STUDENT COUNCIL MINUTES

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Guests: Leslie Tulett (member at large), Max Holmes (AMS AVP Academic), Ian Sapollnik (Student Senator), Chris Scott (former VP Admin), Cristina Ilitchi (VP Academic office), Linda Huang (AVP Finance), Samantha McCabe (Ubyssey), Alex Nguyen (Ubyssey), Asad Ali (Events Manager), Mariam Hamid (Student Services Manager), Kurtis Chow (AMS Human Resources), Keith Hester (Managing Director), Sheldon Goldfarb (Clerk of Council), Joanne Pickford (Admin Assistant)

A) Call to order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

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

- The Speaker acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded traditional land of the Musqueam people, adding:
  - Learning took place here long before the University.
  - We are privileged to be working and learning here.

1. MOVED LORENZO LINDO, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

2. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

   “That the budget presentation and motion be moved ahead of the Academic Experience Survey presentation.”

   ... Carried


   Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart

3. MOVED LORENZO LINDO, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

   “That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

   ... Carried

   For (15): Mark Bancroft (proxy for Daniel Luo), Daphne Tse (proxy for Julien Hart), Joella Allen, Pooja Bhatti, Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Lorenzo Lindo, Mackenzie Lockhart, Simon Qi, Antony Tsui, Julian Villafuerte Diaz
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, Education, Nursing,

Goodbyes:

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

E) **Consent Agenda Items**

*Sarah Park requested that the Council minutes from April 26, 2017 be discussed separately.*

4. **MOVED WENDY GUO, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:**

“That the following consent items be accepted as presented:

- Executive Committee minutes dated May 30, 2017 [SCD029-18]
- Executive Committee minutes dated June 6, 2017 [SCD030-18]
- Executive Committee minutes dated June 13, 2017 [SCD031-18]
- AMS Council minutes dated June 1, 2016 [SCD032-18]
- AMS Council minutes dated June 22, 2016 [SCD033-18]
- AMS Council minutes dated July 13, 2016 [SCD034-18]
- AMS Council minutes dated August 3, 2016 [SCD035-18]
- AMS Council minutes dated August 24, 2016 [SCD036-18]
- AMS Council minutes dated September 14, 2016 [SCD037-18]
- AMS Council minutes dated May 17, 2017 [SCD038-18]
- Governance Committee minutes dated May 25, 2017 [SCD039-18]
- Governance Committee minutes dated June 6, 2017 [SCD040-18]
- Operations Committee minutes dated May 31, 2017 [SCD041-18]

… Carried

For (13): Daphne Tse (proxy for Julien Hart), Joella Allen, Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Lorenzo Lindo, Mackenzie Lockhart, Simon Qi, Juancho Ramirez, Antony Tsui, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Abstained: Mark Bancroft (proxy for Daniel Luo)

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

*AMS Budget – Linda Huang (AVP Finance)* [SCD042-18]

- Presenting on behalf of Alim (the VP Finance).
- For the second year in a row we are forecasting a surplus, this time a surplus of over $167,000.
• Net revenue is just over $2.4 million; expenditures are somewhat over $2.2 million.
• Largest increase in expenditure was in the VP Finance office: more staff.
• Increase in President’s office expenditure for the time capsule ceremony.
• Decrease in revenue for Tutoring.
• SASC increase in expenditure: more staff.
• Events expects to be more profitable: projecting higher attendance and revenues.
• We are bringing back FarmAde, but it will be something different: not at the Nest.
• We are bringing back the Ombudsperson; it wasn’t in the preliminary budget.
• We’re projecting a $116,000 decrease in business revenue because of competition, so $650,000 instead of $766,432.

Questions
Cameron England:
• We’re bringing back the Ombudsperson? I thought the decision was not to hire.

Alan Ehrenholz:
• At the preliminary budget stage the decision was not to hire, but we received feedback expressing concern about not having an Ombudsperson.
• We want to ensure that this position is set up for success.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
• Happy to see the inclusion of FarmAde. Will it be at the Nest?

Alan Ehrenholz:
• We’re proposing an allocation for the event. The details are not set.

Jakob Gattinger:
• I don’t understand.
• The board implicitly said no Ombudsperson, and now we’re changing that.
• How could we communicate this better?

Alan Ehrenholz:
• The preliminary budget passed without an Ombudsperson in it.
• We received feedback from Councillors.
• This was a fast evolving issue.
• In future we could use the committees to communicate.
• But putting it in the final budget showed our intention.

Ian Sapollnik:
• One of Council’s duties is to appoint the Ombudsperson.
• Not to appoint one would be a Bylaw violation.

Antony Tsui:
• If the FarmAde location changed, would the budget increase?
Alan Ehrenholz:
- The budget allows for a location change.

Ian Sapollnik:
- How is the $21 AMS Athletics & Intramurals fee non-discretionary? We collect it ourselves.

