STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Max Holmes (AMS Elections Administrator), Hussam Zbeeb (Student Services Manager), Marium Hamid (AMS Governance), Anna Hoyt (AMS), Moira Nyton (Ubyssey), Samantha McCabe (Ubyssey), Alim Lakhiyalov (AVP Finance), Julian Del Balso (student at large), Kelsi Wall (AMS Policy Advisor), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

1. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”
   … No objections

2. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:
   “That the agenda be amended to add a motion about Student Services.”
   … No objections

3. MOVED LIAM REEVE, SECONDED SUMAL THALAGALA:
   “That the agenda be amended to add a discussion topic about changing the AUS constitution.”
   … No objections

4. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:
   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”
   … Carried


   Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

B) Membership: Introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies:

Welcome to our new Members:
Vacancies on Council: Audiology, Dentistry, Journalism, Music, Population & Public Health, Social Work, St. Mark’s, Library & Archival Studies, Education, Nursing, GSS (1), BoG (1), Arts

Goodbyes: Aiyana Anderson-MacIsaac (Arts)

C) Speaker’s Business & Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes):

- The Speaker acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional and unceded land of the Musqueam people, adding that this land was a traditional place of learning long before the University was established.
- The Speaker noted that Joanne (the Administrative Assistant) is away for this meeting, so all Councillors please clean up after yourselves and return your vote clickers.

D) Statements from Students at Large (3 minutes each):

Julian Del Balso:
- There are lots of trees and plant life on campus, but the trees are dead in winter when we’re here.
- Maybe it would be better to plant coniferous trees instead of deciduous.

Ava Nasiri:
- We will seriously take that into consideration and notify Plant Operations.

E) Consent Agenda Items

5. MOVED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL, SECONDED JEFFREY PEA:

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

Executive Committee minutes dated September 9, 2016 [SCD181-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 13, 2016 [SCD182-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 19, 2016 [SCD183-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 27, 2016 [SCD184-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated September 30, 2016 [SCD185-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 1, 2016 [SCD186-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 7, 2016 [SCD187-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 14, 2016 [SCD188-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 21, 2016 [SCD189-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated November 28, 2016 [SCD190-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated December 5, 2016 [SCD191-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 10, 2017 [SCD192-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 17, 2017 [SCD193-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 24, 2017 [SCD194-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated January 31, 2017 [SCD195-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 1, 2017 [SCD196-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 14, 2017 [SCD197-17]
Executive Committee minutes dated February 28, 2017 [SCD198-17]

... Carried

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

F) Presentations to Council (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minute ? period):

Elections – Max Holmes (Elections Administrator) [SCD199-17]

Election Results:
Max Holmes announced the AMS election results, making them official. The winners were:

- Alan Ehrenholz (aka the Engineers’ Cairn), President
- Daniel Lam, VP Academic
- Alim Lakhiyalov, VP Finance
- Pooja Bhatti, VP Administration
- Sally Lin, VP External

Referendum results (also made official once announced):
- All three referendums passed.
- The students voted to amend the AMS bylaws, to authorize the sale of four artworks from the AMS art collection, and to pay a new fee for a recreation facility.

Other results:
- Jeanie Malone and Kevin Doering were elected to serve as student members on the University’s Board of Governors.
- The five student senators elected were: Jakob Gattinger, Daniel Lam, Ian Sapollnik, Kevin Doering, and Simran Brar.

Turnout:
- There were 11,219 voters. That was a 20.7% turnout, the fourth best in recent election history.

Voting analysis:
- There were voting peaks after the email blasts, as usual, but also more voting at other times, and that’s why we got more votes this year.

Things that worked:
- The Great Debate (run by the Ubyssey).
- Social media elections announcement (better than the website).
- Having two poll clerks on the Elections Committee.
- Affiliated Colleges could vote electronically.
• Less paper, more online ads.
• Debates took place before the voting.

Things that didn’t work:
• Little or no interest in Voter-Funded Media. The Elections Committee doesn’t see the purpose of it. Putting $1,500 towards this is a waste of money.
• Debate Society moderators drew complaints. We need to work more with third parties hosting debates.

6. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED BRYAN STARICK:

“That the time for the presentation be extended indefinitely.”

