A) **Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

Introductions

C) **Presentations to Council:**

University Boulevard Development - Joe Redmond (UBC Properties)

Fred Pritchard (Campus Planning & Devel.)

- The University Boulevard is just one part of the campus plan the University is working on. It has been tagged to serve the resident population. The goal is to make the campus a more day and evening facility with services and activities to encourage faculty/staff to stay and live on campus.

- The plan is to have a series of new buildings along Wesbrook and East Mall comprised of service and retail on the lower floor, institutional uses on the second floor and housing above that.

- There is currently a Task Force looking at the entry to the University and everything associated with it. Specific details will be presented to Council at future meetings.

- There is no doubt that the AMS will be affected by these plans as more food service outlets are envisioned in this plan. The idea is to create a University Town Centre that will complement the SUB.

- Currently the plan is being looked at by a Task Force and will go to the Board of Governors sometime in March. Any changes made at this level will require public input.

- Realignment of the roads may take place this August with work commencing on a new Dental Clinic. The whole project will take approximately four to five years to complete.

- The University is also working on a ten year capital plan. Development to be largely institutional. Matt Lovick asked if the capital plan will affect tuition and whether more classroom space would be created. Mr. Pritchard advised that this plan is not related to tuition, only infrastructure such as student and faculty housing in the hopes to retain staff as a major staff turnover is anticipated in the next 5 - 8 years.
- Matt Lovick asked if there would be student housing along Chancellor Boulevard. Mr. Pritchard said that housing along Chancellor Boulevard is part of the Theological Precinct and development will consist of duplex type accommodation which will be fairly expensive. However, these duplexes could have secondary suites which could be made available to students.

- In response to a question by Olivier regarding the bus loop, Mr. Pritchard said that originally the bus loop was going to be relocated but now waiting from recommendations from the Task Force to see how it can be improved without relocation.

- Megan Cassidy asked if the pool would be relocated. The pool would be relocated but again waiting for recommendations from the Task Force.

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Referendum 2001 - Jo McFetridge (Elections Administrator) [SCD 259-002]

- Referendum did not reach quorum.
- Recommend that in future more funds be allocated for elections and referendums. Request that the budget be reviewed.

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Safety Outreach Program - Sue Brown (Safety Coordinator)
Evan Horie (VP Academic)

- Safety is a large undertaking on campus.
- Council set out a mandate for the Safety Committee which is entirely student voice driven.
- Speakers are brought in to act as consultants to address concerns raised by students on the Committee. Some concerns raised include:
  - lack of centralized reporting
  - blue lights don't work
  - women involuntarily drugged
- Things that are going well include:
  - University has hired consultants to look at campus safety.
  - introduction of self defense classes for women.
  - blue lights are working.
  - appointment of a sexual assault worker through IPF funding.
  - Campus Security have moved above the UBC Bookstore.
  - Safewalk conducted over 2,600 walks.
  - introduction of an anonymous reporting system.

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SUB Strategic Plan Phase 6 - Mark Fraser (VP Administration)
Michael Kingsmill (Designer)

- Renovations to the Film Society are to commence in three weeks time.
- Cost of project has been reduced from $43,000 to $38,000

D) President’s Remarks:

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Yvette is ill and is unable to attend the Council meeting.
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Ensure that you get your Council pictures taken.
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Attended International House meeting.
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Participated in Congregation Ceremony.
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Interviewing for new vacated position (First Year Coordinator).
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Bijan is meeting with Coop office to discuss relevant issues.
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UBC is currently looking at the non academic student discipline.
Attended Alumni Board meeting.

Discussed proposal with WAVAW and IPF funding.

Holding discussions on the SUB and possible expansion.

Health Plan Survey will be distributed and negotiations are underway.

Communications Planning group is scheduled to meet tomorrow.

Long Range Plan will be passed onto councilors at the next Council meeting for them to read and provide input for the following meeting.

Fee agreement will be concluded and passed onto Council for approval with the university.

The Executive met with Brian Sullivan to discuss tuition.

**E) Executive Reports:**

**Kristen Harvey - VP External Affairs**

- **Transportation:**
  - Continue to lobby for improved bus service, including restoration of late night service.
  - After 3 years of on and off negotiation, I hope that TransLink is now ready to talk about a U-Pass for UBC. Meeting with Dennis Pavlich next week, and one with TransLink later in January.

- **Federal Lobbying:**
  - CASA Week January 21-25 in the SUB.

- **Provincial Lobbying:**
  - Provincial Budget expected to drop February 19, 2002.
  - Plans underway for a pre-emptive approach to any possible negative tuition decisions.

**Mark Fraser - VP Administration**

- I’ve been busy working on many projects since the New Year.
- Clubs Days II is happening right now on the SUB Concourse and in the SUB Ballroom.
- SAC has allocated the old Resource Group offices to new clubs, and a few clubs that requested an office change were switched.
- The Constituency Tea Party is scheduled for January 22, 2002 in the SUB Partyroom at 12:00. Please let your constituencies know, and have your heads up for a more formal invitation. All members of your constituency council are invited.
- The Resource Group Centre has been completed, we are now finalizing the final few details regarding their individual offices.
- On tonight’s Council agenda is a motion for CPAC funding towards the Film Society renovation.

**Evan Horie - VP Academic**

- **Long Range Planning Group:**
  - The Executive have been working hard on this project, and progress is being made. We have completed our 3rd draft of the comprehensive document and should be completed shortly.

- **Appointments Committee:**
  - The Appointment for the new Elections Administrator is on the Agenda, Deanna Metcalf has been working with the Elections Committee for several months and will make a very suitable replacement for Jo.
  - The International Student Issues Commissioner interviews will be taking place shortly, the response for this position from International students has been incredible, we have received well over 25 applications to date. The position will be appointed within two or three weeks.
  - The Appointments Committee is still accepting applications for the Clubs and Constituency Commissioner for the Finance commission.
< Selection Committee:
- Over the past several weeks I have sat as a representative on the Associate VP-International selection committee. Along with Davor from the GSS we have met with several qualified candidates, we have had the opportunity to promote international student issues as well as domestic student issues and have hosted student open forums.

< University Commission:
- Work is currently being done on the Yardstick. Once again this year the teaching evaluation publication will be put on line, this year it will be up-graded to make it more user-friendly.
- Just Desserts: - This annual AMS awards ceremony will be taking place on Thursday, February 7th, 2002 at Cecil Green House. Nomination forms which are included in the Council package are due on January 30th, 2002 in SUB Room 238. Nominations are welcome for all outstanding Faculty, Students or Staff. The event is free for nominees and Council members, please see the attached memo for more details.

< Minischool:
- Remember to sign up for Minischool courses, classes in Bartending, wine-tasting, first-aid and many more are all filling up fast. Register by January 18th, 2002.

Craig Briere - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

< AMS Services Christmas Party went extremely well as we had over 100 people show up for karaoke and prizes.
< Events continue to be busy with XFM Thursdays as well we have a guest speaker coming in Jello-Bi Afro and Justin is working with AUS and SUS on upcoming events.
< We will be hiring a new Orientations Coordinator as well as a new Firstweek Coordinator in the next couple of weeks.
< Also, we are looking to fill the Internship Coordinator position as Ingrid has left to take on another job.
< Tutoring exam prep seminars were a huge success.
< December was slow but sure to pick up.

F) Constituency Reports:

Dave Tompkins - Graduate Student's Society
Ryan Morasiewicz - Senate
Tommy Gerschman - Science Undergraduate Society
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Michael Groves - Science Undergraduate Society
Megan Saprunoff - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
Darryl Bosa - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Derek Jones - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Chris Eaton - Senate
Greg Marte - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Christine Lenis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Katie Drain - Arts Undergraduate Society
Tieg Martin - Board of Governors
Matt Lovick - Arts Undergraduate Society
Megan Cassidy - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jocelyn Yu - School of Social Work
Shea Dahl - Arts Undergraduate Society
Olivier Plessis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Cyrus Huang - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society  
Debra Erickson - Regent College  
Dayna Lee-Baggley - Graduate Students Society  
Brett Horton - Law Student's Association  

G) Discussion Period:  
Dave Tompkins brought up the issue of the change in the number of credits required to complete a Science degree, saying that such a change was in effect an increase in tuition and possibly a violation of the tuition freeze. Chris Eaton noted that the same content was being offered, just the price had been increased. Tommy Gerschman said that in the past Science had to reduce the number of labs offered, so perhaps this recrediting system could compensate. Reka Sztopa said not all Science students would have to take more credits.  

Tieg Martin said UBC’s Board of Governors plans to introduce a system of enforcing parking fines by withholding transcripts or freezing registrations for students who have more than three unpaid parking fines. Tieg said he was in favour of the principle of such a system.  
- Dave Tompkins said it is inappropriate to link academic and non-academic activities this way, adding that this should be a Senate, not a Board of Governors issue.  
- Tieg said the system is a preferable alternative to towing, because towing causes safety problems. Chris Fennell said the proposed system is common at other universities. Brett Horton said if students owe fines, they should pay them, and if they want their transcripts, they should pay their fines.  
- Annick Gauthier said UBC should lobby the provincial government to allow UBC access to ICBC records so that those not paying their fines could be prevented from renewing their drivers’ licences.  
- Mark Fraser said the proposed system sounded a bit too Big Brotheresque, but said if it meant an end to towing, that would be a good thing.  
- Matt Lovick said the AMS mandate is to protect students, not make sure UBC gets its money. He said being placed on financial hold is a serious matter, and sometimes students simply cannot afford to pay their fines.  
- Olivier Plessis said some of the unpaid fines were the result of over-zealous ticketing by parking officials.  
- Derek Jones suggested that the University could turn the unpaid fines over to a collection agency.  
- Dave Tompkins said it was inappropriate to be concerned about helping Parking Services meet a University requirement to raise a certain amount of money. He added that even if other universities have policies allowing non-academic actions to affect academic records, that doesn’t make it right. And he said it was appalling to have to pay for parking at all on campus.  

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:  
The following minutes were accepted by Council:  

Minutes of Student Council dated November 21, 2001 as amended [SCD 260-002]  

F) Constituency Reports:
K) Committee Reports and Motions:

Motion #9 was defeated.

Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 18, 2001 [SCD 261-002]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 6, 2001 [SCD 262-002]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 19, 2001 [SCD 263-002]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 26, 2001 [SCD 264-002]
Minutes of Appointments Committee (Alpha) dated December 14, 2001 [SCD 265-002]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Com dated August 27, 2001 [SCD 266-002]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Com dated September 10, 2001 [SCD 267-002]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Com dated September 21, 2001 [SCD 272-002]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Com dated October 10, 2001 [SCD 268-002]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Com dated October 29, 2001 [SCD 269-002]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Com dated November 5, 2001 [SCD 270-002]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Com dated November 9, 2001 [SCD 271-002]
Minutes of the Safety Advisory Committee dated October 10, 2001 [SCD 273-002]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED CORISANDE BALDWIN:

Exam Hardship Policy

"Whereas AMS members should be afforded every opportunity to achieve academic excellence in their studies at the University of British Columbia; and

Whereas the scheduling of 3 or more exams within a 24-hour period hampers the ability of students to achieve their full academic potential, thereby constituting an “exam hardship”; and

Whereas the Alma Mater Society has policy calling upon the University to implement an “exam hardship policy;” and

Whereas the University now maintains an examination hardship policy which accepts the aforementioned definition of “exam hardship” and provides rescheduling opportunities in the event of an “exam hardship”;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society support the University’s examination hardship policy to ensure that students are not required to write 3 or more exams within a 24-hour period."
Evan Horie explained that Council had passed a policy on exam hardship three years ago. UBC had subsequently adopted a similar policy. The AMS policy had expired, and it was thought to be prudent to put a new one in place stating AMS support for the University’s new exam hardship policy.

Erfan Kazemi said he had heard reports that the University policy was not being enforced and asked if others had heard similar reports.

Shea Dahl said he was sure the Registrar’s Office knew the policy and suggested that students might be complaining about situations which did not violate the policy against three exams in 24 hours, but which were almost as bad or just as bad: for instance three exams in 27 hours or five exams in three days.

Chris Eaton said there had been an increase this year in the number of scheduling situations that were close to being hardship situations, but the alternative to allowing these would be a shorter Christmas vacation.

Chris Fennell said it would be a logistical nightmare to expand the definition of hardship.

Liam Mitchell suggested that information be gathered to see how many close-to-hardship situations were occurring.

2. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED CORISANDE BALDWIN:

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Whereas the University now maintains an examination hardship policy which accepts the aforementioned definition of “exam hardship” and provides rescheduling opportunities in the event of an “exam hardship”;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society support the University’s examination hardship policy to ensure that students are not required to write 3 or more exams within a 24-hour period."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

3. MOVED JOCELYN YU, SECONDED CHRIS EATON:
"That Council appoint Deanna Metcalfe for the position of AMS Elections Administrator for a term commencing immediately and ending November 30, 2002 on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Alpha)." ... Carried Unanimously

4. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED LIAM MITCHELL:

"Whereas a current member of the Elections Committee is being recommended for the position of Elections Administrator;

Whereas, such an appointment, if approved, would leave an at-large position vacant on the Committee 3 days prior to the commencement of this year's elections;
Whereas there is not sufficient time for the Appointments Committee (Delta) to complete the requisite provisions for recommending a new at-large Committee member; and

Whereas, Appointments Committee (Alpha), in interviewing for the Elections Administrators identified a suitable candidate for the at-large position, one Dustin Cook.

Therefore, be it resolved that Council suspend Section IX A (1) (A) (2) of the Code of Procedures for the purposes of appointing an at-large member of the Elections Committee on the advice of Appointments Committee (Alpha); and

Therefore be it further resolved that Dustin Cook be appointed as an at-large member of the Elections Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending on September 30, 2002."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried Unanimously

I) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated November 16, 2001 [SCD 274-002]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated November 30, 2001 [SCD 275-002]

5. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED SHEA DAHL:

"That Council approve an amount not to exceed $38,000 from CPAC funds for the purpose of SUB Strategic Plan Phase 6 - the Film Society renovations on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council: (Cont.)

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Safety Advisory Committee dated November 1, 2001 [SCD 276-002]
Minutes of the Safety Advisory Committee dated November 29, 2001 [SCD 277-002]
K)  **Committee Reports and Motions: (Cont.)**

6. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED JOCELYN YU:  
   "That Council appoint Christine Lenis to represent the AMS on the UBC Athletics and Recreation Committee."  
   ... Carried

L)  **Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:**

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the University Commission dated November 2, 2001  
[SCD 279-002]

Minutes of the University Commission dated November 16, 2001  
[SCD 280-002]

L)  **Other Business, including Notices of Motion:**

O)  **Submissions:**

<  Just Desserts Award 2002  
   [SCD 281-002]

<  Communications Report on the 2001 Referendum  
   [SCD 282-002]

P)  **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 23, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q)  **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

R)  **Social Activity:**

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Evan Horie  
VP Academic  
EH:pr
A) **Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

<county_A introduces individuals>

C) **Presentations to Council:**

<county_A presents information about The Learning Exchange>

- Based in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, the goal of the Learning Exchange Program is to build relationships with the community at large.
- Some of the educational opportunities include:
  - Access to UBC library articles, books and databases.
  - Access to internet and work processing stations.
- Volunteer opportunities include:
  - Tutoring teens in homework clubs.
  - Teaching computer skills.
  - Helping with sports and recreation activities.
  - Teaching ESL.
- Further information can be obtained at www.learningexchange.ubc.ca

<county_A presents information about AMS Volunteer Services>

- AMS Volunteer Services looks after volunteer and internship referrals.
- A couple of new programs include the International Opportunities Program and VeX (Volunteer Email Exchange).
- The Annual Volunteer Fair was a great success.
- International Opportunities Fair to be held February 21 - March 7, 2002.
- The Internship Program was started five years ago and currently have 50 diverse internships. The first ever Internship Fair was a great success.
- There has been an increase in the use of the service this year due to increased accessibility via the website, an excellent dynamic of staff, Service Coordinators and the support of the Executive Coordinator of Student Services.
- Focusing on the successes of this year the program can be expanded while retaining a modest budget.
- More communication with the campus community will keep programs and events relevant to students.
<Speakeasy Peer Support - Jennifer Harkness
- Have a total of 75 volunteers. 7 Group Leaders that meet every 2nd week.
- Youth Action funding - working on promotions.
- Working on expanding relationships on and off campus.
- Working on a promotions campaign to explain what we offer.
- Expanding service to residences.
- Working with UBC Housing to take care of pamphlets racks in residences in exchange for displaying Speakeasy signs.
- Working to putting together resource packages.
- Looking to improve relationships between Speakeasy and Peer Educators on campus and more interactive relationships with Counselling Services.
- Overall the number of calls and drop-ins have increased due to the new location/accessibility of the Information Desk.

<University Boulevard Development - Bernie Peets
- South Campus to be an extension of Hampton Place with up to 10,000 additional housing.
- Mid Campus and East Campus to be market housing.
- Gage to be expanded.
- First phase will be the construction of a new dental clinic.
- Talks about relocating the bus loop and having feeder buses come onto campus.
- We requested that the entrance to the University be commercial free. However, plans will continue to change.
- The Task Force will present their report to Dr. Piper next month and to the Board of Governors in March. Following that there will be public consultation forums.

D) President’s Remarks:
<Currently in negotiations regarding the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan.
<The IPF Committee has made its funding allocations. 24 projects to receive funding. Thanked Matt Lovick, Andrew Tinka and Mark Fraser for their participation on the committee.
<PAC - Indirect cost of research.
<CASA Board meeting.
<Tuition meeting with Board representatives and the GSS. Looking at ways to handle upcoming tuition increase and what we can do.
<Wrote a letter to Board of Governors re AMS concerns linking parking fines with academics.

E) Executive Reports:

Yvette Lu - VP Finance
Health Plan:
<Survey:
- Completed at the end of last term.
- Surveyed 150 students from a list from the Registrars Office.
- 23% Graduate students, 77% Undergraduate.
- Questions about: communication, benefit options, opt outs.
- Vision care, Optometry exams and Prescription drugs were the most popular health benefits.
- Cleanings and Checkups were the most popular dental benefits.
Minutes of Student Council

- 77% think the current cost of the plan is "just right".
- When asked whether or not the AMS/GSS should continue to provide the health and dental plan, 98% said yes.

< Assistance Fund:
- Deadline is February 15.

< Renegotiation:
- Currently seeking competitive bids based on results of survey.

< VST:
- Will be joining the health plan.
- Have completed a referendum which was in favour of joining the plan and will be forwarding documentation to me.
- Hopefully, things should be organized for entry next September.

< Loss Ratio:
- Loss ratios from September to November not as excessive as in previous periods.
- Claims were low in September and October due to the blackout period.
- Significant number of travel health claims.

Financial Review

< Business Side:
- Managers and Henry, the controller, are responsible for monitoring our commercial services.
- I will be reviewing last terms financials for the businesses and meeting with them to discuss our financial situation.
- Will get back to you when I have more information.
- Last term in general looks as if it was slower than expected.
- December was a slow month due to the short exam period.
- Investment revenue is down due to decreased interest rates and capital expenditure for construction.

< Student Side:
- Doing very well. Departments have been spending conservatively and departments appear to be on or under budget.

< Bike Coop:
- Bike Kitchen has been very ambitious in the past year.
- Expanding inventory.
- Will be working with them to create a plan for the future.

Mark Fraser - VP Administration

< Clubs Days II took place January 9 - 11, 2002. The events was a success; more clubs were able to increase their memberships and had a good time.

< The Constituency Tea Part was held yesterday, and a moderate number of constituency representatives attended. I would like to thank Scarlett, the SAC Constituency Commissioner for organizing the event.

< Bookings Lineup is scheduled for February 5, 2002. Please let your Constituency Bookings Reps know to make their bookings for their week preferably prior to this date, for all September to December bookings. All other bookings for first term should be done at the appointment you receive during bookings lineup. SAC is making a great effort for this bookings lineup to let all clubs know what exactly the lineup is.

< The Grand Opening for the Resource Group Centre was held last Friday, January 18, 2002. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony tomorrow with Terry Sumner, the UBC VP Administration & Finance to give him a tour of the SUB.

< Completed IPF applications allocation of funding, it was a fun and fair process.
Kristen Harvey - VP External Affairs

UBC:
- I am pleased to announce the External Commission has selected this year’s Great Trekker. Utilizing the theme: Women of Distinction in Social Development, the External Commission worked in concert with the Alumni Association to research many potential candidates. The winner this year is Ms. Ruth Sigal, whom we are acknowledging for her contributions to UBC students, and the community at-large in her capacity as former Director of the UBC Women’s Resources Centre. Ms. Sigal retired in December from her position at the Women’s Resources Centre, and has taken the opportunity to travel. We are working with Ms. Sigal to find a date for the awards ceremony that will work for all, and once we’ve determined a date, Council will be invited to attend the event!

Regional:
- Meeting scheduled with Geoff Atkins (Associate Vice President Land and Building Services), from the university and CEO Pat Jacobsen (from TransLink) and myself tomorrow to discuss the Universal Bus Pass. Officially, negotiations have begun.

Provincial:
- BC Government announced heavy restructuring on January 17 of the Ministry of Advanced Education. Please see attached press release for additional details. The press release is also available on the AMS web site under the Student Government tab.

Federal:
- CASA Week January 21-25. Stop by the booth on the main concourse to look up some important federal issues for post-secondary education, and to enter a draw for prizes!! Information is available on the Canada Student Loan Program, Indirect Costs of Research, Accumulated Deferred Maintenance etc.
- The Canadian Government announced a cabinet shuffle on January 15. Changes are not expected to have a significant impact on education. Jane Stewart still heads up the HRDC Ministry (in charge of student loans), and Paul Martin is still the Minister of Finance.

Evan Horie - VP Academic

Just Desserts:
- Reminder to Council that the Just Desserts awards ceremony is taking place on Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Cecil Green House. Please submit your nomination forms to Paramjit before Wednesday, January 30th.

Multicultural Fair:
- U-comm has been organizing the fair this year. It will be taking place February 14th and 15th on the SUB Concourse, just outside the Outpost. There are a variety of performances, and presentations due to take place over the two-day event which celebrates and promotes Multiculturalism.

Yardstick:
- U-comm has been working on the online version of Yardstick. Jennifer Lau has been collecting teaching evaluations from most departments. It will hopefully be online and ready for use in the spring.

Appointments Committee:
- Interviews for the International Student Issues Commissioner will take place tomorrow, we have short-listed to seven very qualified candidates. The Commissioner will be recommended for the next Council meeting on February 7th.
- Interviews for the Clubs & Constituency Commissioner in the Finance Commission will take place shortly, we are still accepting last-minute resumes if anyone is interested in the position.
We are currently accepting resumes for the Service Coordinators for AMS Orientations as well as the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, deadline for applications is February 1st.

Immigration Seminar for International Students:
- Friday, February 8th from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the International House lounge, Immigration Officers from Immigration and Citizenship Canada will present an overview of the immigration regulations that pertain to international students. If anyone knows International students who are interested in attending they can register at: www.students.ubc.ca/events/international

Smart Card:
- FYI to Council: The AMS and the University have been in consultation regarding the Smart Card initiative. There are currently approximately 30 different cards in use on campus (residence, library, AMS, copy, meal plan etc.) and the University wants to replace these cards with a single card with a magnetic strip which can be loaded with value for different purchases. At this point, we have to evaluate if this is an initiative the AMS can take part in or not. Tom King who is spear-heading the initiative will make a presentation to Council soon.

Craig Briere - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Student Services:
- Continue to be extremely busy. Tutoring has continued to see a large turnout, while Safewalk, Speakeasy, Joblink and Volunteer Services have also seen increased traffic.
- Safewalk recently received new staff jackets that were almost entirely funded by external sources.
- Minischool has filled most of the classes that are currently offered, but we still have spots available in Backpack and Wilderness Survival, Wine Tasting and beginners We Design.

AMS Events:
- Karen Benson (Student Events Coordinator) is extremely busy assisting the Events Department as well as other campus clubs, and groups and has been extremely pro-active in developing a working relationship with a variety of campus organizations. Her work is now starting to show signs of success as a number of events have had great turnout and support.
- An update on events:
  - The Jello-Bi-Afro show that was held on Tuesday was sold out.
  - XFM Thursdays have developed a loyal following and we are seeing attendance increase with every week.
  - This past Tuesday, on the recommendations of the Executive, we held the first Karaoke night in the Gallery and it was a huge success.
- Coming Up - Justin has confirmed the following shows:
  - Jann Arden will be guest speaking in March.
  - As well as Ian Wright.
  - Also working on the Big Band Small Venue series to include such acts as Wide Mouth Mason and the Headstones.

We will be conducting interviews for the Orientations Coordinator probably beginning next week; as well we will be posting for the First Week Coordinator soon.

The Services will be meeting with Michael Kingsmill and Mark Fraser sometime next week to discuss the future development of the Student Services area.

Finally all AMS Services will be presenting to Council over the next few meetings, please ask questions to find out more about what they do, and how they benefit the students of UBC.

Sadly, my term is coming to an end so I have been compiling a list of recommendations to aid the
new Executive Coordinator of Student Services and Council in the upcoming year.

F) Constituency Reports:

Megan Saprunoff - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Jocelyn Yu - School of Social Work
Ciro Panessa - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
Olivier Plessis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Chris Fennel - Grad Studies
Nadine Gudz - Planning Students Association
Megan Cassidy - Arts Undergraduate Society
Katie Drain - Arts Undergraduate Society
Christine Lenis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Chris Becenko - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Debbie Erickson - Regent College
Andrew Tinka - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Des Bowes - Engineering Undergraduate Society
The Lab Rat - Science Undergraduate Society
Corrie Baldwin - Science Undergraduate Society
Tommy Gerschman - Science Undergraduate Society
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Joanne Li - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Cyrus Huang - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society
Darryl Bosa - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Perry Vlachos - Education Students Association
Zoran Miladinovic - Grad Studies
Maryann Adamec - Board of Governors
Tieg Martin - Board of Governors

G) Discussion Period:

Liam Mitchell said too much time was being spent on Constituency Reports; he suggested making these reports written instead of oral. Desiree Bowes presented a counter opinion, saying she appreciated hearing everything from the Constituencies rather than reading it.

Mark Fraser said the Impacts Committee had discussed the issue of the amount of paper used at Council in the Council packs and was wondering whether some items could be omitted from the packs.

- Andrea Procter said it was useful to have the material in paper form to pass on to the next Council rep so they could see what had been done. Debra Erickson said the minutes were not essential, but the letters and submissions to Council should be presented in hard copy.

- Olivier Plessis suggested using e-mail. Tommy Gerschman said web links would be better than e-mail attachments. Chris Fennell said the material should be on-line not just for Council, but for everyone. Yvette Lu said Council members could be given the option of receiving the material in paper form or on-line.

Olivier Plessis wanted to know what the two student representatives on the Board of Governors will be saying at the Board about tuition.
Maryann Adamec said she would argue against deregulation of tuition fees and for the importance of quality and accessability. She said she was against financial barriers to education; only academic standards should determine who attends university. And if tuition increases, she said there should be visible improvement of the quality of the education offered. She said the worst case would be to simply eliminate the tuition freeze and allow a free-for-all.

- Tieg Martin said he supported a tuition increase and differentiated tuition, but he wanted increases to be correlated with improvements in quality. He said one advantage of the tuition freeze had been to force the University to make efficiencies. He said he thought the Board, not the government, should set tuition fees. Students would have more influence over tuition fees if set by the Board because there are student seats on the Board and the Board is on campus, closer to the students; the government is one step removed.

- Olivier said the recent AMS plebiscite showed that students were against differential tuition and he was concerned that one of the student representatives on the Board was going to support differential tuition.

- Tieg said that since this was a representative democracy, it was up to him to vote according to his conscience; otherwise we could just have computers tally everyone’s opinions. He said he’d always supported differentiated tuition.

- Maryann said she was against differential tuition.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated January 9, 2002 [SCD 285-002]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated September 28, 2001 [SCD 286-002]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated October 16, 2001 [SCD 287-002]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

1. MOVED CHRISTINE LENIS, SECONDED MARYANN ADAMEC: [SCD 288-002]

“That Council appoint Jocelyn Yu to represent the AMS on the UBC President's Advisory Committee on Equity, Discrimination and Harassment.”

... Carried

2. MOVED THE LAB RAT, SECONDED CHRIS FENNEL:

UBC Parking Policy

“Whereas the University is considering amendments to Policy #67 concerning measures to increase fines collection for parking violations;

Whereas the proposed amendments would deny access to registration and/or transcripts in the event a student has three or more outstanding parking fines; and
Whereas the proposed amendments tie academic pursuits to a non-academic service and would allow an ancillary service to impose academic sanctions; and

Whereas the implementation of the proposed amendments could have detrimental effects on students, such as hindering students’ graduate applications and their transition to the workforce, or prolonging degree completion; and

Whereas the proposed amendments would unfairly target students without penalizing faculty and staff, and fail to provide a transparent appeals process, a mechanism for student consultation, or communications provisions; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS oppose any University policy which allows UBC Parking Services, to impose academic sanctions; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS lobby the University to explore alternative means of maximizing enforcement revenue for UBC Parking Services, such means to contain the following provisions:

1) universal application to all members of the UBC community;
2) effective communication mechanisms;
3) a transparent appeals process;
4) student consultation.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Tieg Martin said that although he disliked the idea of academic sanctions for parking fines, and would support an alternative plan to collect fines, he had seen no such alternative plan. He said that linking parking fines to registration had been UBC policy until 1995.

Chris Fennell said he didn’t agree that it was up to the AMS to come up with an alternative plan. It was not the AMS’s job; it was Parking’s job.

Maryann Adamec said Parking had lots of internal problems. She described horror stories affecting her and others about tickets, the Parking appeals process, and towing late at night. She said there needs to be a major reform in how Parking communicates and UBC needs to improve its customer service in parking matters.

Desiree Bowes said the problem might be alleviated if UBC made it easier to pay fines.

Ryan Morasiewicz said the student senators would fight the new policy in Senate.

Olivier Plessis said the issue was less about students not paying tickets and more about Parking: creating a more consistent system of parking regulations and a fairer appeals process.

Ciro Panessa suggested linking library privileges and parking fines. Tieg said such a plan would be more of a hardship to students than freezing registration would be.

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Note: Requires 2/3rd

Note: Tieg Martin abstained... Carried

4. MOVED MEGAN SAPRUNOFF, SECONDED JOCELYN YU:

"Whereas 'the University of British Columbia is committed to maintaining the highest standards of teaching, learning, research and service'; and

Whereas the University of British Columbia aspires to be 'the leading research university in Canada and one of the leading research universities in the world'; and

Whereas the University of British Columbia 'recognizes that it must be accountable to those who use [its] services, participate in [its] processes, share in [its] governance, and provide [its] revenues'; and

Whereas students contribute a significant proportion of the University's revenues through tuition fees;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS Council encourage the University to demonstrate its accountability to students by the following means:
- effect timely and relevant communication with students pertaining to developments in tuition policy and adjustments in fees;

- ensure that students and/or their AMS representatives have full and unfettered access to all the University's budgetary statements;

- affirm that any increase in tuition must be directly and demonstrably effective of improvements in the quality of education at UBC; and

- exercise responsible stewardship by ensuring that the University's operations are conducted as efficiently and as cost-effectively as possible, while simultaneously realizing the goal of 'attracting and retaining outstanding faculty, students and staff'."

Chris Eaton objected to policy statements being put on an addendum and presented at the last minute as had been done with this motion. He said Council members needed time to consult with their constituents on major issues like this one.

Dave Tompkins asked why the motion had to pass now. Tieg Martin said it could wait, but he wanted it in place before the government brought down its budget and stated its position on tuition. He said the point of the motion was to deal with how tuition increases would be brought in and to set conditions to hold the University to.

Mark Fraser asked if the motion was a policy statement requiring a two-thirds vote. He added that it seemed unobjectionable and thought it could be passed now.

Andrew Tinka said some people might oppose it and it was bad form to sneak it onto an addendum.

Chris Eaton said he’d seen no problem with the motion in the time he’d had to read it, but he’d had only five minutes. He said it was not a good idea to do this unless the matter was urgent or time-sensitive. He suggested postponing the motion.

5. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

"That motion #4 be postponed until the next Council meeting."

... Carried

6. MOVED MEGAN SAPRUNOFF, SECONDED JOCELYN YU:

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... Postponed

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

NOTICE OF MOTION

7. MOVED ___________________________________________; SECONDED ___________________________________________; 

"Whereas a strategic plan would provide a cohesive vision of the Alma Mater Society’s needs, priorities and future direction; and

Whereas a strategic plan would provide a framework for AMS Council to co-ordinate and facilitate the accomplishment of stated goals and objectives for several years; and

Whereas Council on June 27, 2001 approved in principle the development of a multi-year strategic plan and directed the Executive and the General Manager to take the appropriate and necessary steps to facilitate the plan’s development; and

Whereas in accordance with Council’s direction, the Executive and the General Manager conducted focus groups and carried out extensive consultations with AMS stakeholders; and

Whereas the Executive and the General Manager have prepared a strategic plan entitled 'Leading the Way: The AMS Strategic Plan - "A Vision for the Future"';

Therefore be it resolved that Council adopt ‘Leading the Way: The AMS Strategic Plan - "A Vision for the Future"' as the strategic plan of the Alma Mater Society."

O) Submissions:

< Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the AMS Foundation. [SCD 289-002]

< Letter to the BoG re: proposed amendment to Policy #67. [SCD 290-002]

< Leading the Way: AMS Strategic Plan - "A Vision for the Future" [SCD 291-002]
< News Release: Provincial Cuts Create Uncertainty for Education [SCD 292-002]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 6, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Evan Horie
VP Academic
EH:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

Introductions

SUB Strategic Plan Phase 7 - Michael Kingsmill/Mark Fraser
- 1650 square feet of renovations at $85.00 per square foot
- $8,000 contingency allowed.
- Construction to begin in April and be ready in time for the first year programs.
- Film Soc will be in their new space by the end of February.

2002 Elections Report - Deanna Metcalfe [SCD 293-002]
- Conducted seven separate elections. A total of 4556 ballots were cast.
- Held 4 All Candidate Forums with the help of Resident Advisors.
- Some minor violations occurred but all persons involved followed the Elections Committee rulings.
- Two decisions made by the Elections Committee were appealed to the Elections Appeals Court and subsequently both appeals were dismissed.
- Recommendations:
  - Hire Election Committee members as early as possible.
  - Issue employee manuals detailing position requirements.
  - Elections budget be increased significantly.
  - Changes to the AMS Code of Procedure regarding slates and the roles of scrutineers.

MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED CHRIS EATON:

"That presentations from the AMS Services be reduced to 15 minutes."
2. MOVED DEA LLOYD:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

3. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED CHRIS EATON:

"That presentations from the AMS Services be reduced to 15 minutes." ... Defeated

< AMS Tutoring Services - Jessica Young [SCD 294-002]
- Services offered include:
  - free drop-in tutoring.
  - tutoring appointments.
  - University success seminars.
  - tutoring skills workshops.
  - exam prep seminars.
  - on-line Resource Centre.

- Potential loss of the TLEF.
- Need to expand the drop-in service and look into the space issue.
- New Services include:
  - appointment tutoring.
  - French drop-in tutoring.
  - exam prep seminars.
  - on-line Resource Centre.

- Look into developing new tutoring skills workshops.
- Add additional subjects to the tutoring appointments service.
- Develop a tutor registry.

< AMS Orientations - Christina Tinson/Alexandra Brzozowski
- Orientations Program runs from April to September.
- Last year conducted an orientations survey.
- Received $1500 from the Walter Gage Fund.
- Visited 95 schools in the Lower Mainland - doubled from last year. Thanked the AMS Executive for helping out with school visits.
- Shared training with UBC recruitment.
- Hired 7 guides who received intensive training.
- Charged students $15 which helped pay for pizzas and room rental.
- Mature student night was a huge success.
- A total of 1943 students participated in the program compared to 1213 last year.