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- We collect a lot of fees that are non-discretionary, meaning they don’t just go into the general operating fund.
- This money is for a specific purpose, so it’s non-discretionary.
- But we have been working with UBC Athletics & Recreation to ensure that the money is used correctly.

5. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT: [SCD043-18]

“Be it resolved that the AMS 2017/2018 budget be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- Been working on this for a while.
- It’s more detailed and accurate than the preliminary budget.
- The Finance Committee believes it’s the best.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- What is the VP Academic research and community projects money for?

Daniel Lam:
- More community projects.
- Expanded Indigenous programs.
- Money for WUSC.

Ian Sapollnik:
- There is more spending projected on Speakeasy than on Food Bank.
- Are usage stats being taken into account?
- 10% of students are frequently in need of food.

Marium Hamid:
- One of the biggest costs is training people, mental health training (in Speakeasy).
- Can’t put untrained people out there.
- Can’t cut back on that. That’s why the Speakeasy spending is high.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- AMS Events: big changes.
- Salaries are up, and we’ve increased revenue projections.
- Why do we think that’s going to happen?
- What are the new positions?
Alim Lakhiyalov:
- There’s a new Events Manager, who showed good performance last year.
- There are new initiatives for finding talent for events.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- There are lots of salary increases.

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- The Events team was understaffed; we didn’t have a social media person.

Mark Bancroft:
- The increase in ticket revenue: how was that calculated?

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- It’s based on an 85% sell-out, which is realistic.
- It includes sponsorship and food and beverage revenue.

Mark Bancroft:
- I’m a bit confused.
- We’re decreasing capacity.

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- We’re not limiting capacity; we’re reducing the size of Welcome Back Barbecue: it’s not a 10,000 person event.
- The price of the tickets is going up because of the talent and the demand.
- We’re adjusting the per unit prices.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Less food and beverage revenue projected this year, but we’re spending more on liquor.
- And the $164,000 number for ticket sales doesn’t make sense to me.

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- Liquor expense is calculated based on 1-1.5 drinks per attendee.
- Ticket revenue last year was based on a 70% sell-out. This year we’re budgeting for 85%.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- I would love to see the Events Manager come in to talk to us.
- I feel this budget is a little bit out there: $100,000 more in revenue; only a $10,000 increase in the cost of the talent.

Jakob Gattinger:
- I’m thinking we may want to postpone approval of the budget.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- The Finance Committee received a full briefing from Asad (the Events Manager).
- As to postponing, Bylaws say we’re supposed to approve the budget by the end of June.
• Could ask the Events Manager to come to our next meeting.
• If Council is not comfortable, Council could change the numbers.

Mark Bancroft:
• I would like to amend the numbers.

The Speaker:
• That would be out of order.
• It would need to go to Finance Committee first.

*A procedural discussion followed, during which it was mentioned that the Finance Committee meeting that approved the current proposed budget did not have quorum.*

*The Speaker then ruled that the budget proposal could not be considered unless Council suspended the Code requiring quorum at a Finance Committee meeting.*

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• Can Code be suspended retroactively?

The Speaker:
• We could recess and approve the budget if Fincom has quorum here now.

Jakob Gattinger:
• Making amendments on the fly is inadvisable.

Clerk of Council:
• We passed the preliminary budget, so we have a budget.
• Council can treat that budget as the budget.
• It’s what we often did in the past.

Chris Hakim:
• But there’s no Ombudsperson in the preliminary budget.

Allen Ehrenholz
• The Events Manager is here now.

Wendy Guo asked for an explanation of increases in kit revenue and ticket revenue.

Asad Ali (Events Manager):
• We sell out the kits each year.
• The previous manager did not account for this.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• Some of the kit revenue is transferred to Welcome Back revenue because you get a ticket with the kit.

Asad Ali:
• It’s the same this year, but it’s in the kit sales.
Mackenzie Lockhart:
- How are you planning to increase ticket revenue?

Asad Ali:
- The line-up is almost confirmed.
- We have a big name who will be popular.
- We’re going to launch earlier so we can sell more.
- We’re projecting an 85% sellout.

Mark Bancroft:
- Is the capacity the same?

Asad Ali:
- Not 6,000 for Welcome Back, but 5,000.
- It’s 6,182 for Block Party.

Wendy Guo:
- How does working with Blueprint help?

Asad Ali:
- They are great talent consultants.

Further procedural discussions ensued about making the preliminary budget the budget for now or holding an emergency Council meeting in the next two days (a straw poll showed not enough support for that).

6. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

“That Council suspend Code Section V, Article 1(5)(b) in order to allow the Finance Committee to approve the budget without quorum.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Alan Ehrenholz
- We should move forward with a budget tonight.
- The only way to do that is to suspend Code so that the Finance Committee can approve the budget without quorum.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
- It’s not good practice, but we’re in a dilemma.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried
For (12): Daphne Tse (proxy for Julien Hart), Joella Allen, Pooja Bhatti, Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Alim Lakhiyalov, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Lorenzo Lindo, Simon Qi, Juancho Ramirez, Antony Tsui

Against (6): Mark Bancroft (proxy for Daniel Luo), Bradley Balaton, Jakob Gattinger, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Joshua Kamijan (proxy for Tomo Yamaguchi)

Abstained: Mackenzie Lockhart, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

In response to suggestions that it was necessary now to recess to convene a meeting of the Finance Committee, the Speaker said his interpretation was that the Finance Committee had already passed the budget.

8. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“Be it resolved that the AMS 2017/2018 budget be accepted as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

9. MOVED WENDY GUO, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That the motion be amended to add a clause requiring that Version 6 of the budget be presented at the next Council meeting.”

Wendy Guo
- Finance Committee needs more time to discuss.
- I don’t think we should just pass this as is.

Alim Lakhiyalov:
- There is no real Version 5. It’s just an Excel version of what you have.
- We’d be presenting the exact same budget.
- No more major changes will be made.

Ian Sapollnik:
- I highly encourage someone to amend the amendment to direct Finance Committee to meet in the next week.

10. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the amendment be amended so that the additional wording reads:

… with a presentation of the budget having been approved by the Finance committee at a meeting next week, being presented at next Council meeting.”

Alan Ehrenholz:
- The version number of the budget presented at Council isn’t important.
  ... Carried

Abstained: Jakob Gattinger, Joshua Kamijan (proxy for Tomo Yamaguchi)

It was agreed to reword the phrase added by the amendment to read: “With presentation of the budget at AMS Council, having been approved by the Finance Committee at a meeting next week.”

11. MOVED WENDY GUO, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That the motion be amended to add the following: With presentation of the budget at AMS Council, having been approved by the Finance Committee at a meeting next week.”

… Carried


Abstained: Jakob Gattinger, Mackenzie Lockhart

12. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“Be it resolved that the AMS 2017/2018 budget be accepted as presented. With presentation of the budget at AMS Council, having been approved by the Finance Committee at a meeting next week.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mackenzie Lockhart

• Can we add a note saying quorum was not present at the Finance Committee meeting?

Alan Ehrenholz

• Well taken.

It was agreed to add such a note.

13. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That the motion be amended to add:

Be it further resolved that the Finance Committee return to Council by January 2018 with recommendations to improve the budgeting process.”
Jakob Gattinger:
- I don’t need to speak. The last 45 minutes speak for it.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Is the Finance Committee appointed for the year?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- No, but Alim and I will have the continuity, as well as Keith and Linda.
- Thanks to Jakob for bringing this up. We’ve already been talking about this.

14. MOVED JAKOB GATTINGER, SECONDED ALAN EHRENHOLZ:

“That the motion be amended to add:

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... Carried


15. MOVED ALIM LAKHIYALOV, SECONDED MARK BANCROFT:

“Be it resolved that the AMS 2017/2018 budget be accepted as presented. With presentation of the budget at AMS Council, having been approved by the Finance Committee at a meeting next week.”

Be it further resolved that the Finance Committee return to Council by January 2018 with recommendations to improve the budgeting process.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: Quorum was not present at the Finance Committee approving the budget.

... Carried

For (17): Daphne Tse (proxy for Julien Hart), Joella Allen, Bradley Balaton, Pooja Bhatti, Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Alim Lakhiyalov, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Lorenzo Lindo, Simon Qi, Juancho Ramirez, Antony Tsui, Julian Villafuerte Diaz, Joshua Kamijan (proxy for Tomo Yamaguchi)

Abstained: Mark Bancroft (proxy for Daniel Luo), Jakob Gattinger, Mackenzie Lockhart

**Academic Experience Survey – Daniel Lam** [SCD044-18] [SCD045-18]
- Annual survey to collect data to support lobbying.
- Also to change our AMS Services and businesses if necessary.
Done with Insights West.
Shorter this year (March 17-April 4), but a lot of responses (2484, up from last year’s 1564).
This is the super-big secret I announced last meeting.
Included graduate students this year.

Findings

- 69% are satisfied with their UBC experience, but there’s been an increase in the number who say they are not receiving good value for their tuition fees.
- 46% said the AMS is good or excellent, but there are trust issues with us: a decrease in the number saying they trust us to spend their money wisely.
- 31% said the AMS does a good job representing student interests.
- A lot of students don’t know about our services.
- Students know about the U-Pass fee, but not a lot of the other fees, including the fee for the Lighter Footprint Fund.
- Students feel safer on campus, but more discriminated against: the number of students reporting gender discrimination is up 9%.
- Students pay for school through money they get from family and employment.
- Students expect to be in debt when they graduate.
- There’s been an increase in the number of students who say they’ve had to abandon their studies for financial reasons.

16. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

“That time for the presentation be extended by five minutes.”

... Carried


Against (1): Sally Lin

Abstained: Mark Bancroft (proxy for Daniel Luo), Bradley Balaton, Mackenzie Lockhart, Simon Qi

Academic Experience Survey – Daniel Lam (continued)

Findings

- The average amount of money spent by undergraduates per year: $814.
  - $501 for grad students.
- Percentage of students who bought a textbook and never or rarely used it: 93% (grad students: 72%).
- Percentage who have ever worried about food security: 45% (grad students: 34%).
- Percentage who lack a fixed night-time residence: 18% (grad students: 9%).
- Percentage who have to spend more than four years because they can’t take their required courses: 22%.
17. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED SARAH PARK:

“That time be extended by five more minutes.”

Cameron England:
- Out of respect for the VPAUA I’d like to see him finish.

Mark Bancroft:
- It’s getting late in the evening, and we have lots on the agenda. Out of respect for Councillors’ time …

Max Holmes:
- There’s important information at the end about how to deal with this.

18. MOVED CAMERON ENGLAND, SECONDED SARAH PARK:

“That time be extended by five more minutes.” … No objections

**Academic Experience Survey – Daniel Lam** (continued)

Next steps
- Developing a policy on what questions to ask on the survey.
- Consultation in July, then returning to Council with recommendations.

Questions

Ian Sapollnik:
- The survey indicates that students choose UBC because of its high reputation, not affordability.
- How does that affect the AMS’s approach to affordability?

Daniel Lam:
- Reputation is important, but we have to continue to make UBC affordable.
- We have a policy.

Max Holmes:
- Yes, in some ways we may have to change our advocacy: advocating for more research.
- Tuition is going to affect a lot of students.
- We do need to increase UBC’s reputation abroad.

Daniel Lam:
- Both of these are important.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
- When will the VP Academics in the Constituencies have access to faculty specific portions of the survey?

Daniel Lam:
- The Insights West report has all the data at the end, and it’s been sent out.
Mark Bancroft:
- Executives are to update their goals in October.
- Are there any immediate changes to goals resulting from the survey?

Daniel Lam:
- We have to get the recommendations approved first.
- Some things, like discrimination, we’ll have to work with other groups on.

19. MOVED MARK BANCROFT, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the time for questions be extended by 10 minutes.” … No objections

Mackenzie Lockhart
- Thanks for including grad students this year, but some of the questions were not tailored to grad students.
- What plans are there to tailor questions to specific groups?

Daniel Lam:
- This is the first year including grad students.
- Still at an early stage.
- Happy to talk to you and the GSS VP Academic.

Jakob Gattinger:
- Are the recommendations going to be internal or external?

Daniel Lam:
- Both. Some will be about AMS services. Others about advocating to the University.

Ian Sapollnik:
- Generally support for Athletics is up, but the increase is small (within the margin of error), and the support is still mostly coming from white males.
- Given the lack of growth and the fact that support is coming from one specific demographic, is advocacy on this still something we want to do?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- Students have voted for the $25 fee for the new athletics facility because they thought we needed the building, so the results of the survey won’t affect that.
- Our Athletics & Recreation advocacy will step up to better reflect student priorities.

G) Consultation Period

Strategic Plan – Alan Ehrenholz

- The next iteration is approaching draft 4, but is not draft 4 yet.
- We’re changing the approach from Draft 3: want to be more bottom-up from the departments, services, and businesses.
- Have them setting their own goals to produce more buy-in.
- Want to create a four-year framework tying together Executives.
• Goals will be set for four years, but the operations part, the way to implement the goals, will change yearly with each Executive.
• We are defining our core values: that hasn’t been done before.
• We are establishing focus areas in which we will invest time, effort, and money to push the AMS forward.
• What I want from you is an answer to the question: What should we be pushing forward to? What should we shoot towards? And then the operational aspects.

Discussion
Mackenzie Lockhart:
• What kind of consultation went into this? Deciding on core values and so on.

Alan Ehrenholz:
• The core values haven’t changed since Draft 3, except that one (Affordability) has been shifted to being a Focus Area.
• This session now is the first step in the consultation.

Jakob Gattinger asked about dates for goals.

Ian Sapollnik:
• At first I was concerned that there were no goals, but I see from your presentation that there will be goals.
• Will there be 30 as before?

Alan Ehrenholz:
• Yes, there will be goals, including far-reaching goals.
• The way to achieve each goal will be left flexible.
• For instance, in Affordability, the goal might be to keep the cost increases on campus to no more than CPI. That would still allow each year’s Executive to decide how to meet that goal.
• As to how many, that’s a good question. There could be 3-5 per Executive.

Marium Hamid:
• And 3-5 for each Service, so 21 at least.

