Joseph Michael Norman Letourneau, for the School of Computing Science;
      viii. Keli Liang, for the Faculty of Education;
      ix. Kathryn McKay, for the Department of History;
      x. Rebecca Janine Scott, for the School of Communications;
      xi. Andreas Steimel, for the Department of Biological Sciences;
      xii. Kyle Shane Vincent, for the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science;
   b. The Council members appointed under this section shall hold their seat as if they had been elected according to the procedure given in these By-laws, and the term of office for each of these Council members shall begin on the first day of incorporation of the Society.
   c. Nothing in this section shall otherwise prevent the application of the provisions of these By-laws on the membership of Council.

3. Initial Executives:
   a. Notwithstanding any other provision in these By-laws, as of the first day that the Society is incorporated, the following persons who are first directors of the Society shall be Executives and shall each be a member of Council:
      i. Joel Emerson Blok
      ii. Bryan Andrew Jones
      iii. Karilyn Laurenne Kempton
      iv. Clea Margaret Moray
      v. Douglas Edward Ross
   b. The Executives appointed under this section shall hold their seats on Council and the Executive Committee until December 31, 2007.

c. Nothing in this section shall otherwise prevent the application of the provisions of these By-laws on the membership of the Executive Committee.

4. There shall be no Officers appointed upon Incorporation of the Society, but the Executive Committee may at its discretion call a by-election to fill any or all vacant Officer positions for a term ending on April 30, 2008.

5. Notwithstanding any other provisions in these By-laws, for the period commencing on the first day that the Society is incorporated and ending on the first day of the term of an Officer elected, by-elected, or appointed by any means contemplated by these By-laws, the quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be three members.

6. Notwithstanding any other provisions in these By-laws, for the period commencing on the first day that the Society is incorporated and ending one year following that date, a Caucus whose membership constituted a Graduate Caucus of the SFSS that was active on April 30, 2007 may elect Council representatives in accordance with the procedure it normally used to appoint a representative to the Graduate Issues Committee of the SFSS except that the Caucus and the Society must ensure that:
   a. notice of the election is given to all members eligible to elect the representative at least one (1) week before the opening of nominations;
   b. a nomination period of at least one (1) week is provided; and
   c. the time and place of voting is clearly communicated to the members in the notice of the election.

7. Fees for SFSS services:
   a. Notwithstanding any other provisions in these By-laws, for the period commencing on first day that the Society is incorporated and ending two years following that date, the Society may enter into such agreements with the SFSS as the Council shall approve at its discretion with respect to levies paid to those organizations which were not part of the SFSS but which were funded by levies administered on behalf of those organizations by the SFSS.
   b. Such agreements must agree only to maintain that any member of the Society shall regularly pay a levy that is no more than that which was paid by members of the SFSS as of May 1, 2007.
   c. No agreement made under this section shall continue past two years after the date of incorporation of the Society unless that agreement has been approved in a manner subject to section 4 of By-law VIII – *Affiliation* or section 7 of By-law IX – *Finances*, whichever is applicable to the nature of the organization.

This is Exhibit "PP" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 29th day of May, 2008.

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WELCOME TO THE SFU GSS WEBSITE

RECENT NEWS

- **The GSS has a logo!** The new logo was designed by Kevin Muise, and is displayed on the right.
- **New funding cuts to SFU cause concern:** Read the Vancouver Sun article. Note that SFU will take a decrease of over $6 million, not $4 million as stated in the article. A statement to the SFU community from President Michael Stevenson is posted on the wall of the SFU Teaching Cuts Facebook group
- **Benefit Plan Referendum passes:** The referendum to increase fees in order to aincrease dental coverage has passed.
- **Officers to start May 1** On May 1, Officers will begin their term with the GSS. President: Clea Moray (Biology). Secretary: Kyall Glennie (Poli Sci). Treasurer: Kathy McKay (History).
- **New! Frequently asked questions page:** Questions about what will change when grads leave the SFSS in May? Check out our new FAQ page.
- **SFU student parents discussion group:** We've started a Goggle group for online discussion about childcare issues faced by SFU students. An estimate 18% of SFU grad students have children, and many are without adequate childcare options. Get help and advice from other parents, and discuss ways to address the issue of childcare accessibility for student parents at SFU. Join the group here.
- **SFU grad student Facebook group:** If you're on Facebook, you can join the new Facebook group for SFU grad students. Find grads with common interests, ask your fellow grads for advice, find a grad student roommate, or check for news and upcoming events.

This is Exhibit "QQ" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 28th day of May, 2008.

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Data

independent electoral commission

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

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Data

The SFSS was founded in 1967, and as such has seen over 40 elections.

Here's some official data on a couple of the most recent ones. See also, **this chart**, which shows SFSS presidents from 1983-2007.

OFFICIAL ELECTION DATA ONLINE AT PRESENT

- *2007 U-Pass referendum*
- *2007 general election*
- *2006 by-election*
- *2006 general election*
- *2005 general election*

2007 U-pass referendum

Background: In accordance with a contractual obligation between the SFSS, SFU, and TransLink, a vote was held in November of 2007 to determine the future of the U-Pass transit pass program. Originally established in 2002, the program had to be periodically renewed by a vote of approval by students. The last such vote occurred in 2005, and passed successfully.

Technically, this referendum asked students whether or not they approved of an increase to the monthly U-Pass fee. However, in practical terms, the fee increase was one of TransLink's preconditions for continuing the program, meaning that a "no" vote was essentially a vote to discontinue the U-Pass, or at the very least put the future of the pass into serious doubt.

Main facts

Dates	**November 6, 7**
Voters	5,580 *(appx. 23.6% of the student population)*

There were four referendum questions on the 2007 general election ballot.

QUESTION ONE- Creation of an independent graduate student union

Do you agree that a separate and independent graduate student society should be created to represent the interests of the graduate students of SFU?

Yes	*No*
985	212
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INVALID- 8	
SPOILED- 2	

QUESTION TWO- Graduate separation from the SFSS

If the graduate student society is created, do you agree that graduate students should no longer be represented by the SFSS?

Yes	*No*
763	404
BLANK- 131	
INVALID- 9	
SPOILED- 2	

QUESTION THREE- Graduate separation from the SFSS

If the graduate student society is created, do you agree that the unrestricted fee graduate students pay the SFSS should instead be remitted to the graduate student society once incorporated?

Note: in accordance with the constitution this question was only voted on by graduate students as it it involved graduate student fees.

Yes	*No*
315	8
BLANK- 6	
INVALID- 0	
SPOILED- 1	

QUESTION FOUR- Separation from the Canadian Federation of Students

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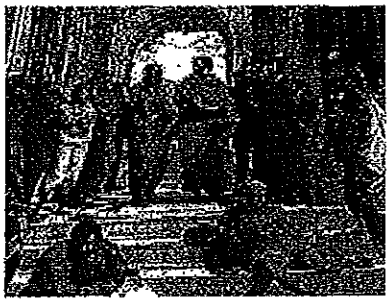

The Grad Council is the main decision-making body of the GSS. Council normally meets once a month.

May, 2008 (agenda)

April 14, 2008 (draft)

March 17, 2008

February 18, 2008

January 21, 2008

November 26, 2007

October 29, 2007

September 28, 2007

August 24, 2007

July 27, 2007

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Memorandum
October 31, 2007,

From: Daniel Haas, Chief Electoral Officer, Electoral Committee ("the Committee")
To: Ursula Arndt, Chair, Executive Committee
Michael Letourneau, Chair, Graduate Council

Re: Results of fees referendum

On October 4, pursuant to s.4 of By-law XI – *Elections and Referenda* ("the By-Law"), the Executive Committee called "a referendum of the Graduate Student Society to poll as soon as reasonably possible to approve membership fees for the Society." On October 11, the Executive Committee submitted nine questions and accompanying preamble text to the Committee. The full text of the preamble and questions are appended to this memo.