< AMS Advocacy Office - Toireasa Jesperson Nelson [SCD 295-002]
- 58 students were disciplined last year. Students have a right to put forward information/explanation regarding allegations made against them.
- Thanked Erfan for writing to all deans promoting our service.
- Senate and the President have included the AMS Advocacy Office in their publications.
- Have been certified as a positive space by the Equity Office.
- Huge increase in the number of referrals from the Ombuds Office.
- Have been allocated $4,000 from the Innovative Projects Fund for the creation of a Student Rights Advisory Centre.
- Looking into making our area safe and secure for our staff.
- Thanked the AMS Executive for all their support over the year.

D) President’s Remarks:
- Thanked the AMS Services for all their hard work and dedication.
- Meeting with Brian Sullivan (VP Students) on tuition. Has passed on information re: TUPC and Ministry submission.
- Working with BoG and Executive on AMS strategy of efficiency and 'Tip of the Iceberg' campaign.
- Attended B Squared meeting.
- CASA Board Meeting.
- Participated in the CFS rally.
- Appeal for funding made to Brian Sullivan.
- AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Survey Results - Kristin Foster [SCD 296-002]
  - The Studentcare Vision Network and the Studentcare Physiotherapy Network were launched to relieve some of the costs faced by UBC students.
  - Survey highlights include:
    - 95% of students were aware of the plan.
    - 98% are in favour of continuing the plan.
    - 84% ranked the plan 7 or higher in terms of importance.
    - 46% said they were aware of the dental network.
  - It can be concluded that the communication campaigns have been effective in educating and servicing students.

E) Executive Reports:

Evan Horie - VP Academic [SCD 297-002]
- Just Desserts:
  - The award ceremony will be held tomorrow evening at Cecil Green Park.

Mark Fraser - VP Administration
- We are moving ahead with the Film Society renovations on the main level, with the demolition starting as early as next week.
- I received a letter today from UBC Trek confirming their willingness to contribute up to $2500 to the Bike Kitchen feasibility study. The feasibility study will be conducted to investigate the possibility of extending the SUB on the North side of the building… currently there is a dreary sort of crawl space, but there is an opportunity for an expansion of up to 2500 sq ft. The AMS is contributing $2000 from CPAC for the study.
- The Student Services Center expansion approval for funds from CPAC is on tonight’s agenda. We’re currently finalizing a little more of the finer details of the space, including telephone and internet hook-up locations.
- We are also looking at upgrading our Storeroom on the lower level, to upgrade the shelving capacities.
- I participated in SUS’s Jello Wrestling tournament last week and had a great time. Unfortunately, the outcome of my match was unfavorable and thus I have appealed to the Jello Wrestling Appeals Committee in hopes that the match results are overturned.
- The 100% Post Consumer Photocopy Machine that we had installed early in first term is currently losing much money… they make approximately 3000 copies per month compared to the 13000-
14000 of the other machines… we suspected that location of the machine may have been a problem, so we are going to move it and see if the copies start to increase.

The Impacts Committee will be looking into coming up with a set of principles for both SUB and campus initiatives, and you can expect to see those in the coming couple months.

SAC Bookings Lineup was yesterday, so another reminder that if there are any bookings that your Constituencies would like to make during their weeks to get them in ASAP as single bookings appointments are starting.

The SAC Chinese New Year fair was also held yesterday in the SUB Ballroom. There were about 15-20 clubs who participated in the event, there was some food from the Moon, dancing and other performances.

I’ve been starting to wrap up things around my office, started to clean and plan for the transition for the new VP Admin.

Yvette Lu - VP Finance

Health Plan:
- Meet with Lev and Kristen, from our Health Plan provider.
- Update on Networks:
- Studentcare Vision Network (savings of 30% up to $75 on eyeglasses) and Physiotherapy Network (Reduced professional fees to $30). Both are available to students immediately.
- Health plan bid process.
- You are well aware of the loss ratio trend in which students have been using the plan to a much higher degree than expected.
- We asked companies to give us a breakdown of the costs of the benefits as well as an estimate on our current plan and a revised plan based on the survey results and changes to MSP.
- The alternative plan has essentially the same coverage, however:
  - Vision Care option: instead of glasses, we have responded to the changes by the BC government and the alternative plan will be covering an eye exam.
  - Orthotics will be removed.
- 80% coverage on prescription but with an additional $5 deductible.
- The recall period extended from 6 months to 12 months with the same number of scaling units, and the evidence shows minimal difference between the two recall periods.
- Approached 6 insurance companies:
  - 2 declined to quote as they didn't feel there was enough claims experience and our data up to now has a very high claims experience.
  - W are waiting on two companies.
  - One company gave an initial bid that is 2 times higher than the current premium.
  - One company has given a complete breakdown. The worst-case scenario right now is a plan revised plan costing around $180. Our current plan is costed at $245, so some revisions will be needed if we do not want to go to referendum.
  - To clarify, we need to go to referendum if we want to change the cost of the plan beyond a CPI increase. Current cost $176.75
  - We are hoping to have a motion for you by next meeting.

Other Items:
- The Health Plan Office is getting more and more questions about how MSP works. It appears that students are not able to get through to MSP, and thus are coming to the Health Plan Office for questions.
  - The Committee felt that although it is not really in the area of the Health and Dental Plan and will be taking steps to identify what kinds of difficulties students are having with MSP, as well as some solutions.
We may be putting the results from the Survey as well as the claims experience in the AMS Interactive section of the Ubyssey.

Financial Review:
- We have three more fiscal periods so have been reviewing the state of our finances.
- Will have a report next meeting.

Financial Awareness Days:
- Plan to have another financial awareness days this term.
- Thinking of having a forum.
- Have been in contact with a UBC Commerce graduate, Greg Stoddard, who is interested in helping us with our event.
- Plan is to have both debt and investment counselling.

Memorial Project update:
- Have been questions about the Memorial project which is still in its planning stages.
- Gloria Wong was going to make a presentation this term but is unavailable.
- She agreed to send a report by e-mail which I will forward to you when received.

Finance Commission:
- Bike Coop - we're continuing our discussions with them about their proposed expansion.

Kristen Harvey - VP External Affairs

Great Trekker Awards date is set for February 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in SUB Room 205. All Councillor’s are welcome.

Not On Our Campus: Multi-Faith Fair happening in the SUB on February 25 - 26, 2002

Regional
- U-Pass negotiations ongoing. Deadline is February 11.

Provincial
- Tuition policy on tonight’s agenda to help guide AMS direction in future tuition discussions.

Federal
- CASA Lobby Conference is from March 17 - 22, 2002.

F) Constituency Reports:

Ryan Morasiewicz - Senate
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Michael Groves - Science Undergraduate Society
Debbie Erickson - Regent College
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
Chris Fennel - Grad Studies
Shea Dahl - Arts Undergraduate Society
Maryann Adamec - Board of Governors
Christine Lenis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Ciro Panessa - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Dea Lloyd - Arts Undergraduate Society
Joanne Li - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Barbara Boruff - The Vancouver School of Theology
Chris Eaton - Senate
Megan Cassidy - Arts Undergraduate Society
Olivier Plessis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Des Bowes - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Brett Horton - Law Students' Association
Megan Saprunoff - Forestry Undergraduate Society
G) Discussion Period:

Rob Nagai objected to the unofficial results posted in the Ubyssey and by the Elections Committee noting inconsistency in ballot totals including spoilt ballots for the various Executive positions - President (4556), VP Academic (4535), VP Finance (4531), VP Administration (4560), VP External (4552).

- Dea Lloyd said she would like more accountability from the Elections Committee and more oversight of them. She also suggested hiring the Elections Administrator earlier.
- Shea Dahl said recommendations for Code changes did not belong in the Elections Administrator’s report. Chris Eaton disagreed, saying such recommendations are appreciated; he said it’s good to get feedback on the election rules from those who work with them.
- Maryann Adamec recommended earlier hiring of the Elections Administrator and improved accountability of the Elections Administrator to Council.
- Evan Horie said that because of unusual circumstances the Elections Administrator had been hired late and had only two months to train her committee members.
- Olivier Plessis suggested making the elections independently run.

Mark Fraser asked for Council suggestions on what to do with the 7600 square feet of space that the Bank of Montreal will be vacating.

- Sameer Wahid recommended creating more social space.
- Abram Moore from the Student Environment Centre recommended a student-run grocery store.
- Tom Lancaster suggested that the AMS coordinate its plans with UBC’s Campus Planning department to avoid redundancy.
- In response to a suggestion that the Pit be expanded, Bernie Peets said there really wasn’t room for that.
- Sibylla Verdi said student input on what to do with the space was being solicited.

Dave Tompkins said presentations are getting too long and suggested scheduling them for a pre-Council hour from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Alternatively, he suggested there be a rule that they be done by 7:00 p.m.

- Janice Boyle said there is already a Code rule of no more than three presentations a meeting at ten minutes each, so they should be done by 6:30 p.m.
- Erfan Kazemi said Code gives the President discretion to add extra presentations. To the suggestion that this discretion be removed, he said it was possible, but sometimes there are important matters that arise that need to be added. He suggested referring the issue to the Code and Policies Committee.
- Mark Fraser said that though presentations themselves may last less than ten minutes each, questions arising from them prolong the presentation period.
- Maryann Adamec suggested that presentations by Service Coordinators might be written instead of oral. Olivier Plessis said the Services take up a large portion of the budget, so it isn’t that much to spend ten minutes listening to them.
- Yvette Lu said all the presentations had been important tonight; she said it’s important for Council to know how the Services are doing so that Council members can answer questions from their constituents.
- Shea Dahl said the opposition was not to hearing presentations from the Services, but to lumping several of them together.
- Erfan Kazemi said the presentations do tend to come at the end of the year. He added that a written report is not what the Service Coordinators want; they want to hear Council’s feedback.
- Chris Fennell said there could be a detailed written report and still a short oral presentation.

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

4. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED MEGAN CASSIDY:

"Be it resolved that Section XI, Article 8 of the Code be amended as follows:

8) Membership in all Resource Groups shall be open to all Active Members of the Society. This provision notwithstanding, a Resource Group may, in its constitution, limit, for specifically defined groups of members:

(a) access to specific areas of that same Resource Group's space - or attendance at specifically defined events or activities of that Resource Group - but only in the interests of preserving and protecting the mental, emotional, or physical security of other members of said Resource Group; and

(b) the ability to hold an executive position on that same Resource Group, but only in the interest of preserving and protecting the mandate of said Resource Group as set out in its constitution from time to time.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Eaton said the Code and Policies Committee had been going over this issue for several years. The Resource Groups had now been consulted and were in support of the motion on the agenda.

Maryann Adamec asked if Council would have oversight over what’s in a Resource Group’s constitution. She expressed concern about changing mandates of such Groups and the powers of SAC and Council. Chris Eaton explained that the Code currently requires Resource Groups to notify SAC of any changes to their constitutions, and SAC can then object.

Abram Moore from the Student Environment Centre said people change, but the fundamentals of the Resource Groups don’t change from year to year. Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen of the Social Justice Centre said the new membership rule was not intended to exclude individuals; it was to do things like creating a women’s only space in the Women’s Centre.

Sameer Wahid asked how the Resource Groups fit into the AMS structure. Sheldon Goldfarb explained that they are AMS bodies under the jurisdiction of SAC and Council but with a high degree of autonomy.
Shea Dahl asked if Resource Groups, under the new rules, might be able to hold meetings in a place where not all members could attend.

Tieg Martin was concerned about who would decide that a certain person would be excluded from holding an executive position in a Resource Group.

5. MOVED CHRIS FENNEL, SECONDED ROB NAGAI:

"That motion #4 be amended by striking '(b) .... from time to time'.

... Carried

6. MOVED DEA LLOYD, SECONDED OLIVIER PLESSIS:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

Erfan Kazemi wondered if, for instance, in the case of Colour Connected changing their mandate to oppose war, their executive would be able to restrict access for individuals who approved of a war.

Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen said the restrictions on access were about groups, not individuals.

Erfan suggested that there be a mechanism of appeal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. for a 5 minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 p.m.

7. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED TIEG MARTIN:

"That motion #4 be amended by inserting the following:

9. On receipt of a complaint about the application of paragraph 8 above, SAC may direct the Resource Group to respond to the complaint in writing and may, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) Resolution, recommend that Council take further action in the matter.

10. On receipt of the Resolution referred to in paragraph 9 above, Council may, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) Resolution take such action as it sees fit."

... Carried Unanimously

8. MOVED DEA LLOYD, SECONDED OLIVIER PLESSIS:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated

9. MOVED MARYANN ADAMEC: (friendly amendment)

"That motion #4 be amended by inserting the following:
a) access to specific areas of that same Resource Group's space - or attendance at specifically defined events or activities excluding general meetings of that Resource Group...."

Dea Lloyd said the motion does an excellent job of creating a compromise on the membership issue and said we should trust the executives of the Resource Groups.

Shea Dahl expressed continued concern about giving the Groups the right to exclude members. He wondered if we could limit someone’s right to run for the executive of a Resource Group and said the proposed paragraph on this point could be interpreted in many ways.

Ciro Panessa said the amendment provides an appeal mechanism to deal with complaints if they arise.

10. MOVED CIRO PANESSA:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED MEGAN CASSIDY:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Shea Dahl opposed ... Carried

G) Discussion Period: Continued
12. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED SHEA DAHL, SAMEER WAHID:

"That Council go into camera."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated January 23, 2002 [SCD 298-002]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Gamma) dated January 24, 2002 as amended [SCD 299-002]

'Mark Fraser (VP Administration) was not in attendance at the meeting.'

13. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED CHRIS FENNEL:

"That motion # 8 on the agenda be considered next."

Note: Shea Dahl opposed ... Carried.

14. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ: [SCD 300-002]

"Whereas the political entities known as “slates” are not recognized by the AMS;

Whereas slates exist in AMS elections;

Whereas the AMS strives to be fair and give no candidate an undue advantage in its Elections Procedures;

Whereas slates compromise the integrity of our Elections by giving affiliated candidates financial and promotion-sharing benefits that place them at an unfair advantage over independent candidates given the campaigning restrictions applied and campaigning resources allowed to be used by candidates; and

Whereas the AMS believes that no candidate should be penalized for deciding to run independently in its Elections.

Therefore, be it resolved that Section IX A of the Code of Procedures be amended as follows:

Substantive Changes

Article 2 (7) (l) No candidate shall campaign on behalf - nor endorse the candidacy - of any other candidate.

Article 2 (7) (m) No candidate shall show an affiliation or alliance with any other candidate, including, but not limited to, by means of identical or similarly-styled campaigning materials. This section notwithstanding, candidates may express the same opinions on issues so long as they do not do so to demonstrate an affiliation.
Article 2 (10) (f) Where candidates incur expenses jointly, the expenses shall be divided equally amongst themselves. No other distribution of jointly incurred expenses is permitted.

Article 6 (2) Subject to paragraph 3 below, candidates may, in addition to their name, choose to have a nickname or some other word or phrase of not more than twenty-five (25) characters placed on the ballot in parentheses after their name.

Ancillary Changes

Article 2 (2) (a) The Elections Administrator shall organize an Information Meeting to take place during the first two (2) weeks in November. At this meeting, the Elections Administrator shall provide information concerning the Electoral Procedures to individuals and groups thinking of running in the Executive elections.

Article 2 (2) (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c) above, individuals and groups running in an Executive election or taking part in a referendum campaign must adhere to the Electoral Procedures even if they do not attend the Information Meeting.

Article 2 (7) (e) It shall also be permissible, notwithstanding the prohibitions in paragraph (b) above, for a group of Active Members to organize a public meeting in advance of the Official Campaign Period for the purpose of selecting individuals to run in forthcoming elections. However, such a public meeting must not be held before the Information Meeting referred to in Article 2(2) above.

Article 6 (3) The nickname or other word or phrase referred to in paragraph 2 above must be approved by the Elections Committee before being added to the ballot and must not, in the opinion of the Elections Committee, be obscene or libellous or constitute an attack on any or all of the other candidates, or cause confusion for the voters.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Chris Eaton said slates are patently unfair; they provide financial, electoral, and promotional advantages which penalize independent candidates. Slate members get more posters and can pool expenses; they can campaign on the ballot by including their slate name there. He recommended banning the tactics used by slates and ending them as viable entities in order to create free and fair elections. Another option would be to regulate slates, but he didn’t see how that would work. He warned against the fallacy of moderation on this issue.

Dea Lloyd said these were important concerns and said there were advantages and disadvantages to the slate system. She said people vote for slates and not individuals, but didn’t see that as a reason to ban slates. She said it was wrong to ban things just because you don’t like them and said freedom of speech and of association were important rights that would be jeopardized by banning slates. She added that if there was blame it should be laid not on the slates but on the voters; but she said it was paternalistic to talk of blame: in a democracy, people were free to vote how they wanted. She said she agreed with reforming the system, but not with banning slates. She agreed with removing the slate name from the ballot and removing financial advantages. She also suggested discussing this at a later date because the elections were still too recent and the situation was too political. She also said it would be better to wait for Council turnover.
Brian MacLean said voting for slates was part of the problem. He said slates had evolved beyond their usefulness; originally they had been helpful in distinguishing one group’s stands from another’s, but now what they do is discourage qualified people from running because they think they can’t beat the slates.

Brett Horton said political affiliations go hand in hand with elections. If people want to join a slate, they should be allowed to because it’s a democracy.

Shea Dahl said it was appalling to forbid candidates to endorse other candidates.

Maryann Adamec said she was appalled that Council was even considering this issue when there were important tuition issues to deal with. She added that the motion had not gone through the appropriate committees or received staff input, and said it was wrong to allow far-reaching Code amendments to come from a single Council member.

Holly Read suggested focusing on eliminating inequality rather than abolishing candidate associations and suggested referring the issue to committee.

15. MOVED HOLLY READ, SECONDED DESIREE BOWES:

"That motion #14 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee for further debate."

Dave Tompkins opposed referring the motion to committee, saying those who put work into the motion won’t be here six months from now when the committee reports.

Erfan Kazemi said the motion should be voted on now instead of referred. The Code and Policies Committee could still come up with something later.

16. MOVED TIEG MARTIN, SECONDED DEA LLOYD:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

17. MOVED CIRO PANESSA:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

18. MOVED HOLLY READ, SECONDED DESIREE BOWES:

"That motion #14 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee for further debate."

... Defeated

Dave Tompkins said executives are better at schools without slates. He added that slates are not free associations, though it would be different if they were regular AMS clubs. He noted that Chris Eaton had put a lot of effort into these Code amendments.

Dayna Lee-Baggley said slates were not needed and could be done away with.
Erfan Kazemi said the motion was too extreme. He said slates had come and gone over the past 30 years without being banned. He noted that slates have virtually disappeared at the University of Alberta even though there are extensive provisions there allowing them. He was in favour of doing something about campaign financing, but he opposed this motion and suggested getting more consultation.

Chris Fennell said the problem is not with slates, but with unfair advantages for slates. The motion trampled on free speech—why not talk about campaign reform instead?

Corrie Baldwin suggested postponing the discussion.

19. MOVED TIEG MARTIN, SECONDED CIRO PANESSA:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

20. MOVED CORISANDE BALDWIN, SECONDED HOLLY READ:

"That motion #14 be postponed until two meetings from now."

Chris Eaton said there was no better time to discuss the motion: it would be wrong to do it in the summer when lots of people were away, and in the fall elections planning would already be underway.

21. MOVED SHEA DAHL:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

22. MOVED CORISANDE BALDWIN, SECONDED HOLLY READ:

"That motion #14 be postponed until two meetings from now." ... Defeated

23. MOVED DESIREE BOWES, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That motion #14 be divided."

24. MOVED SHEA DAHL, SECONDED CHRIS FENNEL:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

25. MOVED DESIREE BOWES, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That motion #14 be divided." ... Defeated

26. MOVED TIEG MARTIN, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:
"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

27. MOVED SHEA DAHL, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

28. MOVED HOLLY READ, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

"That motion #14 be amended by striking Section 2(7)L."

... Defeated

29. MOVED BRETT HORTON, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

30. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED CORISANDE BALDWIN:

"That motion #14 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee."

31. MOVED DESIREE BOWES, SECONDED ANDREW TINKA:

"That motion #14 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee for consideration and a report be made to Council in two meetings time."

32. MOVED SHEA DAHL:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

33. MOVED DESIREE BOWES, SECONDED ANDREW TINKA:

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... Defeated

34. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

35. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED CORISANDE BALDWIN:

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... Defeated
Yvette Lu said it was not just slate candidates who could put an identifying phrase on the ballot; independents could put nicknames on the ballot to identify themselves. She added that the issue was not whether slates were needed, but whether there would be choice to have or not have slates. She wanted choice.

Olivier Plessis suggested that an independent commission look into the issue.

Chris Eaton said the motion did not stop people from associating; it would not ban slates, only their unfair advantage. The motion was not perfect, but it could be changed again later by amending the Code. He said the issue was not freedom of association, but fairness.

36. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED DAYNA LEE-BAGGLE:

"That motion #13 be amended by deleting all the whereas clauses and Sections 2(7)(l) and 2(7)(m)."

Tieg Martin said that these more limited changes might have been acceptable if they had been brought forward originally in this form and there had been time to consider their implications, but he was not ready to support them right now. He also said he saw nothing wrong with having slate names on the ballot; he said it was useful to the voters: if they don’t know the individual candidates, they can still know those candidates’ tendencies from their slate association.

Dea Lloyd said she would rather see a more comprehensive proposal than just vote on the winnowed down version of the original motion.

37. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED TIEG MARTIN:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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39. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED CORISANDE BALDWIN:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

40. MOVED RYAN MORASIEWICZ, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID, CHRIS EATON:

"That Council take a roll call vote."

... Carried

41. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

For: Andrew Tinka, Chris Eaton, Dave Tompkins, Desiree Bowes, Holly Read, Kate Woznow, Megan Cassidy, Michael Groves, Olivier Plessis, Rob Nagai, Ryan Morasiewicz, Sameer Wahid, Dayna Lee-Baggley, Brian McLean

Against: Brett Horton, Chris Fennell, Christine Lenis, Ciro Panessa, Corisande Baldwin, Dea Lloyd, Erfan Kazemi, Evan Horie, Joanne Li, Jocelyn Yu, Shea Dahl, Kristen Harvey, Maryann Adamec, Mark Fraser, Reka Sztopa, Tieg Martin, Yvette Lu

Abstained: Raj Mathur ... Defeated

I) Executive Committee Motions:

42. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:

UBC Revenue and Fiscal Responsibility Policy

"Whereas the Trek 2000 vision statement of the University of British Columbia states that the University is “committed to maintaining the highest standards of teaching, learning, research and service”; and

Whereas Trek 2000 also states that the University “recognizes that it must be accountable to those who use [its] services, participate in [its] processes, share in [its] governance, and provide [its] revenues”; and

Whereas students contribute a significant proportion of the University’s revenues through tuition fees;

Be it resolved that AMS Council encourage the University to demonstrate its accountability, its fiscal responsibility and its dedication to both the quality and accessibility of education, through the following means:

1) Timely and meaningful communication with students regarding developments in tuition and fee policy;

2) Providing full and unfettered access for the AMS to the University’s budgetary statements;

3) Exploring all possible sources of revenue and conducting University operations in as efficient and cost-effective manner as possible while simultaneously pursuing the goal of attracting and retaining the best faculty and staff;

4) Ensuring that any review of tuition fee levels is accompanied by demonstrable improvements in the quality of education and in the level of student financial assistance at UBC."
Erfan Kazemi said the point of this policy statement was to ensure that the money from tuition increases went to improving the quality of education. It was also to ensure that the AMS had access to the UBC budget to see what the University was spending the money on, to see if they were being efficient and not passing unnecessary expenses on to students.

Andrew Tinka asked what this motion would enable the AMS to do.

Janice Boyle explained that this sort of policy statement gives the Executive the power to lobby.

Erfan Kazemi said the most important point in the motion was to do with efficiency, to make sure the University should be spending responsibly.

Tieg Martin said the motion would allow him to tell the Board of Governors that Student Council takes this view.

Maryann Adamec said she and Tieg support this motion.

43. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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Note: Requires 2/3rds...Carried

45. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED YVETTE LU

"Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held at 12 noon on Thursday, February 28, 2002.

Note: Location to be announced."...Carried Unanimously

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

46. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED CHRIS EATON: [SCD 301-002]

"That Council appoint Jocelyn Yu as the AMS representative to the UBC Counselling Services Library Advisory Committee."

...Carried Unanimously

47. MOVED CORISANDE BALDWIN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

"That Council appoint Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo as International Student Issues Commissioner for a six month term commencing February 6, 2002 and ending August 6, 2002 on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Gamma)."

...Carried Unanimously

Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

[SCD 302-002]
Minutes of the Commercial Services Planning Group dated November 13, 2001
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated January 7, 2002 [SCD 303-002]

48. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED MARYANN ADAMEC:

"That Council approve an amount not to exceed $153,000 from CPAC funds for the purpose of SUB Strategic Plan Phase 7: the Student Services Centre expansion on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group."

Note: Requires 2/3rds...Carried

Dave Tompkins suggested the Executive give Janice Boyle and the AMS Staff at Council a treat.
L) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

L) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

O) Submissions:

< Elections Appeals to Student Court [SCD 304-002]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 a.m.

R) Social Activity:

Evan Horie
VP Academic

EH:pr
A) **Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

<  Introductions

C) **Presentations to Council:**

<  **Tuition - Brian Sullivan (UBC VP Students)**  [SCD 305-002]

- The provincial government has indicated it will restore the universities’ autonomy to allow them to set their own fees.
- In March, a Board of Governors committee and then the full Board will meet to set the fees.
- A consultation process has been underway for a while, and there are three upcoming forums, a website, and an e-mail address at which “fan mail” concerning the proposed tuition increase has been received.
- From the consultation so far, two themes have emerged: students are concerned about the accessibility of post-secondary education once fees are raised, and they are asking what they will see for this increase.
- Not all new revenues can simply be applied to new uses; out of $47.7 million in projected new revenue for UBC, $20.8 million is already committed to paying off the deficit, providing new employee benefits and a new faculty settlement, etc. Only $26.9 million will be left for financial support for students ($5.7 million), other support for students, such as advising and counselling services, athletics, and library acquisitions ($12.3 million), and research support ($8.9 million).
- The current tuition proposal of the UBC administration is to raise tuition fees to reach the national average in three years for undergraduate degrees, which will mean a 22-25 percent increase (the “base increase”) in the tuition fee for this coming year for students in undergraduate programs.
- For graduate and professional degrees, the aim will be to reach the average tuition level at “peer institutions.” This will mean larger increases for those programs.
- At least one-quarter of the increase for undergraduates will be applied to sustaining or improving learning and student support.
- All the revenue derived from increases for students in graduate and professional programs beyond the “base increase” will be applied to learning and student support.
- Student support could include such things as maintaining the work-study program and paying for teaching assistants.
- For post-baccalaureate degrees (medicine, law, dentistry, and education), discussions are ongoing about a possible grandfather clause for currently enrolled students.
- On the issue of accountability, the questions to ask are where is the money going? and later, did it go there?
- Various measures have been suggested to evaluate the use of the new money: student-faculty ratios, resources for teaching assistants, the availability of classes and labs, resources for advising, classroom and lab renovations, average class size, library acquisitions, the time to complete a degree.

Questions:
- Matt Lovick said students are wary of the consultation process; UBC’s website is already saying fees will be raised to the national average; students are wondering if these consultations will have any effect on the ultimate decision by the Board of Governors; many students want no increase.
- Brian Sullivan questioned the suggestion that most students want a continued freeze or a reduction in tuition fees. As to consultation, he said the Board of Governors is open and fair-minded; last year input from the AMS and the GSS meant the Board backed away from a motion to introduce differential tuition. He added that the Administration is basing its proposal on the report of the BC University Presidents, but it is the Board that will decide.
- Erfan Kazemi asked about the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund (TLEF) and asked how much will really go to student support.
  - Brian Sullivan said 17 percent, adding that it is University policy that no one qualified should be denied access for financial reasons.
- Sameer Wahid expressed concern that if tuition fees go up, the government will reduce its funding to universities.
  - Brian Sullivan said the government has made a three-year commitment not to do that. They said they would not cut the health and education budgets, and they haven’t; they have frozen them. Of course, freezing doesn’t account for inflation. He added that currently students are paying 17-18 percent of actual tuition costs in BC. In the United States, it is 25 to 30 percent. Alberta is aiming for students to pay 35 percent.
- Tommy Gerschman asked what would happen if the national average kept rising.
  - Brian Sullivan said this would be reviewed.
- Kristen Harvey asked if there was some tool to make sure money goes to those in the most financial need.
  - Brian Sullivan said the Canada Student Loan Program is such a tool, though it would be better to have a better one.
- Oana Chirila asked what the cost-recovery price is for undergraduate programs.
  - Brian Sullivan said it was estimated at $15,100 for arts and science, which is what international students pay.
  - In response to another question, Brian Sullivan said the amount of revenue generated by the proposed tuition increase would be $23.6 million.
- Yvette Lu suggested that UBC was going about things backward in first deciding to raise the tuition level to the national average and then trying to figure out what to do with the increased revenue.
- Brian Sullivan said that raising tuition to the national average was the policy put forward by the university presidents. He added that UBC’s quality is not significantly worse than at other institutions with higher tuition fees, adding that it has been argued that if UBC is efficient, it might be able to offer quality programs at less than the national average. He said that if accountability reports show that UBC is okay as is, then adjustments will be made, but the tracks have been laid down to follow the national average.
- Holly Read said the proposal is vague. She said students need to know how much tuition will cost; students who have been working to save up money to go to school need to know before March how much they will need in September.
- Brian Sullivan agreed, and said there will be something next week, including information that will let students see what the next two years will be like.
- Andrew Tinka asked about changes in the number of students in some departments, such as electrical engineering.
- Brian Sullivan said that in electrical engineering and some other departments, the government will be funding new positions.
- Dayna Lee-Baggley noted that the proposal includes a lot of differential tuition which both the AMS and the GSS are against. She also noted that under the proposal grad students will pay more than undergraduates, but said at some institutions they pay less.
- Brian Sullivan said this would be looked at, but said arguments for lower grad tuition might not play well in the University Administration.
- Chris Fennell said, Shouldn’t UBC be looking to the national average for funding students too?
- Brian Sullivan said this was important and needs to be discussed; they need to look at support levels at other institutions.
- Erfan Kazemi said that in Ontario there is 30 percent going towards student support, whereas here there is only 17 percent.
- Brian Sullivan said it could be more than 17 percent for post-baccalaureate degrees.
- Erfan Kazemi asked if there will be grandfathering.
- Brian Sullivan said that in Medicine, where the aim is to raise the fee to $14,000, this has to be a consideration for people already in the program; discussions were underway, but he did not know where they were going. He will be meeting with medical students and said the law students have already made it clear that this is an important issue. He said there was a sort of deal struck with students when they entered the programs, and there has to be a way to honour the deal.
- Erfan Kazemi said students are concerned about where the money is going, and Annick Gauthier said they didn’t want the money going into an abyss instead of to the students.
- Brian Sullivan said that using the money to attract new, good faculty members was not sending it into an abyss. Erfan Kazemi said the students agree with that.
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- Erfan Kazemi asked about applying money received from the government to pay for the indirect costs of research, saying this should free up other money to enable UBC to avoid large tuition increases.
- Brian Sullivan said some commitments had already been made for that money, so that it could not be freed up.

Financial Update - Bernie Peets (General Manager)  [SCD 306-002]
- Business revenue had been projected to rise from $6.9 million to $7.5 million; the increase was actually to $7.14 million
- Money was lost during the bus strike, in part on the sale of bus passes and also on associated revenue usually generated from the purchasers of bus passes.
- The Pit was ahead of last year; it improved service levels; the introduction of Xfm Thursdays (by Justin Sudds of the Events Department) had a positive effect; and the place had been brightened up.
- The Gallery had a tough fall; it took a while to get used to the new premises.
- Pie R Squared is one of the more successful operations every year, but renovations this year cost it money.
- Blue Chip revenues were off in the fall, but it has made up some ground since Christmas.
- The Pendulum had a strong year.
- The Games Room and Snack Attack lost business because of the bus strike, but the Games Room is still the AMS’s most profitable operation, despite some new competition in the Village; its new pool room is doing very well, producing more revenue from four tables than it used to produce from six; the separation of the pool tables from the video games has helped because games people are not the same as pool people.
- The new bagel store (Bernoulli’s) lost money in its first year, but that is not unusual in the first year of a business. It opened late, which delayed and abbreviated staff training. Also, higher ticket items were not selling as well as expected; the lower-priced items were selling more than expected.
- Catering was down.
- The Moon was up despite competition from new Chinese and Japanese food outlets in UBC’s Pacific Spirit Place cafeteria.
- Post Office revenue was a bit down, but it was still making money, and the goal has always been only to break even.
- Whistler Lodge is suffering from the drop in tourist business caused by September 11; also, a lot of skiers stayed home during the Olympics.
- The Outpost has been very successful.

Financial Update, Part II (Yvette Lu)
- Student fees are up $30,000 net because of increased enrollment. Business operations are down. Investments are down because of September 11.
- Last year there was a $110,000 surplus, and we planned to save $51,000 of that, but the shortfall in revenues has reduced that amount to zero and forced cutbacks in student expenditures.

Questions:
- Oana Chirila asked if non-AMS businesses have been affected too.
- Bernie said yes, sales at Travelcuts and the Delly have suffered too, in the case of the Delly because of the bus strike. He said UBC’s Pacific
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The Spirit Place cafeteria has not been having a good year except for its Subway outlet.
- Maryann Adamec said the Pendulum had cut back on its controls and invested too much in wages.
- Matt Lovick asked about money for the Montreal Massacre Monument.
  - Yvette said it was allocated several years ago; the project is now at the drawing board stage.

AMS Safewalk - Samer Akouri (Coordinator)
- Expanding at great pace.
  - Better recognized on campus.
  - Tried a new summer program, but did not advertise it sufficiently.
  - Overall an increase of 1200 walks this year, to 4000.
  - Most walks start at the SUB and go to residences.
  - Looking into problem of sharing radio equipment with Campus Security.
  - Worked on improving the blue light emergency phones on campus; now easier to use.
  - Walkers have new jackets paid for by UBC.
  - Direct line phones to Safewalk have finally arrived on campus and they are waiting for Plant Operations to install them.
  - Still could use more funding; sometimes cannot fulfill walk requests; on average have to turn away three people a night.

AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee - Lev Bukhman
(Studentcare.net/works)
- Survey showed strong student support for continuing the plan.
  - Competitive bidding process for new insurance policy.
  - Would have to either increase premiums or adjust benefits.
  - To keep current benefits would require going to a premium of $245, which would require a referendum.
  - Was able to maintain current premium level (plus CPI adjustment) of $180 by making only a few small benefit adjustments: shifting how some benefits delivered, setting up a vision network, reducing some dental coverage from 70 percent to 50 percent and cutting back the number of routine dental visits covered from two to one a year; also introducing a $5 deductible for prescription drugs.
  - Some new benefits, though: covering 50 percent of physiotherapy charges; also covering eye exams and tutoring for students who miss school.
  - Approached seven insurance companies; received wide range of quotes: $245 to $350 for current benefits; $180 to $290 for revised benefits.
  - Three companies declined to bid at all, because of the history at UBC of losses by the current insurance company.
  - The current insurance provider is losing money; hence the increase (if current benefit levels were to be retained).
  - Government cutbacks in health care have also contributed to the situation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. for a five minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 p.m.

Sameer Wahid asked why the motion was favouring the new option with adjusted benefits.
- Erfan Kazemi said the concern was that raising the premium to $245 would not be acceptable to students. The AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee was happy with the new option.

1. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:

"Whereas AMS members voted by referendum in 1999 in favour of implementing the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan and subsequently reinforced this decision by voting in a further referendum in 2001 to continue to participate in the Plan; and

Whereas the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan continues to be very popular with students, and Plan use has consistently been very high; and

Whereas the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee has concluded its competitive bidding process and negotiations with insurance companies; and

Whereas the result of the bidding process has been that the Health and Dental Plan fee would have to rise to $245 to maintain the current benefits in the Plan; and

Whereas AMS members are currently paying a $176.75 fee for the Plan; and

Whereas according to the 1999 referendum, that fee can rise to $180 this year to account for inflation,

Therefore be it resolved that AMS members be assessed $180 for the policy year of September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003, and that Health and Dental benefits be adjusted as recommended by the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee in the attached document."

... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

- Thanks to Lev Bukhman for the Health Plan presentation.
- CASA Board meeting - five candidates shortlisted.
- Behshad Darvish is the new Executive Coordinator of AMS Student Services.
- Health & Dental Plan Committee - lots of hard work put in especially by Annick and Yvette.
- Tuition - having difficulty in receiving concrete proposals.
  - trying to put it in a clever way using the national average.
  - grandfathering concern.
- Met with new BoG reps together with Mark Fraser, Tieg Martin and Maryann Adamec.
- Tuition Policy says sustain and enhance, majority going into sustain.
  - provincial government offloading responsibility.
- Budget announcement doesn't look good.
  - first year grants eliminated.
  - psychological barriers.
- Services - Brock Hall - why close at 4:30 p.m. - why not flextime?
- Received a broadcast email regarding reapproval of Dr. Piper as President.
- Look through the strategic plan, coming to vote.
- AMS AGM tomorrow.
- It was a great pleasure working with all Council reps.

E) Executive Reports:
Yvette Lu - VP Finance

- Health Plan - Committee hard at work, thanks to everyone on the Committee, Debra, Janey, Annick and Erfan.
- motion on the agenda for fee change according to CPI.
- opt-out requests - dealing with issue of students who have all their tuition paid for by external agency. They are often not informed that the agency is not covering the health plan and by the time they find out deadlines for opt out have passed.
- Assistance Fund granted to 14 cases.
- Health and Dental Assistance Fund has spent $26,271 so far out of $50,000 plus 14 new cases.

Strategic Plan:
- additional recommendations for the financial section.
- created in consultation with Council members, staff and executive.
- incorporates recommendations that weren't included in the first run through.

Student number for affiliated institutions:
- VST and Regent College - no student numbers. Dr. Holmes is searching for a solution.

Turnover - working with Nick Seddon (incoming VP Finance).

Thank you:
- been working and volunteering for three years in the AMS, two in SAC and one as VP Finance.
- was a wonderful learning experience.
- best wishes to new executive and thanks for support.

Mark Fraser - VP Administration

- Have been training and orienting Oana Chirila (incoming VP Administration).
- Renovations:
  - Filmsoc renovations ongoing.
  - Student Services expansion - March 4 permit and tender closing March 20.
  - Industrial shelving for storage and archives.
  - Feasibility study for north side of SUB.
- Impacts Committee:
  - looking at reducing paper, more tupperware and additional green discounts.
  - a lot of water coming onto campus. UBC looking at purifying water on campus.
- Working with executive on tuition and multi-year plan.
- Thanked everyone for a wonderful experience.

Kristen Harvey - VP External Affairs

- The Great Trekker ceremony went really well. The recipient was charismatic holocaust survivor, Ruth Sigal.
- Executive orientations - worked on during Spring Break.
- Tuition Awareness campaign.
- Universal Buss pass:
  - deadline passed.
  - impasse with TransLink.
  - not prepared to subsidize pass at all.
  - University would not subsidize anymore.
  - too little too late from the University.
  - investigating major sponsorship revenue to help keep costs down.
  - SFU subsidized by parking costs.
  - UBC parking subsidy goes to TREK.
Tieg Martin asked whether it was suggested raising parking fees again to reduce bus pass costs. Kristen said this was up to the Board of Governors.

Interviewed for First Year Coordinator:
- Erin Shannon appointed.

AGM Tomorrow:
- 12:00 AGM and Tuition Teach In.
- 12 - 2 Tuition Forum.
- International Student Forum in I House.
- turnover celebration on Friday afternoon in the Exec offices.

Evan Horie - VP Academic
- The Multicultural Fair was a great success.
- the new University Commission International Commissioner organized a Student Forum for International Students from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in International House.

< Just Desserts:
- held the Thursday before Spring Break. Congratulations to Jared Wright.

< New Initiatives from TREK:
- offering emergency Ride Home Program and car pooling incentives with access to parking spots.

< Tuition:
- advised everyone to get informed and come out to the forums.

< Appointments Committee:
- Commission and Service Coordinator positions advertised.
- deadline for receipt of applications is March 1.
- Erin Shannon appointed Orientations Coordinator.

< Thanked Council - it was a pleasure working with everyone.

Craig Briere - Executive Coordinator, Student Services:
- Transitioning with Behshad Darvish (incoming Coordinator).
- Thanked the executive for a rewarding experience.

F) Constituency Reports:

Andrew Tinka - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Des Bowes - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Ryan Morasiewicz - Senate
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Michael Groves - Science Undergraduate Society
Dave Tompkins - Graduate Studies
Chris Fennell - Graduate Studies
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
Maryann Adamec - Board of Governors
Tieg Martin - Board of Governors
Rajdeep Basra - Law Students’ Association
Christine Lenis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Chris Eaton - Senate
Meaghan Thumath - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Joanne Li - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Megan Cassidy - Arts Undergraduate Society
Olivier Plessis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Annick Gauthier - Graduate Studies
G) Discussion Period:

< Andrew Tinka questioned the wording of the proposed tuition petition. He asked where the opposition to a 57 percent tuition increase came from, saying it was not in AMS policy.
- Erfan Kazemi said there is previous AMS policy against letting increases be determined by the University. Mark Fraser said there is also policy calling for tuition to be capped to inflation.

< Maryann Adamec asked if we should be sending out a broadcast e-mail on tuition. Annick Gauthier said there is one being sent out by the University Administration. Maryann asked if we should also send our own. Erfan Kazemi said that if we were sending our own, he’d like to say why we oppose the increase, but the University has to approve what we send out in a broadcast e-mail, and they probably wouldn’t.

< Dave Tompkins asked if next year’s Council meetings could be scheduled so as not to conflict with University Senate meetings.
- Erfan Kazemi said it is usually arranged that way and apologized for this year’s conflicts.

< Dave Tompkins asked what happened to the treat the Executive was supposed to give Janice Boyle and the AMS staff attending the last marathon meeting.
- Erfan Kazemi said it was decided to leave this to the new executive, adding that a treat well done, smoothly, is better than something quick.
- Dave said there was something to be said for instant gratification.

< Olivier Plessis said that the Committee to Reduce Tuition, of which he is a member, is planning a March 13 rally to draw attention to the March 14 Board of Governors meeting. It will be something like the February 6 province-wide rally. He said he had been asked to come to Council to solicit its support.

< A student from the Falun Gong group asked Council to pass a motion of support for the members of Falun Gong and other religious groups being persecuted in China. He said student councils across Canada are being asked for support.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated February 6, 2002 as amended [SCD 308-002]

Oana Chirila should be marked present under guests.

Motion # 33 was defeated.

Minutes of the AGM of the AMS Foundation dated February 6, 2002 [SCD 309-002]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated January 15, 2002 [SCD 310-002]

I) Executive Committee Motions:
2. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID: [SCD 311-002] [SCD 312-002]  

"Whereas a strategic plan would provide a cohesive vision of the Alma Mater Society’s needs, priorities and future direction; and

Whereas a strategic plan would provide a framework for AMS Council to co-ordinate and facilitate the accomplishment of stated goals and objectives for several years; and

Whereas Council on June 27, 2001 approved in principle the development of a multi-year strategic plan and directed the Executive and the General Manager to take the appropriate and necessary steps to facilitate the plan’s development; and

Whereas in accordance with Council’s direction, the Executive and the General Manager conducted focus groups and carried out extensive consultations with AMS stakeholders; and

Whereas the Executive and the General Manager have prepared a strategic plan entitled 'Leading the Way: The AMS Strategic Plan - "A Vision for the Future"';

Therefore be it resolved that Council adopt ‘Leading the Way: The AMS Strategic Plan - "A Vision for the Future" as the strategic plan of the Alma Mater Society.'

Christine Lenis expressed concern over whether the AMS has the money to do all the things proposed in the plan. Erfan Kazemi said there are always budget concerns, and this will be looked at. He said the proposed survey would not be done every year; also that it might be possible to get it done for free. There is also some money that the Executive has not used.

Chris Eaton said the main ideas were great, but he was concerned about budgetary implications and tying the hands of future Councils by passing something that would be formally binding.

Janice Boyle noted that there were no numbers in the proposal, so it would not be binding.

Chris Eaton wanted the details of the membership of the proposed Electoral Review Committee to be deleted and to be left to Council and the Code and Policies Committee to determine at a later date. He thought Council might want to exclude Executive members from that committee.

Oana Chirila said the committee will have to be created by Council, and at that time Council can decide its composition.

Maryann Adamec and Tieg Martin said it was prudent to leave the plan the way it was and let Council make changes later if it so decides.

Chris Eaton said that was his point: the plan should be more general and not include such specific recommendations about membership.

Erfan Kazemi reminded Council of the major divisions that emerged the last time Council discussed electoral issues, and said the idea was to send it to a non-political committee. He said there was a need to get something done now, and Council will discuss whatever this committee recommends.

3. MOVED MARYANN ADAMEC, SECONDED YVETTE LU:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

4. MOVED TIEG MARTIN, SECONDED MARYANN ADAMEC:
"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

Friendly amendment: Recommendation 4.2 - Under Responsibility, add 'and AMS Council'.

5. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"Recommendation 2.19 - Responsibility to read 'This project shall fall under the jurisdiction of AMS Council'."

... Carried

Friendly amendment: Recommendation 4.6 last quotes should read 'by students, for students'.

6. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"Whereas a strategic plan would provide a cohesive vision of the Alma Mater Society’s needs, priorities and future direction; and

Whereas a strategic plan would provide a framework for AMS Council to co-ordinate and facilitate the accomplishment of stated goals and objectives for several years; and

Whereas Council on June 27, 2001 approved in principle the development of a multi-year strategic plan and directed the Executive and the General Manager to take the appropriate and necessary steps to facilitate the plan’s development; and

Whereas in accordance with Council’s direction, the Executive and the General Manager conducted focus groups and carried out extensive consultations with AMS stakeholders; and

Whereas the Executive and the General Manager have prepared a strategic plan entitled 'Leading the Way: The AMS Strategic Plan - "A Vision for the Future"';

Therefore be it resolved that Council adopt ‘Leading the Way: The AMS Strategic Plan - "A Vision for the Future" as the strategic plan of the Alma Mater Society as revised.'

... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated January 31, 2002 [SCD 313-002]
Mark Fraser explained that the storeroom’s storage space needs to be used more efficiently. There is especially a crunch on the space in September.

8. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:

"That Council approve an amount not to exceed $6500 from CPAC funds for the purpose of industrial shelving for the Storeroom and shelving for the archives space on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 20, 2001 [SCD 314-002]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 27, 2001 [SCD 315-002]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 11, 2001 [SCD 316-002]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 30, 2001 [SCD 317-002]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 28, 2001 [SCD 318-002]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 30, 2002 [SCD 319-002]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 6, 2002 [SCD 320-002]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 5, 2001 [SCD 321-002]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 19, 2001 [SCD 322-002]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 26, 2001 [SCD 323-002]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 7, 2002 [SCD 324-002]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 14, 2002 [SCD 325-002]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 21, 2002 [SCD 326-002]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 28, 2002 [SCD 327-002]

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

- Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan dated January 7, 2002 [SCD 328-002]
- Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan dated January 21, 2002 [SCD 329-002]
- Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan dated February 4, 2002 [SCD 330-002]

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

9. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY: [SCD 331-002]

"That Council appoint Tom Lancaster to represent the AMS on the Advisory Planning Committee for the UBC East Campus Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process.

Note: Rep to report back to Council in a timely manner." ... Carried

10. MOVED MARYANN ADAMEC, SECONDED CHRISTINE LENIS:
"That Council appoint Erin Shannon as AMS Orientations Service Coordinator for a term beginning immediately and ending March 1, 2002."

... Carried

< Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

11. MOVED MATT LOVICK, SECONDED JOCELYN YU:

"Whereas the AMS is opposed to an institutional tuition increase; and

Whereas it is the duty of the AMS to make its members aware of issues that will affect them;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS support the UBC Committee to Reduce Tuition's March 13th rally; and

Be it further resolved that Council allocate no more than $500 towards the March 13th rally from the External and University Lobbying Fund."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Sameer Wahid said he opposed the motion to support the anti-tuition increase rally because more money is needed in Science. Andrew Tinka said Engineering also needs money, so he is against supporting the rally even if it is AMS policy to oppose tuition increases.

< Chris Fennell said even though a lot of students may be ready to accept a tuition increase, they didn’t come to Council to ask for money, whereas this group did; so we should give them the money.

< Matt Lovick said that the name of the Committee to Reduce Tuition, of which he is a member, doesn’t describe it properly. The committee is not fighting to reduce tuition but to increase awareness.

< Erfan Kazemi said it is not AMS policy to be against tuition increases; the AMS is in favour of capping tuition at inflation and is against leaving tuition decisions to the institutions rather than the government. That said, the AMS would be thought to be unreasonable if it called for lower tuition now. He suggested that the motion specify that the AMS does not necessarily support the Committee to Reduce Tuition.

< Yvette Lu said she was in favour of creating awareness, but she was concerned about what message the AMS was sending to the Board of Governors. This committee’s message was different from the message the AMS wants to send.

< Andrew Tinka said that a disclaimer on the motion would not solve the problem; it would only be in the minutes.

< Maryann Adamec questioned the timing of the proposed rally. She said that the day before the Board meeting was too late to affect the process.

< Matt Lovick said the main goal was to use the Board meeting as a rallying point to get media coverage and to make sure students know what is happening.

< Maryann Adamec asked why this was not being planned for the 14th, the day of the meeting, instead of the day before. Matt Lovick said the idea was to have a second day of protests on the 14th.

< Dave Tompkins said the AMS had to be careful who it aligned itself with.

< Matt Lovick said that if there are students taking an initiative, they should be given the money.

< Erfan asked if the protest will be associated with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and if it will call for a reduction in tuition.

< Matt Lovick said it won’t be associated with the CFS. As to reducing tuition, he couldn’t promise; that had not been decided yet.
< Mark Fraser said he preferred the AMS position on tuition increases, focusing on University inefficiencies and quality issues. If the AMS supported the rally, it would lose credibility and be sending out two messages.
< Dayna Lee Baggley said the name of the organizing group sends a message.
< Megan Cassidy said the Committee is a student group.
< Kristen Harvey said it’s not a formal enough group and it can’t control who will be at the rally.
< Oana Chirila said the group was not a student club, so there was no accountability to the AMS. She suggested the group give its posters to the External Commission to be approved.
< Sameer Wahid asked if anything we do will have an effect on the newly appointed Board members. Erfan Kazemi said the Board decides based on arguments made to it.
< Maryann Adamec said the government, not the Board, was the body to ask to reduce tuition.
< Yvette Lu asked what the Committee would do if it did not receive AMS money: would the rally not go on? Matt Lovick said that was a difficult question. He thought other groups, such as the AMS Resource Groups, might provide funding.
< Yvette Lu said the Social Justice Centre might provide help, or perhaps a club through the Clubs Benefit Fund.
< Matt Lovick said the Resource Groups had told him it was not their duty to provide funding—and whether it was the AMS Council or the AMS Resource Groups, that was still the AMS.
< Holly Read said the rally would be useful to get the message out and asked about changing its name and about handing out information sheets.
< Chris Fennell said sometimes different methods, like rallies, are needed in addition to forums and the like.
< Megan Cassidy said the protesters would not be out there saying they’re the Committee to Reduce Tuition; they’d be saying they’re students wanting to have an impact. She added that the Resource Groups have paid for other events, but it’s taxing on them to support these things.
< Dayna Lee-Baggley suggested that the AMS hold the rally itself.
< Maryann Adamec said the AMS might need to hire someone to spread its message. It’s the AMS’s job to inform students. It shouldn’t just give $500 to a rally.

12. MOVED TOM LANCASTER, SECONDED ANDREW TINKA:
"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

13. MOVED JOCELYN YU:
"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED MATT LOVICK, SECONDED JOCELYN YU:
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Be it further resolved that Council allocate no more than $500 towards the March 13th rally from the External and University Lobbying Fund."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

O) Submissions:

< Financial Statements for Period 10 ending February 11, 2002 [SCD 332-002]
< News Release: Provincial cuts create uncertainty for education. [SCD 333-002]
< News Release: Tuition fee announcement alarming, says Student Society. [SCD 334-002]
< News Release: Students come last in throne speech. [SCD 335-002]
< News Release: Budget 2002 confirms that students come last. [SCD 336-002]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Evan Horie
VP Academic

EH:pr
The Alma Mater Society of UBC  March 13, 2002

MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Sarah Morrison (The Ubyssey), Ai Lin Choo (The Ubyssey), Otto Ramone (The Ubyssey), Veronica Andres (AMS JobLink), Samer Akouri (AMS Safewalk), Jennifer Harkness (AMS Speakeasy Peer Counselling), Maggie Yau (AMS Minischool), Dan Grice, Steve Price (AMS Tutoring), Derek Jones (Commerce Undergraduate Society), Mark Fraser (BoG - elect), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist/Researcher), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

< JobLink - Veronica Andres (Coordinator)  [SCD 004-003]
- Current services include:
  - posting part-time and temp contract jobs.
  - one on one consultations on how to get a job, resume writing, mock interview tips, oversea job referrals, career related events on campus, providing labour market and career-related advice and referrals to campus groups, constituencies and individuals.
  - The focus this year was making the service accessible and conducting individual research in response to student requests.
  - Some new initiatives this year included:
    - updated layout and format of website. Links to resume/cover letter information, CACEE Recruiting Conference and UBC Career Services workshops.
    - Tutor Registry:
      - joint project with AMS Tutoring. Links to tutors and tutees.
      - Applications to TLEF and IMF funding.
    - Summer Job Fair:
      - joint project with Student Commercial Bookings Department.
    - Workshops:
      - job search and hidden job markets.
    - New Paper Materials:
      - jobs on campus, cover letters and resumes. Updating our information from Co-Op, UBC Career Services, the Registrar's Office and Human Resources.

< Minischool - Maggie Yau (Coordinator)  [SCD 005-003]
- Hobby and skills classes held in the SUB, open to students and the community.
- Most courses are 5 - 7 weeks duration.
- Enrollment for term 1 was 66 students and 164 for term 2.
- 8 classes reached capacity.

- Recommendations:
  - hire Minischool Coordinator earlier.
  - look at having some one/two session courses (memory/speed reading).
  - work to maintain student attendance.
  - run classes in both term 1 and 2.
  - budgeting to have a sustainable program.

D) President’s Remarks:
  < Welcome to new Council members! Looking forward to working with Council for another exciting year.
  < Last Thursday, March 7, Annick Gauthier and I made a presentation to the UBC Board of Governor's committee. We raised points around the principles of accessibility, quality, efficiency and accountability. Pleased with response from the new Board members. The Board will be meeting tomorrow to come to a decision regarding principles.
  < The AMS Executive hosted a pancake breakfast which was very well attended. Answered lots of students concerns regarding tuition.
  < Was misquoted in the Vancouver Courier on March 6 regarding contracting out maintenance services to save money. Will write to the Editor to set the record straight.
  < The UBC Budget meeting scheduled to be held today has been postponed until Friday.
  < Will be away all next week at the CASA Lobby Conference in Ottawa. The main issues we will be raising include: accessibility and student loans: parental contribution, loan limits, in-study income, and loan remission. We will also be selecting a 2002 - 2003 National Director.

E) Executive Reports:

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs
  < CASA:
  - Making sure that I'm up to date with all policies, bylaws and any other relevant CASA issue.
  - Motion later on tonight.
  < U-Pass:
  - Following discussion with Council on Wednesday, February 27th, Kristen and I met with Dennis Pavlich, VP External and Legal Affairs to officially decline UBC's offer of $1m subsidy of the universal bus pass (if it were to be taken to referendum in March).
  - The proposed Transportation Survey, to be conducted by TransLink will give us important information that will allow us to address the concerns and the opinions of UBC students. Will help us if and when the U-pass goes to referendum.
  < Stephen Owen:
  - Chris Fennell (GSS VP External - elect) and I met briefly with Stephen Owen, MP in the Vancouver Quadra area (UBC's riding) to request a meeting with him.
  - I followed up with his office and secured a meeting with him for AMS UBC reps while we are in Ottawa at the CASA Conference.
  - We hope to address student financing issues.
  < Universitas 21:
  - Attended a portion of the Universitas 21 managers meeting on March 7 at the Robson Square UBC campus.
For those of you who don't know Universitas 21 is an online network of 18 universities in 10 countries (of which UBC is one of them).
- I met the UBC Universitas 21 contacts and we will hopefully be meeting soon to discuss the Student Network (comprising of all student associations of the schools with Universitas 21: and hence the AMS).

< **CBC:**
- I'm a panelist on a student email discussion panel focusing on the transition into the workforce.
- It will be posted online on the CBC website sometime in the near future.
- If anyone is interested CBC television is looking for participants in a townhall forum: Class of 02: are Grads Ready for the World of Work. They will be filming on Sunday, March 24.
- Please come and talk to me if you are interested.

< **Not On Our Campus:**
- Successful Multifaith Fair held March 5-6 (including student panel and academic panel).
- Not On Our Campus will be March 25 - 26 (still in planning stages).

Oana Chirila - VP Administration

< **AMS Internal Jobs:**
- Have been working to advertise commissioner and service coordinator jobs through booths on the concourse and through the exec breakfast.

< **Walter H. Gage Fund Committee:**
- Went to my first meeting in February, along with Nick Seddon and Andrew Tinka as student representatives.

< **SAC:**
- SAC website is now up and online forms are available in pdf format; currently working on setting up the online databases to go live in September
- New clubs constituted by SAC: UBC Dance Team and the Veritas Literary Club (whose first publication was a supplement in the Ubyssey recently)
- Working on developing a comprehensive BBQ policy for groups having BBQ's in the SUB, to include health and safety guidelines
- Have been transitioning the new SAC Secretary, Stephanie McKernan, who has sat on SAC as the Art Gallery Commissioner for the last two years
- Applications for club offices and lockers are available online on the SAC page or from SUB 238.
- Applications for parking spaces are available also on line or from SUB 238. These are for AMS Councilors of 2002-2003, and are due by the end of April.
- Have met with club representatives to discuss executive benefits and payments such as gifts for executives, dinners, membership fees, etc. Currently working to develop a conflict-of-interest policy.

< **Renovations Planning Group:**
- The Film Society renovation is undergoing, they will be moving into their new digs over the weekend of March 16/17.
- Have met with Behshad Darvish and the Service Coordinators to discuss their requirements for the new Services Centre, as well as proposed office allocations, which have to still be passed by SAC.
- Council members are all invited to the bid tender opening on March 21 at 2:00 p.m. in SUB 266J.

< **Impacts Committee:**
- Looking into the possibility of on-site water filtering to replace the currently used bottled water from Canadian Springs. UBC Waste Management is trying it out for the month of
March in one of their buildings, so I will be using the information from their trial run as well as an audit of our own water usage to look at the possibilities for the SUB.

Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator of Student Services

< Interviews for Service Coordinator positions…engulfed most of my time.
< Thanked members of the Beta Committee that have been able to attend the interviews.
< Very impressed by the quality and quantity of applicants to the positions…especially Volunteer Services.
< Held a meeting with the Services, Oana, and Michael Kingsmill about the Student Services Centre renovations. Consulted on various issues including safety and confidentiality concerns that will be put into the plans of construction as well as discussion of office allocations. Also discussed temporary office allocations for the effected services during the construction months.
< Have asked the Service Coordinators to create Services continuity reports to ease transition for the incoming coordinators.
< Looked into revised contracts for Services Coordinators and other appointed student position with Christopher and Bernie.
< Begun planning the Service Coordinator orientation and training.

< Services: Besides regular operations
- Orientations: New coordinator Erin Shannon has been “oriented” by Christina Tinson, the out-going coordinator, and has been in and out of the office.
- Joblink: Summer Job Fair this week. Working in conjunction with AMS Commercial Bookings department to put on the event.
- Tutoring: Jessica and Veronica have been planning out the Tutor Registry program.
- Volunteer Services: Held first ever International Opportunities Fair. Featured various campus clubs, non-profit organizations, and government sponsored programs that offer international volunteering, internships, and work. Great success. Featured a student panel moderated by Dr. Glen Pederson that was well attended.

< Events: AMS Events has been working hard on some prime events.
- Along with Gage Residence Association and Residence Advisors and other sponsors, we presented Sue Johanson of “Talking Sex with Sue”.
- March 23rd will feature the return of Ian Wright, host of “Lonely Planet” at the Chan Centre of Performing Arts.
- Wide Mouth Mason will be hitting UBC again, along with Flannel Jimmy, at another Big Band Small Venue event in the Pit on March 28th.

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic

< First off, thanks to all of you who have helped me get my orientations straight in this new position.
< Would like to get to know everyone. My office door is always open when I have office hours. I have a great couch… some come in and take breather.
< I took some time to paint the office a lovely “off green”… It looks great when the sun is setting out my window.
< I took some time this week to read the amended strategic plan. I look forward to continue implementation of this Council’s “Vision for the Future”.

< Committees:
- Appointments Committee (Beta) has been hard at work this past week conducting interviews for Service Coordinator positions. I would like to commend all councilors and members-at-large who were able to make it out for long periods of interviews this week. The recommendation of the Beta Committee for Service Coordinators will be in for next council meeting.
- The Elections Administrator, Deanna Metcalfe, has announced that she is cutting her term short effective April 1st and graduating.

< University Commission:
- University Commission Reform has been undertaken in accordance with Code. The position of Special Project’s Officer has been replaced with the position of Community liaison officer. Role and functions are posted on the AMS website. Applications for all commissioner positions are being accepted until March 15th, 2002.

< Upcoming Events:
- Festiva! : A celebration of Cultures will be taking place at I-House this Friday night. Everyone should come out and sample some tasty food and get your Freak on.
- A new Multicultural Fair, organized by Brenda Ogembo (Int’l Issues Commissioner) will take place next Thursday, March 21st from 12-1 in the Norm Theatre. It will be a forum to expose International Students to involvement opportunities on campus (clubs…. Intramurals… I-House).
- Compensation Review Committee will be meeting in April. The date is yet to be determined. This is going to be the only meeting of this committee for the rest of the fiscal period. If anyone has an issue to bring forth to this committee, please draft a formal document with all pertinent info and submit it to the Committee c/o Christopher Lythgo (room 238). The deadline for agenda proposals will be March 31st, 2002.
- Budget Committee will be meeting the first week of April to consider among other things a proposed Amendment to the Advocacy budget. If anyone else has an item for the agenda, please submit it to the committee c/o Christopher Lythgo (room 238) by March 31st, 2002.
- Interviews for Commissioners will begin soon, followed by Assistant Service co-coordinators. The plan is to have everyone in place before April 15th.

Nick Seddon - VP Finance

< Turnover:
- Thank you Yvette, outgoing executives, and all support staff!!

< Health Plan:
- Opt-outs.
- Bursaries.
- VST - still waiting for student numbers.
- International Students Insurance Plan (Annick) - not AMS, but university.
- New letters for tuition waivers for staff/sponsored students - these 2 areas have furthered communication enhancements.

< Finance Commission:
- Club Benefit Fund - 3 given.
- Short-term loans - 2 granted.
- Revising all forms:
  - Treasurer's Handbook
  - Budget form
  - Fundraising Handbook
- Meeting with clubs RE: benefits to executives (Oana).
- Budget deadline set in accordance with SAC's deadline for all forms to ensure that we have received all budgets by end of term.
- Treasurer turnover for signature is April 30th.

< CABSD Awards.
<< Walter H Gage Fund.
<< Commercial Services Planning Group to meet soon.
<< Phase I and II of VP Finance Office Strategic Plan.
Kristen Harvey (President)
AMS Committee appointments will be made at the March 27 and subsequent meetings of Council.

F) Constituency Reports:
Shauna Matkovich - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
Corisande Baldwin - Science Undergraduate Society
Michael Groves - Science Undergraduate Society
Tommy Gerschman - Science Undergraduate Society
Ryan Morasiewicz - Senate
Andrew Tinka - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Chris Eaton - Senate
Meaghan Thumath - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Tom Lancaster - Planning Students Association
Dayna Lee Baggley - Graduate Studies
Chris Fennell - Graduate Studies
Dea Lloyd - Arts Undergraduate Society
Katie Drain - Arts Undergraduate Society
Christine Lenis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Rajdeep Basra - Law Students Association
Debbie Erickson - Regent College
Joanne Li - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Jeff Veldhuizen - Commerce Undergraduate Society

Tieg Martin - Board of Governors
- As part of his report, Board of Governors representative Tieg Martin said that as a result of student involvement and the joint AMS/GSS presentation to the Board committee, the Board will be approving only a one-year tuition increase, and before the Board approves further increases the Administration will have to submit a report on how it is using the money taken in through tuition increases. Also, the goal of raising UBC tuition levels to the national average has been dropped. He said that these changes to what the Administration was originally proposing were a significant achievement by the students and would be a means to hold the Administration accountable.
Barbara Boruff - Vancouver School of Theology

G) Discussion Period:
Dea Lloyd said she would like a policy in place to prevent club executives from being paid because club budgeting is not transparent to club members.
- Holly Read asked about laying out guidelines for the benefits (a meal, a drink) that club executives could receive.
- Andrew Tinka said providing pizza at a dinner meeting would be justifiable; that’s what is done at the EUS.
- Tommy Gerschman distinguished between constituencies and clubs: a pizza dinner for a constituency might be only 1% of the constituency budget, but it might be 10-15% of a club’s budget. He wondered if club members knew they were subsidizing the meals of their executives and suggested having open dinner meetings which any club member could attend, not just the executive.
- Dea Lloyd said she wasn’t against pizzas, but had heard of club executives sending themselves on vacations.
- Chris Eaton said there is a distinction between expenses incurred in the course of performing duties and benefits.

Andrew Tinka asked about the Grad Class Council. He said Engineering had not been informed about its meetings. Tommy Gerschman said Science had also not been informed.
- Oana Chirila said there was a problem with Grad Class Council procedure.
- Chris Eaton said he would inform the Grad Class Council president of the situation.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated February 27, 2002 as amended [SCD 007-003]

Christopher Lythgo (VP Academic - elect) was not present at the meeting.

Motion #5 was carried.

Minutes of the AMS Annual General Meeting dated February 27, 2002 [SCD 008-003]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

CASA Bylaws

1. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED KATIE DRAIN: [SCD 009-003]

"Be it resolved that Council approve the Bylaws and Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as amended and approved by the membership representatives at the Internal Review Conference in Ottawa October 14 - 20, 2001 as presented."

Tara Learn said the amendments to the CASA bylaws will allow a one-year renewal of the CASA National Director instead of requiring an election every year; this would allow for continuity. The amendments to the CASA constitution would mean that committee chairs would no longer be on the Board of Directors. There were also some housekeeping changes in Bylaws 1, 2, and 3.

In response to a question from Mark Fraser, Tara Learn said that the new renewal provision will not affect the current National Director; there will be an election for National Director at this month’s CASA meeting.

Mark Fraser asked about the reference in Bylaw 4 to Section 6.6, which did not seem to exist. Kristen Harvey suggested adding a note to the motion about this problem.

Friendly amendment: add note Bylaw 4, Section 6.6 should be excluded.

2. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED KATIE DRAIN:
"Be it resolved that Council approve the Bylaws and Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as amended and approved by the membership representatives at the Internal Review Conference in Ottawa October 14 - 20, 2001 as presented.

Note: Bylaw 4, Section 6.6 should be excluded.

Note: Dea Lloyd (abstained) ... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the University Commission dated November 30, 2001 [SCD 010-003]
Minutes of the University Commission dated February 1, 2002 [SCD 011-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 4, 2002 [SCD 012-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 11, 2002 [SCD 013-003]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

O) Submissions:

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

CL:pr
The Alma Mater Society of UBC  March 27, 2002

MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Sarah Morrison (The Ubyssey), Ai Lin Choo (The Ubyssey), Ron Nurwisah (The Ubyssey), Kathy Deering (The Ubyssey), Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Dave Allen (Regent College), Larisa Struk (AMS Speakeasy), Kat Sykes (AMS Speakeasy), Josh Bowman, Christine Lenis (AUS), Dea Lloyd (AUS), Michael-Owen Liston, Liz King (AMS Safewalk), Sigal Stein (AMS Speakeasy), Azedeh Motameni (AMS Volunteer Services), Cameron Reeves (EUS), Andrew Rothbart, Maya Scott (AMS Advocacy), Mark Fraser (BoG - elect), Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Michelle Aucoin (VP Students), Tim Rahilly (Student Financial Assistance), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

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C) Presentations to Council:

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- Tuition Update - Brian Sullivan (VP Students)  [SCD 014-003]
  - Another round of consultation is underway.
  - At the March 14, 2002 Board of Governors meeting, the Board resolved to determine fees in all programs and courses commencing on or after August 1, 2002.
  - 20% or $4.4 million of all monies from fee increases will go towards student financial support in the form of scholarships, bursaries and other areas of student financial support. UBC assures that no qualified domestic student will be denied access to UBC due to financial reasons. The Administration has been directed to ensure that students in financial need are offered enrollment assistance.
  - Following meetings with the Executive, worked out a timeframe for the consultation process. Will report back at the April 24 Council meeting.
  - The budget process will continue from now until the May Board of Governors meeting.
  - Consultation will continue with students, faculty, the President's Advisory Committee and the Senate Budget Committee.
    - Matt Lovick asked how high school students are being informed of these changes. Brian Sullivan said the key was to make sure the correct information gets to school guidance counsellors to be passed on to students. Also need to make sure we have easy to understand information on our website. We need to be frank and clear about our mechanism.
    - Andrew Tinka asked if any consultation had taken place on co-op and ancillary fees. Brian Sullivan said that he had not discussed ancillary fees yet. He stated that if there were any, they would be minor and administrative.
- Kate Woznow asked what was happening with the Work Study Program. Brian replied that there was considerable support for using part of the $4.4 million towards student financial support. Some faculties believe this is a priority for them.

- Kristen Harvey noted that the UBC website advertising the tuition information did not reflect the Board of Governor's resolution. She requested that the information from the resolution be put up as soon as possible. Brian Sullivan said it would be taken care of in the next few days.

AUS Social Space Agreement - Christina Tinson/Aleksandra Brzozowski

- Last year the Arts Undergraduate Society held a referendum to increase student fees by $5.00 to raise funds for the AUS Social Space Programme.
- 5,000 sq.ft of new social space will be added to the Buchanan D Block in the upcoming year.
- Finally after one year an agreement is in place which is favourable to both parties.
- The agreement is effective February 1, 2002.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. for a five minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Clear Channel Communications - Nick Seddon (VP Finance)  

- The AMS is looking into the possibility of entering into an agreement with Clear Channel Communications to provide a long distance program.
- 5¢ per minute for Canada, US, Hong Kong, UK, Australia. Rates higher for other destinations.
- Dial up service using land phones, cellulars and pay phones. No minimum charge and no service or sign-up charge.
- Clear Channel would be responsible for all advertising and the AMS would receive 10% commission.
- Clear Channel can start as soon as possible for internal customers such as the Events Department.
- Clear Channel would not sell or market the customer list to any other organization nor use the list for any other purpose.

Andrew Tinka asked what Clear Channel would be getting from the AMS. Bernie said the AMS would be providing them access to a customer base of 37,000 students.

In response to a question from Olivier Plessis, sign-up would take place at the beginning of the school year and then through SUBcetera. Clear Channel would have a booth at the Back to School show with good signage.

Matt Lovick asked how long the AMS would be locking into this agreement and whether we will be allocating office space for this company. The AMS would lock in for one year and there is no office space entitlement.

Sameer Wahid asked if the AMS businesses would be using this service. Bernie replied that the AMS businesses would make use of this service and the Events Department in particular would make a huge saving in long distance billing.
Kate Woznow and Matt Lovick asked if Bernie could provide Council with any information on the company regarding their working practices such as how their employees get paid and what kind of a benefits package they receive. They felt they had to have access to such information before they could make an informed decision. Maryann Adamec replied that Clear Channel is a private company and under no obligation to provide us with any information. Bernie said he would try to ascertain this information, however, an alternative route would be to convene the AMS Ethics Review Committee to look into this issue.