Alan Ehrenholz:
• So more than 30 probably.

Cameron England:
• There’s nothing I would like more than for UBC students to be engaged with athletics programs.
• Will you address the Academic Experience Survey finding that most students are not attached to the Thunderbird brand?
• I would like to see Athletics and Recreation working together.

Alan Ehrenholz:
• If it’s a specific goal, we could probably add it on the operational side of things. Something for Advocacy.
Chris Hakim:
- If the goal is to have students interact with the Thunderbirds, that’s the Blue & Gold Society.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- There are a variety of ways to push it forward. Blue & Gold is an excellent idea, but Advocacy may be better.

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
- The Academic Experience Survey indicated an increased lack of trust.
- The Strategic Plan talks of listening and a bottom-up approach. That’s something I like.
- There’s been a lack of trust among my constituents and clubs, a lack of consultation.
- Just recently there’s been talk of having to pay for infrastructure in the Old SUB.
- We don’t feel supported.

Alan Ehrenholz
- Support and Approachability in the Strategic Plan could be touching on what you’re asking for.
- The goal could be by 2021 to have clubs feel they are listened to by the AMS.

H) Appointments

UBC Informal Learning Spaces Committee

Daniel Lam:
- Meets once or twice a year: not a major commitment.
- Approves funding of informal learning spaces (pocket lounges, study areas).
- Used to be the VP Academic and the Chair of the Education Committee, but now there’s no Education Committee.

Nominees: Julian Villafuerte Diaz (Land & Food), Cameron England (Arts)
Chosen: Julian Villafuerte Diaz

20. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That Julian Villafuerte Diaz (1 x Councillor) be appointed to the Informal Learning Spaces Committee for a period effective immediately and ending April 30, 2018.”

... Carried

I) President’s Remarks (5 minutes):

Alan Ehrenholz
- Working with the UBC Ombudsperson to determine a new direction for the role of the AMS Ombudsperson.
- Attended Board of Governors.
- Steering Committee met.
- Attended Governance Committee: fun.
- Attending Blue & Gold.
- New UBC VP Research announced (Gail Murphy).
- Policy 93 review on hold.
- Welcoming Lori McNulty as AMS Communications Manager.
- Daniel Lins is leaving as a member of the AMS Communications Department.
- AMS history book:
  - At the publisher for editing.
  - Crafting a book launch; excited to work with the Alumni on it.
  - Expecting to sell books come October.
- Warmly received at GSS council.
- Faculty Cup planning (for February 2, 2018).
- This Week at Council videos will continue.
- Academic Experience Survey.
- Hiring for Sexual Assault Response Committee.
- Strategic Plan.

Questions
Chris Hakim:
- Why was Council not advised that money was being allocated for the Ombudsperson?

Alan Ehrenholz:
- We received feedback convincing us that the position has value and it would be a mistake not to fill it.
- The job description is not finished yet; it’s going to the HR Committee.
- We decided to show interest now in the budget, then proceed with a job description.

Cameron England:
- The Ombudsperson is supposed to provide mediation.
- How will the new job description differ from the previous mandate?
- We always want mediation.

Alan Ehrenholz:
- Mediation has always been in the job description, but hasn’t been the main focus. Other things were focused on.
- The UBC Ombudsperson is helping us change the description.

Mark Bancroft on behalf of Jakob Gattinger:
- What is the policy on Executive vacations? There are two away now.
Alan Ehrenholz:
- There’s no Code on this.
- Two weeks is normal.
- We’ve tried to mitigate the situation: Linda, the AVP Finance, was here to present the budget.
- There’s nothing formalized.

J) Executive Remarks (3 minutes each):

**VP Academic & University Affairs – Daniel Lam**
- UBC is introducing its new Canvas learning platform, replacing Connect.
- In Ottawa for Canadian Association of College and University Services (CACUS).
- Met the University Counsel about UBC policy revisions.

*Questions*
Ian Sapollnik:
- About UBC policy revisions: What are they looking at and prioritizing?

Daniel Lam:
- Policy 72 on student financial aid (which is supposed to ensure that no one has to give up their studies for financial reasons, which runs counter to the findings of the Academic Experience Survey).
- Policy 3 on discrimination and harassment.
- Policy 95 on investigations.
- Policy 14: Non-Academic Misconduct.
- Policy 71 on student consultation.
- Policy 73: Accommodation for Students with Disabilities.

**VP Administration – Pooja Bhatti**
- Aiming to meet with every Constituency: it’s going well.
- Finished revising club renewal forms.
- Reviewing applications for new clubs.
- SLSC cleaned up.
- Wellness Week.
- Art Gallery accepting submissions.
- New AVP Sustainability.
- Will present at Jumpstart orientation.
- GSS Fair has also invited me.