…No objections

Max Holmes (continuing)

More things that didn’t work:
• The free Ubyssey ads. They would have cost us $20 a click, and only 87 clicked. Putting ads there is pointless since the Ubyssey is already covering the election. Shouldn’t do it if it’s going to cost money in the future.
• There’s no unsubscribe option on email blasts.
• Lots of minor posterizing violations.

Recommendations:
• Strict adherence to timeline for hiring the Elections Committee. Change it in Code to something realistic that will actually be followed.
• A larger Elections Committee. That will provide more opinions and help cope if there’s conflict of interest for some committee members.
• Split the Events and Communications positions again. Not clear why they were combined.
• Conflict of interest rules should be in Code.
• Need to make the electoral procedures more relevant to electronic voting.
• Should have a rule on whether elections and referendums should happen together.

Conclusion:
• The elections are over. Hallelujah.

Questions
Bryan Starick:
• Are there rules on bribery?

Max Holmes:
• There are none in the Code.

Brian Cho asked about Voter-Funded Media.
Veronica Knott:
- The idea of it was to encourage outside media to report on our elections to increase turnout.
- There used to be some valuable blogs: AMS Confidential, UBC Insiders.

Max Holmes:
- No one ever showed me anything to demonstrate turnout increased as a result of VFM.
- This year we had high turnout with poor VFM.
- In past transition reports, Election Administrators say VFM is a drag on the job. They say we’ve never seen benefits from it.

Ava Nasiri:
- The objective of VFM is more commentary, not increased turnout.
- Maybe we should make it available to the Ubyssey. Let the Ubyssey run VFM.

Max Holmes:
- Interesting. If we want to salvage VFM, either go all in or all out.
- When we used to have $8,000 for prize money, there was a lot more involvement.
- We would need to do it earlier, put in more effort.

7. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That the time for the question period be extended indefinitely.”

…No objections

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Last year the VFM rules actually required bloggers to write content, not just be content aggregators. Was that rule still in place?
- The idea is to add to the coverage.
- I don’t think Reddit UBC was doing that.

Max Holmes:
- If we had guidelines like that, we would have zero VFM.

Diane Nguyen:
- Some people wanted to retroactively change their vote.

Max Holmes:
- The Elections Committee talked about that.
- I don’t know of any system where people can change their vote.
- Simply Voting could perhaps do it, but it’s not simple and I worry about the secrecy of the ballot.
- Maybe we should not be encouraging first day voting.
- Another issue was that we can’t create new rules in the middle of elections.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Can we please get rid of VFM?
• And is there an update on BDS?

Max Holmes:
• Yes, get rid of VFM.
• I’m still conducting a BDS referendum scheduled for March 27-31.
• I’ve started receiving campaign material.

Ava Nasiri:
• The only situation in which BDS would not run would be if we received an order from the court to hold it on an alternate date.
• There are court hearings underway.
• Our Bylaws say we have to hold a referendum within 30 days of receiving a petition, but the court can direct otherwise.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Can you email us about this once the hearings are done?

Namdar Shafiei:
• What sort of complaints were there about the Debate Society?

Max Holmes:
• It was suggested they weren’t always well informed.
• Also, some said the moderators were too soft and let people go on too long.

Kathleen Simpson:
• VFM was good for blogs, but only hacks care.

Kiara Scott asked about sustainability.

Max Holmes:
• It’s something the Elections Committee looked at.
• If we’d had more time, we could have done something.
• The amount of paper was a waste. I would encourage more in person things.

Simon Qi:
• I really enjoyed the Ubyssey articles.
• I’d be happy to give them more money.

The Speaker:
• With that presentation, the elections are now official and done.

The Engineers arrived for Pie Day (or the Day after Pi Day) to pie Councillors.

8. MOVED BRYAN STARICK, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That Council recess for thirty minutes.”

… No objections
Strategic Plan – Ava Nasiri

- Draft of a three-year plan covering engagement, representation, support structures, and internal operations.
- Seeking input.
- Have received about 30 responses so far.
- Feedback so far is calling for more cheap food, nap rooms, microwaves, a bigger emphasis on affordability, and more transparency within the AMS.
- Hoping Council will approve the final draft in April to guide the new Council taking office in May.