Notice of the referendum was given by Monday, October 15 in accordance with s.11 of the By-Law. Campaigning was permitted from October 15 to October 28 in accordance with s.15 of the By-Law. Internet-based polling was open from 9:00 AM on October 29 to 6:00 PM on October 30, in accordance with s.18 of the By-Law.

At 6:30 PM on October 30, the Committee met in open session to download and review the results of the referendum. The votes cast on each question were tallied and the results are as follows:

Question		**Votes**				**Results**	
#	Topic ("SMF" = "special membership fee")	Cast	For	Against	Abstain	% in favor	Declaration
1	General membership fee	590	511	79	5	86.6	For
2	Benefit Plan Levy	591	507	84	4	85.8	For
3	Transit Pass Levy	590	526	64	5	89.2	For
4	Capital Levy	585	406	179	10	69.4	For
5	SMF, Peak Publication Society	584	370	214	11	63.4	For
6	SMF, Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group	586	418	168	9	71.3	For
7	SMF, Simon Fraser Campus Radio Society	584	405	179	11	69.3	For
8	SMF, World University Service of Canada	590	508	82	5	86.1	For
9	SMF, SFU First Nations Student Association	591	456	135	4	77.2	For

According to the information provided to the Committee by the University, there were 4184 members of the Society eligible to vote in the referendum. With respect to s.22 of the By-Law, each question was voted on by more than 10% of the members of the Society.

Appendix – preamble and question text

Preamble

In all of these questions, a 'part-time student' shall be any graduate student who is only taking designated 'off-campus' courses only, any student who registered is in a per-credit graduate program and taking 3 or fewer course units, or any student who is registered in a per-credit graduate program and is registered only in Summer session courses or only in Intersession courses.

In all of these questions, a 'full-time student' is any graduate student who is not a 'part-time' student as defined above.

Question 1 – General Membership Fee

Do you agree that in each semester, the Society should collect a general membership fee in the amount of $33.00 per full-time student and $16.50 per part-time student?

Question 2 – Benefit Plan Levy

Do you agree that the Society should collect a special levy not to exceed $300 per year from each full-time student and part-time student for the purpose of providing an extended health and dental benefit plan for graduate students?

Question 3 – Transit Pass Levy

Do you agree that in each semester the Society should collect a special levy from each full-time and part-time student not to exceed $105.40 per semester to implement a universal transit pass (U-Pass) for each graduate student enrolled at SFU?

Question 4 – Capital Levy

Do you agree that in each semester the Society should collect a special levy in the amount of $15.00 per full-time student per semester and $7.50 per part-time student per semester for the purposes of maintaining a fund for construction and maintenance expenditures on the Society's premises, and for future investment in and planning and development of such premises?

Question 5 – Special Membership Fee, Peak Publication Society
Do you agree that in each semester the Society should collect a special membership fee in the amount of $4.90 per full-time student and $2.45 per part-time student to be remitted to the Peak Publication Society (PPS) as the Subscription Fee established in the by-laws of the PPS? The purpose of this fee is to fund the production of The Peak campus newspaper. This money is refundable from The Peak upon request in which case the student's membership in the PPS ceases.

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Question 6 – Special Membership Fee, Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group

Do you agree that in each semester the Society should collect a special membership fee in the amount of $3.00 per full-time student and $1.50 per part-time student to be remitted to the Simon Fraser Public Research Interest Group (SFPIRG) for the purposes of conferring upon that student membership in SFPIRG? This membership fee will be used by SFPIRG to pursue research in matters of public interest. This money is refundable from SFPIRG upon request in which case the student's membership in SFPIRG ceases.

Question 7 – Special Membership Fee, Simon Fraser Campus Radio Society

Do you agree that in each semester the Society should collect a special membership fee in the amount $3.00 per full-time student and $1.50 per part-time student to be remitted to the Simon Fraser Campus Radio Society (SFCRS) for the purpose of funding the operations of SFCRS and the campus radio station CJSF? This money is refundable from CJSF upon request.

Question 8 – Special Membership Fee, World University Service of Canada

Do you agree that in each semester the Society should collect a special membership fee in the amount $1.00 per full-time student and $0.50 per part-time student to be remitted to the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Student Refugee Program for the purpose of sponsoring student refugees to continue their education in Canada?

Question 9 – Special Membership Fee, SFU First Nations Student Association

Do you agree that in each semester the Society should collect a special membership fee in the amount of $0.75 per full-time student and $0.38 per part-time student to be remitted to the SFU First Nations Student Association for the purposes of community-building, cultural awareness, and support services?"

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee met on February 27th and March 12th 2008.
Taxes for the Fiscal year 2006/2007 were prepared by Margaret Newton and Company and filed on February 26th 2008.
The Executive Committee will engage a bookkeeper (Kurt Belliveau) to set up the financial section, especially for the Benefit Plan office.
$10 000 was transferred as part of the Benefit Plan reserve Fund from the SFSS account to the GSS. A separate account was opened on February 6th.
V. Duquette, G.Lyons and C.Boydell will have signing authority until April 30th.
Translink agreement, space lease and ombuds office agreement were negotiated and sent to the society's lawyer.
The new Executive Committee Members signed at Scotiabank on February 27th for the signing authorities granted to them January 2008.

Actions taken

A Scotiabank Account for the purpose of the Benefit Plan Reserve Fund was opened.
V. Duquette, G.Lyons and C.Boydell will have signing authority until April 30th.

Upcoming Issues

Finalising the re-Interpretation for the Collective Agreement .
Filing the Successorship Form
Registration with WorkSafe BC
Applying for insurance
The Lease Agreement will be recommended to Council for the April Meeting.

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Item

MOVED that Council adopt the result of the March 10-12, 2008 referendum pursuant to s.22 of By-law XI – *Elections and Referenda*.

Report on the March 10-12, 2008 referendum

Memorandum

March 13, 2008

From: Karen Kelly, Chief Electoral Officer, Electoral Committee ("the Committee")
To: Ursula Arndt, Chair, Executive Committee

Re: Results of health plan referendum

On February 4, pursuant to s.4 of By-law XI – *Elections and Referenda* ("the By-Law"), the Executive Committee called on the Electoral Committee to "undertake a referendum." On February 4, the Executive submitted the referendum question to the Committee. The full text of the question is appended to this memo.

Notice of the referendum was given by Monday, February 11 in accordance with s.11 of the By-Law. Campaigning was permitted from February 25 to March 9 in accordance with s.15 of the By-Law. Internet-based polling was open from 9:00 AM on March 10 to 6:00 PM on March 12, in accordance with s.18 of the By-Law.

At 6:30 PM on March 12, the Committee met to download and review the results of the referendum. The votes cast were tallied and the results are as follows:

Votes				**Results**	
Cast	For	Against	Spoiled	% in favour	Declaration
342	251	83	8	73.4	For

According to the information provided to the Committee by the University, there were 4064 members of the Society eligible to vote in the referendum. With respect to s.22 of the By-Law, the question was voted on by less than 10% of the members of the Society, meaning that the results are non-binding. The results will have force or effect on the Society only if the Council resolves by a 2/3 majority to adopt the results.

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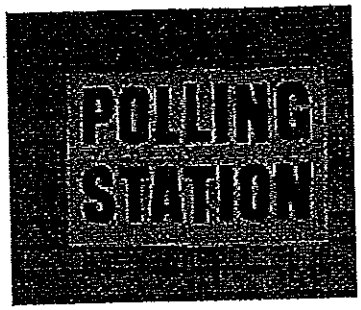

Previous referenda and elections

2008 OFFICER ELECTIONS & REFERENDUM

Elections for the Society's officers are scheduled for March, as is a referendum on fees for the benefit plan. Voting shall be done online. (For full notice information, please see the notice poster.)