**VP External Affairs – Sally Lin**
- Submission to TransLink about the southwest transit plan.
- Went to Canada 2020 conference in Ottawa:
  - Unfortunately did not meet a lot of elected representatives.
  - Andrea Palmer, a previous Engineering president here, presented.
- Working on engagement.
- SUDS is going fantastic: 60 people have registered already.
- Planning campaigns for the year.
• U-Pass: connecting with the caucuses.
• SEEDS projects.
• UNA
• Transportation: Broadway extension: progress is happening.

Questions
Daniel Lam:
• What is the status of Councillors attending SUDS?

Sally Lin:
• In the past they were able to.
• This year registration is filling up and we’re prioritizing other schools. But we can talk about it.
• SUDS (the Student Union Development Summit) is meant to be a gathering of elected student union executives coming together to share best practices.

Sarah Park
• What is the maximum capacity?

Sally Lin:
• We’ve booked 102 rooms, but could go over.

Point of Personal Privilege:
Julian Villafuerte Diaz wanted to open the blinds to see the sunset.

VP Finance – Linda Huang for Alim Lakhiyalov
• Working on budget.
• Working on the “Empower me” mental health option with the studentcare health provider.
• Financial handbook.
• Treasurer orientation videos.
• Club budgets due end of July.
• Working with marketing team to promote funds and grants.
• Meeting with BMO re investment portfolio.

Managing Director – Keith Hester
• In the middle of the annual audit. Great fun. (But going quite well.)
• Holding an Oktoberfest for the first time, September 29.
• Also a Wellness event.
• Ice cream machine has arrived at Pie R Squared.
• Food cart should be here by the end of July.
• Refinancing presentation coming.
• Lori McNulty has been hired as the new Communications Manager.

K) Committee Reports (5 minutes each):

Operations – Julian Villafuerte Diaz
• Initial priority – establishing categories for clubs.
• Now working on the Operations Manual. Not bringing back the old SAC Policy Handbook, but going to work from it: edit and adapt it to the current situation.
• We denied a free booking to Common Energy since they’re not an AMS group.

Governance – Mackenzie Lockhart
• Completing the dozens of recommendations sent our way.
• Discussed Student Court.
• Looking at old policies.
• Other committees need to submit their minutes.

Student Life – Lorenzo Lindo
• Working on the terms of reference for Blue and Gold and Grad Class Council.
• UBC Kindness Week.
• Want to be a source of networking and collaboration.
• Looking into a combined calendar to minimize conflicts with Constituencies.

Finance Committee – Linda Huang
• Finished budget but will still be working on it.

Steering Committee – Alan Ehrenholz
• Had first meeting.
• Coming up with processes.
• Seeing how working groups fit in.

HR Committee – Wendy Guo
• Hiring Ombudsperson.
• Also for the Advisory Board.

Advocacy – Cameron England
• Terms of reference for Advocacy caucuses, a project from last year:
  o These are working groups to give voice to previously under-served populations:
    ▪ Student Issues (commuter students, mature students)
    ▪ Equity (marginalized groups: disability, Indigenous, racial minorities).

Constituency and Affiliates Reports (2 minutes each):

Arts – Cameron England
• Hired Speaker for our council.
• Working on budget.

Commerce – Daphne Tse
• Our VP Engagement has reached out to other faculties.
• Sauder marketing plan.

GSS – Bradley Balaton
• Started looking into the 2018 referendum we called three years ago about whether to stay or leave the AMS. Formed a committee.
Kinesiology – Juancho Ramirez
• Planning for Imagine Day.
• Updating our constitution.
• KUS engagement officer document.

Land & Food – Julian Villafuerte Diaz
• Collaboration/support re Sprouts, cooking club.
• Motion coming about appointing a Land & Food senator.

Pharmacy – Simon Qi
• Constitutional updates.
• First year welcoming event.

Science – Wendy Guo
• Hiring.
• Looking for volunteers for RXN.

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

BoG – Ian Sapollnik for Kevin Doering
• UBC appointed new VP Research.
• Lindsay Gordon reappointed as Chancellor.
• Approval for underground parkade at MacInnes Field.
• New code of conduct for Board members.

Senate – Jaymi Booth
• Caucus met and discussed goals and strategic plans.

Historical Update – Sheldon Goldfarb
• The budget issue is reminiscent of the last time a budget failed at Council, back in 2010.
• The VP Finance at the time said Council would love the budget because it was full of surprises.
• I said Council doesn’t like surprises, and Council failed the budget – largely because there were no details on how Block Party was going to break even.

N) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

21. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED SARAH PARK:  [SCD047-18]
   “That the April 26, 2017 minutes be approved as presented.”

   Sarah Park noted that she was recorded as absent but was actually present.

   The Clerk of Council said he would make the correction.
22. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED SARAH PARK:

“That the April 26, 2017 minutes be approved as presented.”