G) Consultation Period

Art Sale and Ad Hoc Committee – Ava Nasiri

- Still working on art sale.
- One thing to try out might be a robust art rental program.
- Maybe make more money that way than by selling right away.
- Going to strike a committee on this next meeting.
- Also need to research methods of sale. VP Admin staff can look into that, then work with a committee including experts, the Art Gallery Commissioner, a Councillor and the VP Admin.
- High level ideas, terms of reference:
  - How determine valuation of pieces.
  - Programming needs.
  - Rental vs. sale.
  - Work with the VP Admin and the VP Finance.

Discussion

Namdar Shafiei:
- What’s the idea behind renting?

Chris Scott:
- Same concept as a sale, but this would allow us to keep works in our collection.
- It’s pretty common among art galleries.

Louis Retief:
- Committee structure?
- Will the experts vote or be non-voting? Will they be paid?

Ava Nasiri:
- All wonderful questions.
- Not too much voting.
- Compensation to be considered.

Bryan Starick:
- Will the terms of reference deal with how the money is spent?
- Why should experts from the industry have a say in that?
Ava Nasiri:
- It will work around programming.
- Mostly determined by the Art Gallery Commissioner.
- Experts could tell us what’s relevant to what we want.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- We had trouble finding people to sit on ABBA etc. Have we already reached out to experts for this committee?

Ava Nasiri:
- Not yet, no.
- Council could even say they don’t want a committee.
- A back-up plan would be to task someone in the VP Admin’s department to speak to experts.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- That’s a good back-up: us to go to the experts rather than vice versa.

Brooklyn Rocco:
- I like the idea of renting.
- A concern I’ve heard is that people like looking at the art.

Ava Nasiri:
- We’ll spend the next week and a half hashing this out.

H) Appointments

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Ava Nasiri:
- All our referendums passed: thanks to Ella and Max, my President’s office team, the Exec team, Council, the Blue and Gold Society. Past two weeks devoted to that.
- Transitions the theme for the next five weeks: workshop Friday and an annual report reflecting on our year.
- Setting up hiring for the next team.
- April 29 and 30: mandatory orientation for Constituencies.
- UBC Strategic Plan still underway:
  - Steering Committee created with no representation from the AMS or the UBC Okanagan student union.
  - Some students were named, but not via the AMS.
  - Looking into this.
  - Ideally, someone from AMS Council should have been approached.
  - A bit alarming.
- UBC Sexual Assault Steering Committee and action plan.

Questions
Diane Nguyen:
- How will you accommodate those who have to go to a UBC welcome event and can’t go to the mandatory AMS orientation?
Ava Nasiri:
- We’re putting together a handbook, but it can’t replace the in person experience.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Are Block Party sales going well?

Ava Nasiri:
- A little too well. I’m worried we’ll sell out next week.
- We’ve sold about 5,200 and have less than 1,000 left.

Bryan Starick:
- Could there be a back-up date for Orientation?

Ava Nasiri:
- No one from this Council is expected; it’s those replacing you.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

Kathleen Simpson, VP External:
- Last Friday to Victoria on a lobbying trip to talk about the 2% tuition cap, student housing, and textbook affordability.
- Provincial elections:
  - Video with President Ono.
  - Coffee covers for Upper Case.
- Debate involving UBC350.
- IFC and Pan-Hellenic training.

Chris Scott, VP Administration:
- Club transitions.
- Green wall going up in Great Hall pocket lounge.

Louis Retief, VP Finance:
- Investment policy.
- Finance Committee structure.
- Advisory Board (revamp of ABBA).
- Restructuring VP Finance office.
- Templates for financial reporting.
- Handbook for Finance Committee.

Hussam Zbeeb, Student Services Manager:
- Hiring coordinators and my successor.
- Working on asks for Counselling Services, with Kelsi.

Keith Hester, Managing Director:
- Video wall up in Atrium, but not working yet.
- Business budgets.
- Quarterly reports.
• Renovation of the Old SUB basement.
• Refinancing: paperwork.
• Summer picnic for employee appreciation.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Governance Review Implementation, Jakob Gattinger:
• Thanks to all the members who showed up.
• We had a 4 or 5 hour meeting.

