

This email is intended for the SFSS Board of Directors, as a plea to extend SFPIRG's sublease to coincide with your lease with SFU. When I found out SFPIRG was being evicted on December 14th, 2018 even though SFU won't be *taking possession* of the lounge until Summer 2019 I was more so heartbroken than angered. This is simply because the bureaucratic systems intended to engage students on campus have been infuriating me over the last four years.

As an undergraduate student who flew from Scarborough, Ontario on scholarships and student loans to attend a university that prides itself for "*engaging the world*" through "social innovation"-you could imagine how disappointed my last five years have been at this campus. I volunteered with a number of organizations, started a Gay Straight Alliance/Take Action Team against globalized child labour and more in high school. I went from being incredible involved with my community and school to being completely isolated in Burnaby.

As a university built on *dispossessed land*, the remnants of *colonialization* linger visibly here. Rather than providing an open space for collaboration and effecting change, SFU has become increasingly *non-inclusive* over the last five years. With investments on the construction of high rises, bringing in unnecessary *capitalistic* stores/services/shops on campus, we have not at all been investing in the students. Instead, this university has been focused on transforming the mountain into a centre to surplus the accumulation of *profit*.

The ways in which clubs, committees and more are structured are particular to *dynamic power relations* and disciplinary mechanisms. There are few spaces for *racialized bodies*, fewer resources and opportunities that are not as accessible as they claim to be. SFPIRG has been the only space attempting to impose *social and environmental change* on campus as well as globally, while initiatives like the SFSS Women Centre fail to establish inclusivity in their attempts. As the only student run initiative SFPIRG, effectively impacts *education, research, and community building action* on the Burnaby mountain.

I believe SFPIRG is vital to ensure the liability of initiatives including the Women's Centre, Out on Campus, CJSF 90.1 FM, First Nations Student Association, Embark, The Peak and the Students of Carriibbean & African Ancestry. Values of *diversity, sustainability and accountable communication* mean a lot to me; SFSS has failed to provide networks that encourage this while SFPIRG has been *honest* and respectful of it. Evicting this resource centre will only increase my regret in choosing this university for my undergrad. It's my last year at SFU and my personal request is to please allow them to hold onto the lounge this year.

There are countless *queer, indigenous, racialized, disabled and unacknowledged students* who will be detrimentally influenced by the eviction!!