… Carried


Abstained: Jakob Gattinger, Mackenzie Lockhart

O) Executive Committee Motions:

23. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART: [SCD048-18]

“That Council accept the CiTR Agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Pooja Bhatti
• The last agreement expired.
• This is a renewal, with things to change because of the move to the Nest.
• We’ve had a good relationship over the past five years.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• Can we see the agreement?

24. MOVED CHRIS HAKIM, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND, THIRDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART:

“That the meeting go in camera.”

The meeting entered an in camera session at 9:35 pm.

The meeting left the in camera session at 9:40 pm.

25. MOVED ALAN EHRENHOLZ, SECONDED MACKENZIE LOCKHART

“That Council accept the CiTR Agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

… Carried

For (12): Joella Allen, Bradley Balaton, Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Simon Qi, Juancho Ramirez, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Abstained: Mark Bancroft (proxy for Daniel Luo), Pooja Bhatti
P) Constituency and Affiliate Motions:

Q) Committee Motions:

26. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED DANIEL LAM: [SCD050-18]

From the Governance Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Non-voting members’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- This removes Alumni reps, who haven’t come for years.
- It adds Senate reps, BoG reps, and the Student Services Manager as non-voting members.

27. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Governance Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Non-voting members’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

… Carried


Abstained: Pooja Bhatti, Joshua Kamijan (proxy for Tomo Yamaguchi)

28. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM: [SCD051-18]

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

Note Requires 2/3rds

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- This is from the ad hoc committee on Constituency Relationships.
- It’s reinstating the Code about deficits.
- It makes clear that it means deficits for the year and not on individual items.
29. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM: [SCD051-18]

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

Note Requires 2/3rds


30. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

“That the next two motions be omnibused.”

... No objections

31. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

[SCD052-18] [SCD053-18]

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

“That Council on the recommendation of the Governance Committee approve the Internal Policy entitled Petition Privacy Policy.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- These come out of issues in the latest election cycle, when a referendum petition containing personal information was photographed and posted online.
- The policy and the accompanying Code forbid this.
- The aim is to ensure that privacy is retained for information collected on petitions.

32. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CAMERON ENGLAND:

From the Governance Committee
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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried
For (9): Mark Bancroft (proxy for Daniel Luo), Joella Allen, Bradley Balaton, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Daniel Lam, Mackenzie Lockhart, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Abstained: Joshua Kamijan (proxy for Tomo Yamaguchi)

33. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

From the Governance Committee
“That on the recommendation of Governance Committee Council direct the Operations Committee to look into updating/creating a media policy for Constituencies per Recommendation 4 from the AMS Ad Hoc Committee on Constituency Relationships.”

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Governance thought it was not a great body to be looking at this.
- Operations deals mores with Clubs and Constituencies.

34. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

From the Governance Committee
“That on the recommendation of Governance Committee Council direct the Operations Committee to look into updating/creating a media policy for Constituencies per Recommendation 4 from the AMS Ad Hoc Committee on Constituency Relationships.”

… Carried


Abstained: Pooja Bhatti

35. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED CHRIS HAKIM:

“That the meeting time be extended until 10:36.”

… Carried


Against (2): Juancho Ramirez, Joshua Kamijan (proxy for Tomo Yamaguchi)

Abstained: Pooja Bhatti, Sally Lin, Simon Qi
36. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Governance Committee
“That on the recommendation of Governance Committee Council direct the Presidents Council to consult Constituencies on the feasibility of standardized election dates and the preferred implementation of those changes and to report their findings to Governance Committee.”

Mark Bancroft (point of order):
- Can we discuss this if the Presidents Council doesn’t exist yet?

The Speaker:
- We do already have Meetings of Constituency Presidents in Code.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- This came from a recommendation to standardize dates.
- We have already standardized Council turnover dates but not election dates.
- We’re not sure Constituencies want election dates standardized, so we thought it should be referred to the body of Constituency representatives.
- They can discuss it and come up with recommendations.

37. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Governance Committee
“That on the recommendation of Governance Committee Council direct the Presidents Council to consult Constituencies on the feasibility of standardized election dates and the preferred implementation of those changes and to report their findings to Governance Committee.”

… Carried


Abstained: Pooja Bhatti

38. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED WENDY GUO: [SCD054-18]

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

Note Requires 2/3rds

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Two changes from the recommendations made by the Elections Committee.
- First to restructure the Elections Committee.
• One position that is currently supposed to combine two jobs, Events and Communications, is being split into two separate positions.
• Also, poll clerks are being added to the committee.
• The second change is to eliminate Voter-Funded Media.
• Voter-Funded Media began with a donation, but now costs us money and is not providing quality.

39. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED WENDY GUO:

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

Note Requires 2/3rds  ... Carried


Abstained: Pooja Bhatti

40. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:  [SCD055-18]

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

Note Requires 2/3rds

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• This is an extensive change concerning how we maintain connections between the Constituencies.
• We’re removing that from AMS Council and transferring it to another body, the Presidents Council.
• It will be the body to coordinate between Constituencies.
• Council is the board of directors of the Society as a whole and is not the place for specific Constituency issues.

41. MOVED JULIAN VILLAGUERTE DIAZ, SECONDED WENDY GUO:

“That the Code change be amended to maintain Constituency reports and to combine the Presidents Council report with BoG and Senate reports."

Julian Villafuerte Diaz:
• Constituency Reports are a chance for Councillors to speak.
• I love the idea of a Presidents Council, but there’s still value in having Constituency and Affiliate reports.
• Someone other than the President should get to speak about Constituency matters.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
• The Constituency Reports take up a fair amount of time and are not necessarily relevant to this board.
• Moving them to a separate body creates more efficient dialogue there, and the time saved here can be spent on more important things.
• The Presidents Council report can summarize important issues.

Alan Ehrenholz:
• I want this new body to meet as often as Council to allow Constituencies to inform each other of what is going on in each Constituency.
• If Society-wide issues come up, the President can be asked to put those into the remarks from the Presidents Council to AMS Council.
• Or such issues can be put into a motion presented to AMS Council.

42. MOVED JULIAN VILLAFUERTE DIAZ, SECONDED WENDY GUO:

“That the Code change be amended to maintain Constituency reports and to combine the Presidents Council report with BoG and Senate reports.”

... Defeated

For (1): Julian Villafuerte Diaz


Abstained: Joshua Kamijan (proxy for Tomo Yamaguchi)

43. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Governance Committee

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

Note Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

44. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED DANIEL LAM: [SCD056-18]

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

Note Requires 2/3rds

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- Endorsements have been banned in spirit for a while, but a line in Code allowed them.
- Recently that line has been interpreted narrowly to restrict the announcement of such endorsements (they could only be made to groups of three people or less).
- These endorsements can harm Executive cohesion because you won’t want to work with someone whose opponent you endorsed.

45. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED DANIEL LAM:

From the Governance Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Student Court as Standing Body’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note Requires 2/3rds

... Carried


Abstained: Pooja Bhatti

46. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON: [SCD057-18]

From the Governance Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Student Court as Standing Body’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- One of our summer goals was to talk about Student Court.
- We had a short discussion.
- It’s an issue to look into; it’s mostly in the Bylaws.
- One thing we found we could do: In Code it says the Court should be a standing body.
- We’re proposing to remove that provision, so people will not be able to say we’re violating it.
47. MOVED MACKENZIE LOCKHART, SECONDED BRADLEY BALATON:

From the Governance Committee
“That Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2017: Student Court as Standing Body’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

For (12): Joella Allen, Bradley Balaton, Alan Ehrenholz, Cameron England, Wendy Guo, Chris Hakim, Daniel Lam, Sally Lin, Mackenzie Lockhart, Simon Qi, Juancho Ramirez, Julian Villafuerte Diaz

Abstained: Mark Bancroft (Proxy for Daniel Luo), Pooja Bhatti, Joshua Kamijan (proxy for Tomo Yamaguchi)

R) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

S) Other Business and Notice of Motions:

T) Discussion Period

AMS-GSS Referendum
Alan Ehrenholz:
- In 2015 the AGM of the Graduate Students Society passed a motion saying that there should be a referendum in 2018 on whether to stay in the AMS.
- The last GSS council meeting struck a committee to look into this.
- I don’t want a competitive situation here. If we do create our own body, I hope we will work together with the GSS body.
- Nothing has started yet.
- I have some ideas about how to move forward.

Mackenzie Lockhart:
- As a GSS rep on AMS Council, I’m in a conflict of interest, and so is Brad.

Mark Bancroft:
- It will be better to wait till the next Council meeting, when there are more people in the room.

U) Submissions:

AMS Submission on the Southwest Area Transportation Plan [SCD058-18]
SLC monthly report [SCD059-18]
Terms of reference – Blue & Gold Society [SCD060-18]
Grad Class Council working groups [SCD061-18]
Advocacy Committee monthly report [SCD062-18]
Governance Committee monthly report [SCD063-18]
Operations Committee monthly report [SCD064-18]
Steering Committee monthly report

V) **Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting: July 19, 2017

W) **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm.

X) **Social Activity:**

- Pit Night
June 28, 2017 Attendance

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

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V2: Amendment of the agenda
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V6: BIRT council suspend code section 5 article 1 5b. In order to allow the finance committee to approve the budget without quorum
V7: Amendment to amendment
V8: Motion to amend
V9: Motion to amend
V10: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS 2017/2018 budget be accepted as presented.
V11: extend time by 5 minutes
V12: Appoint Julian
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V16: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the CITR Agreement as presented.
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