Operations Committee:
• SUB Expulsion.

Budget Committee, Nika Moeini:
• Discussing funds and Finance Committee Handbook.

L) Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Brooklyn Rocco
• Preparing for elections.
• Strategic planning.

Commerce – Jennifer Zhen
• POITS event.
• Grad night.
• Transitioning.

Engineering – Jeanie Malone
• Pi(e) Week.

Forestry – Sumal Thalagala
• End of year concert.

GSS, Bradley Balaton
• Elections, and should we re-seat our AMS reps now or wait till October?

Land & Food, Gloria Sun
• Transitioning.
• Wednesday night dinner.
• Harry Potter-inspired party.
• Fundraising initiative.

Kinesiology, DuPreez Smith
• Kin Games.
• Formal.

Regent, Mitchell Ferreria
• Academic symposium.
• Elections.
Science, Diane Nguyen
- Bubble soccer.

Economics, Daniel Gao (via Mackenzie Lockhart)
- Elections.

M) Board of Governors, Senate, Ombudsperson & Historical Update Reports (2 minutes each):

Senate, Daniel Lam:
- Just met.
- Flexible Learning. Arguments pro and con.
- Recognizing extra-curricular activities on transcripts.
- Continuing Studies is becoming an Administrative Unit.

Historical Update, Sheldon Goldfarb
- The election results prove that the Cairn is better than the Fire Hydrant. The Fire Hydrant came close, but lost in its attempt to get elected to the Board of Governors (back in the days of Darren Peets in 2005), but the Engineers' Cairn has become AMS President.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

O) Executive Committee Motions:

9. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED NAMDAR SHAFIEI:

"That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the contract with Heritage House to publish the AMS history book."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Ava Nasiri:
- Sheldon Goldfarb has not only worked diligently on the history book for over a year, but he has found us a publishing house willing to pay its own money to get the book published.
- It will not cost us anything, and the AMS will receive royalties on the sales.

Bradley Balaton:
- What will the book sell for?

Sheldon Goldfarb:
- Not definite yet, but the publisher is suggesting $32.95.
- We will get 15% of the net profits.
- Expect the book to be published in the fall.
10. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED NAMDAR SHAFIGE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds


Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart, Jeanie Malone, Chris Scott

11. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED JAMIU ABDASALAMI:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the RBC interest rate swap agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Louis Retief:
- The refinancing is needed; it will save us a ton of money.
- We need to sign the agreement.

Sally Lin:
- There’s no specific time mentioned.

Keith Hester:
- It’s to be signed in the next month or two.

Ava Nasiri:
- How much money will we be saving?

Keith Hester:
- Switching the loan saves us approximately $62 million.

12. MOVED LOUIS RETIEF, SECONDED JAMIU ABDASALAMI:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council approve the RBC interest rate swap agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

13. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE: [SCD203-17]

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council adopt the report entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Student Services’ and thus amend the Code accordingly.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Hussam Zbeeb:
- Last Council approved in principle the recommendations from the Services Review.
- Some of those required Code changes, and here they are.
- We are discontinuing Volunteer Avenue, assigning future reviews to President’s assistants, and expanding the scope of Student Services Manager reports.

14. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JEANIE MALONE:

“That on the recommendation of the Executive Committee Council adopt the report entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Student Services’ and thus amend the Code accordingly.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried unanimously


P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:
15. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED DUPREEZ SMITH: [SCD204-17]

**From the Governance Committee**

“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Committee Chairs’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Jakob Gattinger:
- The original committee restructuring last September made Executives the chairs of all the standing committees.
- It will be a hybrid system now: some committees will be chaired by Executives, some not.
- And there will be pay for the chairs.

Louis Retief:
- But if Executives chair they get no additional pay.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Yes, and it’s not for the current chairs.

Bradley Balaton:
- Why do HR and Governance not have Executive chairs?

Jakob Gattinger:
- The President is in the HR structure, so there’s a concern there.
- Governance may make changes to Executive duties.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Why pay every chair the same? Some work much more than others.

Jakob Gattinger:
- We’ll never be able to equate the committees.
- It’s mostly a volunteer position, but we need to recognize people’s worth.

16. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED DUPREEZ SMITH:

**From the Governance Committee**

“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Committee Chairs’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (33): Jamiu Abdsalami, Bradley Balaton, Roberto DeSandoli, Julian Diaz (proxy for Rachel Chew), Mitchell Ferreria, Jakob Gattinger, Akhil Jobanputra (proxy for Maria de Fátima Lazo), Ryan Kamimura, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Lorenzo Lindo, Jeanie Malone, Elise Mance, Nika Moeini , Ava Nasiri, Diane Nguyen, Jeffrey Pea, Simon Qi, Louis Retief, Armin Rezaian-Asel, Brooklyn Rocco, Ian Sapollnik, Chris Scott, Kiara Scott, Namdar Shafiei, Kathleen
Simpson, Liam Simpson, DuPreez Smith, Gloria Sun, Sumal Thalagala, Liam Simpson, Hannah Xiao, Jennifer Zhen

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

17. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED IAN SAPOLLNIK:

“That the agenda be amended to add a motion to make these appointments.”

… No objections

18. MOVED JAMIU ABDSALAMI, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

“That Sally Lin (1 x Councillor) be appointed Chair of the Advocacy Committee effective tomorrow and ending April 30, 2017.”

“That Hannah Xiao (1 x non-Executive Councillor) be appointed Chair of the HR Committee for a period effective tomorrow and ending April 30, 2017.”

“That Lorenzo Lindo (1 x Councillor) be appointed Chair of the Student Life Committee for a period effective tomorrow and ending April 30, 2017.”

… Carried

19. MOVED KATHLEEN SIMPSON, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON: [SCD205-17]

From the Advocacy Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee, AMS Council adopt the policy Transit Advocacy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kathleen Simpson:
- A policy drafted by Kelsi and members of the External team.
- Replaces an expired policy.
- It focuses less on the Broadway line.
- In the supporting report we’ve added in the 44 Bus.

20. MOVED KATHLEEN SIMPSON, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON: [SCD205-17]

From the Advocacy Committee

“That on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee, AMS Council adopt the policy Transit Advocacy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (27): Jamiu Abdsalami, Bradley Balaton, Julian Diaz (proxy for Rachel Chew), Mitchell Ferreria, Akhil Jobanputra (proxy for María de Fátima Lazo), Ryan Kamimura, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Jeannie Malone, Elise Mance, Nika Moeini, Ava Nasiri, Jeffrey Pea, Simon Qi, Armin Rezaiean-Asel, Brooklyn Rocco, Ian Sapollnik, Chris Scott, Kiara Scott, Namdar Shafiei,
Kathleen Simpson, Liam Simpson, DuPreez Smith, Sumal Thalagala, Liam Simpson, Hannah Xiao

Abstained: Jakob Gattinger

21. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

From the Governance Review Implementation Committee
“Be it resolved that AMS Council Mandate the Governance Review Implementation Committee to review and propose updates to Constituency constitutions in line with the Governance Review Recommendations regarding uniform Councillor Term Commencement.

Be it further resolved that AMS Council mandate the Constituencies send to the Chair of the Governance Review Implementation Committee copies of their constitution and bylaws no later than March 20, 2017.”

Jakob Gattinger:
• Moving forward with the Bylaw changes, Constituencies’ constitutions will need to be changed, but it won’t be feasible for them to hold referendums.
• The Governance Review Implementation Committee will take care of the amendments.
• The committee will draft changes and then come to Council and have it amend the Constituency constitutions.

Bradley Balaton:
• Can Council do this?

The Speaker:
• It’s a little bit different for the GSS since it’s not a Constituency.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Council does have the authority by a two-thirds vote to amend Constituency constitutions.
• There’s no formal agreement with the GSS. We’ll figure out a solution.

22. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ARMIN REZAIEAN-ASEL:

From the Governance Review Implementation Committee
“Be it resolved that AMS Council Mandate the Governance Review Implementation Committee to review and propose updates to Constituency constitutions in line with the Governance Review Recommendations regarding uniform Councillor Term Commencement.

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… Carried

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

23. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the President
“That AMS Council direct the Governance Committee to update the Code of Procedure according to the changes mandated by the referendum question entitled ‘Bylaw Changes 2017’ in consultation with chairs of other relevant committees.”

