

SFPIRG: We stand in solidarity with CUPE 3338 and oppose the "reprehensible" recommendation to evict SFPIRG

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The following is a quote from SFPIRG's announcement to students, members, and supporters, posted on its website at www.sfpirg.ca. It is republished on PoliticsRespun.org in solidarity and to spread the word.

SFPIRG stands in solidarity with and extends our full support to SFSS staff, members of CUPE 3338, who have been locked out of their workplaces by the SFSS Board of Directors. These staff keep vital services (e.g. the Women's Centre, Out on Campus, clubs' events, etc.) running for 20,000+ SFU students, including members of the SFSS board themselves. Follow the latest updates on <http://twitter.com/#!/cupesfu>.

SFPIRG also finds reprehensible the SFSS Student Space Oversight Committee's recommendation to the SFSS Board of Directors that we be served 3 months' notice to vacate offices we have occupied for approximately two decades. This was done without consulting us in good faith or considering the needs of students accessing our space and services every day. The Committee also failed to adequately publicize the meeting where this recommendation was deliberated and passed.

SFPIRG is a student-based and student-directed non-profit organization that offers not only community-based research opportunities for students, but also student communal spaces (e.g. lounge, meeting room), a bike tool co-op, training and materials for student organizing, printing/photocopying, outreach/postering support, a wide range of critical academic and grassroots resources, infrastructural support (funding, training, storage) for student groups, and most importantly, a diverse and vibrant student community passionate about social and environmental justice.

Follow our latest updates here: <http://twitter.com/#!/SFPIRG>, and check out our Programming and Education Coordinator, Setareh Mohammadi, and SFPIRG Board Member Isaac Louie, giving the low-down via CJSF today:

http://www.cjsf.ca/vanilla_archives/2011_July_13_13_00.mp3

On their website, SFPIRG describe themselves as: "The Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG) is a student funded and directed resource centre at SFU. We support environmental and social change through research, education and action."