AMS Fee Agreement - Nick Seddon (VP Finance)  [SCD 017-003]
- The purpose of this agreement is to formalise the responsibilities of the university regarding the collection of AMS fees under the University Act.
- The terms of this agreement were negotiated by Erfan Kazemi and Mark Fraser with Byron Hender and Byron Braley because the university was asking too much for the collection of health plan fees.
- The AMS cannot change fees without a referendum and the university cannot change the amount of fees collected without the written consent of the AMS.
- The university agrees to pay the AMS a service charge of prime plus 0.25% if they fail to pay on time.

Olivier Plessis asked what kind of agreement was in place right now. Nick Seddon replied that currently we have no agreement in place.

D) President’s Remarks:  [SCD 018-003]
- Attended the CASA Conference last week which proved to be very productive. Met key people and discussed accessibility and the student loan program.
- Meeting with Allan Rock on April 2, 2002.
- Met with Mike Weisbart regarding the blue lights on campus.
- Looking into having SUBtitles as an on-line service.

E) Executive Reports:

Nick Seddon - VP Finance  [SCD 019-003]
- Deadline for submitting club budgets is tomorrow, March 28, 2002.

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic  [SCD 020-003]
- UBC conducting a pilot project: survey on student engagement.
- The Special Projects Officer position (University Commission) has been re-instated.
- Brenda Adhiambo Ogemo (International Issues Commissioner) has handed in her resignation.
- The Compensation Review and Budget Committee will be holding their meetings in April. Deadline for receipt of submissions is March 31, 2002.

Oana Chirila - VP Administration  [SCD 021-003]
- Thanks to Christopher and the Appointments Committee for conducting SAC interviews.
- Applications are available for parking spaces through the AMS.

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs  [SCD 022-003]
- Met with Gord Lovegrove and Graham Senft from the Trek Program. TransLink are gathering survey information and the results will be available in late April when negotiations resume.
Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator of Student Services

< Student Services Centre renovations.
< Wide Mouth Mason in the Pit tomorrow.

F) Constituency Reports:
Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Chris Fennel - Graduate Student Society
Matt Lovick - Arts Undergraduate Society
Olivier Plessis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society
Rajdeep Basra - Law Students Association
Chris Eaton - Senate
Maryann Adamec - Board of Governors
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
Natalie Swaak - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Brian MacLean - Science Undergraduate Society
Ryan Morasiewicz - Senate
Desiree Bowes - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Andrew Tinka - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Debbie Erickson - Regent College
Michael Groves - Science Undergraduate Society

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

1. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

"That Council appoint the following Service Coordinators on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Beta) for a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

Maya Scott Coordinator, Advocacy Office
Natasha Norbjerg Coordinator, JobLink
Elisabeth King Coordinator, Safewalk
Sigal Stein Coordinator, Speakeasy
Jessica Young Coordinator, Tutoring Services
Azadeh Motameni Coordinator, Volunteer Services
Christine Lenis Executive Project Officer, Firstweek

... Carried

2. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

"That Council consider all motions on the agenda first and then revert back to Discussion Period."

... Carried

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated March 13, 2002  [SCD 024-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 11, 2002 [SCD 025-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 18, 2002  [SCD 026-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 25, 2002 [SCD 027-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Beta) dated March 7, 2002 as amended [SCD 028-003]

Justin Sudds (Manager, Events Department) was present as a guest for the FirstWeek Coordinator interviews.

Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Beta) dated March 12, 2002 [SCD 029-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Beta) dated March 14, 2002 [SCD 030-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Beta) dated March 20, 2002 [SCD 031-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Gamma) dated March 25, 2002 as amended [SCD 032-003]

Oana Chirila (VP Administration) was present for the SAC interviews.

Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated February 14, 2002 [SCD 033-003]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated February 18, 2002 [SCD 034-003]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

"That Council approve the agreement between the AMS and Clear Channel Communications Corp. to provide a Discount Long Distance Telecommunications Plan for the students of UBC as presented."

Matt suggested that Council postpone this motion until the next meeting to allow the General Manager time to obtain information on this company.

4. MOVED MATT LOVICK, SECONDED ANDREW TINKA:

"That Council postpone motion #3 until the next meeting being held on April 24, 2002."

Chris Eaton pointed out that Council could call for an Ethics Committee but he didn't see any logical reason for doing this.

Olivier Plessis felt the AMS was responsible for making sure that the companies we deal with are ethical.

Matt Lovick didn't feel that Council should have an issue with postponing the motion as it was not time sensitive. The AMS owes it to its members to find out more about this company.

5. MOVED MARYANN ADAMEC:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Oana Chirila felt we should make a decision as soon as possible so that AMS departments ie. Events can take advantage of the huge savings.

6. MOVED MATT LOVICK, SECONDED ANDREW TINKA:
"That Council postpone motion #3 until the next meeting being held on April 24, 2002." ...Defeated

7. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED MARYANN ADAMEC:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

8. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

"That Council approve the agreement between the AMS and Clear Channel Communications Corp. to provide a Discount Long Distance Telecommunications Plan for the students of UBC as presented."

Abstained: Olivier Plessis, Chris Eaton, Chris Fennel ... Carried

9. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED NICK SEDDON:

"That Council approve the Fee Agreement between the Alma Mater Society and the University of British Columbia as presented." ... Carried

10. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

"That Council appoint Nick Seddon (VP Finance), Christopher Lythgo (VP Academic & University Affairs) and Oana Chirila (VP Administration) as Signing Officers for the Society as per Bylaw 8(1) for the period February 28, 2002 until the 2003 Annual General Meeting."

... Carried Unanimously

11. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNEL:

"Be it resolved that Council endorse the appointment of Liam Arbuckle as CASA National Director for 2002/2003."

... Carried

12. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN: [SCD 035-003]

"Be it resolved that Council approve the Bylaws and Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as amended and approved by the membership representatives at the Federal Lobby Conference in Ottawa, March 15 - 24, 2002 as presented."

... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

13. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED CHRIS EATON:

"That Council approve the Development Agreement between the Alma Mater Society and the University of British Columbia for the construction of the Arts Undergraduate Society Social Space in the Buchanan Building as presented."

... Carried Unanimously
14. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"That Council approve the Occupancy Agreement between the Alma Mater Society and the University of British Columbia for the management of the Arts Undergraduate Society Social Space in the Buchanan Building as presented."

15. MOVED CHRIS EATON:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

16. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"That Council approve the Occupancy Agreement between the Alma Mater Society and the University of British Columbia for the management of the Arts Undergraduate Society Social Space in the Buchanan Building as presented." ... Carried

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

Christopher Lythgo pointed out that appointments were for a one month term in order to allow all constituencies to turnover, thereby giving new Council members an opportunity to participate in the hiring process.

17. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That Council appoint ____________________________ Olivier Plessis, ____________ and ____________________________, (Council Members) and Ryan Morasiewicz and Chris Eaton (Students at Large) to the AMS Budget Committee for a term effective April 1, 2002 until May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint Matt Lovick, ____________________________ and ____________________________ (Council Members) and Alan Warkentin and ____________________________ (Students at Large) to the AMS Compensation Review Committee for a term effective April 1, 2002 until May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint the following to the AMS Appointments Committee for a term effective April 1, 2002 until May 1, 2002:

Alpha: Matt Lovick, Cameron Reeves and Sameer Wahid (Council Members) and Chris Eaton, Alan Warkentin and Sarah Morrison (Students at Large)

Gamma: Spencer Keys, Sameer Wahid and ____________________________ (Council Members) and ____________________________ (Students at Large)
Delta: Kate Woznow, Sameer Wahid and ____________________________ (Council Members) and Sarah Morrison and Ai Lin Choo (Students at Large)."

Opposed: Chris Eaton ... Carried

< Behshad Darvish requested that Council members make every effort to attend Committee meetings to achieve quorum.

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated February 15, 2002 [SCD 036-003]

18. MOVED CHRIS FENNEL, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

"That Council appoint Daniel Grice, Mark Fraser and ____________________________ (Council Members) to the AMS Communications Planning Group, for a term effective April 1, 2002 until May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint Kate Woznow and Cameron Reeves (Council Members) to the AMS Commercial Services Planning Group for a term effective April 1, 2002 until May 1, 2002."
... Carried

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 25, 2002 [SCD 037-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 13, 2002 [SCD 038-003]
Minutes of the University Commission dated February 8, 2002 [SCD 039-003]

14. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED CHRIS EATON:

"That Council appoint the following members to the Student Administrative Commission on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Gamma):

Stephanie McKernan
Michelle Davies - Clubs Commissioner
Patricia Carlos - Constituency Commissioner
Yaa-Hemaa Obiri-Yeboah - Resource Groups Commissioner
Alan Warkentin - Building and Security Commissioner
Siobhan O'Meara - Art Gallery Commissioner
Ruchira Saha - Special Projects Commissioner

Note: For a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

Abstained: Alan Warkentin ... Carried
I) Executive Committee Motions:

15. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED CHRIS EATON: [SCD 040-003]

“That Council approve the AMS letter of support for the re-appointment of Dr. Martha Piper as President of the University of British Columbia.”

< Matt Lovick said he would be voting against this motion as a majority of students see Dr. Piper and Brian Sullivan as being responsible for coming up with the tuition plan.
< Chris Fennel said he disagreed with Dr. Piper on how the tuition increase was proposed and suggested the AMS include a paragraph reflecting this.
< Kristen Harvey suggested addressing these issues in the Trek process.
< Christopher Lythgo said there were many other forums for this. This is a reference letter not a reprimand.

16. MOVED CHRIS FENNEL, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council direct the Executive to include an additional paragraph/statement that captures the intent of the following sentence:

'Although we support her appointment, we must disagree with her actions on tuition'."

17. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

< Daniel Grice suggested that the letter remain as one of support but the AMS should ask for better consultation on tuition.
< Andrew Tinka said the AMS does not have a responsibility to Dr. Piper but does have a responsibility and an opportunity to let the UBC Administration know how we feel.

18. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

20. MOVED CHRIS FENNEL, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council direct the Executive to include an additional paragraph/statement that captures the intent of the following sentence:

'Although we support her appointment, we must disagree with her actions on tuition'."

Opposed: Sameer Wahid, Ryan Morasiewicz ... Carried

< Matt Lovick requested that a copy of the amended letter be included in the next Council pack.
D) Discussion Period:

Mark Fraser asked how the tendering process went for the AMS Student Services. Oana replied that many bids were received but no letter of intent had been done yet.

Kate Woznow asked if the Execs had been notified that Lifeline had put up posters twice this semester when they are only allowed to do this once per semester and whether Council could do anything about this. Kristen advised that there is an agreement in place between clubs, the AMS and UBC to keep each other informed of such matters. UBC received notifications in the past week but nothing was forwarded to the AMS. Met with Brian Sullivan about this issue and requested that in future all notifications be directed to the AMS President. There was a breakdown in communications. Met with a representative from Students for Choice and they are interested in maintaining the lines of communication. Oana advised that she had met with Justin Marples who was in the process of re-doing the forms for security, parking and the AMS.

- Matt suggested that maybe Oana and Kristen should sit down with representatives from Lifeline and renew the agreement and enforce penalties if it is not adhered to. The AMS is under obligation to protect students.

Kristen reported that SUBtitles lost $70,000 in its first year of operation and $35,000 so far this year. The service is being subsidized by the AMS.

- The Executive have been looking at other schools and the idea of continuing the service on-line, similar to Rentsline.
- Olivier Plessis felt we should not be getting rid of the service just because we are losing money because it is a service for students.
- Alan Warkentin asked how the losses were incurred. Bernie Peets replied that because it is a consignment basis, the margin on books is 25%. Fundamentally, the loses have been in wages. An on-line service would not incur any charges and students would receive 100% instead of 75% of the value of their book.
- Alan Warkentin said that SUBtitles was a good service but the AMS didn't have to provide it.
- Chris Fennel felt that a web based service could provide the same benefits at no cost.
- Behshad Darvish pointed out that AMS Services are not supposed to be making money. For example, JobLink operates on a considerably lower budget than SUBtitles. Maybe the money being used to subsidize SUBtitles could be put into some of the other services.
- Stephen Price agreed with Behshad in that other services could use the extra funds and the space could be used for clubs.
- Holly Read suggested having an organized bulletin board with Used Bookstore information.
- Kristen Harvey reported that McMaster University Student Union has an on-line bookstore which is very well utilized.
- Matt Lovick suggested that the AMS look at services such as Firstweek where the AMS loses just as much money as SUBtitles.
- Kristen Harvey thanked everyone for their feedback and hoped to look into other possibilities for SUBtitles ie. on-line.
Kristen Harvey reported that she had a meeting with Mike Wiesbart regarding blue lights on campus. Apparently in 1999 students initiated a moratorium on blue lights. Kristen said she verbally let Mike know that the AMS supports blue light phones. Campus Planning and Development are looking to expand blue lights on campus and need a letter of support from us.

- Holly Read asked how effective blue lights were and whether people used them. Elizabeth King reported that currently there are 23 blue lights on campus and all in working order. However, we need more education on them. Even UBC Administration at times have used them.
- Sameer Wahid said blue lights were a deterrent to theft activity on campus.
- Kristen asked whether Council wished to consider a motion or write a letter of support in their bid to get funding from UBC.
- Matt Lovick suggested that the AMS urge that lighting on campus be improved and there be some mechanism in place to say where you are on campus.
- Christopher Lythgo suggested that the AMS Safety Committee be asked to look into this.
- The majority of Council members were in favour of a letter of support requesting the expansion of blue lights and increased education for students.

Holly Read felt that Matt Lovick's point about company ethics is very worthwhile. The AMS should make it a policy that companies that wish to do business with us present us with information about themselves.

- Dan Grice suggested forming an Ethics Committee to discuss such issues.
- Kristen Harvey said she was more than happy to bring the Ethics Review Committee to Code.

Matt Lovick informed Council that the 30 hour famine is a part of World Vision with 13% of funds going to missionary work.

- Brian MacLean advised that care is taken not to interfere with local cultures and customs. The primary concern is sustainability.

Matt Lovick referred to the Ubyssey Editorial Page Friday regarding the differences between CASA and the CFS. Matt wanted to know what was on the $5,000 banner and what did it achieve.

- Kristen said the primary goal was to effect change, lobby and raise awareness about our issues. In her opinion the banner did receive great media coverage. The CASA budget is public and open to anyone. The banner cost $191 per school. Divide this by 37,000 students, and it is definitely a worthwhile investment.

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

O) Submissions:

- Updated AMS Code of Procedure

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

R) Social Activity:
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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Kathy Deering (The Ubyssey), Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Samer Akouri (Safewalk/University Commission), Sue Brown (Safety Coordinator), Liz King (Safewalk), Sigal Stein (Speakeasy), Chandler Prince, Mark Fraser (BoG - elect), Krissy Price (Assistant to the President), Byron Hender (VP Students), Michelle Drissler, Michelle Aucoin (VP Students), Larisa Struk (Speakeasy), Christine Lenis (Firstweek), Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Carolyn Janusz, Stacey Chiu (Finance Commission), Sean Olonan (Finance Commission), Brian Yang (Medicine), Annick Gauthier (GSS), Melissa Bell, Leflotlo Lefoko, Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

1. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED CAMERON REEVES:

"That Council re-appoint Janice Boyle as Speaker of Council on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Alpha) for a one year term commencing April 1, 2002."

... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

Tuition Update - Brian Sullivan (VP Students) [SCD 041-003]

< The Administration has been engaging in various forms of consultation (a broadcast e-mail soliciting feedback, an on-line student survey to which nearly 3000 responses had been received, etc.) to help determine how the money generated by the new tuition increases should be allocated.

< There was also consultation going on within individual faculties with the deans, and the Administration would be going to the Board of Governors committee meeting on May 9 and the full Board meeting on May 16 to propose how to spend the $3.8 million available for Student Financial Support and the $7.9 million available for Learning and Student Support.

< He said 61% of the respondents to the undergraduate student surveys had been women (58% of the graduate responses were from women). The largest number of responses came from the faculties with the largest numbers of students (Arts, Science).

< He said the three highest priorities to emerge from the undergraduate survey were: 1) increased course offerings; 2) smaller classes; 3) improvements to labs and classrooms. For graduate students, the highest priorities were: 1) expanding computer access and connectivity; 2) increasing library acquisitions; 3) improving classrooms and labs.
Learning and Student Support

Based in part on the surveys, but also on other consultations, the Administration has decided to emphasize the following areas in this category:

For undergraduates:
- increased course and lab availability:
  - improvements to classrooms and labs;
  - smaller class sizes;
  - increased advising availability;
  - increased numbers of tenured faculty;
  - improved teaching of information skills;
  - more innovative programs;
  - more tutorials.

For graduates:
- expansion of learning technology;
- increased library acquisitions;
- improved classrooms and labs;
- improved library service to off-campus locations (e.g., to medical students at the hospitals);
- more on-line library subscriptions to journals.

He said there was $2.4 million available for improvements to Teaching and Learning, which would go to increasing the number of courses and sections, restoring labs, supporting innovative learning, and paying graduate student TA’s (teaching assistants).

There will be $3.7 million available to post-baccalaureate and professional graduate programs, to be allocated by the deans.

Another $400,000 would go to web-based services (including improvements to make it easier for students to pay their fees, for instance through credit cards); $400,000 to the libraries; $350,000 to student services; and $650,000 to student social space (e.g., the new AUS social space) and to classroom improvements, such as providing more audio-visual technology in Buchanan and doing more cleaning there.

[The promise to do more cleaning won applause from Council members.]

Financial Support

In this category, he said the surveys showed that the highest priorities for undergraduates were for need-based scholarships and continuation of the Work-Study Program. For graduate students, the priorities were: the introduction of a tuition waiver, an increase in need-based bursary support, and an increase in merit-based aid (such as the University Graduate Fellowships, or UGFs).

The Administration has concluded that they will propose providing need-based support, maintaining the Work-Study Program, recognizing student leadership, and increasing flexibility in assessing student financial need.

They propose to spend the available $3.8 million as follows:
- increasing the bursary maximum: $700,000
- restoring and increasing Work-Study allocation: $600,000
- administrative costs for financial assistance: $200,000
- set-aside for post-bac need-based assistance: $450,000
- new merit-based graduate awards: $500-700,000
- more bursary funding for grad students: $500,000
- restoring funding for TA’s: $300-500,000
The Administration also would commit itself to making information more readily available on how students can obtain funding and to being more respectful of students seeking financial assistance, to make it easier for students to ask for money.

In response to a question about whether students supported or opposed the tuition increase itself, Brian Sullivan said his sense was that students seemed ready to get into the question of where the money from the increase is going to go.

He explained that the $600,000 for Work-Study is in addition to the $500,000 already spent by the University on Work-Study. The $600,000 is meant to replace and increase the funding the government formerly spent on Work-Study.

He estimated that perhaps 30% of students would pay their tuition by credit card. He said there would be a cost involved: payment to the credit card companies by the University.

Chris Fennell objected to giving the label “financial assistance” to the money allocated for TA’s. He noted that TA’s work for that money, adding that only a quarter of graduate students obtain money this way. He said no money for financial assistance should be used to pay the salaries of TA’s.

Brian Sullivan agreed that the money for TA’s was wage-related or payment for work, and he said it was a priority to fund TA’s, but there was disagreement over how this funding should be sourced.

Behshad Darvish asked what student development was. Brian Sullivan talked about Janet Teasdale, the Director of Student Development, and about such projects as orientation, careers, and leadership.

Behshad asked if there would be decreases in funding for those items on the survey that were ranked the lowest in priority, or would funding simply not be increased for them? Brian Sullivan said it would be more the latter, because there may still be support for them even if they were not ranked high overall.

Annick Gauthier said such programs as Work-Study and TA’s were existing commitments and should be paid for out of commitments, not with the new funding. Brian Sullivan said he had reported back on this view; it was an important point and would get active discussion.

Brian Sullivan said donors are pushing for changes in the criteria used to allocate awards such as those in the Undergraduate Scholars Program (USP). He said there was a push to look at things other than marks; he added that an adjudication process would have to be worked out and that he was happy to receive feedback on this issue.

AMS Safety Committee Update - Sue Brown/Liz King [SCD 042-003]

The mandate of the Safety Committee is to look into issues regarding campus and student safety, advise the VP Academic on issues of campus and student safety, provide an annual report on activities to Student Council and undertake other duties as set out in Code or assigned by Council.

The overall approach is to be proactive and not reactive.

An awareness campaign, particularly directed towards first year students is needed regarding blue lights on campus.

There is a need to address AMS employee safety, ie. silent alarms for high risk services such as Advocacy and Ombudsoffice.

Need to put into place an anonymous incident reporting structure for sexual assaults, ie a 'silent witness' program. Jen is looking into obtaining a copy of the 'how to report crime' booklet from the RCMP.
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Looking into improvements in the operation of the Security Bus system, ie adding another bus and making a later service a priority and advertising hours of operations, routes and locations.

Meeting with the RCMP to draw up some common goals around violence associated with drinking. Also meeting with Bill and Nancy to discuss recommendations regarding the Pit Pub.

Establishment of a campus-wide neighbourhood watch program.

Continue to publish crime and safety information in the Ubyssey paper.

Other suggestions include:
- advertise pedestrian walkways that are well lit and well patrolled.
- develop a non-alcohol 24-hour area. The Bank of Montreal space was a suggestion.
- Improve lighting on campus, especially around Goddess and west of the Pit Pub.
- develop a 24-hour 'safe space'.

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

2. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED CAMERON REEVES:

"That Council appoint Barry Shin, Olivier Plessis and Reka Sztopa (Council Members) to the Impacts Committee for term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2003."

... Carried

3. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID: [SCD 043-003]

"That Council appoint Tara Learn to represent the AMS on the Advisory Planning Committee for the UBC South Campus Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process."

... Carried

4. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"That Council appoint Olivier Plessis, Mark Fraser and Joanne Li (Council Members) and Benjamin Chan and (Students at Large) to the AMS Compensation Review Committee for a term effective May 1, 2002 until May 1, 2003."

... Carried Unanimously

5. MOVED RAJDEEP BASRA, SECONDED CHRIS EATON: [SCD 044-03]

"That Council appoint Stephen Price to represent the AMS on the Advisory Planning Committee for the UBC North Campus Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process."

... Carried

6. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

"That Council appoint Mark Fraser, Spencer Keys, Sameer Wahid and Barry Shin (Council members) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2003."

7. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY:
"That Council appoint Sameer Wahid (Council Member appointed to the Committee above) as Chair of the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2003."

Noted: Abstained Sameer Wahid
... Carried

8. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:

"That Council appoint Erfan Kazemi, Olivier Plessis, Kim Lam, Sameer Wahid and ___________________________ (Non-Executive Council members) to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2003."
... Carried

9. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

"That Council appoint Olivier Plessis, Daniel Yokom and Ian McKechnie (Council Members) and Chris Eaton and Dionne Lam (Students at Large) to the AMS Budget Committee for a term effective May 1, 2002 until May 1, 2003."
... Carried

10. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED MEAGHAN THUMATH:

"That Council appoint Erfan Kazemi (Council Member appointed to the Committee above) as Chair of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2003."
... Carried

11. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED CHRIS EATON:

"That Council appoint the following to the AMS Appointments Committees for a term effective May 1, 2002 until May 1, 2003:

Alpha: Dave Tompkins, Kristen Read, Sameer Wahid, Chris Fennell, Cameron Reeves and ___________________________________________ (Council Members) and Carolyn Janusz, Letlotlo Lefoka and ______________________________ (Students at Large)

Beta: Sameer Wahid, Kate Woznow and Ian McKechnie (Council Members) and ________________________________ and ______________________________ (Students at Large)

Gamma: Kristen Read, Daniel Yokom and _______________________________ (Council Members) and ________________________________ and ______________________________ (Students at Large)

Delta: Barry Shin, Kate Woznow and ________________________________ (Council Members) and ________________________________ and ______________________________ (Students at Large)."
L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

12. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"That Council appoint Daniel Grice, Daniel Yokom and Rajdeep Basra (Council Members) to the AMS Communications Planning Group, for a term effective May 1, 2002 until May 1, 2003."
... Carried

13. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED NICK SEDDON:

"That Council appoint Dave Tompkins and Erfan Kazemi (Council Members) to the AMS Commercial Services Planning Group for a term effective May 1, 2002 until May 1, 2003."
... Carried

14. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"That Council appoint Rajdeep Basra, Holly Read and Mark Fraser (Council Members) to the AMS Renovations Planning Group, for a term effective May 1, 2002 until May 1, 2003."
... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

< One meeting with Dr. David Holm, Acting Registrar, to discuss online voting. The option seems viable, University willing to bear costs of software utilization, and associated staffing costs. The variable is whether the AMS chooses entirely online or a hybrid election. The new Registrar is Mr. Brian Silzer, who will begin duties in early May.
< Ongoing meetings with Brian Sullivan and representatives from the VP Students office to discuss allocation of tuition dollars. Suggested and lobbied for a mass e-mail survey, and won this initiative.
< Two meetings with WAVAW to further discuss the potential for a satellite office for WAVAW, and the associated satellite services on-campus.
< Met with Geoff Atkins, Associate Vice-President Land and Building Services to discuss issues of mutual concern, and means to enhance communication.
< VP Students Roundtable
< PAC
< Communications Planning Group met, discussed areas of transition, and a proposal from an external organization for a new project.

Events
< CASA Regional transition held April 11-14 at AMS Whistler Lodge. Attended by member school representatives from BC and Alberta, new and old. Paid for entirely by delegate fees (no AMS subsidization of the event). Very productive - an policy issue that I am willing to pursue are issues of Aboriginal post-secondary education accessibility.

On the Horizon
< Was invited to speak at a First Nations Career Fair in the BC Interior, encouraging Aboriginal students to pursue post-secondary options.
< Conferences: Congress of Canadian Student Associations (CCSA) ; CASA AGM.
< Was invited to be a facilitator at CCSA on a session entitled “VP External Portfolio.” I am pleased to have been invited to share my knowledge; it has been many years since an AMS Exec has been invited to speak.

E) Executive Reports:
Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator of Student Services
< Helped conduct interviews for Appointments Committees Beta, Gamma, and Delta over the past few weeks.
< Have completed the selection process for Assistant Coordinators through the Gamma Committee and the recommendations will be presented to Council tonight.
< We have found all the Services office space during the renovation period and they have been running smoothly.
< The incoming Service Coordinators are an enthusiastic group that have been active and eager in transitioning with the outgoing Coordinators and office members. I have been meeting with them individually to discuss their goals for the upcoming year as well as some preliminary preparations for preparing their budgets. I encourage all Council members to introduce themselves to the new Coordinators.
< The Student Services Orientation day will be taking place next Tuesday, April 30th to give them a strong understanding of the AMS and some of the support staff they will be working with. This will include their input on some of the colour schemes and designs involved with the Student Services Renovations.
< Met with WAVAW representatives along with Kristen and Oana to discuss office space within the SUB and cooperation with AMS Services.

Nick Seddon - VP Finance
Finance Commission:
< Turnover is May 1st.
< Training to follow.
< Looking forward to meeting with such a great team.

Health and Dental Plan:
< Reviewing financial need document with Brian de Alwis (GSS President).

Compensation Review Committee:
< Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2002.

Budget Committee:
< Meetings: April 24-25, 2002.
< Goal to submit preliminary budget to Council by e-mail on May 1, 2002.
< Club and Constituency budgets.
< Deadline was March 28, 2002. Many received so far.

Commercial Services Planning Group:
< Reviewing plans with Henry Chen to make vast improvements by setting regular meetings biweekly) and creating a standardized agenda.
< Looking forward to working with new committee over the summer.

Clear Channel:
< Finalizing application form for Clear Channel with Bernie.

Oana Chirila - VP Administration
< A reminder that the SUB Open House it taking place tomorrow from 1:30 to 3:30 upstairs in the SUB.
< Also a note that the reason many of the committee minutes are being emailed out is a suggestion brought forward by the Impacts committee last year, to save paper.
< Like everyone else, I have been writing final exams and worrying about my summer living arrangements. There's been a little time for social events too: I attended the SUS Wine and Cheese on April 2, thank you to SUS for their invitation. I was also lucky enough to be a volunteer at Arts County Fair, congratulations to the many many people on the organizational
committee who put in a tremendous amount of work in making ACF so successful. Thanks also for getting Baby Blue Soundcrew!

Transitioning the new SACees has been a pleasure and I look forward to working with the great team for the next year. The focus for the next few weeks on SAC is processing the office, locker and parking applications. We’ve received about twice as many applications for office space as there is room. We have been working on keeping clubs and constituencies informed of the contract signing policy. We have also constituted three new clubs: COPE, Afternoon Tea Society, and Quiz Bowl. On the Resource Group side of things, we met with the Student Environment Centre and with the Women’s Centre about hiring summer coordinators, and we have made recommendations to ensure the hiring process is straightforward and transparent.

I have been working with Michael Kingsmill on the Film Society and Student Services Centre renovations and relocations. We have found offices for almost all the services for the two months they will be displaced, as well as for the Inside UBC. We’re also hoping to have Campus Tours running from the Speakeasy desk over the summer. Kristen and I have been meeting with representatives from WAVAW to work out a partnership agreement with the AMS.

Finally, I have also had a few meetings with the folks over in Brock Hall, particularly with Una Walsh from Career Services in regards to the Careers Fair that they co-sponsor with AIESEC, which is an AMS club. As well, I’ve met with Justin Marples from Classroom Services about coordinating outdoors bookings around the SUB and around campus.

Looking forward to a busy and productive summer!

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs

MP John Herron’s private members motion (progressive conservative):

States: that the government should introduce a tax credit based on repayments of the Canada student loan principal (to a max of 10% of the principle per year) for the first 10 years after graduating from PSE as long as the person remains in Canada.

Exciting because it’s one of the things that UBC through CASA has been lobbying for.

Going to debate in the house of commons on May 1.

We have registered several calls to Stephen Owen’s office to endorse this motion and that we would like his support.

I’ll keep you posted on the outcome.

Translink:

Attended “the future of transit in greater Vancouver” Vancouver Board of Trade Event, as well attended an event at Martha Piper’s residence: sat with Pat Jacobson & Dennis Pavlich. Developing a relationship with the key players involved with Transit on campus.

With Dennis Pavlich (UBC VP External), Gordon Lovegrove (trek), Geoff Atkins (land and building services) as well as others who are involved in transportation at UBC.

Speakers included Pat Jacobson, CEO of Translink and Doug McCallum, Chair of Translink

Extremely successful event.

- McCallum stated that Translink should direct it’s expansion efforts to areas of high ridership (which includes UBC).
- UBC is the 2nd largest commuter destination in the GVRD.

This has presented itself as the perfect opportunity to convey a need for the restoration and expansion of Bus service here at UBC.

- As well both McCallum and Jacobson stressed that Translink now has an additional $80 million in revenue.
- Pat Jacobson stressed the importance of a U-pass at UBC and made a call for corporate sponsorship.

Both of these points point to there being a good environment for U-pass negotiations.

These negotiations will resume in the near future.

SUDS:
Begun making preliminary plans.

It’s looking exciting.

We’ve come up with a great theme (SUDS: building blocks for the future).

There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm from executives all around the country.

SUDS is developing a great reputation as being one of the most informative and beneficial conference.

**Tuition:**
- Tuition allocation consultation (forums, several meetings with UBC administration)
- We’re wanting to ensure that the money is going where it is needed the most and is directly benefitting the students here at UBC.

**Provincial Lobby Group:**
- Continuing to develop the initiatives that were started by Kristen and Erfan last year it.
- I’m currently working on new research and new ideas on the way.
- Stay tuned—this should be exciting!

**CABSD:**
- Attended with Oana, Christopher and Behshad.
- New Subcommittees (orientation is getting underway soon).

**CASA:**
- Organized and attended.
- Regional transition meeting.
- Opportunity for outgoing and incoming execs to share ideas and knowledge and to come up with our policy direction for the upcoming year.

**UBC Hospital Closure:**
- Currently investigating how these closure will affect UBC students.

**Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic**
- Thanked Sue and Liz for an excellent presentation. Looking forward to working with the Campus Safety Committee.
- The Appointments Committee worked extremely hard over the past month. Recommendations for Assistant Service Coordinator positions are ready for tonight's Council meeting as well as all the Commissioner positions and some other goodies as well. I would like to commend all Councillors and members at-large who were able to make it out for long periods of interviews this month during exams.
- The University Commission is now located in the SAC office.
- The Budget Committee has begun the long haul that is the budgetary process. This year will be very challenging and exciting.
- Held discussions with several university sources interested in building a larger sense of community and involvement for UBC students. There are a lot of great ideas circulating.
- SUBmersion and the Whistler Orientation Weekend will be occurring on the weekend of May 3 - 5. Registration forms are in our Council packs and they are due by Friday, April 26th.
- Budget Committee will be meeting throughout this month to work further on having the budget ready by the middle of July.
- Summer Council dates have been scheduled for May 15, June 5, July 3 and 31 and August 28.
- Looking into software for an online database for textbooks.
  - Looking at models from other schools.
  - Soliciting UBC students.
- Have received advanced warning that UBC plans to maintain the 'higher enrollment figures' that were a mistake last year.
  - We are investigating the details.
  - I have scheduled immediate meetings with UBC Housing.
- We are in contact with the Registrar's Office and UBC Senate to ensure that all information is transparent.

Concerns:
- Impact of FTE funding.
- Professor - student ratios.
- Housing.

F) Constituency Reports:

Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Joanne Li - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Chris Fennell - Graduate Students
Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
Chris Eaton - Arts Undergraduate Society
Daniel Grice - Arts Undergraduate Society
Meaghan Thumath - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Kristen Read - Arts Undergraduate Society
Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
Sameer Wahid - Science Undergraduate Society
Raj Mathur - Music Student's Association

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated March 13, 2002 [SCD 045-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 4, 2002 [SCD 046-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 11, 2002 [SCD 047-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 25, 2002 [SCD 048-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Gamma) dated March 19, 2002 [SCD 049-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Gamma) dated March 21, 2002 [SCD 050-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Gamma) dated March 25, 2002 [SCD 051-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Gamma) dated March 28, 2002 [SCD 052-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Alpha) dated April 4, 2002 [SCD 053-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Gamma) dated April 4, 2002 [SCD 054-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Delta) dated April 8, 2002 [SCD 055-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Beta) dated April 9, 2002 [SCD 056-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Beta) dated April 17, 2002 [SCD 057-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Delta) dated April 17, 2002 [SCD 058-003]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated March 4, 2002
Minutes of the AMS Safety Advisory Committee dated January 17, 2002 [SCD 060-003]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

15. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

Policy on Ancillary Fees
"Whereas the University may regard ancillary fees as a means of increasing revenue from students without increasing tuition; and

Whereas the University has increased ancillary fees in the past without prior student consultation, such as the 407% increase in the Athletics and Recreation Fee since the fee’s creation in 1985; and

Whereas several Ontario universities have established ancillary fee protocols with student unions following the Ontario provincial government’s directive that University administrations gain student approval prior to levying compulsory, non-tuition fees; and

Whereas ancillary fees currently do not share the same tax deduction status as tuition fees; and

Whereas the University lacks official policy on introducing, increasing or altering ancillary fees; and

Whereas the University should demonstrate the same respect for students in creating or increasing ancillary fees as the AMS does in creating or increasing AMS fees; and

Whereas Policy 71 approved by the Board of Governors in 1994 requires the Administration to meaningfully consult with students about tuition fee increases, setting a precedent for consulting with students about fees; and

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS encourage the University to demonstrate its accountability through the development of a protocol prescribing the procedure to be followed when creating, increasing, or altering ancillary fees; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS oppose the introduction of new compulsory ancillary fees or increases to existing compulsory ancillary fees unless such fees or increases are passed by referendum in accordance with the guidelines for AMS fee referendums that appear in the AMS Code and Bylaws; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS support, in principle, the concept that all compulsory ancillary fees paid by students to attend a post-secondary education institution share the same tax status as tuition fees and be deductible from students’ income tax.

