Attendance
Present: Alan Ehrenholz (President), Sally Lin (VP External), Alim Lakhiyalov (VP Finance), Marium Hamid (Student Services Manager), Kelsi Wall (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist & Clerk of Council)

Regrets: Pooja Bhatti (VP Administration), Jakob Gattinger (interim VP Academic), Keith Hester (Managing Director)

Recording Secretary: Sheldon Goldfarb

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am (Sally time).

Agenda
- The agenda was approved (Alim, Sally).

Minutes
- The minutes of August 22 were approved (Sally, Alim).

Council Items
Quarterly Financial Report
Alim:
- Doing well. We’ve spent 18-26% of budgeted spending, which means we’re on track.
- Highest spending is from External because of SUDS.
- Business overall is 85% better than budgeted.
- Ph Tea is not performing, but other businesses doing well
- The Pit and the Gallery are showing the greatest positive variance from the budget.
- The best businesses overall are Pie R and Upper Case (soon to be Blue Chip).
- Conferences and Catering is doing better than budgeted.

Constituency Metrics and GSS President Code change
Alan:
- The metrics are good.
The Code change also specifically recognizes that the GSS President is on the Presidents Council.  
Since the Presidents Council is for all Constituency Presidents, and since our Bylaws recognize Graduate Studies as a Constituency, this seems redundant to me.  
I may talk to the GSS Councillors.

**Job Descriptions, Appointments, and Pay**  
**Alan:**  
- Need to change hours for the Sustainability Funds Administrator (he’s working more hours). Also for the AVP Academic.  
- Creating the position that will be working on the art sale and other special projects.  
- We’re setting the pay for committee chairs at Tier One as of September; it’s coming down from Tier Two, since they don’t have anyone reporting to them.  
- We’re appointing the Elections Team (Elections Administrator and the Communications Officer).  
- The pay rate for each tier is going up. This has already been budgeted for.

**Other Items**  
- **Alim:** Code amendment on funds: changing small things.  
- **Sally:** Our Turn presentation.  
- **Alan:** No presentation on the Old SUB renovations because the numbers have been delayed. Will present September 13.

**FarmAde**  
- **Alan:**  
  - Integrating LFS, the Farm and volunteers.  
  - One problem: there’s been no rain. The Farm is very dry, and there are fire safety concerns about having a barbecue and smoking there.  
  - Consulting the fire marshal.

**Renovations (new food outlets in the Nest)**  
**Alan:**  
- Some of us went to try out Iwana Taco. The tacos were good. This is its soft opening.  
- Upper Case is still Upper Case until mid-September, when it will become Blue Chip. (We’re waiting for materials to change the decor.)  
- The Burger Bar/Moonies food truck has been delayed until October.  
- Garden Grove (the new vegan outlet) is ready to go, but needs cooks.  
- The idea of a Meat and Bread place in the old Lower Case location is on hold. There are so many food outlets in our building and the surroundings that we’re holding off. We want our outlets to complement rather than compete with what’s there.
• The Gallery is going to be offering breakfast every day at 9 am: a soft opening for this on Thursday.
• We will be offering poke at Honour Roll, but won’t have a dedicated outlet for it.

Student Assistance Program
• Marium: Is this happening? We’re getting questions about studentcare (about their expanded counselling services plan).
• Alan: Marketing is happening in September as planned. Integration with UBC and the AMS is moving more slowly than expected. We’ll be working on it in September.

Updates
Alan:
• Akhil is finalizing the Council retreat for September 9-10.
• Former Council Speaker Dave Tompkins was here to update our Council software (which he originally created for us years ago).
• Grad Class Council gifts:
  o AMS Student Nest sign on the knoll is coming by mid-October.
  o The 2013 gift of a statue of When Women Rise is scheduled to be ready for March 8 (International Women’s Day).
• Grad Class Council and First Year Committee marketing going out next week.
• Member at large advertising going out.
• Blue & Gold Society being reimagined.
• New assistant, Emily. Working on strategic plan.
• The fish is still alive.

Alim:
• Following up with studentcare about communications plan.
• Finance Committee report is coming.
• Meeting UBC VP Finance.
• Marketing campaign on fiscal literacy.
• Need videographer for video orientations.

Marium:
• eHub meeting with Santa Ono and other UBC officials.
• Our eHub coordinator went to Utah to see what is supposed to be the best eHub.
• Lack of a videographer a problem: need to make videos.
• Going to create a consolidated Facebook page for the Services (Vice already has one).
• AMS T-shirts arriving Friday.
  o Alan: We’re also getting Iwana Taco T-shirts.
Sally:
- Melanie Mark, the Minister of Advanced Education, visited. It was pleasant, though short.
- SUDS: still recovering.
- Caucus terms of reference (for Advocacy Committee) are done. The committee is happy. Also a rubric template for hiring. Drafting job descriptions.
- U-Pass letter of extension. Referendum likely next March.
- Academic affordability consultation with government. We’re researching and drafting a submission.
- Our Turn document to Council. Timing it to come out with Sexual Assault Awareness launch.

SUDS details:
Sally:
- There were 131 delegates; it was a lot to manage.
- Maybe next time we should cap it at 110-115.
- If there’s an announced cap, it will also encourage schools to sign up early.
- There wasn’t really a deadline this year until very late.

Discussion:
- Alan: Could you cap the number per school and thus get more schools?
- Sally: One school pulled out when we told them they could only send two delegates. They wanted to send their whole executive. SUDS is a wide-ranging conference of interest to many.
- Marium: Can you increase capacity?
- Alan: That would require more staff and volunteers to help out. We had only three on our organizing committee this year.
- Sally: It was difficult to find volunteers this year.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.