Ava Nasiri:
• This directs the Governance Committee to amend Code.
• This makes the most sense as the way to move forward with the necessary changes.

Ian Sapollnik:
• Can we add a deadline?

Ava Nasiri:
• Maybe let it go to Governance and let them propose deadlines.

24. MOVED AVA NASIRI, SECONDED JAMIU ABDSALAMI:

From the President
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… No objections

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

Notices of Motion from the Governance Review Implementation Committee:

BIRT on the recommendation of Governance Review Implementation Committee, Council approve the proposed Executive Goal Setting and Reporting Policy.

BIFRT on the recommendation of Governance Review Implementation Committee, Council direct the Governance Committee to remove all previous Executive reporting procedures from the Code.
BIRT on the recommendation of Governance Review Implementation Committee, AMS Council approve the changes to Constituency Constitutions as outlined in the attached document entitled Constituency Constitution Changes 2017.

T) Discussion Period

Referendum: Next Steps

Ava Nasiri:
- Any concerns or questions about the quick pace?

Julian Diaz:
- Why were the student Board of Governors representatives removed from Council?

Ava Nasiri:
- Their fiduciary duty is to the Board, and that trumps their responsibility to Council.
- Also part of the slimming down process.
- They'll still be non-voting members, though.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Going to bring a resolution to appoint them as non-voting members.

Diane Nguyen:
- With the change in the threshold number, what are the next steps? Should we hold our elections based on the new number of seats?

The Clerk of Council said he would circulate the new numbers.

Jamiu Abdsalami:
- How will students have feedback on what the new funds are spent on (from the art sale)?

Ava Nasiri:
- We'll likely have a staff member in the VP Admin's office do research, an environmental scan, and then leave it to the Art Gallery Commissioner.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- What are the next stages for the building referendum?

Ava Nasiri:
- Tomorrow we're meeting with the VP Students to go over our high level expectations:
  - For the fee in the new facility they can't charge more than in the Bird Coop.
  - Students get a say on what goes into the building, with 50% representation on the management committee.
- Students are paying 50% of the cost of the new facility. That positions us well to ask for the moon.
Final Council Meetings
Ava Nasiri:
- There’s a March 29 meeting.
- We could force a meeting in the exam period, but being kind would mean waiting till April 26.
- Or do we want a mid-April meeting?

The Speaker:
- Maybe let Council think about it until March 29.

Ava Nasiri:
- The end of the year gift for Councillors: do you want sweaters or glasses?
- [A show of hands indicated charcoal grey sweaters.]

Arts Undergraduate Society constitution
Liam Simpson:
- The AUS wants to change its constitution for the first time since 1999.
- We could submit it to Governance Review and have AMS Council change it.

Ava Nasiri:
- Another option would be to hold off for a year, engage Arts students, and have them vote in a referendum or at a quorate general meeting – unless your quorum is too high.

Sally Lin:
- Are we required to have a general meeting?

The Speaker:
- It’s whatever your constitution and bylaws require.

Liam Simpson:
- For the past three years we haven’t been able to reach quorum.

Jakob Gattinger:
- It may be reputationally risky if there are things in the constitution that aren’t used anymore, like Arts County Fair: is that still in the constitution?

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- You can try to reach quorum. If that fails, at least you know which way the vote is going.

Ava Nasiri:
- Perhaps as part of the sweeping change we’re about to make, Council could change quorum for the AUS. Then you could have a quorate general meeting.

Liam Simpson:
- That’s a great idea.
Jakob Gattinger:
  - If you want to do that, send changes like that to the Governance Review Implementation Committee.

U) Submissions:

  Final transit policy report [SCD206-17]
  Executive Accountability – Internal Policy [SCD207-17]

V) Next Meeting:

  Next Meeting: March 29, 2017

W) Adjournment:

  There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

X) Social Activity:

  - Pit Night
## March 15, 2017 Attendance

**The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C. Vancouver – Student Council Attendance**

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V7: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled Code Changes 2017: Committee Chairs and thus amend the Code as recommended
V8: BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee AMS Council adopt the policy Transit Advocacy as presented
V9: Governance Review Implementation Committee omnibus motion re: constituency constitutions/bylaws

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