Definition: For the purposes of this policy, compulsory ancillary fees shall mean fees imposed or administered by the University, or one of its constituent parts or federated or affiliated institutions, in addition to regular tuition fees, which a student is required to pay in order to enroll in, or successfully complete, any credit course."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kristen Harvey said one point of the policy was to get the University to pay the same respect to students that the AMS does when seeking to raise AMS fees. She also mentioned the precedent of a referendum conducted by the University in the 1990’s when it wanted to introduce an information technology fee.

Cameron Reeves said the Engineers had gone through the introduction of a new ancillary fee, in which their input had been requested, and thought it was good to have AMS policy in place supporting a similar process.
Chris Eaton moved to divide the motion, saying he was opposed to the clause requiring a referendum: it was unreasonable to expect students to vote on ancillary fees.

Kristen Harvey said having the referendum requirement in the policy would allow it to be used as a starting point in negotiations with the University.

Chris Fennell said that since referendums are so hard to pass, it was foolish to put this clause in.

Chris Eaton asked whether our policies should be what we really want or just be a means of giving us a bargaining position? He said our policies should not be a tool, but should be what we believe in.

Christopher Lythgo said students don’t want to be shafted by another increase; they should have their say in a referendum.

Dan Yokom said we shouldn’t have to go to referendum if we like the fee.

Cameron Reeves said the Engineers wouldn’t have wanted to have to go to referendum for the ancillary fee they had just accepted.

Chris Eaton asked if we wanted the University to go to referendum every time.

- Kristen Harvey said Yes, but we would accept something else.

16. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED CAMERON REEVES:

"That Council delete the following resolution:

Be it further resolved that the AMS oppose the introduction of new compulsory ancillary fees or increases to existing compulsory ancillary fees unless such fees or increases are passed by referendum in accordance with the guidelines for AMS fee referendums that appear in the AMS Code and Bylaws; and.

... Carried

17. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

Policy on Ancillary Fees

"Whereas the University may regard ancillary fees as a means of increasing revenue from students without increasing tuition; and

 Whereas the University has increased ancillary fees in the past without prior student consultation, such as the 407% increase in the Athletics and Recreation Fee since the fee’s creation in 1985; and

 Whereas several Ontario universities have established ancillary fee protocols with student unions following the Ontario provincial government’s directive that University administrations gain student approval prior to levying compulsory, non-tuition fees; and

 Whereas ancillary fees currently do not share the same tax deduction status as tuition fees; and

 Whereas the University lacks official policy on introducing, increasing or altering ancillary fees; and

 Whereas the University should demonstrate the same respect for students in creating or increasing ancillary fees as the AMS does in creating or increasing AMS fees; and
Whereas Policy 71 approved by the Board of Governors in 1994 requires the Administration to meaningfully consult with students about tuition fee increases, setting a precedent for consulting with students about fees; and

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS encourage the University to demonstrate its accountability through the development of a protocol prescribing the procedure to be followed when creating, increasing, or altering ancillary fees; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS support, in principle, the concept that all compulsory ancillary fees paid by students to attend a post-secondary education institution share the same tax status as tuition fees and be deductible from students’ income tax.

Definition: For the purposes of this policy, compulsory ancillary fees shall mean fees imposed or administered by the University, or one of its constituent parts or federated or affiliated institutions, in addition to regular tuition fees, which a student is required to pay in order to enroll in, or successfully complete, any credit course.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried Unanimously

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

18. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

"That Council appoint Bijan Ahmadian as the AMS Ombudsperson on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Alpha) for a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint Kristen Price as Assistant to the President on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Gamma) for a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint Meaghan Thumath as the Internship Coordinator with Volunteer Services on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Delta) for a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint Eran Norton as the Student Events Coordinator on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Beta) for a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint Sue Brown as the Executive Project Officer for Safety on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Beta) for a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint Julianna Anisko as the Assistant Coordinator of Joblink on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Delta) for a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint Chris Dingwall and Jon Loewen as Coordinators of the Inside UBC on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Beta) for a term effective April 12, 2002 and ending September 30, 2002." ... Carried

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:
19. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED NICK SEDDON:

"That Council appoint the following members to the Finance Commission on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Gamma):

Laura Smith - Vice-Chair
May Tee - Clubs & Constituency Commissioner
Timothy Kaan - Fundraising Commissioner
Calvin Kwok - Special Projects Commissioner
Sean Olonan - At-Large Commissioner
Stacey Chiu - Financial Aid Commissioner

Note: For a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint the following members to the University Commission on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Gamma):

Samer Akouri - Vice-Chair
Aerin Jacob - Academic Issues Commissioner
Melanie Pollock - Wellness Commissioner
Brenda Ogembo - International Issues Commissioner

Note: For a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

"That Council appoint the following members to the External Commission on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Gamma):

Julia McKay - Vice-Chair
Cristina Lin - Municipal Affairs Commissioner
Cory Fry - Post-Secondary Liaison Commissioner
Peter Skipper - Transportation Commissioner
Laura Cundari - Events Commissioner

Note: For a one year term commencing May 1, 2002."

20. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

AMS POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS

"Whereas basic human rights (including but not limited to the freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of association) are important for the academic and social experience of students; and
Whereas members of the AMS represent a broad spectrum of cultures and backgrounds and have voiced concerns about the state of human rights around the world;

Whereas Canada is a signatory to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Therefore be it resolved that:

The AMS support and uphold the international standard of Human Rights as defined by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Tara Learn said the policy had been developed by the External Commission in accordance with Council's directions regarding the Falun Gong presentation earlier this year. The Falun Gong representative had asked for support for his group in opposition to religious persecution in China.

Spencer Keys suggested referring explicitly to freedom of religion. Tara said it was impossible to list all the relevant rights, and the policy wasn’t solely for the Falun Gong.

Dan Grice suggested striking the word “uphold” since the AMS had no power to uphold the international standard.

21. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

"That Council delete 'and uphold' in the resolution."

... Carried

22. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

23. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Compensation Review Committee dated April 23, 2002 [SCD 066-003]

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

24. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED MEAGHAN THUMATH:

"That Council appoint ____________________________ and ______ ______ (Council members) to the Campus Safety Committee for a term effective May 1, 2002 until May 1, 2003."

25. MOVED CHRIS EATON, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That Council suspend Section 5 (8)(1)(d) of the AMS Code of Procedure to allow four members of Council to sit on the Campus Safety Committee for a term effective May 1, 2002 until May 1, 2003."
... Carried Unanimously

26. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED MEAGHAN THUMATH:

"That Council appoint Reka Sztopa, Kristen Read, Cameron Reeves and Joanne Li (Council members) to the Campus Safety Committee for a term effective May 1, 2002 until May 1, 2003."
... Carried

27. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED NICK SEDDON:

That Council appoint the following:

Danielle Bryant - Assistant Coordinator of Orientations
Elizabeth Thampy - Assistant Coordinator of Speakeasy
Carmen Gemmell - Assistant Coordinator, Safewalk
Scarlett Yim - Assistant Coordinator, Tutoring Services

on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Delta) for a one year term, commencing May 1, 2002."
... Carried Unanimously

D) Discussion Period:

< Sameer Wahid asked about the failure of the provincial government to increase the education amount as a deduction for students from their income tax even though the federal government had increased it for federal tax. Tara Learn said this is an issue in British Columbia, and even federally we want a still larger amount. She said a new provincial lobby group is in the works which will look into issues like this.

< Reka Sztopa suggested introducing flow charts at Council meetings when filling spots on committees to make it easier to see where the vacancies are.
Chris Fennell thanked the AMS Executive for making requested points in the letter on the re-appointment of Martha Piper.

Christopher Lythgo talked of creating more community on campus. He talked of using various media, including the *Ubyssey* newspaper.

Christopher Lythgo raised the issue of corporate sponsorship, asking what Council’s level of comfort was with it, and noting that corporate sponsors do provide a financial base.

- Kristen Read said this was a great idea, saying we can look past corporate labels.
- Steve Price asked if there is a committee dealing with corporate sponsorship.
- Chris Fennell said it would be a good idea to get a company to pay for things like wireless technology.
- Behshad Darvish said we have to be careful; some things are more sensitive than others—but he added that a lot of our services would not be possible without sponsorship.
- Spencer Keys said we should turn to sponsorship only if we need the money, if the sponsorship is tasteful and not hard sell, and if the company involved is ethical.
- Reka Sztopa said sponsorship should be limited to one-time things, not be ongoing like the Coke fund, because the Coke fund made us dependent.
- Christopher Lythgo said the discussion was dealing with issues on a larger scale than he had expected, such as corporate sponsors putting their names on buildings. He said the corporatization of campus was another issue. He added that the University has a stringent policy which he will look into and said he would have some ideas for Council at its next meeting.

Oana Chirila asked why there is no Alumni Association representative on Council.

### N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

#### O) Submissions:

[SCD 067-003]

- AMS Letter of Support for the re-appointment of Dr. Piper as UBC President
- AMS Letter of Support for the Blue Light Phone Program [SCD 068-003]
- Invitation to the Whistler Orientation Weekend [SCD 069-003]

#### P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

#### Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

#### R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

CL:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Chandler Prince, Sam Thiara (2010 Olympic Bid Corporation), Bruce Wasylik (2010 Olympic Bid Corporation), Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Trevor Freeman (University Commission), Kelly Chan (Commerce), Meaghan Thumath (Nursing/Volunteer Services), Krissy Price (Assistant to the President), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

< 2010 Olympic Bid Corporation - Sam Thiara / Bruce Wasylik  [SCD 070-03]
- Vision is to create sustainable legacies for athletes, sports development and our host communities.
- The member partners of the Bid Corporation are the Government of Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee, the Government of British Columbia, the City of Vancouver and the Resort Municipality of Whistler.
- Some of the benefits of bidding include: will generate tangible economic benefits for BC, the bid is an excellent platform for promoting tourism in Vancouver, Whistler, the Sea to Sky corridor and the province internationally, an opportunity to showcase BC’s unique culture and the bid will be catalyst for public infrastructure development.
- May 31, 2002 - first submission must be made to the IOC.
- September 2002 - cities that have been shortlisted will prepare full bid books.
- January 2003 - bid books submitted to the IOC.
- July 2003 - IOC selects the host for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Games.
- Ice hockey competitions to be held at UBC.
- Requesting the AMS provide a letter of support and Council member sign supporter sheet.

D) President’s Remarks:

< Since last Council meeting, I have been extremely busy in meetings!
< VP External and Legal Affairs Dennis Pavlich and I met to discuss Official Community Plan Review in July 2002; UBC Neighborhoods Association.
< BC-CFS Chair Jaime Matten, and VP External Tara Learn and I met to discuss areas of potential collaboration for our respective organizations for the year.
< VP Students Roundtable May 6.
< First Nations Long House Director, Counsellor, and Acting Director of Student Services: Richard Vedan, Alanna Young, and Graeme Joseph met to discuss aboriginal student
The Alma Mater Society of UBC

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accessibility issues. Intent is to develop a First Nations Accessibility policy to take to CASA and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

< Inter-Residence Council Advisor Chad Elliot, VP Academic Chris Lythgo, Policy Analyst Jared Wright and I met to discuss the changes in the structure and direction for the IRC, its relationship with AMS.

Events

< Congratulations to Christopher Lythgo for organizing a fantastic SUBmersion and Whistler Orientation Weekend! A special thanks also to the hard-working Krissy Price!
< An additional congratulations to Behshad for organizing the first-ever AMS Services Orientation!

Discussions
< ongoing online SUBtitles discussion: still searching for cost-effective and reliable software.
< Exec Contribution to Land and Building Services Efficiency Report.

On the Horizon
< Congress of Canadian Student Associations May 22\textsuperscript{nd} - May 28\textsuperscript{th}.
< CASA from June 25\textsuperscript{th} - June 2\textsuperscript{nd}
< American Public Transportation Association Conference in Amherst Massachusetts in mid-June (University and public transportation issues).
< Rick Hansen Man In Motion UBC campaign June 13! Get involved! For more info check out www.ams.ubc.ca

E) Executive Reports:

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic
< SUBmersion:
- Hope everyone enjoyed SUBmersion and the Whistler Orientation Weekend. We got a lot of productive work done and managed to have a bit of fun in the process.
< Appointments Committee:
- Recommended some officers of the Student Court for tonight's Council.
- Appointments Committee meetings will be upcoming .... Beta and Delta prior to June 1st.
< Compensation Review Committee:
- Has made some recommendations to Council based on its last meeting minutes.
< Budget Committee:
- Will begin examining proposed budgets from individual departments. It will be quite a challenge balancing all the numbers but we intend to work hard and produce some quality results.
< WOW:
- We broke down the AMS Strategic Plan and brainstormed suggestions for implementation. I will be compiling the results and will circulate them at an upcoming Council meeting.
< National Campus Safety Conference:
- Sue Brown and I attended the conference last week. We plan to use all the information gathered in the AMS attempt to develop a Campus Safety policy.
< Will be representing the AMS on the UBC Neighbourhood Association. Will be meeting with Dennis Pavlich (UBC VP Academic and Legal Affairs).
< Upcoming Events:
- I will be departing next week for Toronto where I will be attending the Congress of Canadian Student Associations (CCSA). I will be sitting on the Canadian Academic
Roundtable and look forward to bringing back those results to the AMS for possible implementation.
- Budget Committee will be scrutinizing budget proposals this month.

**Tara Learn - VP External Affairs**

- **SUDS:**
  - Teaser material sent out.
  - Begun contacting possible speakers.
  - The website is close to being up and running.
  - Just general planning.
  - There seems to be a lot of interest this year.

- **Budget:**
  - Due today.

- **Ancillary Fees:**
  - Meeting with Brian Sullivan and Michelle Aucoin.
  - I also attended portions of the BOG committee meetings last week.
  - We will continue to lobby the administration to follow the policy set forth by Council regarding ancillary fees.

- **Planning for CCSA & CASA conferences:**
  - In the process of developing policy ideas to take to CASA AGM.

- **Student Health:**
  - Spoke to Patricia Mirwaldt.
  - Closure of Student Health linked to closure of UBC hospital emergency department.
  - ER not scheduled to close until late August.
  - They are currently investigating what options are available.

- **U-Pass:**
  - I’ve started discussions the U-pass with key UBC people.
  - I will let you know as soon as any major movement occurs.
  - Negotiations should resume within the next few months.

- **Provincial Lobby Group:**
  - Kristen and I met with Jamie Mattson (BC CFS Chair) she seemed interested in joining lobbying forces in one way or another.
  - Planning is on it’s way. We should be getting a good picture of what this lobby group will look like in the next few months.

- **SUBmersion:**
  - Attended Submersion- It was great! Thanks to everyone that attended and to Chris for organizing.

- **External Commission:**
  - Begun planning for the year.
  - My commissioners are in the office working hard.

- **Code and Policies:**
  - First meeting.
  - Excellent team.
  - I look forward to working with them all year.

**Oana Chirila - VP Administration**

- **SAC:**
  - First SAC meeting with the new SACees happened last week on May 8th.
  - SAC approved the locker, office and parking allocations – these have been posted in the glass case outside room 238
- SAC is working hard to make sure all the constituencies book their weeks for next year – if you have not yet booked all the rooms in the SUB that you need, please do so as soon as possible, as SAC would hate to approve other bookings during your week.
- As well, could all constituencies please get in touch with the Inside UBC to make sure the dates of your constituency’s week are correct in next year’s handbook.
- I have finished the “How to Run a BBQ In and Around the SUB” handbook. Alan Warkentin, the SAC Building and Security Commissioner, is working on a “How to Run a Licensed Function in the SUB” handbook.
- the SAC clubs database is now online and being updated with current information.
- SAC deconstituted the Japan Cultural Society at the club’s executive’s request.

< Renovations Planning Group:
- Thank you to Rajdeep Basra, the only Council member who showed up to the meeting on May 2nd.
- The renovations to the Student Services Centre are ongoing and on schedule.
- Big thank-you’s to Jane Barry, Kari Hewett, Fiona Price, and Gary Muir who went up to Whistler for three days last week after the AMS Whistler Orientation Weekend and worked 12-14 hour days scrubbing the lodge clean for its spring clean-up, and in preparation for dry-walling.

< Impacts Committee:
- Thank you to all three Council members, Reka Sztopa, Olivier Plessis, and Barry Shin, who attended the meeting yesterday.
- The committee has invited a representative from UBC Farm to be a non-voting guest member.
- We are working on goal-setting for the committee for the next year in terms of achievable quantifiable results.

< Bank of Montreal:
- Signed the letter of agreement for the lease surrender yesterday, we should have keys to the space very shortly
- Have reviewed the suggestions from W.O.W. and have discussed possibilities with Michael Kingsmill. Ongoing consultation and design meetings are upcoming.

< Submitted my budget proposal yesterday.
< Have completed a one-year pilot agreement with the TREK Program Centre for the maintenance of the ride board located on the main Concourse of the SUB across from Blue Chip cookies.
< Have attended a meeting of the Ellen Neel Totem Pole committee.
< Will be sitting on the search committee for the new Exec Coordinator of the VP Students office, replacing Byron Hender who is retiring at the end of the month.
< Will be away at CCSA next week.
< Thank you to GSS for the invitation to Koerner Day last week.
< Thanks to Christopher Lythgo for organizing such an awesome Whistler Orientation Weekend!

Nick Seddon - VP Finance
< Finance Commission:
- FinCom Office.
- FinCom Board.
- Treasurer Orientation.
- Club and Constituency Budgets.
- Treasurer’s Handbook.
- External Funding Opportunities.
< AMS fee opt-outs – Summer:
- Term 1 period: May 6 – 17.
- Term 2 period: July 2 – 12.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:
- Negotiations with Lev Bukhman – discussing long term agreement with Studentcare.net

Budget Committee:
- Preliminary budget submitted on May 1.
- Deadline for Budget submissions today!
- First meeting on Friday, May 17.
- Goal to have entire budget coincide with AMS account codes.

CSPG:
- Meeting biweekly in summer and monthly in fall.
- Proposals.
- Asian Snack Bar.

Clear Channel:
- Bernie, Lisa, Sibylla and I met with Carmine to discuss changes to CC brochure.
- Test period with several AMS phone lines.

University Athletic Committee:
- Kristen and I met with UAC to discuss 2002-2003 budget.

Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator of Student Services

Attended SUBmersion and W.O.W. It was great to intermingle with a lot of the councilors that I hadn’t met before. There was excellent discussion about some of our Services and Events and begin implementing the relevant Strategic Plan recommendations. It was also fantastic to have been able to have so many Service Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators be able to interact with AMS Councilors, staff, and Executive; I heard a lot of positive feedback. Thanks to Christopher and the staff that helped put everything together.

Student Services Orientation:
- Took place on Tuesday, April 30th and was designed to introduce the incoming group to some of the key support staff that they will be working with as well as an introduction to the AMS as a whole.
- Feedback has been very positive.

Budgets:
- I met with all the Service Coordinators and supported them in preparing their budgets for the year, which were due today. I have compiled the budget proposals into a Student Services budget to be presented to Budget Committee.

Services Centre Renovations:
- Details of the renovations meeting with Michael Kingsmill, Oana, and Service Coordinators.

Services Update:
- The Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators have been holding office hours since May 1st. Transitioning has been, for the most part, very effective. The Coordinators have been busy preparing their budgets for the upcoming year.

Firstweek:
- Planning for Firstweek has been taking off in the past few weeks. Christine Lenis, Firstweek Coordinator, has been working with Justin Sudds, AMS Programming Manager, in the initial planning of the event. We have met with Imagine UBC about the partnership with Firstweek and where we can work together.

F) Constituency Reports:

Kristen Read - Arts Undergraduate Society
Rajdeep Basra - Law Students Association
Jamie Roots - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Chris Fennell - Graduate Studies
Olivier Plessis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society
Sameer Wahid - Science Undergraduate Society
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Erfan Kazemi - Board of Governors
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors
Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
Chris Eaton - Arts Undergraduate Society
Dave Allen - Regent College

Bijan Ahmadian - Ombudsperson

My first two weeks at work have been quite interesting.

Due to scheduling difficulties and other extenuating circumstances the outgoing Ombudsperson was not able to meet with me. Additionally, I did not receive a continuity report. Although I have not had the chance to discuss with the outgoing Ombudsperson his practices and the office's operations, I feel that this created an opportunity for me to independently inform myself about the dynamics of the office: the filing systems, public relations, and other administrative aspects of the office. This has provided me with first hand experience to develop my own administrative style and I now feel well versed in the operations of the Ombud Office. Behshad, Jared and Paramjit have been supportive and veritable forms of information along with the rest of the AMS staff.

The month of May is a critical time for the office as most faculties have finished the evaluation processes, a natural source of conflict. I have seen 16 students regarding Academic Discipline, Conflict with landlords/landlady, Graduation and Financial Assistant Appeals. In addition:
< Attended Services Orientation, SUBmersion and WOW.
< Submitted budget proposal.
< Met and corresponded with the Associate Dean of Arts and Associate Dean of Science introducing the Ombuds Office and asking them to refer students.

In the meeting with Dr. Fee (which I attended along with Maya Scott, Advocacy Office, Coordinator), we discussed the issue of students being invited to meet with the Department Head while not being told ahead of time that they will be interviewed regarding an academic misconduct allegation. I hasten to add that the material gained in this interview may be used as evidence against the student if the case is forwarded to the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline. Both Dr. Fee and I agreed that this process made students feel confused, vulnerable and intimidated leading to an ineffective method of collecting information.

Dr. Fee has agreed to ask the Department Heads to let students know ahead of time that they will be interviewed regarding academic misconduct allegations and let them know about the AMS Ombuds Office.

G) Discussion Period:
Kristen Harvey asked Council for its thoughts about the Horse Barn, seeking feedback on whether the AMS should fight the University’s planned demolition of it and try to save it as a heritage building or as a location for a satellite SUB.

- Bernie Peets explained the history of the Barn. It dates back to 1920, when it was used to house the horses who cleared the campus. Later it housed dogs used in medical experiments (so it is also known as the Dog Barn). In 1985, the AMS and the University worked out an agreement whereby the AMS would lease the barn. In anticipation of this agreement taking effect, the AMS spent money on landscaping and roof repairs, but the agreement did not come into effect. Three years ago the AMS committed $50,000 through CPAC for a plan to work with the University to turn the Barn into a satellite SUB. However, now the University is saying the building is not restorable. On the other hand, AMS Designer Michael Kingsmill says it is possible to reconstruct the Barn for an estimated cost of $1 million.

- Sameer Wahid said the Barn is in a remote location, and questioned the usefulness of developing it.

- Reka Sztopa asked if the $1 million would be better spent on something larger instead of renovating the old building.

- Kim Lam asked what the University will put in the area if they raze the Barn. Kristen Harvey said it was not clear, but probably additional housing or other buildings.

- Kim Lam said the Barn is not really remote; it’s close to the residences, Engineering buildings, the botanical gardens, etc. So it would be reasonable to develop it, but the building looks very bad now. She asked who did the assessment of the building. Bernie Peets said it was UBC engineering.

- Oana Chirila said the location is not remote and there is need for social space there. UBC plans to put a community centre there, but that won’t address the need for social space.

- Kate Woznow said it would be good to have student social space and asked what say we have in the plans.

- Christopher Lythgo said that with new campus developments, the Horse Barn site, far from being remote, will be central. It’s the present SUB that will no longer be central then.

- Tom Lancaster said there is going to be lots of market housing in the area, so there will be momentum from development sources against using the area for social space.

- In response to a question, Bernie Peets said the AMS spent $110,000 on the Barn in 1985. Another $50,000 was approved three years ago, but not actually spent.

- In response to another question, Bernie said that Mark Fraser and Erfan Kazemi have been speaking to UBC about reserving space on campus for a new SUB. The lease on the current SUB runs until 2028, by which time the building may be crumbling (or not). If it is decided to put up a new building, the AMS will need that done in a new space; otherwise, if the current SUB is taken down, the AMS will be without a home for the two years it takes to put up a new building on the current site.

- Dan Grice said the Horse Barn could be good as a heritage site.

- Mark Fraser said we need more social space and a building on the Horse Barn site, but it would cost much more to restore the old building than to put up a new one: $2.8 million to restore, $1 million for a new building.

- Ali Aryna asked if we could combine the two ideas: have some heritage and also a new project.
< Sheldon Goldfarb distributed the updated version of the Student Council Handbook.

< Kristen Harvey said there had been a close vote on increasing UBC’s ancillary fee for athletics at the committee meeting of the Board of Governors, but the increase did pass and would be going to the full Board next week. She said she had been speaking to the University about establishing a protocol for increasing ancillary fees, something like what there is for tuition fees.

- Sameer Wahid said it sets a nasty precedent if UBC can bring in a fee increase like this without consultation. He asked Mark Fraser and Erfan Kazemi to raise this issue at the Board meeting.

- Kristen Harvey said she had demanded a meeting with the UBC VP of Students, Brian Sullivan, before the Board committee meeting and, with the AMS Policy Analyst, had put together a list of what the AMS wants. Also, she had written a letter saying the process was invalid because of the lack of consultation.

- Mark Fraser said that Erfan Kazemi did make the point about the lack of consultation at the Board committee meeting, but he thought the Board would approve the fee increase anyway.

- Chris Fennell suggested that clubs and constituencies write to Martha Piper or Brian Sullivan to add their voice to the opposition to the way the fee increase was made. He said Athletics does need the money; it’s the process that is the problem.

- Kate Woznow asked (facetiously?) whether Council wanted an occupation organized.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated April 24, 2002 as amended [SCD 071-003]

Page 10 - Constituency Reports:
Amend to read - Sameer Wahid - Science Undergraduate Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 3, 2002 [SCD 072-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Alpha) dated May 11, 2002 [SCD 073-003]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated April 24, 2002 as amended [SCD 074-003]

1. The Committee recommended that the total expenditures for 2002/03, under no circumstances be over $1,657,000

I) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

"That Council approve the following recommendations of the Compensation Review Committee:

- that the remuneration for the Student Events Coordinator position remain at current levels for a one year period to allow for a proper diagnosis of the positions role, duties and responsibilities within that time frame;"
that remuneration for the Speakeasy Assistant Coordinator be increased for next year to a level comparable to the other Service Assistant Coordinators;

- that all commissioners enter into a term of agreement for their roles, responsibilities and honoraria with the AMS;

- that the Budget Committee alter the Election Administrator's honorarium to $4,000 per one year term with a $1,000 bonus per additional referendum, and that the Elections Administrator enter into a term of agreement for their roles, responsibilities and honoraria with the AMS."

Kate Woznow asked if this motion meant a change in the hiring process for the Elections Administrator.

Christopher Lythgo said it was not about the hiring process, but about making the job description more rigorous.

Mark Fraser said he was concerned that commissioners, who make only $800, will have to enter into an agreement.

Oana Chirila said it makes sense; we expect professionalism from the commissioners; they should be aware of our policies and know what they have to do; and this should be down on paper.

Michael Groves asked how this will fit into our fiscal situation for the long term. Last year we talked about needing a fee increase to compensate for the loss of revenue from the Coke agreement, and now we’re increasing honorariums.

Christopher Lythgo said the Compensation Review Committee had evaluated the positions, their workload, the time commitment. And he said that introducing agreements would increase our fiscal responsibility, making sure we get more bang for our buck, making sure that appointees do what they’re paid to do.

Behshad Darvish said the Speakeasy Assistant Coordinator was getting a ridiculously low amount, much less than other Assistant Coordinators. It was an anomaly that needed to be fixed. As for the agreement, it will focus on continuity and transition. In the past, coordinators have been left without guidance from their predecessors.

Dan Grice said that what is needed is to put more money into promotion before elections, not just during elections, but if we pay the Elections Administrator more, and they don’t have resources for promotion, it’s an anomaly.

Erfan Kazemi asked for information on what Assistant Coordinators get now.

Sameer Wahid asked for clarification on what the Elections Administrator would get paid under the new proposal. The response was that the motion means that the $4,000 would cover the regular elections and one referendum; there would be $1,000 for every referendum beyond the first one.

Dan Grice asked if on-line voting would affect this, saying there’d be less work with on-line voting.

Christopher Lythgo said Compensation Review would have to look at that if on-line voting came in.

Dan Grice asked if we can change the remuneration midway. Bernie Peets said there is a contract; the remuneration cannot change unless there is a clause in the contract providing for that.

Chris Eaton said the Elections Administrator is less involved in vote counting than the Chief Returning Officer, so switching to on-line voting wouldn’t make that much of a difference in the amount of work for the Elections Administrator.

Mark Fraser said he thought the Speakeasy Assistant Coordinator had less responsibility than other coordinators, and that’s why they got less. He asked if this had changed or if Comp Review was just streamlining.
Behshad Darvish said it was a little of both. He said the increase was based on the recommendations of last year’s Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator, adding that you get production according to how much you pay. It was also fairer compensation.

Christopher Lythgo said Comp Review had heard submissions on these issues and had debated them in an open and transparent process, and this was the result.

Mark Fraser proposed a friendly amendment suggesting that the remuneration figures for the Student Events Coordinator and the Speakeasy Assistant Coordinator be added to the motion.

2. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

"That Council approve the following recommendations of the Compensation Review Committee:

- that the remuneration for the Student Events Coordinator position remain at current levels at $8,500 for a one year period to allow for a proper diagnosis of the positions role, duties and responsibilities within that time frame;

- that remuneration for the Speakeasy Assistant Coordinator be increased from $4,000 to $6,000 for next year to a level comparable to the other Service Assistant Coordinators;

- that all commissioners enter into a term of agreement for their roles, responsibilities and honoraria with the AMS;

- that the Budget Committee alter the Election Administrator's honorarium to $4,000 per one year term with a $1,000 bonus per additional referendum, and that the Elections Administrator enter into a term of agreement for their roles, responsibilities and honoraria with the AMS."

3. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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Administrator enter into a term of agreement for their roles, responsibilities and honoraria with the AMS."

... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

5. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

"That Council appoint the following members to Student Court on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee (Alpha) for a one year term commencing May 15, 2002:

Michael Feder - Chief Justice
Brent Robinson - Judge
Kathy Grant - Judge
Jason McKinlay - Clerk of Student Court."

... Carried

6. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That Council appoint the following to the AMS Appointments Committees for a term effective immediately and ending May 1, 2003:

Alpha: Jamie Roots (Council Member) and _______________________________ and ____
______________________________
(Students at-large).

Delta: Annes Song (Council Member) and _______________________________ and ____
__________________________
(Students at-large)."

... Carried

7. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

"That Council appoint Nicole Statham and Ryan Morasiewicz (Students at-large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2003 on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee."

8. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

"That motion #7 be amended to read May 1, 2003."

9. MOVED REKA SZTOPA:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

"That motion #7 be amended to read May 1, 2003."
9. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

"That Council appoint Nicole Statham and Ryan Morasiewicz (Students at-large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2003 on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee."

... Carried

11. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

"That Council appoint Jamie Roots (Non-Executive Council member) to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 1, 2003."

... Carried

12. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That Council appoint Olivier Plessis (Council Member) to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a one year term commencing May 15, 2002."

... Carried

13. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

"That Council appoint Raj Mathur, Annes Song and Kate Woznow (Council members), Michael Mines and Dave Frank to represent the AMS on the Board of Directors of CiTR (the Student Radio Society) for a one year term."

Mark Fraser asked who Dave Frank and Michael Mines were. Bernie Peets said they had been on the CiTR Board a long time. Kate Woznow said she could speak to them and inform Council of what they said. Sameer Wahid said they should come to Council; it would be nice to know who they are.

14. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That Council divide motion #13."

... Carried

15. MOVED TARA LEARN:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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... Carried

17. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

"That Council appoint Michael Mines and Dave Frank to represent the AMS on the Board of Directors of CiTR (the Student Radio Society) for a one year term."
... Tabled

18. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED ALI ARYNA:

"That Council appoint Nick Seddon, Daniel Grice and Chris Eaton to represent the AMS on the University Athletic Council for a one year term.
... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated March 13, 2002 [SCD 075-003]

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the External Commission dated January 11, 2002 [SCD 076-003]
Minutes of the External Commission dated January 18, 2002 [SCD 077-003]
Minutes of the External Commission dated January 25, 2002 [SCD 078-003]
Minutes of the External Commission dated February 8, 2002 [SCD 079-003]
Minutes of the External Commission dated February 13, 2002 [SCD 080-003]
Minutes of the External Commission dated March 4, 2002 [SCD 081-003]
[SCD 082-003]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated April 4, 2002 as amended

'Mark Fraser was present as a guest.'

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated April 17, 2002 [SCD 083-003]


The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated May 13, 2002 [SCD 084-003]

I) Executive Committee Motions: Cont.

19. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:
"Whereas the B.C. Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch annually provides approximately $50,000 worth of funding to the AMS; and

Whereas the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch would like assurance from the AMS, by means of a unanimous resolution of Student Council, that in the event of the dissolution of the AMS any gaming funds or assets purchased with gaming funds held by the AMS will be distributed to a charitable organization within British Columbia;

Therefore be it resolved that should the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia, which received charitable gaming funds from licensed charitable gaming and/or direct charitable access, at any time dissolve or cease to exist, then any and all gaming monies or assets purchased with gaming funds held at the date of dissolution or cessation of existence shall be distributed by the Alma Mater Society to:

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a registered charity or charities in British Columbia, as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada), as may be determined by the members of the Society at the time of the winding up or dissolution

OR

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such charitable organization or organizations in British Columbia having a similar charitable purpose.

Be it further resolved that the foregoing resolution shall not be altered or amended and shall continue to be binding on the Alma Mater Society.

And be it resolved further that the Alma Mater Society will provide its undertaking, by delivery of a copy of the resolution to the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, that it will abide by the limits on the application of its assets on dissolution as provided herein.

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Nick Seddon explained that the B.C. Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch provides money to the AMS and wants the AMS to pass this motion. Kristen Harvey said that last year they provided $40,000 towards the AMS bursaries and $12,000 for Safewalk and the Debating Society.

20. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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... Carried Unanimously

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

O) Submissions:

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 5, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

R) Social Activity:
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Krissy Price (Assistant to the President), Dave Frank (CiTR AMS Board member), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks:

< Congress of Canadian Student Associations 2002:
  - May 22-May 27, Toronto, Ontario. Just under 400 delegates in total.
  - Facilitated a session on VP External portfolio.
  - Great opportunity to meet other student execs, exchange ideas and experiences.

< CASA AGM 2002:
  - May 28-June 3, St. Catherines, Ontario.
  - Represent the NorthWest Region on the Strategic Planning Committee to formulate a Vision, Mission and long-term planning.
  - Am the Alternate Regional Director for the NorthWest.

< SUBTitles:
  - Meeting with I-Tel to discuss the possibility of converting Rentsline software into SUBTitles software. Looks like a reliable, and cost-effective option. More investigation needed. Target start date is late August.

< WAVAW:
  - Ongoing discussions with Women Against Violence Against Women about the possibility of a satellite office at UBC.

< Rick Hansen Man-In-Motion events June 13 @ UBC:
  - Please join us for a fun day filled with activities, food, entertainment and an opportunity to raise money for spinal cord injury research. Participants will raise money by traveling a predetermined course using some mode of non-motorized transportation such as a wheelchair, bicycle, unicycle, or in line skates and seeking pledges from friends and family. With your help, it will be possible to walk away from spinal cord injury.

< Enrollment Policy on tonight’s agenda

E) Executive Reports:

Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator of Student Services

< CCSA Conference:
- Attended a wide variety of information sessions including ones on the importance of Services, Academic advising and services, diversifying programming, and fundraising.

< Sat in on the Appointments Committee interviews for the Promotions Assistant position.

< Services:
- All of the services have been busy with operations, or setting up and organizing the offices for September.
- Budget presentations this week.

< Advocacy:
- The Advocacy staff has been continuing to work with ongoing files: follow up activities, general maintenance, research and assistance preparing documents and presentations.