ELECTIONS

The following Officers will be elected:

President of the Society:	Presides at GSS meetings, represents GSS to the outside community, oversees GSS operations
Secretary of the Society:	Manages GSS administration, prepares and maintains GSS records, manages GSS/SFU relations
Treasurer of the Society:	Oversees GSS finances (as advised by GSS auditor), manages GSS property, coordinates GSS staff

Each officer is being elected for a one-year term running from May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009.

All current SFU graduate students are eligible to run for these positions.

For more information on the required duties of the Officers, see the GSS's Constitution and By-laws.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations open: Monday, February 11

Nominations close: Sunday, February 24

Any candidate for an Officer position must be nominated by at least 15 current SFU graduate students.

You can download a nomination form, or pick one up in MBC 2220.

Nomination forms may be returned to MBC 2220 -- contact the GSS Electoral Committee if you need to make other arrangements to submit your nomination form.

CANDIDATES & CAMPAIGNING

President of the Society: Clea Moray

Secretary of the Society: Kyall Glennie

Treasurer of the Society: Kathy McKay

If, at the close of nominations, there is only one properly nominated candidate for any position, they will automatically acclaimed to their position. Campaigning for any positions not acclaimed will occur after the

nomination period.

Campaigning starts: Monday, February 25

Campaigning ends: Sunday, March 9

RESULTS

President of the Society: Clea Moray (acclaimed)

Secretary of the Society: Kyall Glennie (acclaimed)

Treasurer of the Society: Kathy McKay (acclaimed)

REFERENDUM

The Society has put the following question to referendum:

Question: Do you agree that the Society should increase the amount of the special levy collected from all graduate students for the purpose of providing an extended health and dental benefit plan for graduate students from at most $300 per year to at most $340 per year in order to increase the level of dental benefits provided under the plan?

If the question fails, the current levy rate of at most $300 per year for all graduate students will remain i effect.

The Society's Benefit Plan Committee has provided more information about the proposed changes here.

ONLINE VOTING

Days of voting: March 10
March 11
March 12

Voting will be done online using the SFU WebSurvey system. More information on how to vote and th hours of voting will be sent out by email to all graduate students via their SFU email address.

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

The Electoral Committee is responsible for overseeing all elections and referenda held by the GSS. Th members of the Committee are:

Chief Electoral Officer: Karen Kelly (Department of Archaeology)

Electoral Officer: Emily Meuser (Department of Biological Sciences)

Electoral Officer: Cheryl Schroeder (Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry)

If you have any questions about the election or referendum, contact the committee at gss-electoral committee@sfu.ca.

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This is Exhibit "SS" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 2nd day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

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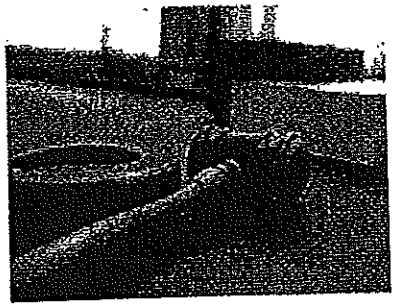

The Executive Committee of the GSS meets biweekly to discuss progess on setting up the Grad Society and delegate tasks to be done. The Executive Committee is also covering the duties of the Officers of the Society until these positions are filled in May 2008.

The Executive committee usually meets every second Wednesday at 10:30 am in the Grad Lounge in the Maggie Benson Centre. Please join us for a meeting if you'd like to help out or just see what we're up to.

2008

March 26, 2008 Exec minutes

March 12, 2008 Exec minutes

February 27, 2008 Exec minutes

February 13, 2008 Exec minutes

February 1, 2008 Exec minutes

January 23, 2008 Exec minutes

January 16, 2008 Exec minutes

January 9, 2008 Exec minutes

2007

December 13, 2007 Exec minutes

December 6, 2007 Exec minutes

November 22, 2007 Exec minutes

November 15, 2007 Exec minutes

November 1, 2007 Exec minutes

October 25, 2007 Exec minutes

October 18, 2007 Exec minutes

October 11, 2007 Exec minutes

October 4, 2007 Exec minutes

September 21, 2007 Exec minutes

September 6, 2007 Exec minutes

August 23, 2007 Exec minutes (Inquorate)

August 16, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

August 9, 2007 Exec minutes

August 2, 2007 GIC-AS met with TSSU executives (no summary available)

July 26, 2007 Exec meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum

July 19, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

July 12, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

July 5, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

June 28, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

June 21, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

June 14, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

June 7, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

May 31, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

May 24, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

May 17, 2007 GIC-AS meeting summary

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The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University
Executive Committee – Minutes
August 9, 2007

Attendance

Present: Karilyn Kempton, Clea Moray, Doug Ross
Absent: Joel Blok

Guests present: Ursula Arndt, Mike Letourneau, Marcus Liang

Minutes

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM.

2. Appointment of the Chair

MOVED to appoint Clea Moray as chair of the meeting.

(Moved: Kempton / Seconded: Ross)

CARRIED

3. Appointment of the secretary

MOVED to appoint Mike Letourneau as secretary of the meeting.

(Moved: Kempton / Seconded: Ross)

CARRIED

4. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

MOVED to excuse the absence of Joel Blok.

(Moved: Ross / Seconded: Kempton)

CARRIED

5. Declaration of quorum

The Chair declared a quorum was present.

6. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

7. Discussion round

Karilyn is working on a submission about the GSS for the TSSU newsletter

Marcus has been busy with SFSS duties, but attended the Caucus funding meeting.

Mike's been busy with Elections, Caucus Funding and other related things

Clea's been busy coordinating things, preparing the survey, and covering Joel's duties in his absence.

Clea gave an update on the status of various people: Bryan Jones has resigned, Bruno Guindon is away, Hattie Aitken is on vacation. Clea also updated those who missed the July Council meeting on what happened.

8. New Business

a. Acting chair

MOVED that Clea Moray be appointed the chair of the Executive Committee in the absence of a President of the Society

(Moved: Kempton / Seconded: Ross)

CARRIED

b. Bank account contract
c. Signing officers

The issue of opening the bank account was discussed. Mike reminded everyone that the bank asked for all the signing officers to go at once, if possible, and to bring all the necessary and relevant paper with them. Mike also recommended delaying opening the bank account until the start of the new fiscal year (September 1) to make the audit for the first fiscal year go smoother.

The general consensus was that since Karilyn is resigning on August 15, and since Joel will be returning shortly thereafter, they would wait until Joel is back to visit the bank to open the account. This would be done before the Council meeting.

Doug was asked to let Sylvana Facchin at RBS know we need to get our money that they were holding in trust.

Doug mentioned Sylvana wanted certain documents, some of which were originals. Mike suspected they were official documents for the Society's record book, which she was talking about maintaining. Doug agreed to find out what documents she wants and to clarify that

issue relative to ending the Society's relationship with her and her firm. Doug also stated that Sylvana was waiting for notice that we're incorporated before she would issue a bill.

d. AMS Working Together conference

Clea received a phone call from Matt Naylor at the UBC Alma Mater Society. The AMS is organizing a conference called "Working Together" for Lower Mainland schools (universities, and at least some colleges). The main purpose of the conference appears to be a preliminary discussion session for a larger project.

Doug mentioned that Beev (Bhuvinder Vaid) had been talking about this, or something like it.

Clea stated that the SFSS and GSS had been contacted separately in regard to attending, and that it appeared that the SFSS did not intend to go.

Mike asked if there was an agenda for the conference. Clea said she was not sure.