< Joblink:
- The Joblink office has been busy serving students, updating postings, providing mock interviews, and resume consultations. Natasha Norbjerg also attended a co-op Council meeting as well as the Career Services “Interviewing for Success” workshop.

< Orientations:
- Orientations has completed their school visits, promoting AMS Orientations and UBC to Lower Mainland students! We have also been working in conjunction with the University to prepare a joint publication detailed the different orientation programs on campus, promoting AMS Orientations, mature student orientations and AMS Firstweek to all incoming students.

< Safewalk:
- The summer Safewalk program has been well used. Since starting on May 6th to the current date 112 clients have been walked, which is an increase to last years 87 walks at this time. Liz King and Carmen Gemmell have also been attending several meetings regarding UBC Blue Lights. We are planning on setting up a mock Blue Light at the Speakeasy desk to promote awareness of the Blue Lights. As well, two of the three Safewalk/Blue Light phones (direct line) have been set up in the SRC and the IRC last week and the Safewalk staff are monitoring their usage.

< Speakeasy:
- Sigal Stein and Liz Thampy have met with Counselling Services to discuss cross promotions and referrals to their services and learn more about our respective programs.

< Student Events:
- Eran Norton attended the Shinerama Conference in London, Ontario and has come back with enthusiasm and great ideas. She has begun the planning process for th Shinerama events which will be incorporated into Firstweek this year, to raise money to go towards cystic fibrosis research.

< Tutoring:
- The plans to set up a Tutoring Registry project this year have been on the go. This is a joint project with Joblink and serves to help ease linking students with tutors. Jessica Young and Scarlett Yim also met with Margot Bell from the Chapman Learning Commons to discuss the promotion and AMS Tutoring and areas that our program can work with them.

< Volunteer Services:
Volunteer Services has been discussing a potential new volunteer program with Athletics, the Trek 2000 Volunteer Program, and Volunteer Services. The planning is still in its infancy, but Azadeh Motameni and Megan Thumath will keep us in the loop. The early planning for the annual Volunteer Fair has also begun.

Events:
- Justin Sudds, Eran Norton and I will be attending the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities conference next week. We are currently in the process of hiring a new Assistant Programming Manager as Matt Boulton will be leaving in July.

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic

- Has some recommendations to Council for tonight.

Budget Committee:
- Has begun discussions with various departments and services. We are attempting to form the new budget as accurately as possible while maintaining the essential needs of the Society. The budget will be emailed out to each of you two weeks prior to July 3rd. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Congress of Canadian Student Associations (CCSA):
- Was a really good experience. I had the opportunity to discuss academic issues that affect all students across Canada and meet some people who might have some solutions to difficulties we are facing here at UBC.

Discussions:
- Held discussions with several university sources interested in building a larger sense of community and involvement for UBC students. There are a lot of great ideas circulating. I have just finished the interview process for a new Student Development Officer for Student Leadership. It is a great initiative and presents a lot of opportunity for students in their pursuit of a more holistic education.

Upcoming Events:
- I will be in discussion with the Medical Undergraduate Society this week concerning their proposed fee increase.
- The AMS Safety Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, June 26 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. To be arranged.
- All Council members invited to attend the Stalking Forum being held on June 19 in the Law Building.
- I will be assuming my duties on the University Neighbourhood Association.

Oana Chirila - VP Administration

Canadian Congress of Student Associations (CCSA) / MoneyCon:
- I attended the five-day conference at York University in Toronto and discussed many operational issues for student associations, including club, constituency, services, operational and staff issues.

Student Administrative Commission:
- Building - the office, locker and parking allocations have been finalized and are posted in the SAC glass bulletin board. Parking letters will be available for pick-up shortly.
- SAC web page - now contains updated information on all SAC events and deadlines, as well as downloadable forms.
- SAC Subsidiary database - the clubs database is now online and being updated with current information from clubs, resource groups and constituencies.
- Subsidiary Handbook - should be out at the beginning of September, hopefully mostly in electronic format. Will also cover the important policies in it with club executives at the Club Exec Orientations on September 30th.
- SAC Wine and Cheese and Constituency Tea Party - have decided to combine these two events into one (the SAC Wine and Cheese for All Subsidiaries) to be held on October 22nd. Consequently, SAC will be organizing a club exec recognition event in second semester.
- Student Events - have discussed collaboration between SAC and Student Events for club events and contact information.

< Impacts Committee:
- The Committee has invited Derek Masselink, a representative from UBC Farm, to sit in on meetings as a non-voting member.
- Working with the Sustainability Office to create sustainability posters and kits for clubs, as well as take on initiatives in the SUB.
- The Impacts Committee is also investigating recycling and composting in the SUB, and the possibility of holding a "sustainability fair" involving all the on-campus organizations that are concerned with sustainability.

< Renovations Planning Group:
- Bank of Montreal plans are ongoing, we should have access to the space shortly.
- Student Services Centre renovations should be finished by the end of this week. The offices have been allocated appropriately to all the services, as well as the Student Senate representatives and the Board of Governors representatives, who will be sharing room 249 C. We were able to accommodate the special security and privacy concerns of the Advocacy office and the Ombudsperson's office.
- The interior of the Whistler Lodge was subject to drywalling in May, which improved the appearance and acoustics of the bedrooms, as well as hopefully preventing future persistent pest problems.
- Renovations Planning Group is currently completing new directories for the south and north ends of the SUB. RPG is also looking into possible renovations of the SUB Council Chambers and the Conversation Pit.

< Other:
- TREK agreement - have completed a one-year pilot agreement with TREK UBC who will be managing the ride board across from Blue Chip Cookies.
- Campus Tours - have agreed to have them operate from the SpeakEasy desk for the summer.
- Byron Hender - am currently a member of the search/interview committee for the new Executive Coordinator, VP Students Office.

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs
< Transit:
- Great News!
- There will be an additional 22,000 hours of transit service at UBC come September.
- This is due in part to the letter that I sent to the Pat Jacobson, the CEO of Translink and Doug McCullum, the chair of Translink.
- Attended the Trek Transportation Festival celebrating Clean Air Day today.

< U-Pass:
- Met with Goeff Atkins, Assistant VP of Land and Building Services, and Graham Senft from Trek today.
- We talked about our negotiation strategy for the U-Pass.
- It’s looking good.
- I’ll keep you all posted as more info comes up.
< SUDS:
- All of us really pushed SUDS when we were away at conferences.
- Works on a cost recovery basis- doesn’t cost the AMS anything.
- Increases the AMS reputation and gives council an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with student execs from around the country.
- The reception has been great.
- The registration deadline is June 15th so I’ll be able to tell you the exact # of delegates at the next council meeting.
- Sent out invitation letters to all speakers before I left.
- Martha Piper has confirmed that she will be attending, as has Tom Blom (GVRD rep for UBC), waiting to hear from other invitees.
- Sent out a postcard teaser and the registration packages to all public PSE schools across the country.
- I’m getting a lot of calls and emails about SUDS.
- This is taking up a large portion of mine and my commissions time right now.

< CCSA:
- Attended CCSA.
- It was great meeting student executives from around the country.
- Picked up a lot of really useful information.

< CASA:
- Just returned 2 days ago.
- This was our AGM where policy, goals and objectives for the year are formulated.
- I am a member of the policy committee.
- There will be new bylaw changes coming your way once again soon- I’m sure by this point you’re all familiar with the procedure.
- It’s looking exciting- some great campaigns should be coming to UBC and to parliament hill this year.
- That will hopefully make some changes to PSE in Canada.

< APTA:
- Kristen and I will be attending the APTA conference in Amhurst, Massachusetts starting June 24.
- This conference is all about transportation on university campuses.
- The university is paying for the majority of the costs involved - pretty good deal.
- It should give me some ideas that will help out with U-Pass negotiations.

< Provincial Lobby Group:
- Attending CCSA and CASA was a great opportunity to meet the executives from other BC institutions.
- I’ve made several contacts who seem to be just as excited about the creation of such a group as I am.
- We should start to see some real movement within the next two months or so.
- Something that’s really needed in BC.

< X-com:
- Currently hard at work helping me organizing SUDS.
- As well as making headway on their other projects .
- The Great Trekker Award Ceremony.
- Canada25 –Cory Fry was accepted as a delegate.
- We have an X-com meeting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.
- They’re a great team!

< John Herron’s motion:
- Motion to consider a tax credit on the principle of your student loans was defeated in the House of Commons by a vote of 103 for the motion and 109 against.
The news isn't great- but at least the motion, although unsuccessful, raised the awareness of post-secondary education issues on the hill. The vote of 103 to 109 on a private members bill is pretty impressive (especially considering the fact that several liberals went against their party and voted yes on a motion presented by the opposition). Hooray for PSE.

- The fact that it went to 3rd reading is very impressive being that it’s a private members bill.

Political Scene:

- NDP leader Alexa McDonough has announced that she is stepping down as party leader of the NDP.
- There are also rumors that Jean Chretien may call a snap election tomorrow. Keep your ears and eyes tuned to the news.
- As well, the Torries will be going into a leadership review in August.
- Finally, the saga of the Finance Minister. Paul Martin has been let go/resigned (who really knows). John Manley is the new Finance Minister.

Nick Seddon - VP Finance

CCSA:

- Met with numerous executives from across the country.
- Learned about financial accountability and fiscal procedures.
- Can I count on you? (Andy Thibodeau).
  - The Little Things Are Everything.
  - Honesty…and then fix it!
  - Care about others.
  - Write it down!
  - Make Others Look Reliable.
  - Remember Another’s Reliability.

Finance Commission:

- FinCom website update.
- PhUS & MUSSOC applied grants.
- Treasurer Orientations.
- Club and Constituency Budgets.
- External Funding Opportunities – University, Provincial, Federal Government.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:

- Finalizing long term agreement with Studentcare.net

Budget Committee:

- Preliminary budget submitted on May 1 – motion to be put through tonight.
- Completed AMS account codes – many missing account codes, which will be dealt with after passing the budget – has never been done!

CSPG:

- SUBtitles space – On the Fringe Hair Design (UVIC) presentation.

University Athletic Committee Task Force:

- Began meeting with university officials to provide recommendations to Martha Piper for mid-July on long term plan for Athletics.

Walter H. Gage:

- Revising forms.

CASFAA Conference:

- Winnipeg, Manitoba; June 16-18, 2002.
- Attending with Joshua Mitchell, Rella Ng, Tim Rahilly (Awards/Financial Aid).
F) **Constituency Reports:**

Mark Fraser - Board of Governors  
Erfan Kazemi - Board of Governors  
Ali Aryna - Graduate Studies  
Kim Lam - Graduate Studies  
Kristen Read - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Sameer Wahid - Science Undergraduate Society  
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society  
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society  
Jamie Roots - Nursing Undergraduate Society  
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Daniel Grice - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Dave Allen - Regent College  
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association

G) **Discussion Period:**

< Kim Lam asked about the wireless issue. Kristen Harvey said the University is pushing for a wireless campus and would like students to buy laptop computers to use with wireless; the UBC Bookstore is stocking up on laptops. The University has set aside funding to turn some buildings wireless, but not the SUB.

- Sameer Wahid said many students can’t afford to buy laptop computers. He suggested asking the University to promise not to reduce the current number of computer labs.

- Kristen Harvey said the Executive had many concerns about the University’s plans; she said there would be huge barriers for students on student loans because loans are not supposed to be used to buy laptops.

- Dan Grice said that if the library is lending out laptops, it wouldn’t be a problem.

- Kristen Harvey said that situation is not clear; the library is expanding what it offers, but there’s no way they’ll have enough laptops.

- Barry Shin asked when UBC would be wireless.

- Kristen Harvey said the process had barely started and promised to bring further information to Council if Council is interested.

- Christopher Lythgo said any Information Technology ancillary fee should also be discussed.

< Kate Woznow asked what happened with the athletics ancillary fee at the Board of Governors in May.

- Erfan Kazemi said the Board approved the fee increase, but not everyone had been in favour. The Board was getting the message that the students want to be consulted.

< Dan Grice asked about the planned expansion of Translink bus service. Tara Learn said she had just heard about it and would let Council know the details when she learned them.

H) **Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated May 15, 2002 [SCD 085-003]  
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 8, 2002 [SCD 086-003]  
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 15, 2002 [SCD 087-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 23, 2002 [SCD 088-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 2, 2002 [SCD 089-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 6, 2002 [SCD 090-003]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 17, 2002 [SCD 091-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Beta) dated May 29, 2002 [SCD 092-003]
Minutes of the Appointments Committee (Delta) dated May 30, 2002 [SCD 093-003]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated May 28, 2002 [SCD 094-003]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED IAN MKECHNIE:

"Whereas the University plans to increase total enrollment by an additional 591 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) spaces above the provincially funded levels for 2002-2003;

Whereas the University increased the total enrollment by 1510 FTE spaces above the provincially funded levels in 2001-2002;

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kate Woznow asked if the AMS has an enrollment policy. Kristen Harvey said No. Kate said we should have a forceful policy of our own in addition to lobbying the University to develop one.

Dan Grice asked if the number of extra students this year was less than last year. Kristen Harvey said last year UBC enrolled 1510 FTE’s more than there was funding for; this year they are enrolling 591 more. So this year, said Dan Grice, there are 1000 less than last year; it’s not the same mistake as last year.

Kristen Harvey said the University is intentionally accepting more students than it has funds for.

Dan Grice asked if the numbers include students who will decide not to attend UBC. Kristen Harvey said Yes. Dan Grice said if the AMS holds UBC to accepting only the number of students for whom there is funding, it would end up that less than the funded number would attend.

Kristen Harvey said the aim is to avoid overcrowding in residence lounges and classrooms.

Kim Lam asked why the University is admitting extra students. Kristen Harvey said that was a good question. She said it was not just an accident; it might be to increase tuition revenue.

Kim Lam said we shouldn’t criticize a policy that allows students who are smart enough to surpass the entrance requirements to attend.

Christopher Lythgo said the University is accepting more students than it gets money for from the government. This means the money is spread more thinly. The Executive wants to ensure that students can enrol in their courses, that there is no overcrowding in residences, and that there is enough money for University services.

Kim Lam said he wanted to know why the University was doing this and was not sure the University should be opposed.

Sameer Wahid said there could be confusion if the proposed policy were introduced now.

Kristen Harvey said it’s late to get this policy in place for September; the University has already decided it’s going to accept more students. Last year they said it was an accident, but now we know it’s their policy, a long-term trend that we want to avoid.

Kim Lam raised the issue of accessibility.

Kristen Harvey said the Executive does want to increase the number of spaces at UBC, but is against jamming people into labs and classes without proper funding. The AMS is lobbying for more funding for more spaces.

Tara Learn said we don’t want students subsidizing other students, which is what happens if there are students here in spaces not funded by the government.

Ryan Morasiewicz said it is hard to project FTE’s. He agreed with the gist of the motion, but questioned the second resolution telling UBC not to accept students beyond the number funded. It might be better to call on UBC not to exceed a three-year average. UBC says it is not trying to exceed the number of funded FTE’s.

Kate Woznow said the language in the policy should be stronger, explaining that we’re not demanding that they not accept extra students, just saying that they must consult with us.

Brian Maclean asked how this could be enforced.

2. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That the first 'should' in the final resolution in motion #1 be amended to read 'must'."

3. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds  ... Carried
4. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That the first 'should' in the final resolution in motion #1 be amended to read 'must'."
... Carried

5. MOVED MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

"Whereas the University plans to increase total enrollment by an additional 591 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) spaces above the provincially funded levels for 2002-2003;

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Dan Grice said it doesn’t make sense to tell UBC not to exceed the number of funded FTE’s. This year they’re only 591 over, which is not so high. We can’t be so restrictive. The rest of the
motion is reasonable, but this is unreasonable. The rest of the motion says we want a student say in addressing the extra students, but this part of the motion says there shouldn’t be extra students; it’s inconsistent.

Tara Learn said we want a principle saying we don’t want UBC exceeding the number of funded FTE’s, but if they do, then we want to be able to talk to them about not forcing students to live in lounges.

6. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

"That motion #5 be amend by striking the second resolution:

'Be it further resolved that said policy acknowledges that enrollment numbers should not exceed the number of provincially funded FTEs'

7. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

"That the question be called."  

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

8. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

"That motion #5 be amend by striking the second resolution:

'Be it further resolved that said policy acknowledges that enrollment numbers should not exceed the number of provincially funded FTEs'

... Defeated

9. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

"That the question be called."  

Note: Required 2/3rds ... Defeated

10. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That motion #5 be amended by replacing 'should' in the final resolution with 'must'."

11. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

"That the question be called."  

Note: Required 2/3rds ...Carried

12. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That motion #5 be amended by replacing 'should' in the final resolution with 'must'.  

... Carried

13. MOVED MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:
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< Ryan Morasiewicz said the motion should be postponed. The student senators had not been contacted, and the motion is not time sensitive; it won’t apply this September. He also suggested hearing from the UBC Registrar. The motion raises basic questions, and he wanted more information before voting.

< Kristen Harvey said only part of the motion will not apply this September; we can still raise the issues of enrollment in classes, overcrowding in residences, and funding for University services.

< Kate Woznow said there was no sense delaying; the motion is just calling for consultation, and the sooner, the better.

< Jamie Roots asked if we could raise the issue of overcrowding separately without the rest of the motion.
Kristen Harvey said it was not credible to bring forward requests piecemeal, and the issue has been researched: by the AMS Policy Analyst, Jared Wright.

Dan Grice called for waiting until more information was presented. He said if someone was brought in from the Registrar’s Office to explain UBC’s policy, that would be consultation.

Oana Chirila said the point was to provide back-up to the Executive in lobbying.

Mark Fraser wondered what other information was needed.

Christopher Lythgo said something had to be done now. The Executive needs something to approach the University with, a policy to back up its lobbying. This situation has a direct impact on students.

14. MOVED RYAN MORASIEWICZ, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council postpone motion #13 until the next Council meeting to be held on July 3, 2002."

15. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

"That the question be called."

Note: Required 2/3rds ...Carried

16. MOVED RYAN MORASIEWICZ, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council postpone motion #13 until the next Council meeting to be held on July 3, 2002."  
... Defeated

17. MOVED NICK SEDDON:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Dave Frank, one of the nominees for a position on the CiTR board, described his AMS background and explained that the role of the CiTR board is to protect the radio station.

Kristen Read said his experience seemed out of date.

Dave Frank said it is not the role of the board to run the radio station; it is the role of the board to provide an environment in which students can run the radio station. He was someone on the board who had corporate and legal experience which could be used to protect the students and allow them to do what they want.

Dan Grice asked if Dave Frank could vouch for Michael Mines, the other nominee. Dave did so, jokingly.

19. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY: [SCD 095-03]

"That Council appoint Dave Frank and Michael Mines to represent the AMS on the Board of Directors of CiTR (the Student Radio Society) for a one year term."

... Carried

Nick Seddon said this was the budget circulated in May by e-mail before all the actuals had been received. He said the aim is to make a break-even budget, with no deficit, but without compromising our services.

Kristen Harvey said Bernie Peets would make a presentation at the next meeting to explain the financial situation and why we need to make cuts.

20. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED ALI ARYA: [SCD 096-03]

"That Council approve the preliminary 2002/2003 AMS Budget as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:
21. MOVED ____________________________________________, SECONDED __________________________
   
   "That Council appoint ___________________________ (student at-large) to the AMS Budget Committee effective immediately and ending May 1, 2003."

   ... Tabled

22. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

   "That Council appoint the following to the AMS Appointments Committees for a term effective immediately and ending May 1, 2003:

   Alpha: ___________________________ and _______
   (Students at Large)

   Beta: ___________________________ and _______
   __________ (Students at Large)

   Gamma: Ali Arya (Council Member), ___________________________ and _______
   __________ (Students at Large)

   Delta: ___________________________ and _______
   (Students at Large)."

   ... Carried

23. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

   "That Student Council approve the appointment of Karen Benson as the Promotions Assistant for a term commencing June 3, 2002 and ending August 31, 2002 as recommended by the Appointments Committee (Beta)."

   ... Carried Unanimously

24. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

   "That Student Council approve the appointment of Peter Aldgate as the Deputy Ombudsperson for a one year term commencing June 1, 2002 and ending May 1, 2003 with a remuneration of $5,250 as recommended by the Appointments Committee (Delta)."

   < Mark Fraser said the salary should be struck from the motion since it was not within the authority of the Appointments Committee to recommend salary levels; that was the job of the Compensation Review Committee.

   < Christopher Lythgo said the Ombudsperson had wanted this in the motion.

25. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED KIM LAM:

   "That motion #24 be amended by striking 'with a remuneration of $5,250'."

   ... Carried

   Friendly amendment by Mark Fraser to insert the following note was approved:

   'Note: The position will be paid a pro-rated amount'
26. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

"That Student Council approve the appointment of Peter Aldgate as the Deputy Ombudsperson for a one year term commencing June 1, 2002 and ending May 1, 2003 as recommended by the Appointments Committee (Delta)."

Note: The position will be paid a pro-rated amount
... Carried Unanimously

Sameer Wahid went through the Code revisions recommended by the Code and Policies Committee.

27. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ: [SCD 097-03]

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Revisions’ and thus amend the Code as recommended:

Note: Requires 2/3rds

28. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council adopt the following sections of Code as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee.

1) Section II, Article 1(13):

13. All Directors shall sign an oath of office, prior to their first meeting of Council, in which they agree to abide by the provisions of this article. All Executive Members shall sign the oath prior to the commencement of their term of office. 
If a Director appoints an alternate to take his or her place on Council for a meeting, the alternate shall sign the oath of office before the meeting.

[“Director” means a voting member of Student Council.]

2) Section II, Article 7

Adding new paragraph:

4. In accordance with section 63 of the Society Act, alternates appointed by Council members in accordance with Bylaw 5(4)(b)(ii) may only be appointed for one meeting at a time.

4) Section III, Article 2(9):

9. Motions submitted in accordance with paragraphs 4,5,6, and 7 and 8 above shall appear on the agenda under Other Business.

[That is, motions submitted by individual Council members and motions added to the agenda by the President will go under Other Business.]
5) **Section III, Article 2(16):**

Add new paragraph:

16. If the President calls a special meeting of Council in accordance with Bylaw 5(4)(a)(ii), the President shall ensure that all members of Council receive at least 48 (forty-eight) hours notice of the meeting.

6) **Section V, Articles 14-17**

**Article 14. Alpha Primary Appointments Committee**

1. The Alpha Primary Appointments Committee shall be composed of:

3. The Committee may, if it chooses not to recommend a person for a position applied for, consider that person for another position under its purview as set out in 2(a) above, or refer that person’s application to the Beta, Gamma, or Delta Coordinators, Commissioners, or Assistants Appointments Committee for consideration.

**Article 15. Beta Coordinators Appointments Committee**

1. The Beta Coordinators Appointments Committee shall be composed of:

3. The Committee may, if it chooses not to recommend a person for a position applied for, consider that person for another position under its purview as set out in 2(a) above, or refer that person’s application to the Alpha, Gamma, or Delta Primary, Commissioners, or Assistants Appointments Committee for consideration.

**Article 16. Gamma Commissioners Appointments Committee**

1. The Gamma Commissioners Appointments Committee shall be composed of:

3. The Committee may, if it chooses not to recommend a person for a position applied for, consider that person for another position under its purview as set out in 2(a) above, or refer that person’s application to the Alpha, Beta, or Delta Primary, Coordinators, or Commissioners Appointments Committee for consideration.

**Article 17. Delta Assistants Appointments Committee**

1. The Delta Assistants Appointments Committee shall be composed of:

3. The Committee may, if it chooses not to recommend a person for a position applied for, consider that person for another position under its purview as set out in 2(a) above, or refer that person’s application to the Alpha, Beta, or Gamma Primary, Coordinators, or Commissioners Appointments Committee for consideration.

*Note: This also involves changes to the appropriate areas in the Table of Contents.*
7) **Section VI, Article 8:**

1. Each member of the Executive shall prepare a written report to be submitted to Council at least twenty-four (24) hours before the following Council meetings:

(a) the last meeting in March,
(b) the first meeting in June,
(c) the first meeting in September; and
(d) the first meeting in November.

These reports shall be discussed during Executive Remarks.

2. Each Executive’s report shall:

(a) outline all the duties of that Executive as prescribed by the Bylaws and the Code;
(b) outline specific additional duties assigned by Council;
(c) report the progress and work done for each duty as outlined in (a) and (b); and
(d) report any other matter on which the Executive member is working.

3. The Executive Coordinator of Student Services shall prepare a written report of the same sort prepared by the members of the Executive, to be submitted to Council at the same time as those submitted by the members of the Executive.

4. The Vice-President Academic and University Affairs shall be responsible for ensuring that these reports are submitted to Council.

10) **Section IX B, Article 5(5)(e)(vi):**

vi) The amount granted to a Constituency for a newsletter or mailout shall be an aggregate total of 15 cents per student, but shall be no less than $75 and no more than $375 in any one fiscal year.

*[maintaining the same ratios as in paragraph (v), which allows 10 cents per student for referendums, with a minimum of $50 and a maximum of $250.]*

12) **Section X, Article 4:**

2. Coordinators, and Assistant Coordinators if such positions are established by the Operations Manual of a given Student Service, shall be Active Members of the Society, and shall not hold any other appointed or elected positions in the Society.
3. Coordinators, and Assistant Coordinators if such positions are established by the Operations Manual of a given Student Service, shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the appropriate Appointments Committee.

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried Unanimously

29. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council amend Section III, Article 1(4) of the AMS Code of Procedure as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee:

3) Section III, Article 1(4):

4. No smoking or alcohol consumption shall be allowed within the Chambers or in any other location where Council meets while Council is meeting there.

30. MOVED CAMERON REEVES, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

"That motion #29 be amended by replacing 'shall' with 'should'."

... Ruled Out of Order

31. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council amend Section III, Article 1(4) of the AMS Code of Procedure as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee:

3) Section III, Article 1(4):

4. No smoking or alcohol consumption shall be allowed within the Chambers or in any other location where Council meets while Council is meeting there.

... Carried

32. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council amend Section VIII A, Article 1(2) of the AMS Code of Procedure as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee:

8) Section VIII A, Article 1(2):

2. A Commission may recommend to Council that it adopt a policy statement, or amend the Code. In doing so, a Commission should provide different options to Council.

< Dan Grice asked why Commissions should not be allowed to bring proposed Code amendments to Council. Sameer Wahid said it was the job of the Code and Policies Committee to bring amendments to Council. Mark Fraser said SAC brought an amendment two years ago to increase the number of SAC members.

33. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

"That motion #32 be amended by adding 'or amend the Code'."
34. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council amend Section VIII A, Article 1(2) of the AMS Code of Procedure as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee:

8) Section VIII A, Article 1(2):

2. A Commission may recommend to Council that it adopt a policy statement or amend the Code. In doing so, a Commission should provide different options to Council.

... Carried

35. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council amend Section IX B, Article 5(5)a of the AMS Code of Procedure as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee:

9) Section IX B, Article 5(5)(a):

(a) The Student Union Building Management Fund shall be administered by Council on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, SAC, or the Executive Committee. In accordance with Bylaw 11(2)(a)(i), this Fund shall be used to maintain and replace the fixed structural features of the Society’s buildings, such as doors, ceiling frames, walls, carpets and floors, and also to cover the costs directly associated with operating the Society’s buildings. Pursuant to Bylaw 11(2)(a)(i), this Fund may also be used to operate, maintain, and replace student lounges and areas dedicated to similar purposes outside the Society’s buildings.

< Oana Chirila said the proposed addition to Code was too general and did not provide specifics the way the Bylaw demanded. Should it specify that the Fund can be used for constituency lounges, the Whistler Lodge? Sameer Wahid said the Committee did not want to impose limits.

< Dan Grice asked if this provision would affect our bargaining stance with the University. Would it lead them to offload costs for student lounges onto us?

36. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That motion #35 be referred back to the Code and Policies Committee for further review and interested parties be invited to attend the meeting."

37. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

38. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That motion #35 be referred back to the Code and Policies Committee for further review and interested parties be invited to attend the meeting."
... Carried Unanimously

39. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council amend Section X, Article 1(5) of the AMS Code of Procedure as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee:

11) Section X, Article 1(5):

5. The Student Services shall not:
   (a) take part in any Society election campaigns; or
   (b) take part in any Society referendum campaigns, unless authorized to do so by Council;
   (c) **negotiate with the University, unless authorized to do so by the Executive Committee; or**
   (d) engage in lobbying, unless authorized to do so by Council.

Kate Woznow asked why it was the Executive Committee and not Council that was being given the power to authorize the Student Services to negotiate with the University.

Sameer Wahid said the Code and Policies Committee didn’t want Council to be bogged down in micro-management. He said the point of the amendment is to make sure someone is informed when the Services talk to the University; in the past, the Services did this and no one knew about it.

Behshad Darvish said the Services talk all the time to the University and report to him. To go to Council each time would be excessive.

Christopher Lythgo said it is easier for the Executive than for Council to meet; it would be ridiculous for Council to meet every time the Services wanted to talk to the University.

Kate Woznow asked what “lobbying” meant in the provision forbidding the Services to lobby unless authorized by Council.

Sameer Wahid said in his understanding lobbying meant annoying someone with a point of view different from yours whom you are trying to convince to do something they don’t want to do.

Janice Boyle said lobbying is policy-based rather than practical.

Christopher Lythgo said the proposed amendment was a good idea. He didn’t want the Executive to learn from the University that the AMS had agreed to do something.

Behshad said lots of dialogue goes on; it could all be called negotiating; that’s not what we mean here; negotiating could mean discussing where to set up a booth at a fair.

Dan Grice said entering into a commitment is too final; if that’s the only restriction on the Services, then that still lets them negotiate too much.

Ali Arya said negotiating is more general, but that’s good; we don’t want them to have that power.

Kim Lam said we do want control over negotiations and we want the other party to trust our negotiators, to know they’re dealing with people who have the power to negotiate.

40. MOVED BEHSHAD DARVISH, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

"That motion #39 be amended by striking the word 'negotiate' and replacing it with 'enter into commitments'."

41. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

"That the question be called."
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

42. MOVED BEHSHAD DARVISH, SECONDED ALI ARYNA:

"That motion #39 be amended by striking the word 'negotiate' and replacing it with 'enter into commitments'."
... Defeated

43. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

"That motion #39 be amended by inserting 'or enter into commitments' after the word 'negotiate'."
... Defeated

44. MOVED MARK FRASER:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

45. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council amend Section X, Article 1(5) of the AMS Code of Procedure as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee:

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... Carried

46. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Revisions’ and thus amend the Code as recommended:

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:
The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 6, 2002 [SCD 098-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 13, 2002 [SCD 099-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 20, 2002 [SCD 100-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 27, 2002 [SCD 101-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated April 3, 2002 [SCD 102-003]

Kristen Harvey apologized on behalf of the Executive for not submitting quarterly reports. They would be available at the next Council meeting.

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

NOTICE OF MOTION

47. MOVED ____________________________
    SECONDED ____________________________

    "That Council approve the 2002/03 AMS Budget as presented."

    Note: Requires 2/3rds

O) Submissions:

P) Next Meeting:

    The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 3, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

    There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

CL:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Liz King (Safewalk), Maya Scott (Advocacy Office), Dave Pelletier (Engineering), Christine Lenis (Firstweek), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

< Period 13 Results - Bernie Peets (General Manager)
- Several factors including the four month transit strike and the various renovations on the go affected business in the SUB.
- Bernoulli’s should have opened for business in August but delayed until the end of September.
- The compressed exam schedule affected business as students left campus earlier.
- Our investment income was affected due to September 11 but overall income has gone up significantly.
- Revenue is up for the Pit Pub.
- The Gallery Lounge dropped in revenue due to the closure of the food operation and the effects of the smoking ban.
- Pie R Squared and Blue Chip Cookies both experienced a rough summer.
- The increase in volume at the Pendulum Restaurant has been significant.
- Snack Attack suffered due to the lack of traffic from the Arcade.
- There was a drop in SUBceteria sales due to the transit strike.
- The Outdoor BBQ suffered due to the bad weather.
- The Catering volume was not as good as in past years due to a slow conference season.
- The numbers for the moon were close to last year’s figures.
- Post Office revenues dropped a little but still doing better than last year.
- Commercial Bookings had a fairly good year but did drop a little.
- Whistler numbers were down due to September 11.
- The Outpost had a really good year.
- Games Room revenue dropped because there have not been any new games on the market and also due to the fact that people have sophisticated home computers.
- Copyright had a really good year.

2002/03 Budget - Nick Seddon (VP Finance)/Christopher Lythgo (VP Academic)
- Thanked the Budget Committee members for all their hard work.
- The 2002/03 Budget was emailed to Councillors last week.
- As Bernie explained, this has been a unique year.
- Experienced some difficulties due to the reduction of $109,200 in revenues.
- Improved accounting procedures and increased transparency.
- Monitor spending - student side to be monitored by the Finance Commission and the Business Side by the Commercial Services Planning Group.
- Putting into place recommendation 4.9 of the AMS Strategic Plan.

- Matt Lovick asked about the amount for legal fees. Bernie Peets explained that the AMS is being sued in a case related to GAP (the anti-abortion Genocide Awareness Project); costs for this case are budgeted at $30,000. The AMS is also one of the plaintiffs in a lawsuit over Travel Cuts; Council authorized up to $20,000 for this case; we have spent $12,500 so far, and no new bills are foreseen, because we won costs in one judgment as part of the case. Christopher Lythgo explained that the Budget Committee took this into account and incorporated these expenses into the Student Government budget. It is still being decided whether to go to court or seek a settlement in the Travel Cuts case.

- Matt Lovick asked if the AMS was involved in any other lawsuit. Bernie Peets advised that the AMS was also involved in a lawsuit with the University of Western Ontario against Travel Cuts. Bernie and Kristen will be attending a meeting shortly to discuss what direction to move in.

- Chris Fennell asked why no CASA fee was listed. Nick Seddon said the fee was paid through the University and External Lobbying Fund.

- Kate Woznow asked why there was no breakdown of business expenses. Christopher Lythgo said the Executive is looking to do this. Tara Learn said there were Code changes being brought forward today which would make the business budgets more like the detailed budgets on the student side.

- Dan Grice asked why the costs for elections and referendums are down. Christopher Lythgo said the Executive is exploring options such as on-line voting, which will revolutionize the process and save money. Kristen Harvey said it looks like the UBC Registrar’s Office will let the AMS use UBC software to run elections on-line at no cost to the AMS.

- Liz King from AMS Safewalk asked how the plan of preparing the AMS budget in January or February will work, given that Student Service Coordinator turnover is in May. Christopher Lythgo said that the current coordinators, with the experience gained over their months as coordinators, would draw up budget proposals in January. The plan would also avoid the current problem of going two or three months without a budget at the beginning of the fiscal year. Nick Seddon said that at other schools outgoing officers do the budgets for the incoming ones.

- Sameer Wahid asked why there was a new line for Candidate Refunds. Nick Seddon said this was just a structural change; previously the amount was included in Miscellaneous. Christopher Lythgo said there were lots of examples like that; the budget this year is clearer and more transparent.

- Dan Grice asked why the cost was up for the Policy Analyst. Kristen Harvey said there was a vacancy in the previous year.
- Kate Woznow asked about what might be done to avoid cuts. Christopher Lythgo said the AMS had to explore new sources of revenue, such as grants, new sponsorships, and making programs work on a cost-recovery basis.

- Kate Woznow asked about the efficiency of business operations. Christopher Lythgo said that would be covered in the Code amendments. He said the Executive was pursuing a multi-pronged approach to the problem of providing services without creating a deficit.

- Dan Grice asked why $200,000 more was being spent on government than service. Nick Seddon said the Safety Committee and the Yardstick were being moved into student government this year. Christopher Lythgo said CASA dues and some salaries also inflate the government side. Behshad Darvish said a lot of what is called student government is actually service. Nick Seddon said all the portfolios in the Vice-Presidents’ commissions, for instance, count as government.