Doug stated that the GSS had too much of its own work on getting fully established to deal with, and so shouldn't attend. General discussion on this point followed, and the consensus was reached that the GSS would not attend.

e. Message for inactive caucuses – TSSU reps

Clea indicated that at last week's GIC-AS meeting, the TSSU attended and discussed how they could assist us in our needs – they had passed a motion at a recent General Meeting to officially support the establishment of the GSS, and so now could commit time and resources to helping us. One of the main points they had made was that they had stewards active in some departments which did not have active caucuses. Clea asked if someone could draft a message to the TSSU stewards to inform them of our desire to help get people involved in the GSS.

Karilyn volunteered to draft a message to go out to the TSSU stewards.

f. Lawyer

At the July Council meeting, Council instructed the Committee to investigate terminating the Society's relationship with Richards Buell Sutton LLP (RBS) and obtaining new legal counsel. The Committee needs to report back on this at the August Council meeting.

Doug said that Sylvana Facchin was aware that we'd be considering changing lawyers after the incorporation was complete.

Ursula asked if RBS could recommend another firm to us.

Mike said that RBS probably doesn't want us, as we're not a high-profit client, so they'd probably be able to recommend someone more to our needs.

Doug said he could ask RBS for recommendations.

Clea mentioned that Beev had done research previously on the issue of lawyers prior to decided to go through RBS. Doug said that Beev's research would be a good starting point.

Clea asked for suggestions on how to go about meeting with new lawyers. Mike suggested 3 people go. Marcus suggested 2 or 3.

Doug said that we should make a list of necessary services we'd require of the lawyer. Clea said she would forward on to Doug the previous list prepared by Beev. Doug would then review and amend that list, and forward it on for review. Clea would contact Beev for the list of other firms considered, and would attempt to make appointments for her, Doug, and Mike to meet with them.

Doug asked if we should put it to RBS now that we want to terminate our relationship with them, or to wait until we've arranged for their bill on the incorporation. The general consensus was to wait until we have the bill.

g. Order-in-Council

Clea explained that Council voted to proceed with obtaining and Order-in-Council, and reminded everyone of what the significance of that was. Clea also stated that the Ministry of Advanced Education gave us information and a contact person to talk to on the subject in their letter giving consent to the use of the word "University" in the Society's name. Clea asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to take this on.

Ursula asked if there was a specific form or process to follow to do this.

Clea said that there wasn't, and that the easiest thing to do would be to contact the person mentioned in the letter.

Ursula agreed to pursue the issue of the Order-in-Counsel. Marcus and Mike agreed to help Ursula as needed.

h. Space

Clea said that after many requests, the SFSS treasurer put in the work order requesting a quote on putting up a wall to partition the existing SFSS Board of Directors office into two spaces, with the smaller part going to the GSS.

The committee agreed to wait to hear back from the SFSS on the matter.

i. Approval of expenditures

Whereas By-law IX – Finances (s. 4ai) authorizes the Executive Committee to approve expenditures outside of the budget provided that spending on any single item, whether approved as a single expenditure or as multiple expenditures, is no more than $5,000 and does not relate directly to the purchase or other acquisition of real property or an interest in real property,

MOVED that the Society reimburse Michael Letourneau $100 for the incorporation fee he paid on behalf of the Society to the Minister of Finance to incorporate the Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University.

FURTHER MOVED that the Society reimburse Michael Letourneau $114.48 for purchasing on behalf of the Society a copy of the book Wainberg's Society Meetings including Rules of Order to be used in chairing meetings of the Society.

FURTHER MOVED that the Society reimburse Clea Moray $26.96 for photocopying council meeting agenda packages for the July Council meeting on behalf of the Society.

(Moved: Ross / Seconded: Kempton)

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.

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Clea Moray, Chair Michael Letourneau, Secretary

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Date Approved

Attendance

Present: Ursula Ardnt, Carroll Boydell, Clea Moray

Absent: Doug Ross

Guests present: Dan Haas (Chief Electoral Officer), Mike Letourneau (Chair, Graduate Council)

Minutes

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Moray at 11:16 PM in the Graduate Boardroom (MBC 2212, Burnaby Mountain Campus, SFU).

2. Appointment of the secretary

MOVED to appoint Mike Letourneau as secretary of the meeting
(Arndt/Boydell)

CARRIED

3. Attendance

Moray took attendance and declared that a quorum was present.

MOVED to grant an excuse for the absence of Doug Ross, who had TA duties and could not attend the meeting.
(Boydell/Arndt)

CARRIED

Moray announced that Joel Blok had resigned from all positions he held within the Society.

4. Verification of minutes

MOVED to verify the minutes of the August 9 and September 6 meetings of the Committee as circulated.
(Boydell/Arndt)

Arndt asked if it was OK for her to have moved the motion regarding her appointment as a signing officer at the September 6 meeting. Moray and Letourneau stated that it was appropriate, since there were only three persons in the meeting and Moray, as the Chair, could

not move motions, and that Moray would not have allowed the motion to go forward if there were a substantial conflict or problem with Arndt's voting on it.

CARRIED

5. Report round

Boydell stated that she had been working with the Caucus Funding Committee, receiving feedback from various caucuses as well as from the SFSS Student Union Organiser.

Arndt stated she had been preparing a Google Calendar for coordinating the activities and deadlines of the Society. She stated she had shared the calendar with Boydell, Letourneau, Moray, and Ross. Letourneau asked if she could share the calendar with Dan Haas in his role as Chief Electoral Officer. She said that she would do this.

Moray stated that she and representatives from the SFSS had met with officials from Translink to discuss the U-Pass program and how the Society would enter it. She stated that Translink was aware of the GSS's separation from the SFSS, and discussed the fee increase that is pending. Translink presented two options to have the GSS enter the program: as an addendum to the existing SFSS agreement, or under a separate agreement. It appears that being added as an addendum is the clear way to go. Translink would investigate the necessary contract language for the Society to consider. She also stated that she had been working on SFSS AGM preparations, had been doing speaking to caucuses, and had talked to the University's Facilities Management department earlier that day regarding subdividing existing SFSS space to create the general office for the Society – a quote on that renovation should be forthcoming within 2 weeks. She had also been meeting with the Society Relations Committee, and had closed the grad student survey, which had 571 responses. She had set up a Google Document for the report from this Executive Committee meeting and had shared it with the Committee, as well as Letourneau, for general collaboration and editing.

Letourneau had been working on preparing the next meeting of Council. He had also been working on logistical organization for the SFSS AGM and had been speaking to caucuses as well. He had also been working on a new system to be used as a temporary website & email list hosting computer for the Society's website.

Haas stated that had had done nothing particular for the Society recently, but did not object to anything that anyone else had done.

6. Fees referendum

Moray led a discussion on the impending fees referendum in consultation with Haas and Letourneau as the Electoral Committee. The importance of having a result by the end of October so that it could be presented to the University was discussed. Particular schedules for the giving of notice and determining the wording of the questions were considered. It was generally determined that the Electoral Committee will be engaged for the referendum on October 4.

7. Election of executive committee member

Moray reminded the meeting that Joel Blok had resigned, and that it would be good to elect a replacement for him.

A discussion of the dates and timeline for such an election ensued.

MOVED to engage the Electoral Committee to run an election for a replacement for Joel Blok on the Executive Committee for a term ending December 31, 2007.
(Arndt/Boydell)

CARRIED

(Haas left the meeting.)

8. AVED

Arndt has not yet heard back from the Ministry of Advanced Education regarding the Order-in-Council to create regulation to recognize the Society.

Letourneau suggested contacting them if nothing was heard by the end of the month. It was agreed that this would be done.

At 12:35 PM, a recess was declared, with the meeting to reconvene in the same place at 12:50 PM.
At 12:50 PM, the meeting reconvened in the same place.

9. Bank account

The members of the Committee will go to the bank either later today or some time next week in order to set up the bank account.