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**Zoom Media - Christopher Lythgo (VP Academic)**  [SCD 105-003]

- Is the largest indoor advertising company in North America.
- Approached the AMS regarding ways of raising revenue.
- Currently we receive $3,600 from New Ad Media. However, we have been experiencing problems with the service they provide.
- They provide national advertising to companies and respect exclusivity deals.
- Have heard from other universities that Zoom Media provide great customer service.
- Sameer Wahid asked how the revenue from Zoom Media would compare to what the AMS receives from NewAd. Christopher Lythgo said it would be $54,000 from Zoom, compared to $3,600 from NewAd. Bernie Peets pointed out that the NewAd revenue is only for ads in the Pit Pub, whereas Zoom would be putting ads in washrooms throughout the SUB.
- In response to questions asking for details about what Zoom Media would pay and provide, Christopher Lythgo said that Zoom has made suggestions but seems open to discussion and he hasn’t been negotiating yet.
- Peterson Masigan asked if we would be locked into a five-year agreement as Zoom is suggesting. Bernie Peets said NewAd also asked for a five-year agreement, and we negotiated it down to two. We can probably do the same with Zoom, and then be able to get out if we don’t like it.
- Ryan Morasiewicz asked what would happen if the AMS could only fill 1/4 of the ads. Christopher Lythgo said he wasn’t sure about this and would look into it.
- Kate Woznow asked how the AMS’s control over content will work. If we don’t like the ad of a client brought in by Zoom, what happens? Christopher Lythgo said Zoom has said they won’t run ads we don’t like. Chris Fennell asked if that would mean a loss of money for the AMS. Christopher Lythgo said that’s not how it would work; if we say No to one company, there will be another company ready to advertise. He added that these are issues to explore with Zoom.
- In response to questions, Christopher Lythgo said Zoom is proposing to install 80 ads, with 30 for the AMS. He said the AMS would have to explore whether the 30 was on top of the 80 or included in it.
- Kate Woznow asked who currently approves the AMS announcements in the SUB washrooms. Christopher Lythgo said this is done by the Communications and Promotions Coordinators, but under Zoom, the Communications Planning Group would approve on a month-to-month basis.
- Ryan Morasiewicz asked about removal costs if we end the agreement. Bernie Peets said the NewAd contract has a clause saying they will remove the ad boards if we ask them to; we would have a similar clause with Zoom.

D) President’s Remarks: [SCD 106-003]

Will be bringing the agreement between WAVAW and the AMS to the next Council meeting.

E) Executive Reports:

Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator of Student Services [SCD 107-003]

Nick Seddon - VP Finance [SCD 108-003]

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic [SCD 109-003]

Oana Chirila - VP Administration [SCD 110-003]

- Served on the Executive Coordinator, VP Students Search Committee.
- SAC working on Resource Group policy.
- New Building directories going up soon.
- The Bank of Montreal corridor should be opening shortly.
- There is a motion on the addendum regarding the AUS social space.

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs [SCD 111-003]

- Will be attending Universitas 21, which meets July 22 - 28, 2002 in Sweden to address challenges for on-line students. The conference is fully funded by the University.

F) Constituency Reports:

Bijan Ahmadian - Ombudsperson

New Office
- Ombuds Office is now located in room 249F. The phone number is still the same.
Deputy Ombudsperson: Peter Aldgate
- Peter has finished compiling cases from the past two years in a format that summarizes the statement of the problem, the process used to resolve it, and the resolution. This information will be filed using a database system and will be used to draw a picture of cases brought to the office. His portfolio from this point is going to mainly involve helping students with their appeal letters.

Ombuds Advisory Committee
- Met with the committee and discussed interpretations of the AMS Code: Ombudsperson and the operations of the Ombuds Office.

Cases
- Out of the 17 files opened since May 1st, 7 have been closed. Out of those 7 files, 2 were referred to the Advocacy Office and 1 was referred to the Provincial Ombudsman. In the other 4 a mutually satisfactory agreement was reached.
- Currently I am working on 10 files, 7 of which are academic appeals in the faculties of Arts, Applied Science and Graduate Studies, 1 on residence contracts, 1 on landlord conflicts, and 1 on employment conflict at UBC.

New policy on receiving complaints
- Effective June 1st, clients are required to submit inquiries/complaints in writing and suggest times for a one-on-one interview.
E-mails
- The address “ombuds@ams.ubc.ca”, also known as Internal Ombuds Office has been disabled. All communication are now received via one address: “assist@ams.ubc.ca”

Professional Development
- Attended two courses at Justice Institute on mediation and on building consensus using interest-based models

Peterson Masigan - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Barry Shin - Agricultural Undergraduate Society
Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
Chris Fennell - Graduate Studies
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association

G) Discussion Period:

Sameer Wahid commented, in relation to last meeting’s motion calling on UBC not to exceed the number of provincially funded FTEs, that student senators did receive information on this issue at the April meeting of Senate. Tara Learn said that the information was not available at the Senate Caucus meeting before the Senate meeting, only at Senate itself, adding that the AMS needs more notice on these matters. Christopher Lythgo said there needs to be more communication between Senate, the Board of Governors, and Council.

Kate Woznow raised the issue of the $30,000 in the budget for legal fees, saying that she was not aware that the AMS was involved in two lawsuits; she expressed concern that as directors of the AMS, Council members were responsible but did not have reports on the status of the cases. She added that in the case involving Travel Cuts and the CFS, we are suing other students. She wondered if Council wanted an update.
- Kristen Harvey said the Executive was willing to provide a report on the cases and also Bernie Peets could answer some short questions now.
- Kate Woznow asked how long the Travel Cuts case had been going on. Bernie Peets said that the University of Western Ontario’s student society filed an action in December 1998 which the AMS Student Council voted to join on July 7, 1999. He said the whole case might take another two years.
- Chris Fennell asked if we could withdraw from the case. Bernie said we could, but it might be seen as a breach of faith.
- Spencer Keys asked who was being sued in the GAP case. He wanted to know if Council members were personally liable. Bernie said Council members were covered by insurance. He said the suit was against two members of that year’s External Commission, one member of Council, and the Vice-President External at the time (then called the Coordinator of External Affairs) individually, and also against the AMS as a society. The other side claims a conspiracy to prevent GAP coming and also a conspiracy to destroy the GAP display in November 1999.
- Kate Woznow asked for details on the nature of the Travel Cuts suit. Bernie said the AMS used to belong to the Association of Student Councils (AOSC), which started Travel Cuts in 1972. In 1988, the AOSC had ceased to function, and had the same board of directors as the CFS, excluding non-CFS schools. At that point, the AOSC’s assets were transferred to the CFS. Western filed suit for $100 million in 1998, and other schools were invited to join. We
joined to protect an asset that used to belong to UBC students, to return to UBC students what is rightfully theirs.
- Steve Price asked what the total value of Travel Cuts is. Bernie said it transfers $700,000 a year to the CFS.
- Barry Shin asked why the AMS was named in the GAP suit. Bernie Peets said under our legal system, anyone can sue anyone.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

- Minutes of Student Council dated June 5, 2002 [SCD 112-003]
- Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 14, 2002 [SCD 113-003]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED CHRIS EATON:

   “That Council approve an agreement in principle to enter into a lease agreement with On the Fringe Hair Design Ltd. to occupy Room 55 on the lower level as recommended by the Commercial Services Planning Group. The AMS will undertake to prepare the premises for the tenant in an amount not to exceed $20,000 from the Student Union Building Management Fund.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   - Nick Seddon said the Commercial Services Planning Group (CSPG) had met with Shannon Simmonds of the On the Fringe hair salon at the University of Victoria and received a business plan from her. The CSPG had also checked her references and reviewed her finances with auditors and accountants. He said there was no risk to the AMS: we are guaranteed $45 a square foot in rent. We are only responsible for renovations and plumbing. This will not include a washroom in the proposed hair salon; that was discussed, but it would take a lot of drainage work and too much time. He said the UVic salon was successful and stylish, offering good prices and good service. It would go in the space being vacated by SUBtitles.
   - Dan Grice asked what the term was and whether we had to pay the whole cost of renovations. Nick Seddon said the term was five years, and the renovations would be paid for out of the AMS’s SUB Management Fund.
   - Christopher Lythgo said it was a great initiative to offer haircuts on campus.
   - Kate Woznow asked about student discounts and expected revenue. Nick Seddon said there would be a 10% discount for students. Projected revenue is $36,000 a year.

2. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED CHRIS EATON:

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   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

3. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO: [SCD 114-003]
“On the recommendation of the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee, that Council approve the agreement between ASEQ (Studentcare.net) and the AMS for provision and management of the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan as presented.”

- Nick Seddon said the new agreement with studentcare will be four years (to August 2006) instead of one, which will improve studentcare’s negotiating power with insurance providers and provide continuity. The fee we pay to studentcare will be lowered from 12% to 11%. Also, if we terminate the agreement, we can still receive the benefits of our dental and optometry networks by paying an annual fee of $15,000. And studentcare has agreed to make a monthly contribution of $4,166 to the premium assistance fund to help those who can’t afford the premiums. Studentcare will also help conduct phone surveys.

- Chris Eaton said he would have preferred to have the agreement included in the Council package rather than just available to be looked at.

- Kristen Harvey said McGill, Queen’s, and Concordia are in multi-year plans with studentcare; we are the only ones not in a multi-year plan.

4. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

“On the recommendation of the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee, that Council approve the agreement between ASEQ (Studentcare.net) and the AMS for provision and management of the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan as presented.”

... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

5. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

"That Council approve the 2002/03 AMS Budget as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brian de Alwis asked why more money was being budgeted for food for the Budget Committee. Christopher Lythgo said the plan was to do next year’s budget earlier, so there would be two sets of meetings for the committee in this fiscal year.

- Kate Woznow asked if by approving the budget, Council was also approving the new timeline. Christopher Lythgo said No, the new timeline is merely a good idea.

- Kate Woznow asked about the executives’ travel expenditures as mentioned in the memo from Christopher Lythgo. She said a lot seemed to be paid to go to conferences. Christopher Lythgo said he didn’t actually raise the issue in his memo, but said it was a concern. Chris Eaton said for next year the idea is that this should be more regulated, but it was too late for this year. Christopher Lythgo said that was why the budget should be done earlier, so things like this can be evaluated.

6. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

"That Council approve the 2002/03 AMS Budget as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds
7. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED CHRIS EATON:

“That Council approve the tendered offer for construction of the AUS Social Space in the Buchanan in the amount of $849,459 to Parkwood Construction Limited as reviewed by the Arts Undergraduate Society.

Note: Parkwood Construction was the lowest bidder in the tender process involving five General Contractors, completed as of Thursday, June 27, 2002.”

... Carried

8. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council appoint ________________________________ to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a one year term.”

Note: Open to any UBC student

- Chris Eaton explained that the SLFS originated in the wake of the lawsuit over the illegal tuition increase of 1997.
- Kate Woznow asked what they have done. Chris Eaton said they had worked on housing disputes and student loan issues.
- Christopher Lythgo said he wanted to make sure the fund is being legally and fiscally responsible.
- Nick Seddon said Kate Woznow’s point was a good one: what have they done? He said he would let Council know.

9. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council appoint Nick Seddon to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a one year term.”

Note: Open to any UBC student

... Carried

10. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS: [SCD 115-003]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee on transitional honoraria and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sameer Wahid said transitional honoraria for the outgoing members of the Executive originated in Mike Warner’s budget two years ago, but there has been nothing in Code on them. At the request of various Council members, the Code and Policies Committee had come up with a procedure for the honoraria.
- Christopher Lythgo said it was good to codify the procedure so that the honoraria would not be disbursed arbitrarily.
- Dan Grice asked if the honoraria are on top of the salaries paid to the executives and also asked if they will be paid before or after Executive turnover.
- Sameer Wahid said the honoraria are on top of the salaries. He said some transition training will be done before turnover, but the honoraria are to pay for work done afterwards.
- Kate Woznow asked what the honoraria have been. Sameer Wahid said $1500.
- Reka Sztopa asked if executives have not prepared year-end reports before. Sameer Wahid said there have been year-end reports, but the new procedure calls specifically for continuity reports.
- Reka Sztopa asked if the executives have the option of not doing the transition work and not getting paid. Sameer Wahid said the proposed Code article says the outgoing executives “shall” be responsible for the orientation of their successors.

11. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee on transitional honoraria and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m. for a five minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m.

12. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED TARA LEARN: [SCD 116-003]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee on the Business Operations Committee and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sameer Wahid said this Code amendment is in accord with the transparency in the budgeting process spoken of by Christopher Lythgo and Nick Seddon. Currently, there is little in the AMS budget on business operations other than a statement of the revenues being transferred to the student side. Really, in the budget process, the Budget Committee is supposed to review all aspects of the AMS, including the businesses. To enable this to happen, it was decided to transform the Commercial Services Planning Group (CSPG) into a committee which will look into the business budgets and then hand them off to the Budget Committee. This new committee would still perform the old duties of the CSPG and would also report monthly to Council on business revenues.
- Chris Eaton asked why the rationale for changes proposed by the new Business Operations Committee (BOC) should be presented to Council even if the Budget Committee rejects them. Sameer Wahid said the BOC, although in some ways acting as a sub-committee of the Budget Committee, will still be a committee of Council and thus its recommendations should be presented to Council. It was felt that Council should see the BOC recommendations.
- Kate Woznow asked if there was any discussion of the ethical side of the businesses. Sameer Wahid said this had not been discussed, but he noted that the Contracts article in the Code provides for striking ethical review committees. And the BOC will have wide powers; it could look into ethical issues, but it is not required to.
- Chris Eaton asked if the current CSPG members would stay on the new committee. Sameer Wahid said that was the intention.
13. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee on the Business Operations Committee and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: CSPG membership transfers over where applicable. ... Carried

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

14. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve in principle, the Zoom Media Partnership Proposal and authorize the VP Academic to negotiate a final agreement that will be brought to Council for approval.”

- Dan Grice said he wanted pictures on the SUB’s empty walls, and if we can get money for them too, great.
- Sameer Wahid said it would be prudent for the AMS to take advantage of the opportunity to advertise and to increase our coffers.
- Spencer Keys said he was hesitant about the megalite ads; he found them ugly.
- Christopher Lythgo mentioned the potential revenue available and said there would be safeguards so that we don’t compromise what we stand for.

... Carried

15. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve in principle, the Zoom Media Partnership Proposal and authorize the VP Academic to negotiate a final agreement that will be brought to Council for approval.”

... Carried

16. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council appoint Kate Woznow and Barry Shin to the AMS Business Operations Committee.”

... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated May 2, 2002  [SCD 117-003]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 6, 2002  [SCD 118-003]
Minutes of the Commercial Services Planning Group dated May 4, 2002  [SCD 119-003]
Minutes of the Commercial Services Planning Group dated June 14, 2002  [SCD 120-003]
Minutes of the Commercial Services Planning Group dated June 25, 2002 [SCD 121-003]

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the External Commission dated May 1, 2002 [SCD 122-003]
Minutes of the University Commission dated May 30, 2002 as amended [SCD 123-003]

Amend to read ‘Christopher Lythgo (Chair)’

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated May 8, 2002 [SCD 124-003]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated May 29, 2002 [SCD 125-003]

O) Submissions:

< AMS Financial Statements for month ending May 31, 2002 [SCD 126-003]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

CL:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Liz King (Safewalk), Kelly Chan (Commerce Undergraduate Society), Krissy Price (Assistant to the President), Christine Lenis (Firstweek), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

Bank of Montreal Space - Oana Chirila (VP Admin)/Michael Kingsmill (Designer)
- Purpose of presenting today is to secure $10,000 in funding to conduct a feasibility study.
- 14,000 sq.ft of space; largest renovation we have undertaken.
- Goals are to increase traffic into the lower level and expand the social space in the centre of the lower level which would be beneficial to AMS businesses as well as the lessees.
- Looking to relocate the Games Room to the north end of the vacant space. The new location would be smaller leaving space for social seating.
- Design/background work should be completed by September.
- Tendering to take place in November.
- Construction to take place in December/January and occupancy in early February.
- Games Room construction will take place during April - June and occupancy in July.
- Looking at a budget of $500,000 from CPAC. This renovation will take up all of CPAC’s funding for next year.

Questions:
- In response to questions from Chris Eaton, Nick Seddon said that the renovations to the Bank of Montreal space would require all the money currently in the CPAC fund and all the money coming into that fund next year.
- In response to Kate Woznow, Michael Kingsmill said that less than $2,000 (for a plywood wall to create a temporary passageway) has been spent on the space so far.
- Kate Woznow asked about attracting outside contributions. Oana Chirila said that would be a good idea. There could be partnership plans, possibly including the Bike Co-op upcoming renovation.
- Cameron Reeves asked how much the arcade and pool room would shrink if moved. Michael Kingsmill said he believed they would be not less than 4,000
square feet. Oana Chirila said the Business Operations Committee is looking at this, but has not made a decision yet.

-Cameron Reeves asked about the arcade being out of commission in January. Oana said the arcade will not be affected in January.

- Matt Lovick wondered about the expense of removing walls to improve the visibility of our businesses. Christopher Lythgo said it was not just to improve visibility; it was also to create a central social space, a hub.

-Matt Lovick asked how much projects historically have gone over budget. Michael Kingsmill said that of the last two major projects, one (the Resource Centre) had gone $8,000 over, but the other (the Student Services Centre) had been under budget, by $4,000. He said that in projects of this size it was easy to be a lot over or under; that’s why it was important to have engineering studies.

- Sameer Wahid said open space is a really good idea, increasing visibility and safety, and making areas look bigger. Michael Kingsmill said Yes, it will seem like the whole world has opened up in front of you.

- Kate Woznow asked if the arcade move was temporary. Michael Kingsmill said No, the proposal is a long-term move to put the arcade closer to the front door, which would increase safety and allow it to have extended hours; it would also increase traffic flow and be a draw for our businesses.

-Oana Chirila noted that ideas like an inter-faculty printing office and a satellite Blue Chip outlet (ideas mentioned in earlier discussions) could still be adopted.

Universitas 21 Student Network - Tara Learn (VP External) [SCD 127-003]

- U-21 is an international network of 17 universities.

- U-21 is involved in three types of activities:
  - collegial activities - student exchanges.
  - collaborative activities - following an exchange to a member school, credits are transferred to UBC.
  - entrepreneurial activities - a joint partnership with U-21 and The Thomson Corporation to establish an e-education business. All equity universities will have their logos on degrees granted by U-21 global university.

- The goals of the U-21 Student Network include:
  - to monitor U-21 to ensure consistent education standards.
  - sharing information.
  - representing our students within U-21.
  - setting up procedures for representation of U-21 global students.
  - finding other ways in which students can benefit from the U-21 partnership.

- I attended the annual U-21 Student Network Conference in Lund, Sweden from July 22 - 28, 2002.

- it was a great opportunity to discuss ways in which U-21 can benefit students.

- the next conference is to be held in January 2002.

**Questions:**

- In response to a question from Barry Shin, Tara Learn said U-21 included three schools from Australia, one from New Zealand, Nottingham in England, Edinburgh, Virginia, McGill, Hong Kong, and Singapore.
Barry Shin asked if hosting the U-21 conference would disrupt Science Week and other events on the SUB Main Concourse. Tara Learn said No, only one room would be needed; there would be only 17 delegates.

In response to a question from Sameer Wahid, Tara Learn said there had been no problems at the recent conference.

Kim Lam asked what degrees are offered through U-21. Tara Learn said they are thinking of offering all sorts of degrees; they are now developing an MBA and an MIS.

Kim Lam asked if UBC students would be taking these courses and if UBC would stop offering them because they were available on-line through U-21. Tara Learn said No, adding that the on-line university was separate from U-21 itself; the on-line university is on the entrepreneurial side of the organization.

Kate Woznow asked how the on-line university would relate to UBC students. Tara Learn said the on-line university would not relate directly to UBC students, but there was hope for an inflow of money which would filter down to students. Chris Eaton said that any technology created by U-21 could be used by member universities.

Sameer Wahid asked for clarification about what U-21 and its student network are and what was being asked for from the AMS now. Tara Learn said U-21 is a group of universities; the AMS already belongs to the U-21 student network; and right now she was just presenting an update.

Jenny Liddicoat from the GSS asked about the selling points for U-21. Tara Learn said the members are high class universities.

Jenny Liddicoat asked if the membership is increasing. Chris Eaton said it has decreased.

GAP - Bernie Peets (General Manager)

MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID, BARRY SHIN:

“That Council move in camera.”

... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

Policy 72:

-BoG dismissed the policy.
-1 secured 2 AMS and 1 GSS position on the consultation committee to review Policy 71, and will continue to pressure the University for the principles important to students.

President’s Advisory Committee on Student Discipline:

-Met with Advocacy Coordinator to discuss ways to enhance student representation when accused of something by the university.
-Motion on tonight’s agenda to appoint a student.
-Sending a letter to the President.

AMS/Trek Shuttle Program for Safewalk:

-Have been liaising with Trek to get this project going for Term 1.

BC Student Financial Assistance Committee:

-Meeting Tuesday, July 16th in Victoria to review appeals.
-Great opportunity to analyze the student loan system.

Travel Cuts Meeting in London, Ontario:
-Discussed the proceedings and our next move.

< WAVAW:
-Completed discussions with WAVAW. A WAVAW satellite office will now be located in the SUB to offer sexual assault support services at no direct cost to the students, or the AMS.
-Motion on tonight’s agenda.

< SUBTitles:
-We are going ahead with launching SUBTitles online. The goal for launch is September. The software will be a one-time cost, no recurring costs to the society. It will be very similar to RentsLine.

< Other Business:
-Continuing work to enhance communication on campus, ways to get involved. Will be meeting with Kavie Toor from Intramurals to discuss a proposal for student involvement guide.
-It appears as if there is some discrepancy about representation of MBA students. Currently, the department has allegedly pulled out of the Faculty of Graduate Students. Working on a resolution with the President of the GSS.
-The Executive is also examining the potential impact on e-learning and wireless initiatives.
-The Executive will also be meeting with the Registrar’s office to discuss application fees. It appears as if the University is looking to increase the fees that one pays for transcripts, application processing, etc. I welcome any feedback.
-It’s that time of year again, time for the United Way Campaign. Last year Dr. Piper was the campaign chair for the Lower Mainland, and UBC was very involved. This year, we will be hosting a kick-off event again in September. I will get back to you with the date.
-Round-Up! This exciting new initiative is a result of the CCSA conference attended by the Executive. Behshad Darvish has completed successful discussions with the UBC Bookstore to collaborate on the “Round-Up!” fundraiser. The idea is that customers at the Bookstore will be asked whether they would like to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar amount. The proceeds will go to bursaries and scholarships, and such charities as United Way, Shinerama. At McMaster University, they raised over $11,000 in one year with this low-key and low-maintenance fund-raiser.

E) Executive Reports:

Nick Seddon - VP Finance

< Finance Commission:
Treasurer’s Handbook:
- Test copy in print.
- New version to go into every treasurer’s file.
Financial Aid Awareness Days (Stacey Chiu – Student Financial Aid Commissioner):
- Finalizing session topics and week itinerary.
Constituency Budgets:
- Architecture
- Commerce
- Dentistry
- Education
- Engineering
Family & Nutritional Science
- Social Work

Club Budgets - Freeze Accounts:
- ~11 budgets still to approve.
- ~50 budget still outstanding.

Fundraising:
- UBC/AMS Sponsorship Fund (i.e. Coke Fund)

Budget:
- Account Codes.
- Reformatting.

Business Operations Committee:
- SWOT: Bernoulli’s, Gallery Lounge, Pie R Squared, Pendulum, Arcade.
- Still to formulate 2002-2003 budget procedure.

AMS Fees Website:
- Fees FAQ.
  - Opt-out procedures.
- Links to Studentcare.net

AMS/GSS Health Plan:
- Developing new criteria for Health Plan Bursary.
  - Finalizing communications for September.

UAC Task Force:
- Finalizing draft to Brian Sullivan – special thanks to Annick Gauthier for her excellent work.

2001-2002 Audit:
- Completed by D&H Group.
- No adjustments made by auditors.

Oana Chirila - VP Administration:

Impacts Committee:
- Working with John Metras from UBC Waste Management to review the current recycling facilities available in and around the SUB.
- Discussing possibilities for having a second composter placed on the South Plaza to accommodate the increased amount of materials produced by the AMS operations.

SAC:
- Constituted two new clubs: Paintball Club and Turkish Students Society.
- Working on adapting the Code section on Resource Groups to incorporate into the SAC Policy Handbook.
- The SAC Policy Handbook is now available online.
- Working on putting some of the works owned by the Art Gallery online.
- Working on new procedures for the Grad Class Council with Code & Policies.

Renovations Planning Group:
- The plywood has been installed by Michael from the workshop and there is now access from the North Side of the Lower Level.
- The Bike Co-op structural feasibility study has been completed. Will be undertaking a mechanical engineering study to determine the feasibility of building a connecting corridor from the Cave space to the Bank of Montreal space in the North end of the Lower Level.
- The office 58 renovations will happen in conjunction with the renovations to the old SUBTitles space to keep costs down.
- Working to have the two AMS pianos re-tuned.

Other Business:
- Revising the Subsidiary Handbook.
- Michelle Aucoin is the new Byron Hender, have attended the first AMS/University meeting with her.

**Tara Learn - VP External Affairs**

< **SUDS 2002:**

- Took place July 15th-19th with an additional Whistler add on weekend following that.
- Went really well.
- Total of 37 delegates from all across Canada.
- We discussed issues ranging from Transportation to financial aid and the future of PSE.
- SUDS is always a great opportunity for the AMS to strut its stuff.
- Everyone couldn’t stop talking about what a beautiful campus this is (I would have to agree).
- Come talk to me if you have any questions.

< **Universitas 21:**

- I attended the U-21 Student Network conference in Lund, Sweden July 22nd-28th.
- An amazing conference that was packed with lots of information.
- 15 student organizations from all across the world attended.
- Great opportunity to discuss our member organizations as well as U-21 and U-21 global.
- Items that we discussed include:
  - Our own student unions and the services they provide.
  - Operational aspects of U-21 SN.
  - Relationship between U-21, U-21 global and U-21SN.
  - Student exchanges.
  - What does U-21 global mean for students.
  - Creating international bench marks for student services and student representation.
  - Other areas where we can collaborate.
- As already mentioned we are hoping to host the next U-21 conference.

< **Trek/ AMS Safewalk Shuttles:**

- I’ve spent quite a lot of time putting this project together.
- This is something that we’re really excited about.
- Trek is giving us 2 shuttle vans free of cost including gas and maintenance in the evenings.
- The plan is to run both shuttles for 4 hours a night with an overlap of 1 or 2 hours.
- These shuttles will act as a team and as an actual shuttle from Buchanan to residence and the pit (just preliminary plans).
- Hoping to increase the efficiency of Safewalk.
- Many meetings with shareholders all around campus to ensure that everyone was on board.

**Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic**

< **Hope everyone is enjoying the summer! Just got back from Greece!**

< **Housekeeping:**

- University Commission has been meeting regularly throughout the summer. The commissioners are hard at work on projects we hope to unveil in early September.
- Unfortunately, a few people have left us this past week. There have been resignations in the following positions: UCom Academic Issues Commission, Fincom Special Projects and the Assistant Tutoring Coordinator.
- I was fortunate to be invited to Imagine’s Kickoff Event last week and had a lot of fun! Got to meet some cool people as well! So thanks to the Imagine people for that!
Zoom Media negotiations have taken up most of my time. We spent quite some time over the #:s but it was worth it.

- Discussions with university concerning Firstweek and Shinerama among other things! Also, Behshad is away this week and I have been charged with overseeing the Services for a bit. As you can imagine, they have never run as smoothly as they are now!

Upcoming Events:
- All Appointments Committees will get back into the swing of things next week as we will be conducting interviews for previously mentioned vacancies as well as Minischool & Student Events Coordinators.
- Will be meeting with the Student Development Office’s Leadership Officer to explore how the AMS could further student leadership positions on campus.
- I will be attending the Engineering Physics Robot Competition tomorrow morning. Looking forward to that!
- I am excited to take part in AMS Orientations Training session early next week. I have no doubt that our guides will do a phenomenal job promoting the society!

F) Constituency Reports:
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Sameer Wahid - Science Undergraduate Society
Ali Arya - Graduate Students Society
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Erfan Kazemi - Board of Governors
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association
Scott Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
Rajdeep Basra - Law Students Association
Jocelyn Yu - School of Social Work

G) Discussion Period:
Kate Woznow asked about the discussion at the Board of Governors on the repeal of Policy 72. Erfan Kazemi said he had raised the issue of last-minute decisions and the problem of UBC not having a strategic vision for collecting fees. He said the main thing was the lack of consultation. In addition, although there were flaws in Policy 72, it had good principles on fees for domestic students, and now that it was gone, there was just a policy void.

Kate Woznow asked if the new Policy 67, tying parking fines to academic registration, was in force. Erfan Kazemi said probably not till January. He added that the University will be able to check with ICBC to track the owners of cars, and the policy will only take effect if a student has three unpaid parking fines.

Kristin Lyons asked about the proposed new ice rink and whether it will have only one ice surface. Mark Fraser said there would be a 5500-seat Olympic-sized surface and a full-sized practice rink.

Matt Lovick asked about plans for the upcoming municipal election. Tara Learn said the External Commission is planning for it, especially wanting to encourage students to vote. Oana Chirila noted that there is a student COPE club at UBC and that there will be a polling station on campus.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:
The following minutes were accepted by Council:
In response to a question, Bernie Peets explained the history of the IPF, saying that essentially it was a tax of $200,000 paid by the AMS to the University. He noted that this was money that, if not paid to the University, could be used to fund AMS Student Services.

Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated June 19, 2002

I.) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

1. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED CHRIS EATON:

“Whereas the AMS Strategic Plan Recommendation 4.5 directs the Renovations Planning Group to develop a far reaching plan for the vacant Bank of Montreal space once negotiations between the AMS and the University are complete; and

Whereas the vacant Bank of Montreal space is now under AMS control; and

Whereas the Renovations Planning Group has discussed alternatives and reviewed proposals, suggestions and feedback for the vacant Bank of Montreal space as received from Councillors and students at the Whistler Orientation Weekend, Idea Boxes in SUB, and through the AMS Web Site;

Therefore be it resolved that Council allocate up to $10,000 from the CPAC Fund to allow the Renovations Planning Group and Michael Kingsmill, AMS Designer, to conduct engineering and feasibility studies on possible renovations for Lower Level.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kate Woznow asked if the $10,000 would be paid out expense by expense or in a lump sum. Oana Chirila said expense by expense.

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I) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED ALI ARYA, SECONDED NICK SEDDON: [SCD 132-03]

“That Council approve the lease agreement between the Alma Mater Society and On the Fringe Hair Design Ltd. to occupy Room 55 on the lower level of SUB as amended.”

Note: Agreement in principle was approved in a motion at the July 3, 2002 Council meeting.

Nick Seddon said that despite the earlier decision not to install a bathroom in the new hair salon, the plan now is to put one in because the piping has to be replaced anyway, and the installation will be done at no cost to the AMS.

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5. MOVED JOCELYN YU, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY: [SCD 133-03]

“Whereas the AMS Executive has completed negotiations with Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW) to establish a satellite office in the SUB; and

Whereas this satellite office will offer support to victims of sexual assault, thereby providing a valuable service to UBC students;

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the final agreement between WAVAW and the Alma Mater Society as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kristen Harvey explained that the AMS is just providing space; WAVAW will provide the service at no cost to students or the AMS.

Kate Woznow asked why the agreement is only until April and not for the full year originally talked of. Bernie Peets said what was meant was a school year.

Barry Shin asked where the WAVAW office would be. Kristen Harvey said near the Wellness Centre on the Lower Level, room 58.

Mark Fraser asked who will pay the cost of removing the door being put in. Bernie Peets said they would remove the door if we asked them to.

Matt Lovick asked why we were not providing them money. He said the service would provide a benefit. Kristen Harvey said it is a pilot project and we need the money for our own services, as was seen in the budget. Oana Chirila said WAVAW was awarded a grant through the Innovative Projects Fund, a committee with an AMS majority.

Kate Woznow asked about promotion. Kristen Harvey said the AMS and WAVAW would jointly advertise.
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Note: Requires 2/3rds
... Carried Unanimously

7. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

"Whereas Council approved in principle a Zoom Media partnership proposal and authorized the VP Academic to negotiate a final agreement that will be brought to Council for approval; and

Whereas the negotiations between the Alma Mater Society and Zoom Media have now been completed;

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the final arrangements as agreed to and/or amended by Council and authorize the General Manager to finalize the wording of said agreement between Zoom Media and the Alma Mater Society for final acceptance by Council.

Note: By approving this motion, Council agrees that all material portions of the agreement are in place and understood, and although the final contract is still to be executed, this approval shall authorize Zoom Media and the AMS to obtain building permits and/or make other required arrangements to complete their obligations without delay in anticipation of a September 1, 2002 start date.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Christopher Lythgo said the negotiations with Zoom had secured everything that Council had asked for. There would be even more financial compensation than we’d asked for, and more intangibles, such as more scholarships and more promotions. He said the money would be $106,000 in the first year, and over four years it would be about half a million dollars.

Spencer Keys asked about the status of the “big ugly boards.” Christopher Lythgo said they were in, adding that we could discuss this with Zoom if we have problems.

Sameer Wahid asked the term of the agreement. Christopher Lythgo said it was a five-year term, with a $15,000 signing bonus. He added that we should be hesitant to increase the number of boards; if Zoom wants more, we’ll negotiate. He added that the Communications Planning Group would have to approve.

Kate Woznow said she had seen some tasteful Greenpeace ads. Christopher Lythgo said the advantage of this deal is that we get to approve the ads; they have to fit our values.

8. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That the question be called.”
9. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That Council appoint Kim Lam (Council member) to the UBC President’s Advisory Committee on Student Discipline.”

Kristen Harvey said it was important to have someone on this committee; there hadn’t been a student on it for at least one year.

Bijan Ahmadian said that when a student is brought before this committee it is important that there be a student on it.

Chris Eaton said there was a student on it last year. Kristen Harvey said a GSS rep had attended, but not as often as necessary. Tonight's appointee will be the first AMS appointee in a year.

11. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That Council appoint Kim Lam (Council member) to the UBC President’s Advisory Committee on Student Discipline.”

... Carried

12. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“Be it resolved that Council support in principle the AMS hosting the U-21 Student Network Conference in January 2003.”

Matt Lovick asked if there really were no costs involved. Tara Learn confirmed this, saying all that was needed was a room in the SUB.

Mark Fraser asked if staff and others would be available in January. Tara Learn said the U-21 executive team would run the conference; there would be no advertising here; it’s an international conference.
Sameer Wahid suggested that we do pay something; it would be a nice gesture to buy them dinner. Janice Boyle said that would be a separate motion. Tara Learn said that if this motion passed and our bid was accepted, she could come back to Council for things like that.

Kate Woznow said that if we are hosting, why shouldn’t we pay? But she also wondered what benefit this would have to students. She said SUDS relates to tuition.

Tara Learn said U-21 has an impact on UBC students, and its student network has an impact; they develop international benchmarks on things like Safewalk. She added that it helps ensure our degrees don’t become worth less and also it would be great to host a conference to bring students here from around the world and have them bring their ideas.

Christopher Lythgo said it was a chance to be exposed to other schools and ideas and a chance to showcase ourselves. And if there was no cost, what was the harm?

13. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“Be it resolved that Council support in principle the AMS hosting the U-21 Student Network Conference in January 2003.”

... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 25, 2002 [SCD 134-003]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 4, 2002 [SCD 135-003]
Minutes of the Commercial Services Planning Group dated June 25, 2002 [SCD 136-003]

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the University Commission dated May 16, 2002 [SCD 137-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated May 8, 2002 [SCD 138-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated May 29, 2002 [SCD 139-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated June 12, 2002 [SCD 140-003]

O) Submissions:

P) Next Meeting:
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

R) **Social Activity:**

Christopher Lythgo  
VP Academic

CL:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Liz King (Safewalk), Peter Aldgate (AMS Deputy Ombudsperson), Sigal Stein (Speakeasy), Tim Shand (Exchange student), Paul Ramalheira (Exchange student), Christine Lenis (Firstweek), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

< AMS Firstweek - Christine Lenis [SCD 141-003]
- Firstweek is an AMS program geared for new and returning students.
- This year has been challenging and exciting due to budget restrictions.
- One of the biggest initiatives this year is Shinerama. Taking place all over campus, all week long.
- Looking for volunteers to help out with all events, especially the Main Event Carnival event taking place on Friday, September 6 on McInnes Field.