10. Lawyer search

Letourneau reported that he had finally received some recommendations for lawyers. He would conduct telephone interviews with the first for certain this afternoon, and with the second if he could reach him on the phone today. The second lawyer was starting three weeks vacation on Monday, and so if he couldn't get in touch with him today, he likely wouldn't follow up further with him.

MOVED that the Committee accept the recommendation on the choice of lawyer for the Society of Moray, Ross, and Letourneau to be given next week and to recommend the same to Council on September 29.
(Arndt/Boydell)

CARRIED

11. SFSS AGM

A general discussion of the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the SFSS occurred, touching on the issues of the importance of getting people, especially grads, to come to the meeting to amend the SFSS by-laws to remove grads from its membership, and of the importance of getting volunteers for the day of the meeting and the week before.

Boydell stated that she would be able to volunteer but only on the day of the meeting.

Letourneau stated that the issue should be brought up at the upcoming Council meeting.

12. Report to Council

A discussion was held on various points reported, and the general content of the report was agreed to.

MOVED to approve the content of the report as discussed.
(Arndt/Boydell)

CARRIED

13. Chair of the Executive Committee

MOVED to appoint Ursula Arndt the chair of the Executive Committee in the absence of the President of the Society.
(Boydell/Arndt)

Moray spoke in favour of Ardnt becoming the Chair, as her workload no longer allowed her to effectively carry out the duties of the Chair.

CARRIED (Arndt abstained)

14. Chair of Council

MOVED to that the Committee recommend that Council appoint Michael Letourneau as its Chair for the Fall semester and that, in the absence of a President of the Society, he call the first meeting of the Spring semester.
(Arndt/Boydell)

CARRIED

15. Committee formation

A discussion was held on the plan to create committees of Council that will parallel the working groups of the SFSS Graduate Issues Committee so that members of the committees and the

working groups may be one and the same, thus allowing for the issues currently considered by the Committee to be picked up by the Society via these new committees.

MOVED to recommend that Council create a Social Committee, a Health Plan Committee, a Funding Committee, a Grad Bull Committee, and a Childcare Committee as standing committees of Council.
(Arndt/Boydell)

CARRIED

MOVED to conclude the meeting.
(Arndt/Boydell)

The meeting concluded at 1:57 PM.

Minutes approved on:

_____
Date

_____
Clea Moray, Chair

_____
Michael Letourneau, Secretary

The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University
Executive Committee – Minutes (draft until approved)
November 1, 2007

Attendance

Present: Ursula Arndt, Carroll Boydell, Clea Moray

Absent: Doug Ross

Guests present: Mike Letourneau, Misiu Boydell (Carroll's dog)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM in MBC 2212.

The chair declared that a quorum was present.

1. Appointment of the Secretary

> **MOVED** to appoint Mike Letourneau as the secretary of the meeting.
> (Boydell/Moray)
>
> **CARRIED**

2. Excuses

> **MOVED** to excuse the absence of Doug Ross.
> (Moray/Boydell)
>
> **CARRIED**

3. Approval of fees letter

> **MOVED** that Ursula Arndt and Michael Letourneau sign the letter of notice of the fees referendum to the University on behalf of the Society pending minor editorial changes.
> (Moray/Boydell)
>
> **CARRIED**

4. Payment of outstanding Electoral Committee stipends

> **MOVED** that the Society pay Dan Haas for his work as CEO the following amounts: $100 for the Executive Committee member by-election in September/October 2007; $150 for the Executive

Committee by-election in August, 2007; and $500 for the referendum in October, 2007; for a total of $750.

Further MOVED that the Society pay Karen Kelly for her work as an EO the following amounts: $50 for the Executive Committee member by-election in September/October 2007; and $300 for the referendum in October, 2007; for a total of $350.
(Moray/Boydell)

CARRIED

The meeting recessed briefly at 11:35 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:40 AM.

5. Benefit plan Committee discussion

Moray discussed the activation of the Committee.

MOVED to go *in camera*.
(Moray/Boydell)

CARRIED

The meeting went *in camera* at 11:42 AM.

The meeting went *ex camera* at 11:53 AM.

6. Rounds

Moray continued current work, and intends to work on bringing the Benefit Plan Committee together, attend the Burnaby Mountain College social, work with the lawyer, work with Anthony Maragna on the logo contest, work with the SFSS on physical space issues and the creation of office space, work on finding Electoral Committee members, discussing issues with Translink, working on regulations related to spending within the budget. Moray also applied for cheques to be produced for the other members of the Committee according to the decision taken in September by the Graduate Issues Committees.

Boydell discussed grant funding issues with Sam Bradd and will coordinate with Mike Letourneau on bookkeeping issues and with Doug Ross on other financial matters.

Arndt followed up on auditor issues, and worked on coordinating the times for the work done by various members of the Committee and Council.

7. Planning

MOVED to engage the Electoral Committee on November 8 to oversee the elections of Executive Committee members for a term beginning January 1, 2008.

Further **MOVED** to recommend that the Electoral Committee open nominations on November 12 and close nominations at the end of the day on November 26.
(Boydell/Moray)

CARRIED

8. Paying for cheques

MOVED to approve the spending of up to $150 on cheques to be purchased from the Society's bank's cheque supplier and that these funds be allocated from the Bank Fees line item.
(Moray/Boydell)

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

The meeting concluded 12:32 PM.

Minutes approved on:

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Date

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Ursula Arndt
Chair

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Michael Letourneau
Secretary

Attendance

Present: Ursula Arndt, Graham Lyons, Liane Fransblow, Carroll Boydell, Valérie Duquette, Liane Fransblow

Guests present: Kathy Brackley, Shirin Karimifar, Karen Kelly, Mike Letourneau, Clea Moray, Cheryl Schroeder, Caroline Soo,

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM in MBC 2212. The chair declared a quorum present and discussed the agenda.

1. Appointment of the secretary

> **MOVED** to appoint Mike Letourneau as secretary for the meeting.
> (Boydell/Duquette)
>
> **CARRIED**

2. Annual general meeting

Based on discussion, Arndt and Letourneau recommended that the AGM be called for 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 21, in room B9200 of the Burnaby Mountain Campus.

> **MOVED** that the Committee call the annual general meeting of the Society for Thursday, February 21 at 4:00 PM.
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> Further **MOVED** that Ursula Arndt shall call the meeting to order.
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> Further **MOVED** that Michael Letourneau and Ursula Arndt shall organize the meeting, select a suitable location, coordinate the agenda, and publicise the meeting.
>
> (Fransblow/Lyons)
>
> **CARRIED**

Arndt and Letourneau discussed the process of appointing the auditor and setting the pay for the auditor. They explained that the general meeting needs to appoint the auditor, but that Council would be able to set the pay for the auditor once the cost of doing the audit was established.

> **MOVED** that the Committee recommend to the annual general meeting of the Society that it appoint Margaret Newton & Co. as the Society's auditor.

Further **MOVED** that the Committee recommend to the annual general meeting of the Society that the Graduate Council be authorized to set the remuneration for the Auditor.
(Boydell/Fransblow)

CARRIED

Letourneau discussed the By-law revision for Officer stipends.

MOVED that the Committee place the following motion on the agenda for the annual general meeting of the Society:
"**MOVED** that section 9 of By-law VII -- Officers be amended to read:
The Officers shall receive a stipend that shall be paid in installments no less frequently than every month, and the amount of which shall be determined by the Society through regulation but which shall in no case be greater than **$2000**~~$1500~~ for each month served."
(Lyons/Duquette)

CARRIED

MOVED that the Committee place the following motion on the agenda for the annual general meeting of the Society:
"**MOVED** that section 2 of the By-law X -- Regulations and Amendments be amended to read:
Amendments to the Society's By-laws may be made by:
a. special resolution **approved by a general meeting of the Society,**
b. special resolution approved by indirect voting through a referendum of the Society according to these By-laws, or
c. such other methods as allowed by the Society Act.
and that By-law X -- Regulations and Amendments be amended to include the following new section:
5. Amendments by referendum:
a. A special resolution to amend these By-laws may be considered by the Society through indirect voting by means of a referendum conducted according to By-law XI -- Elections and Referenda.
b. No such special resolution shall pass unless at least the majority given in the Society Act to pass such a resolution shall vote in favour of it, and then only if all the other applicable conditions in By-law XI -- Elections and Referenda are met.
c. Members of the Society may propose a special resolution to amend these By-laws by presenting to the Society a petition:
i. stating the text of the special resolution to be voted on, and
ii. bearing the names and signatures of at least one-hundred-and-fifty (150) members of the Society in good standing.
d. If the Society receives a petition as given in subsection c., then the Executive Committee must determine if the proposed special resolution is in order, and if it is found to be in order, then it must call a referendum to decide that resolution

which shall occur no later than the time of the elections of Officers held in accordance with section 1(b) of By-law VII -- Officers which shall occur in the calendar year after the petition was presented."
(Fransblow/Boydell)

CARRIED

4. Form 7 filing

MOVED that the Society pays $15 to the Minister of Finance for its form 7 corporate registry filing.
(Duquette/Boydell)

CARRIED

5. Lawyer

The committee discussed ongoing issues that may need to be discussed with the lawyer.

6. Space

Moray reported that discussions within the SFSS have continued regarding establishing the space to be leased to the Society. The Committee agreed that Moray should proceed with the discussions and return with draft lease language.

Schroder joined the meeting at 11:00 AM.

7. Updates on issues

Arndt reminded that the Committee members that they need to go to the bank to update the signing authority.

Arndt discussed the scheduling of the next meeting, and it was agreed that the Committee would meet next week, but not in the following week.

Karimifar and Kelly joined the meeting at 11:05 AM. Brackley joined the meeting at 11:12 AM.

8. Benefit plan referendum

Moray discussed the need to hold a referendum to raise the fees used to pay for the benefit plan. A fee increased has been suggested in order to deal with the changing costs of the benefit plan and to restore the benefits originally enjoyed under the plan.

Soo joined the meeting at 11:16.

Moray introduced the guests and their roles in the benefit plan process. Brackley explained that having a referendum by the end of February would allow a benefit increase this year, and that otherwise, the benefits would remain the same for the next year.

Lyons asked what the sense of the membership is. Boydell indicated that her department wanted the benefits restored. Karimifar indicated that her caucus was happy to stay where things were at. Soo indicated that her caucus would like to see the benefits restored. Moray indicated that her caucus was split on the issue, and that personally she felt that benefits should be restored unless there was strong opposition to including them. Karimifar indicated that she received many complaints about the types of tooth fillings. Brackley indicated that changes to the dental amounts were just to general coverage. Brackley indicated that restoring the drug card will be very costly due to the SFU trimester system and the administrative costs that induces. Fransblow sought clarification on how the drug card worked and Brackley clarified. Schroeder asked about the increase in the price for the drug card. Preliminary amounts sent from the broker indicated that the increase would be substantial. Moray asked about the costs of restoring the dental coverage. Brackley indicated that amounts would be needed from the broker. Schroder indicated that dental was likely to be more important than restoring the drug card.

Letourneau reminded the members present of their various requirements to maintain confidentiality on information. Moray presented some preliminary information from the plan broker.

A discussion ensued about the benefits that may or may not be added back to the plan. Discussions about the timing of the contract renewals and the referendum timing. Brackley indicated that results could be returned as late as March 14 without affecting the broker's business processes.

A discussion ensued about having numbers to present in the referendum question and the number of questions to be asked. It was felt that input from caucuses would be useful and that the question would be set at the next meeting of the Committee.

Kelly left the meeting at 11:45.

It was suggested that the discussion be postponed until the next week.

Schroeder asked about the utility of calling the broker at this time. Moray suggested that time did not permit the call, but that she would work with Brackley to obtain the information the group wanted and report back to the group, with the intent that the Benefit Plan Committee would review the information and attempt to recommend a course of action to the Committee.

The chair declared the meeting concluded at 11:57 AM.

Minutes approved on:

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Date

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Ursula Arndt
Chair

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Mike Letourneau
Secretary

The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University
Executive Committee - Minutes (draft until approved)
February 27, 2008

Attendance

Present: Ursula Arndt, Valérie Duquette, Graham Lyons, Carroll Boydell

Absent: Liane Fransblow

Guests present: Kyall Glennie, Mike Letourneau, Clea Moray

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM in MBC2212. The chair declared a quorum present.

1. Appointment of the secretary

> **MOVED** to appoint Valérie Duquette as secretary of the meeting.
> (Lyons/Boydell)
>
> **CARRIED**

2. Approval of excuses

> **MOVED** to excuse the absence of Liane Fransblow
> (Boydell/Lyons)
>
> **CARRIED**

3. Tax return

Arndt stated that Margaret Newton & Co. had finished the Society's tax return and had given it to us for signature – the return indicated that the Society did not owe any tax. She said that she signed the return and had it mailed off.

> **MOVED** that the Society pay $210.00 to Margaret Newton & Co.
> (Lyons/Boydell)
>
> **CARRIED**

4. Bookkeeper

Arndt reported that Ron Sayer sent an email on 23 February 2008 to withdraw from the bookkeeping project. Arndt suggested asking Kurt Belliveau to take on the project.

Arndt will ask Kurt Belliveau
Glennie is going to find someone else for the project if Kurt Beliveau does not accept.

5. Benefit Plan Reserve Fund

Arndt mentioned she picked up the cheque from SFSS for the Benefit Plan Reserve Fund and recommended setting up a new bank account. Arndt recommend that we assign three signers. Letourneau specified that as of May 1st, 2008, Officers will be signers.

MOVED that the Society set up a bank account for the Benefit Plan reserve fund. (Lyons/Boydell)

Further MOVED that Graham Lyons, Carroll Boydell, Valérie Duquette be assigned as signers for the Benefit Plan Reserve Fund account.
(Lyons/Boydell)

Carried

6. Translink
Letourneau discussed the draft agreement between Translink, SFU, SFSS, and GSS, and the amendment to add GSS. Letourneau also mentioned that there is a committee between the different parties regarding the U-Pass and the GSS will need to ask to be added on the committee at some point. Mary Childs looked at the draft agreement and the amendment and approved them.

MOVED that the Committee recommends to Council that the Society enter into the University-Pass Translink agreement.
(Lyons/Boydell)

CARRIED

7. Lease Agreement, GNW, Canvass

Lease Agreement:
Letourneau discussed the lease agreement with SFSS for space sublet. Moray modified SFSS standard lease for Travel Cut. The society's' lawyer,Mary Childs, suggested changes to 'operating costs' item. Childs also expressed concerns regarding the head lease with the university. Childs also recommended some minor vocabulary changes. Letourneau mentioned that the agreement will go through SFSS lawyers. Letourneau suggested that the agreement be recommended for next council meeting. Letourneau will circulate copy with Childs's comments and recommended changes.

Canvas:

Letourneau discussed that the canvas was taken out of the wall in the hallway leading to MBC2212. Letourneau will ask Camilla Sears whether she wants the canvas back or not.

Logo:

Letourneau suggested circulating top two logos and having council to vote for final decision on logo.
Arndt recommended that we pass logo to council for approval. Moray said we should change the names at the bottom. Boydell said to communicate with the person who made the logo to have changes made at the bottom of the logo.

GNW:
Letourneau talked about the Great Northern Way Campus. Letourneau provided background on what the Great Northern Way Campus is, and what the issue is regarding the students' status. The Great Northern Way Campus would like to provide their students the U-Pass and the Health Benefit Plan through GSS as of May 1st, 2008. The students are not SFU students so they cannot be GSS members under our current bylaws.
Arndt said we should think about it and draft a letter explaining our position.
Lyons said we should see if we could establish our own contract with them.

8. Staff Liaison Officer

Arndt suggested that we appoint someone as Staff Liaison Officer. Arndt is willing to be staff liaison officer, as she already talked to staff members regarding future employment details.
Letourneau mentioned that council needs to appoint a Staff Liaison officer.

MOVED that the Committee recommend that Council appoint Ursula Arndt as acting Staff Liaison Officer until April 30th, 2008.
(Lyons/Boydell)

CARRIED

9. Update Benefit Plan for GSS employees.
Moray discussed that the SFSS has agreed to have GSS employees covered under their benefit plan.

10. Collective Agreement.
Arndt discussed the need to get feedback from CUPE on the changes that the society suggested on the collective agreement. The society sent a letter in January 2008 outlining reinterpretations on the Collective Agreement.
Moray discussed the importance of the changes. Letourneau discussed changes: hiring committee changes, voting changes.
Lyons asked when they were supposed to provide the society feedback on the letter the society sent them.
Moray discussed the job description changes they had asked for. We had responded to their concerns in a letter. The two employees we offered a position to as of May 1st 2008 accepted our offers.
Letourneau said the committee should remind CUPE to respond as to whether the committee has addressed their concerns or not in our previous letter.

Arndt will communicate via email with CUPE regarding the issue.

11. Insurance.
Arndt discussed the need to look for insurance.
Moray said insurance is needed for general liability, conditions of any draft lease with the university, property and crime, director's liability insurance, special premiums for special gathering. She suggested that we contact other societies to see what they have as insurance.
Duquette will look into finding an insurance broker and Moray will provide background information.

12. Minutes

MOVED that the Committee approve the minutes from 13 February 2008 meeting.
(Boydell/Lyons)

CARRIED

12. Conclusion

The chair declared the meeting concluded at 11:30am.

Minutes approved on:

Date

Ursula Arndt
Chair

Valérie Duquette
Secretary

This is Exhibit "TT" referred to in the Affidavit of Lucy Watson sworn before me at the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, this 21st day of May, 2008.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Ontario

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April 28, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE

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Attention: Susan M. Coristine

Dear Sirs/Madams:

Re: Simon Fraser Student Society ("SFSS") v. Canadian Federation of Students ("CFS"), Canadian Federation of Students – Services ("CFS-Services") and Canadian Federation of Students – British Columbia Component ("CFS-BC") S.C.B.C. Vancouver Registry, No. S082674 (the "Proceeding")

As you know, we are seeking instructions with respect to this matter.

We do understand that there was a vote (the "Vote") at the Simon Fraser University campuses on March 18 – 20, 2008 of Simon Fraser University students.

We enclose a copy of a fax dated March 27, 2008 sent by Derrick Harder of the SFSS to Ms. Aziz, National Chairperson of the CFS.

As you will be aware, the position of the CFS is that the Vote was not carried out in accordance with the CFS's constitution and bylaws (the "Bylaws") and was also not conducted fairly, in accordance with the rules of natural justice. CFS's position is, therefore, that the Vote is not binding on the CFS and is not valid or effective to achieve defederation.

You have commenced the Proceeding on behalf of the SFSS by way of petition. For the reasons set out in this letter, this matter is complex in terms of both legal and factual issues. In our view, this matter cannot be dealt with by way of petition pursuant to Rule 10 of the Supreme Court Rules. The CFS's position is that this matter must be dealt with by writ and statement of claim and it will oppose any effort to proceed by way of

petition. We would ask that you reconsider and deal with this case by way of writ and statement of claim.

CFS takes the position that the Vote is not binding on the CFS and is not a valid or effective referendum for the following reasons, amongst others.

Role of the Independent Electoral Commission

Under the Bylaws, an oversight committee (the "Oversight Committee") is to be formed and is to have full jurisdiction and authority over a referendum including setting dates for the campaign, administering the campaign and approving all campaign materials.

As you know, an Oversight Committee consisting of four individuals, two representatives from each of the CFS and the SFSS, was in this case formed pursuant to the Bylaws.

Having acknowledged the jurisdiction and authority of the Oversight Committee, the SFSS nevertheless engaged the SFSS's independent electoral commission (the "IEC") to run the Vote in effect usurping the jurisdiction of the Oversight Committee. The SFSS had authority to do that.

This resulted in an independent SFSS Vote, outside of and contrary to the Bylaws.

For example, campaign material was submitted by the SFSS to the IEC, approved by the IEC and then used by the SFSS in its campaign without approval from the Oversight Committee, all in violation of the Bylaws.

CFS's counsel on March 10, 2008 wrote to the SFSS stating:

> "It is our view that the Independent Electoral Commission has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the Referendum, which has been made clear before, and this committee ought not to be involving itself in the Referendum."

Instead, the Vote was effectively administered solely by the IEC to the exclusion of the Oversight Committee.

As a result, the Vote cannot constitute a referendum pursuant to the Bylaws.

Early Campaigning

The Bylaws of the CFS contemplate a discrete campaign period of a minimum of two weeks before a referendum, again, to be set and administered by the Oversight Committee.

Instead of this, the SFSS commenced a campaign to withdraw from the CFS in August, 2007, without any authority and without the approval of the Oversight Committee. The

SFSS produced inaccurate, defamatory materials denouncing the CFS and widely distributed such materials on campus and on-line as part of its campaign promoting the cessation of membership in the CFS.

The early campaign, including the distribution of these campaign materials, was in violation of both the letter and spirit of the Bylaws.

The offending materials include, but are not limited to, materials on the SFSS webpage under the heading "We Want Out: Learn more about the SFSS campaign to cease membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)".

This early campaigning made it impossible to have a fair Vote on March 18 – 20, 2008.

At no time did the SFSS, despite receiving correspondence from counsel for the CFS dated February 27, 2008, take any steps to ameliorate the impact of its wrongful early campaigning.

Date of the Vote

In August 2007, a petition signed by individual members calling for a referendum was delivered to the National Executive of the CFS. It is important that the petition did not specify a date for the referendum. Pursuant to the practice of the CFS this meant that setting the date for the referendum was a matter to be dealt with by the Oversight Committee.

Despite this, the SFSS insisted that the Vote be held March 18 – 20, 2008, the same date as the SFSS's general elections. The Oversight Committee did not approve these dates.

The issue of CFS membership played a significant role in the SFSS's general elections and campaigning leading up to such elections and having the election and the referendum on the same date confused the two issues. As a result, the question of membership in the CFS became caught up in the question of who the members of the SFSS wished to elect for 2008-2009 and the integrity of the Vote was compromised. As well, the ability of the Oversight Committee to govern the referendum process was rendered ineffective.

The CFS offered to hold the referendum on dates other than March 18 – 20, 2008 but the SFSS refused to change its position.

As a result, the Vote on March 18 – 20, 2008 was not in accordance with the Bylaws and contrary to requisite standards of fairness and natural justice.

Question(s) Put to the Members of the SFSS

The questions put to the SFSS members by the SFSS at the Vote were:

> "(a) Are you in favour of maintaining membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?; and
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> (b) If the Simon Fraser Student Society ceases to be a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, do you agree that the former CFS semesterly membership fee would be redirected into a Society Development Fund which will result in no overall fee increase for students?"

The addition of the second question was contrary to an agreement which had been reached by the Oversight Committee regarding the question to be put forward at a referendum. Further, these questions were inappropriate because together the questions biased the result against continued membership in the CFS.

The use of these questions without the approval of the Oversight Committee was contrary to the Bylaws and, again, resulted in an unfair, biased Vote.

Confidentiality

The discussions and deliberation of the Oversight Committee are to be confidential. This was agreed to by the Oversight Committee. The SFSS did not maintain that confidentiality. The positions being taken by CFS representatives during in-camera Oversight Committee meetings were reported in the student newspaper, The Peak, and, as well, at open SFSS board meetings.

This was a breach of the agreed upon process and, again, made it impossible to hold a fair Vote on March 18 – 20, 2008.

Campaign Materials Used by the SFSS During the Two Weeks Prior to the Vote

Much of the "campaign" materials used by the SFSS during this period were, in the opinion of the CFS representatives on the Oversight Committee, defamatory and inaccurate. These materials were not approved by the Oversight Committee but were used by the SFSS irregardless.

Attached to this letter is a copy of a spreadsheet which was sent to the Oversight Committee SFSS representatives by the CFS representatives by way of e-mail dated March 15, 2008. This spreadsheet sets out SFSS campaign materials objected to and the reasons for such objections.

Chief Returning Officer, Mr. J.J. McCullough

It has come to the attention of the CFS that Mr. McCullough holds an anti-CFS bias. This has been made clear by certain correspondence from Mr. McCullough which was forwarded to the CFS.

Therefore, in addition to the foregoing comments with respect to the role of the IEC and its lack of authority or jurisdiction over a CFS referendum, the IEC was, through the office of its Chief Returning Officer, clearly biased against the CFS. As a result, the IEC was incapable of conducting a vote in accordance with required standards of fairness and natural justice.

Ineligible Individuals Participating in Vote

In fall 2007, the graduate student members of the SFSS voted to establish an independent, autonomous graduate student society. The constating documents have been filed with the Registrar of Societies in British Columbia and the new society is in existence.

In our view, the graduate students should not have been part of this Vote.

Voting and Polling Infractions

We are instructed that for each of the three days of the vote, March 18 – 20, 2008, there were written complaints made by SFSS members of voting and polling infractions to the IEC. The complaints were dismissed with no investigation or explanation.

These complaints include, inter alia:

(1) SFSS representatives campaigning within the 15-feet "no-campaigning zone" at polling stations and influencing the electoral process and voting at polling stations;

(2) SFSS scrutineers campaigning and influencing the electoral process and voting at polling stations;

(3) SFSS poll clerks campaigning and influencing the electoral process and voting at polling stations;

(4) IEC officers campaigning and influencing the electoral process voting at polling stations;

(5) unsupervised ballots taken outside of the polling area and completed outside of the polling area;

(6) improper, unsupervised sealing, transportation and disposal of ballots and ballot boxes;

(7) lack of the requisite two poll clerks at polling stations during voting;

(8) SFSS members being turned away although presenting the requisite valid student numbers and identification;

(9) tampering with completed ballots by poll clerks;

(10) closure of polling stations during voting hours; and

(11) polling stations running out of ballots during voting hours.

Again, given these voting and polling infractions, it cannot be said that the Vote met requisite standards of fairness and natural justice.

The CFS and its representatives on the Oversight Committee remain committed to the Bylaws and the Oversight Committee process. There was an Oversight Committee meeting following the Vote on March 28, 2008. The CFS representatives ask for a further meeting of the Oversight Committee in order to commence planning a referendum to be held in accordance with the Bylaws.

As well, we now have your letter of April 24, 2008 with respect to service. With respect, the issue is where the CFS and CFS-Services were served, not their "status" in British Columbia. Please provide evidence of service in British Columbia. If there is no such evidence, we cannot see how these parties can be said to have been served within British Columbia.

Yours truly,

GOWLING LAFLEUR HENDERSON LLP

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March 26, 2008

To Amanda Aziz, National Chairperson, Canadian Federation of Students:

I am writing to officially notify you of the results of the recent defederation referendum held at Simon Fraser University. You will recall that a petition was served in accordance with the relevant bylaws of the Federation last August, 2007, and that notice was therefore served for a vote to take place on March 18-20, 2008. That vote did take place, on the question of "Do you wish to maintain your Membership in the Canadian Federation of Students," and the preliminary results are as follows.

TOTAL VOTES	4442
TOTAL YES	1452
TOTAL NO	2948
TOTAL BLANK	30
TOTAL SPOILED	12
PERCENT YES	32.69%
PERCENT NO	66.37%

In accordance with that vote, the Simon Fraser Student Society is no longer a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Federation of Students – Services, or Canadian Federation of Students – BC Component, and we ask that you remove our name from any public membership lists or promotional materials upon receipt of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 778.782.8584 should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Derrick Harder, President
Simon Fraser Student Society

CC. Shamus Reid, Chairperson, Canadian Federation of Students – BC Component

Material	Approved/Rejected	Comments	Objection Details
Posters:			
Compare and Contrast		Objection	False.
I Want Out of the CFS because it's a Financial Black Hole		Objection	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
I Want Out of the CFS because it's Unaccountable		Objection	Defamatory and/or false require proof of the claims.
I Want Out of the CFS. It's Time to Take Back Our Campus		Objection	Require proof of the statements.
I Want Out of the CFS because it's Anti-Democratic		Objection	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
I Want Out of the CFS because I Want MY Voice Heard		Objection	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
We're Not Crazy	Approved	Unapproved Website Link Included	
Bindolac		Objection	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
Riddles		Objection	Suggests that students who vote "No" will be rewarded financially.
The CFS Wasting Our Money		Objection	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
CFS Lemons		Objection	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
CFS Advocacy Flowcharts		Objection	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
We want Out of the CFS as Soon as Possible	Approved	Unapproved Website Link Included	
I Want Out of the CFS because there's a Better Way	Approved	Unapproved Website Link Included	
Thugsy		Objection	Defamatory.
We Want Out of the CFS Because They Don't Know How To Party	Approved	Unapproved Website Link Included	
I Want Out of the CFS because I Like This School	Approved	Unapproved Website Link Included	
I Want Out of the CFS because Something Smells Bad		Objection	Defamatory and require proof of the claims.
BAMF Wants Out of the CFS		Objection	False: "Beards represent individuality... the CFS does not." Require proof of this statement.
I Want Out of the CFS because I've Seen them in Action		Objection	Require proof of the statements.

Leaflets			
We Want Out Flyer		**Objection**	False: "Leaving the CFS will allow us to create a better campus by improving our services, campaigns, and social events - we will improve student life at SFU. Leaving the CFS will not result in the loss of any services that SFU students currently enjoy - like TravelCuts or the ISIC card." Require proof of this statement.
Take Back Your Campus Flyer Front		**Objection**	"Take back your campus"
The CFS: Strength In Numbers, Weakness In Collective Action Flyer Back		**Objection**	False: "The CFS claims the new grants program announced in the federal budget is a CFS victory, but the CFS National Office is conveniently taking credit for work they didn't do themselves. Four political parties and two other student organizations also claimed it as their own victory; a lot of lobbying was done by individual non-CFS schools. The victory was a collective one, due in part to the SFSS's lobbying efforts, and certainly not exclusive to the CFS." Require proof of this statement.
$430,000 Flyer Back		**Objection**	False and defamatory: "to give unauthorized loans to organizations with disastrous financial problems (like Douglas College Students' Union)" Require proof of this statement.
The CFS: Strong Words, Weak Actions Flyer Back		**Objection**	False and/or defamatory statements in each point. Require proof of these statements.
Referendum Questions What?		**Objection**	Not within purview of Oversight Committee.
Buttons			
I Want Out!	**Approved**		
We Want Out!	**Approved**		
Ask Me Why I Want Out of the CFS	**Approved**		
Chinese Language Button	**Approved**	Unapproved Website Link Included	
		Objection	False.
I Don't Do What the CFS Tells Me to Do! Deregulate - Make It So	**Approved**	Unapproved Website Link Included	
Other			

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