Questions:
- In response to a question, Christine Lenis listed some of the non-alcoholic events taking place during Firstweek.
- Nick Seddon asked about the effect of budget constraints. Christine Lenis said some prices had gone up.
- Kate Woznow asked about safety. Christine Lenis said Safewalk would be present and there would be adequate security.
- In response to a question from Barry Shin, Christine Lenis said the only charge will be for the Main Event Carnival for those not in first year (first-year students get in free).
- Cameron Reeves asked about advertising. Christine Lenis said posters would be going up on Friday and Monday—but not before, to keep from having them ripped down. There would also be advertising through rave cards and word of mouth.

< Tuition Accountability - Dr. Neil Guppy, UBC Associate VP, Academic Programs:
- The Vice-President (Students), Brian Sullivan, promised documented evidence of where the tuition increase money would go, and the highlights are in the document circulated to Council.
- Four key principles: 1) 20% of new revenue is to go to student support; 2) a budget must go to the Board of Governors showing how the money will be spent; 3) by March 2003 there must be a report on financial assistance to students in
need; 4) also by March the UBC Administration must report on steps taken to improve student learning and support.

- The principle about not denying students the opportunity to attend UBC solely for financial reasons, a principle endorsed by the UBC Board of Governors and quoted at the beginning of the document, applies only to domestic students. As an institution supported by Canadian taxpayers, UBC’s first responsibility is to domestic students; UBC cannot afford to extend the guarantee to the whole world (i.e., international students).

- He hoped students would notice changes this year: more professors have been hired, repairs have been carried out, and there have been improvements in classrooms, seating, technology, etc.—all to enhance student learning.

- UBC is the only university that’s published an accountability document like this, helping ensure that money is spread around to the benefit of UBC students.

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Tuition Accountability - Brian Silzer, UBC Registrar:

- He said he is from Alberta, which had the reputation of leading the country in tuition increases.

- He said coming here he was impressed at the involvement of students in the process. He said the document was a testament to the consultation with students.

Questions:

- Dave Tompkins asked about the DTO (double the opportunities) program for graduate students. Neil Guppy said details were not yet available.

- Dave Tompkins expressed concern about a gap in TA funding. Neil Guppy said that the province had cut $1.7 million in funding for teaching assistants; UBC is making up $1.177 million of that, and he said that revenue deriving from over-enrollment this year would go to that as well.

- Neil Guppy noted that much of the over-enrollment was from an increased number of second to fourth year students re-enrolling. Brian Silzer said over-enrollment is a mixed blessing: there is increased revenue, but also increased expenditure. He said he was mystified by the increase in the number of returning second to fourth year students. Matt Lovick said the explanation is that these students want to come back and finish before tuition rises even more.

- Matt Lovick asked what the University is doing to fulfill the principle quoted on the first page: what happens if a student comes to the Administration and says they can’t attend because they don’t have the money? Neil Guppy said the Awards Office would deal with that; there is emergency funding available. He said the Administration stands behind the principle, but added that it may be difficult to put it completely in place.

- Matt Lovick asked if tuition fees might be waived. Neil Guppy said it was beyond his power to do that.

- Brian Silzer said the Administration is pledged to helping; what they would do would depend on the individual situation; it might involve bursaries, emergency loans, arranging employment. This is still being looked at; it’s not “slick” yet, but it will get better through experience.

- Olivier Plessis said there is a lack of sections and classes are too full; he wondered if the $110,000 set aside in Science to increase the number of sections is enough. Neil Guppy said that wasn’t the only number to look at; the money for new classrooms and labs and for hiring new faculty would also mean an increase in sections.
- Olivier Plessis asked how high a priority increasing the number of sections is. Brian Silzer said it is high across the University. He also noted a reduced intake of students in Science and said relief is coming: things will be better this year for students seeking to access courses.

- Matt Lovick asked what the $6 million for sustaining the learning environment is for. Neil Guppy said it is for staffing, producing cleaner classrooms, providing faculty salary increases, paying bills. He said the money has already been spent. Brian Silzer said it was for classroom services, things like painting; some things in “grotty” shape were being improved.

- Dan Grice asked if the tuition accountability brochure was going out to all students. Neil Guppy said the Administration wanted to know the best way to distribute the information. Brian Silzer said it will at least be on the UBC website, but he was not sure the best way to spend money was to produce 35,000 copies of the brochure. Dan Grice suggested dropping off copies at the Constituency offices.

- Dan Grice asked about how next year’s funding will be spent. Dave Tompkins commented that the brochure is unclear on what is one-time funding and what is a continuing commitment. Neil Guppy said the Administration would come to students to consult about further tuition increases, and it’s not a foregone conclusion that the Board of Governors will approve further increases. Perhaps the province will give more money; it doesn’t look like it now, but nothing is certain yet. He did expect to be back next year with another brochure, possibly revised based on the feedback received about this brochure.

- Dan Grice asked about optimal levels and quality of education indicators. Neil Guppy said the Administration will have to show the Board that there have been improvements in teaching and learning, or the Board will say No to further increases. He expected the Board to ask what was needed to provide a reasonable level of quality of education. The Board would ask: Where are you going to spend that money to get what’s needed in various faculties?

- Neil Guppy added that it would be a little while before the Administration could issue a schedule of tuition levels, as U of T does, so that students can see what their tuition levels will be over the next few years.

- Dan Grice asked when the next consultation would take place: would it be at the last minute like this year? Neil Guppy said there was no set plan on when it would happen; he hoped it would be earlier this time, and he said the brochure was part of the consultation: if people say what the money is being spent on is no good, then ...

- Sameer Wahid said labs are important in Science and need funding more than lecturers. He also said there was a lack of computers on campus. Neil Guppy said the answer to that was wireless; the University is going wireless. Brian Silzer said there are also other innovations coming.

- Kate Woznow said it would be tough to sell the spending plans in Arts. Arts students had been told money was needed for labs in Science, but now the situation looked different: why is Science getting only half as much as Arts when it was Science that was supposed to need more money? She also asked why so much was going to graduate and professional programs: what’s being done for undergraduates? Dave Tompkins said all of the graduate tuition increase had gone to student support, that’s why.

- Kate Woznow asked if there were plans to approach governments. Neil Guppy said President Piper has been one of the most successful presidents in the country in going to governments to get money, but he noted there was a government in
place now in BC that was cutting back, and universities have done well, given that fact: universities and student societies have made the case for the need for resources to train students for the new economy; government has heard, and universities in BC have been spared, compared to Ontario and Alberta.

-Kristen Harvey asked if the comment at the front of the brochure is in force: is it University policy? Neil Guppy said this would be addressed in March 2003; he said it is a principle, not a policy; it ought to be policy, but it is not easy to make it one. He said it was passed as a principle. Dave Tompkins noted that the principle says “should” rather than the stronger “shall.” Brian Silzer said it is taken as “gospel”: it’s real already; there is an effort to carry it out, to make sure no domestic student is denied access solely for financial reasons.

-Kristen Harvey said the $6 million for sustaining the learning environment was not properly accounted for; the figure needs to be broken down further. Neil Guppy agreed and said he would convey that message.

-Christopher Lythgo said there needs to be a way for students to provide feedback on the brochure, on the website, through forums, etc.

-Matt Lovick asked if there had been an increase in administrators’ salaries resulting from the revenue increase. Neil Guppy said he didn’t get an increase. He said there had been a faculty salary increase to entice professors to come and stay, which was especially important in Vancouver because of the high cost of living here. Brian Silzer said more administrative staff had been hired; he said as an administrator, he likes to think administration is not a bad word: we do need administration. Neil Guppy said the money has not gone to senior administrators; there are no “sticky fingers.”

Travel Cuts Lawsuit - Kristen Harvey

1. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID, BARRY SHIN:

“That Council move in camera.”
... Carried

2. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That Council move out of camera.”
... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

In collaboration with Intramurals, Kavie Toor and I have worked to produce the publication of the first ever “Student Involvement Guide.” It outlines in a snazzy brochure the many diverse ways to get involved on campus. It will be geared toward commuters, on-campus residents, first years, all undergrads and grads.

Attended a conference in Montreal unite for a common message among independent provincial lobby organizations. The conference was hosted by la FEUQ, which represents over 100 000 Quebec students. The Montreal declaration included an opposition to deregulation of tuition, demand for increased, targeted funding for post-secondary institutions, and a demand for an independent study of the effects of the FTAA on post-secondary education in Canada.

Have been looking into fundraising opportunities through the AMS Foundation. Have met with various experts, and attended a Vancouver Board of Trade event regarding non-profits and fundraising. There is one more seminar entitled: YOU CAN’T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT...BUT SOMETIMES, YOU GET WHAT YOU NEED: A How-To Seminar on
Sponsorships and Fund-Raising Strategies and Techniques. I will be garnering more ideas in the hopes of improving the AMS’ financial situation.

I am continuing work to establish online voting for the AMS via a University-tested system. Meetings with Audrey Lindsay and Brian Silzer have been fruitful, and we are now working on principles that will be included in a letter of agreement between the Registrar’s office and the AMS.

Hosted the second round of Presidents Roundtables. Be sure to keep your President’s in the loop regarding how the AMS can help your constituency and students: for example, the Constituency Aid Fund, and the Clear Channel long distance plan.

Have been liaising with Trek Program Centre as one of many AMS reps to bring an enhanced service to the AMS- shuttles to the Safewalk program will allow us to help more students at no extra cost. Tara will be able to speak more about this pilot-project.

I have been attending various student orientations, giving speeches and mini-tutorials on UBC and the AMS. I’ve been to Grad Student Orientations, Mature Student Orientations, International Student Orientations, Student Leader Resource Fair. Within the next few days I’ll be speaking at Parent Orientation, and the Imagine UBC Pep Rally. If you see me at all, be sure to give me a wave- it helps!

On the Horizon:

United Way Kick-off event.
AMS FirstWeek!!!  www.ams.ubc.ca/firstweek

E) Executive Reports:

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs
Montreal Conference:
Many provincial groups got together.
Made common declaration regarding: tuition, ancillary fees, FTAA/GATS, Federal Transfers.
There is a plan for follow up.

Safewalk Shuttles:
We had our final meeting with Trek regarding the details of this project.
It will be going ahead starting next Tuesday.
So keep your eyes peeled for the new AMS/Trek Safewalk Shuttle van.

Smart Cards:
Attended a university smart card meeting.
There plan is to have a phase one smart card for all new students this September.
This card would be a combination of a library card, a photocopy card and a UBC food services card.
This will only be for the small group of students entering UBC in January (a test).
All students attending UBC in September 2003 will have a smart card.
I’ll keep you posted.

Municipal Elections:
Happening November 16th.
We will be doing voter pre-registration outside of the SUB August 16 - August 20th.
At the moment we’re all just listening for the rumors of who’s going to be running.
I’ll give you more information as soon as it’s available.
We will be doing a campaign of some sorts encouraging students to vote.

Great Trekker Award Ceremony:
It’s the 80th anniversary of the Great Trek this year.
This will be happening October 17th from 6:30 - 9:30pm at Cecil Green.
You will all be getting invites.
This is really important…. There will be a letter going out to all constituencies this week calling for nominations.

**Not On Our Campus:**
- First event will be happening in the SUB October 8th - 10th.
- We’re just in the planning stages but it should be pretty cool and informative.
- Stay tuned for all of the details.

**First Week:**
- The entire AMS is gearing up for First week and other orientation type activities.
- I was a transfer student orientation guide last night which was really fun.
- And participated in the Shinerama poster party on Monday.
- I’m really looking forward to having everyone back on campus and participating in all of the events.

**Shinerama:**
- I’m passing a sign up sheet around right now.
- It would be absolutely amazing if you could all sign up for at least one hour.
- All the money raised goes to Cystic Fibrosis research.

**Political Scene:**
- I’m sure that you’ve already heard by now but Jean Chretien has announced that he will be retiring as leader of the Liberal Party in Feb 2004 (still unclear if leadership convention in 2003 will occur or if they’ll just hold off until 2004).
- As well Joe Clark has announced that he will be doing the same.
- And the NDP leadership race is still going on.
- We’re seeing lots of parties turning over.
- Municipal Election November 16th.

**Nick Seddon - VP Finance**

**Finance Commission**
- Treasurer’s Handbook – Completed!
- Financial Aid Awareness Days (Stacey Chiu – Student Financial Aid Commissioner)
  - Schedules finalized
  - Banner up
  - Website up
  - Marketing vehicles contacted
  - Presentations to be prepared
  - Speakers:
    - Scott Hannah, Credit Counseling of Services of BC
    - Nick Seddon, VP Finance
    - Joshua Mitchell, Awards & Financial Aid
    - Greg Stoddard, CIBC Wood-Gundy
- Student Initiative Fund
  - To be approved tonight in the proposed Code Changes.

**Budget**
- Account Codes – Completed!
- Reformatting – Completed!

**AMS Fees Website – Completed!**
- Fees FAQ.
- Opt-out procedures.
- Links to Studentcare.net

**AMS/GSS Health Plan**
- FAQ Website – Completed!
- No longer acting chair of HDPC – Kristen will be taking over from this point forward.
< Developing new criteria for Health Plan Bursary.

**UAC Task Force**
< Finalizing draft to Brian Sullivan – last meeting in 2 weeks for final version.

**Opt-out Requests Feedback**
< Welcome to the AMS letter – submission to CPG.

**Executive Procedures Manual**
< Sheldon Goldfarb assisting.
< Hoping to complete within the next month or so.

**Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic**
< Thanked Behshad Darvish for all the work that went into the Student Leadership Resources Fair.

**Housekeeping:**
< University Commission:  
  - has been meeting regularly throughout the summer. The Commissioners are hard at work on projects we hope to unveil in early September.
< Appointments Committees:  
  - have met and recommended some fantastic people to Council this evening.
< Professor Evaluations:  
  - I have had some very productive discussions with the university concerning increasing transparency in professor evaluations. The current decentralized system makes it difficult for students to access this information. I plan on contacting the Deans in mid-September and would appreciate some assistance from you to further this issue on the University’s agenda. So don’t be surprised if I contact you sometime at the beginning of September.

**Upcoming Events:**
< Appointments Committees:  
  - will meet the second week of September for the positions of Finance Commissioner Special Projects and AMS Elections Administrator.
< Student Development Office:  
  - Leadership Officer (Chad Hyson) and myself are chairing a new project for UBC this fall. In late November, we will be hosting a Student Leadership Conference. We will be looking to form a planning committee for this, so if you’re interested please email me.
< AMS Orientations:  
  - has been hearing first year students around the building and it is quite refreshing to be reminded of why we are all here - to assist students to make their UBC experience the best possible.
< Positive Space:  
  - workshop to be held on Friday.
< Firstweek & Shinerama:  
  - reminded everyone to participate in Firstweek activities.
< Will be following up on tuition with Deans and Faculties.

**Oana Chirila - VP Administration**
Most recently I have been working on revising the AMS Subsidiary Handbook which is a comprehensive how-to manual and introduction to the AMS for clubs, constituencies, and resource groups. This book was last revised by Mark Fraser in October 2000, and the task of revising it this year has been monumental, but has been eased by all those who have helped with their sections – thank you!

**Impacts Committee**
< Gave a tour to Jeff Roberts from McGill Law, who is interested in what the AMS and UBC are doing for campus sustainability.
< The Main Event Carnival will feature a Sustainability Street featuring all the campus groups that work towards a more sustainable environment.
Also looking at how this committee is relevant to the AMS and can better address the issues it is mandated to look at.

**SAC**
- Have published the Guide to Planning Barbecues in and around the SUB in the form of a brochure.
- Revising the bookings policy for non-AMS groups; revising the membership policy for clubs; revising the office allocation policy.
- Working on updating the SUB room capacities as revised by the fire marshal.
- Will be moving the SAC email newsletter onto the AMS newsletter system.
- Also recruiting Art Gallery Committee members.

**Renovations Planning Group**
- The office 58 renovations are finalized.
- The renovations to the future On the Fringe Hair Design salon are undergoing.
- Have been working with Michael to focus the ideas for the Bank of Montreal space into more concrete plans that he can work with for the feasibility study.
- Planning to call a meeting to discuss participation in the inter-faculty publishing office.

The UBC Ceremonies Office is looking for students to participate in the Commemoration events to be held on September 11th, both on campus, but particularly at Robson Square. They will be giving you a Robson Square shirt to wear and will require your help for about an hour that day.

**On the Horizon:**
- Next week’s FirstWeek
- Clubs Days happening September 18 – 20th
- Club Exec Orientations September 30th
- Clubs Days Wine and Cheese on October 24th

**Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**
- Student Leader Resource Fair took place today. I was on the organizing committee and we had a fantastic turnout of 35 campus resource groups and approx. 200 people.
- Services had a workshop on interviewing and staff relations with Bernie several weeks ago which I’ve received a lot of positive feedback on. This week we will have a positive space /diversity workshop to be held on Friday hosted by the UBC Equity office.
- Round Up fundraiser:
  - starts next week at Bookstore and Outpost
- Attended several campus training / orientations programs promoting the AMS Services and Programs.

**Services:**
- Advocacy Office:
  - Coordinator Maya Scott and Margot McMillan continue to work with ongoing files: follow up activities, general maintenance, research, and assistance preparing documents and presentations.
  - in addition they have updated the Advocacy website with useful resources, links, and information on University processes for students.
- Joblink Office:
  - Busy as usual. Natasha Norbjerg and Julianna Anisko are hiring an additional staff member to prepare for the September rush.
- Orientations:
  - Orientations has been running for the past two weeks and have been going well. Transfer student orientations were held on Tuesday night and mature student orientations are running this Thursday evening.
Coordinator Erin Shannon and Assistant Coord. Dani Bryant have done a fantastic job.

Safewalk:
- The Safewalk summer program wrapped up on July 26th and was highly successful. 288 clients were walked this year, compared to a 146 clients last summer. Liz King and Carmen Gemmell have been preparing for a busy fall term, which includes the new Shuttle program and hosting the national Safewalk conference.

Speakeasy:
- Sigal Stein and Liz Thampy have been organizing training and have started interviewing for the 5 team leader positions. They have also been in discussions with UBC Counselling Services regarding training and some other issues.

Tutoring:
- AMS Tutoring has finished hiring the tutoring staff for the year and have completed training which was aided by several professors. Coordinator Jessica Young has also worked with the Joblink office to put up the exciting new Tutor Registry online. Check it out on the AMS website.

Volunteer Services:
- The VS Staff have been very busy preparing for the upcoming Volunteer Fair and the new VeX volunteer program which launches in September. The Internship Program has also been doing well and will be having an Internship Fair this year. Volunteer Services has several exciting projects on the go, including a charity fundraiser concert as part of the Volunteer Fair.

Student Events: Transition in the office
- Shinerama is going to be huge! Check out the AMS website for activities and opportunities to volunteer if you already haven’t done so

Constituency Reports:

Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Ali Arya - Graduate Studies
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Dave Tompkins - Graduate Studies
Bijan Ahmadian - Ombudsperson

Cases
Since May 1st, there have been 32 cases brought forward. Since more than half of them are being processed very quickly these days, I’m going to wait to report to you on them at the next meeting.

ConRes Program
I am working on developing the workshops. Information will be available on-line after Mid September.

I am also in the process of recruiting skilled volunteers to help run these workshops.

Conflict Prevention Initiatives
I have sent memos to the International Student Orientation Program, the AMS Orientation and Imagine UBC asking them to raise awareness regarding two common
types of conflicts that first year students encounter. These two types are Academic Misconduct and Meeting Faculty Requirements. In the past, the office has dealt with students who committed plagiarism unintentionally. There have also been cases of students who, due to lack of knowledge, didn’t meet the advancement requirements of their faculty and were subsequently asked to withdraw. I have asked the above orientation programs to cover these two issues during their academic sessions.

Professional Development
During August 22nd – 28th, I attended a course on interest-based negotiation, which is a collaborative approach to dispute resolution. Specifically, the course covered many aspects of my job including dealing with resistance to negotiate and dealing with power imbalance.

Meeting with the Associate Dean of Education
The Faculty of Education and the Ombudsperson were in conflict in the past. I had a meeting with Dr. Frank Echols, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Education, where I addressed his concerns about how the Ombudsperson operates. I explained the impartiality of my role and my commitments to the collaborative conflict resolution process. I was pleased that the misperceptions about the office have finally been eliminated and to hear Dr. Echols’ promise to work with me in resolving conflicts in the Faculty of Education.

Daniel Grice - Arts Undergraduate Society
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
Rajdeep Basra - Law Students Association
Jeffrey Kwee - Medical Undergraduate Society
Jennifer Smith - School of Library, Archival & Information Studies
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors
Dave Allen - Regent College
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association

G) Discussion Period:

< Sameer Wahid noted there had been no Senate reps at Council meetings over the summer, and this had led to a problem of communication. Dave Tompkins said he knew about this and about the controversy earlier in the summer over whether Senators had received certain information. He said it was unfortunate.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated July 31, 2002 [SCD 143-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 16, 2002 [SCD 144-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 5, 2002 [SCD 145-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 10, 2002 [SCD 146-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 25, 2002 [SCD 147-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 2, 2002 [SCD 148-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 8, 2002 [SCD 149-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 15, 2002 [SCD 150-003]
Minutes of Assistants Appointments Committee dated August 8, 2002 [SCD 151-003] [SCD 152-003]
I) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

“Whereas Council approved an agreement in principle with Zoom Media at the AMS Council Meeting on July 31, 2002, and

'Whereas Council further authorized the General Manager to finalize the wording of said agreement, and

Whereas this has now been completed and interested AMS Council Members have had the opportunity to review this document in the General Manager's Office prior to the Council Meeting as previously communicated,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the final agreement between the Alma Mater Society of UBC and Zoom Media Inc. for the provision of display advertising in the washrooms and public areas of the Student Union Building.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sameer Wahid said there should be a note saying that the size of the posters will be added. Bernie Peets says this is being done in the contract itself, in the definitions section.

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Note: The sizes of the posters be included in the definitions of the contract.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:
K) Committee Reports and Motions:

5. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED BEHSHAD DARVISH: [SCD 158-003]

“That Council appoint Kristen Read to represent the AMS on the UBC Bookstore Advisory Committee.”
... Carried

6. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

“That Council appoint Brooke Smith as the Tutoring Assistant Coordinator on the recommendation of the Assistants Appointments Committee for a term commencing August 12, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003.”

“That Council appoint Brendon Miller as the Academic Issues Commissioner on the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term commencing August 12, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003.”

“That Council appoint Surina Sproul as the Student Events Coordinator on the recommendation of the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term commencing August 12, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003.”

“That Council appoint Jocelyn Yu as the Mini School Coordinator on the recommendation of the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term commencing August 12, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003.”
... Carried Unanimously

Sameer Wahid said the Committee will be dealing with elections this year and will hold at least one open meeting on the subject.

7. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ: [SCD 159-003]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Revisions August 2002’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

8. MOVED OANA CHIRILA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Revisions August 2002’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried Unanimously
10. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA: [SCD 160-003]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Proposed Code Changes II – August 2002’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Student Initiatives Fund

< Dan Grice said the cap on grants from the fund should be raised from $250; the Finance Commission should have more discretion on this matter.
< Nick Seddon said keeping the cap low allows more grants to be given. Even at $250, there can be only six grants because only $1500 will be put in the fund each year.
< Dan Grice said the $1500 is a minimum; more could be put in. And there was no requirement to give $250; some grants could be even smaller. But there should be the possibility of giving something more. He thought the cap should be something like $500.
< Christopher Lythgo said there was a delicate balance to strike between creating opportunities for as many students as possible and giving them each enough money.
< Cameron Reeves said there is the same situation in Engineering with the Walter Gage Fund. The numbers seemed right to him.
< Behshad Darvish said the $250 would complement other funding.

11. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“That Section IX B, Article 5 (f) 4 (vi) be amended to read:

‘The maximum amount of a grant from this Fund shall not exceed $450.’

< Sameer Wahid said if the grants are too big, there won’t be enough of them; the idea was to reach as many students as possible.
< Reka Sztopa said if the grant is increased, it would cover the whole cost of a plane ticket, which would not be a good idea. The idea is to make the cost of attending a conference more manageable, not to give someone a free trip.
< Dan Grice said the fund would also be open to informal groups. If three or four people in a group applied, the $250 wouldn’t do much for them. Also, raising the cap didn’t mean the maximum would always have to be handed out; but there would be more discretion for the Finance Commission.

12. MOVED MARK FRASER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

13. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“That Section IX B, Article 5 (f) 4 (vi) be amended to read:

‘The maximum amount of a grant from this Fund shall not exceed $450.’

... Defeated

14. MOVED NICK SEDDON:
“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

15. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Proposed Code Changes II – August 2002’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried Unanimously

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 18, 2002 [SCD 161-003]

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the External Commission dated June 6, 2002 [SCD 162-003]
Minutes of the University Commission dated June 20, 2002 [SCD 163-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated June 26, 2002 [SCD 164-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated July 10, 2002 [SCD 165-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated July 24, 2002 [SCD 166-003]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated June 17, 2002 [SCD 167-003]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated July 8, 2002 [SCD 168-003]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

16. MOVED RAJDEEP BASRA, SECONDED HOLLY READ:

“Whereas the University currently maintains an on-line calendar with the official regulations governing degree requirements; and

Whereas such regulations state that students have the option of meeting program requirements in effect when first enrolled or of meeting revised requirements subsequently approved by Senate; and

Whereas the University frequently updated its on-line calendar, thereby removing the official reference to program requirements; and

Whereas such action prevents students from easily accessing and being made aware of changes to their program requirements;

Be it resolved that the AMS lobby the University Administration to keep on-line versions of the calendar on-line for a minimum of five (5) years to ensure access to relevant information for students.”
< Kim Lam said all official UBC documents are now on-line, such as the registration guide and the calendar, but old versions are not available for students to consult.
< Barry Shin asked if hard copy versions are not still available. Kim Lam said only a few are distributed, and they’re not official: what’s on-line is official.
< Ryan Morasiewicz said the Senate Caucus should be informed; this is a Senate issue; if Senate acts on it, it would have a strong effect.

17. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED RAJDEEP BASRA, SECONDED HOLLY READ:

“When the University currently maintains an on-line calendar with the official regulations governing degree requirements; and

Whereas such regulations state that students have the option of meeting program requirements in effect when first enrolled or of meeting revised requirements subsequently approved by Senate; and

Whereas the University frequently updated its on-line calendar, thereby removing the official reference to program requirements; and

Whereas such action prevents students from easily accessing and being made aware of changes to their program requirements;

Be it resolved that the AMS lobby the University Administration to keep on-line versions of the calendar on-line for a minimum of five (5) years to ensure access to relevant information for students.”

... Carried

19. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

“That the AMS purchase a gavel for use at Student Council meetings not to exceed $100.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

20. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED NICK SEDDON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

“That the AMS purchase a gavel for use at Student Council meetings not to exceed $100.”
G) **Discussion Period:**

< Gavel:
- Kate Woznow expressed concern about the idea of a gavel for the Speaker, saying it seemed too authoritarian. Sameer Wahid said it was just symbolic.

< Exam Preparation:
- Kim Lam asked about the Exam Preparation System mentioned in the Executive minutes of July 8. Kristen Harvey said this was a private company looking to start a venture with us, but the Executive thought our free service was better than the proposed one (which would require students to pay).

< Wireless:
- Kim Lam asked about the statement in the Executive minutes of July 8 that UBC was phasing wireless in slowly and therefore there may be no need for an AMS policy at this time. He said wireless is coming in by September 2003, adding, If things are moving at a faster rate, might it not be wise to have a policy?
- Behshad Darvish said students will only slowly be buying laptops to plug into the wireless system.

< In camera:
- Dan Grice commented that there was a conflict between having to keep confidential what is said in camera and providing transparency to the students. He said Council members want to inform their constituents, but are afraid to because of a concern over confidentiality. He wondered what Council members were allowed to say.
- Sameer Wahid said that if students ask about confidential matters, Council members should refer them to the Executive. It’s not a good idea to have 20 people disseminating information that may be confidential; that hugely increases the possibility of a mistake and the risk of a lawsuit or it may undermine our legal position.
- Christopher Lythgo said it is a delicate balance, but when it is about a lawsuit or something similar, the matter should be referred to the AMS President, who is the official spokesperson of the Society.
- Kate Woznow said Council members would like to be able to show that they are informed; perhaps they could go to the President or the General Manager to find out what information they could pass on. She didn’t want to have to tell students to go find out for themselves.
- Erfan Kazemi wondered how many students were really going to be asking about the Travelcuts lawsuit.
- Dan Grice said it’s not just a matter of responding if students ask; he wants to be able to go to students to inform them. There’s a reason so few students have asked about the lawsuit, he said; it’s that no one has informed them in the first place. He wondered if a summary could be produced, and he wondered what was confidential and what could be told to students.
- Janice Boyle said everything in camera is confidential: no ifs, ands, or buts. She added that there are two specific areas where it is inappropriate to talk in public: personnel matters and pending legal cases. She said Councillors are informed in camera about things in order to allow them to make informed decisions. The idea is not to let 40 Council members decide what or what not to say in public: that would be a disaster.
waiting to happen. If a Council member discloses something confidential that hurts the Society financially, then that Council member would be liable.
-Sameer Wahid quoted the AMS Code as saying Council members shall not disclose any information discussed in an in camera meeting of Council without the authorization of Council.
-Kate Woznow said students don’t know what’s going on and should be updated, not on what was said in camera, but on the fact that there is a lawsuit with Travelcuts.
-Erfan Kazemi said it’s permissible to say there is a lawsuit, but to say any more would require a change to the AMS Code and Bylaws. He noted that Councillors had signed a confidentiality agreement when they became Councillors.

< Subtitles:
- Reka Sztopa asked when Subtitles would be up and running. Kristen Harvey said the goal is early September.

O) Submissions:

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic
CL:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Peterson Masigan (Nursing Undergraduate Society), Liz King (Safewalk/United Way), Nancy Tiffin (United Way), Krissy Price (Assistant to the President), Edward Cheung (Student at-large), Deb Austin (United Way), Aaron Bergbusch (SCARP, GSS), Jenny Moss (Canadian Red Cross), Jocelyn Yu (Mini School Coordinator), Stephanie McKernan (SAC Secretary), Timothy Rahilly (Student Financial Assistance and Awards), Michelle Aucoin (VP Students Office), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

C) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

< Grad Class Council - Stephanie McKernan (SAC Secretary)
  - Grad Class Council promotes and directs the activities of the graduating class.
  - Each faculty is entitled to 1 representative per 250 grads. These are elected positions and contact information for these representatives must be submitted to SAC by October 11, 2002. Representatives must be graduating students.
  - The first meeting of Grad Class Council will be held on October 17, 2002 at 12:00 in SUB 216.

< Canadian Red Cross - Jenny Moss
  - Thanked the AMS for the generous donation of $2,300 to the Red Cross towards the September 11 appeal.
  - Funds raised went towards helping people with temporary housing, funeral costs, counselling services for victims and travel costs.
  - Once again the Red Cross is seeking help from the students of UBC towards the Southern Africa Food Crisis Appeal. There will be a booth at the Welcome Back BBQ.

< United Way Campaign - Deb Austin/Nancy Tiffin [SCD 169-003
  - United Way is a charitable organization that funds programs that strengthen the foundations of children and families, assists people living in poverty, helps seniors stay connected and healthy and supports people with health conditions and disabilities.
  - Last year UBC raised $450,000.
  - The goal is to raise the same amount this year and increase volunteer participation.
  - A number of volunteer opportunities exist such as Kick-off Event volunteers, Days of Caring volunteers and Student Chairs.
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Student Financial Assistance - Tim Rahilly/Michelle Aucoin [SCD 170-003]

-Said UBC students last year received $113 million in awards and assistance, a slight increase over the previous year. There had been
-34,000 individual awards (including awards for both merit and need). UBC students had received $26 million of merit awards (scholarships etc.); there were
17,000 awards, with an average value of $3,828 each. UBC students had received $80 million in need-based funding from government agencies and another $4.8 million from in-house UBC bursaries.

-Said last year the province paid $450,000 towards the UBC work-study program while UBC paid $570,000. This year the province has withdrawn its funding, and UBC is contributing $1 million.

-Said funding to the assistance and awards office had been increased to deal with the increased volume of students applying. There were 6,000 students applying in August; 5,000 more had applied in the first 10 days of September.

-Said there had been discussion about the issue of stigma surrounding loans. He said there should be no stigma: taking out a loan is an excellent investment.

-Said there was a commitment to fulfilling the mandate from the Board of Governors that no domestic student be turned away solely for financial reasons.

Questions:

- Tara Learn said the mandate about not turning students away had been part of Policy 72, but Policy 72 had been repealed. Michelle Aucoin said it is a principle passed by the Board in 1991 before Policy 72, and the Board reaffirmed this commitment at its March 14 meeting.

- Tara Learn said the commitment is merely a resolution, not a policy. Michelle Aucoin said the Policy 71 review committee is looking at the old Policy 72 to see if anything from it can be put into a revised Policy 71. Tim Rahilly said a commitment to the principle on the ground level is very much in place.

- Behshad Darvish said there was concern that the work-study program was requiring a high subsidy from the AMS. Tim Rahilly said the wage paid to students is governed by the UBC Human Resources department and is affected by unionization here; the wage is funded partly through the Student Aid Fund and partly by the departments and units across campus who hire the students. In some units, this works well; the unit pays less that it would have. In other units, this may not be the case. He said there could be a dialogue on the issue, adding that in a way things may be simpler now because the provincial government has withdrawn and thus its rules do not apply.

- Dan Grice asked if the 17,000 awards meant 17,000 individual students. Tim Rahilly said No, some students get more than one award.

- Christopher Lythgo said he would like to see the line about not turning away domestic students included in the new Policy 71. Michelle Aucoin said that was a very good suggestion and she would be happy to forward it. Tim Rahilly said UBC was not backing away from the principle; on the contrary, it was being published, put on the website, etc.

- Kate Woznow asked whether the elimination of grants to first year students was permanent. Tim Rahilly said there was no news on that. First years can now get only loans, not grants, as a result of a government policy change. The government is going to see how it works.

- Kate Woznow asked if there would be early consultation with students. Michelle Aucoin said they were going to be launching the discussion shortly, meeting the AMS Executive and coming to Council to talk about the process.
-Oana Chirila asked if letters of admission will now be more specific about the funding each student can get. Tim Rahilly said they want to refer students to the appropriate places for more information; it will be a while before they can do a letter that says: You’re accepted—here’s how much money you can get. The business processes behind that are complicated.

-Erfan Kazemi asked about the consultation timeline. Michelle Aucoin said there will be more of what there was last year: meetings with the GSS, the AMS, open forums. And more issues would be covered, such as mandatory fees. The aim is to make the process more predictable, planned ahead.

-Jennifer Smith asked what funding is going to professional students like those in the School of Library and Archival Studies, whose students have a lower earning potential than in other professional programs. Tim Rahilly said there is a commitment to review financial obligations in various programs, and said earning potential was a factor in last year’s consultations. He said there was $500,000 set aside as targeted funding, and they were still reviewing how to apply it to students. Michelle Aucoin said there was discussion going on about which programs to identify as graduate and which as professional. When there was a more concrete answer, they would come back with it.

-Kristen Harvey asked about financial outreach programs. Tim Rahilly said outreach could be improved, but the financial assistance office has been going everywhere, for instance the Main Event carnival, to publicize itself. They have been developing workshops on student budgeting and would like to hear what the AMS thinks would be useful workshops to offer. They are distributing the Debt-Free Graduate and trying to build awareness about financial matters. People come to university and suddenly have to make budgeting decisions.

D) President’s Remarks: [SCD 171-003]

E) Executive Reports:

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs [SCD 172-003]

Nick Seddon - VP Finance [SCD 173-003]

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic [SCD 174-003]

Oana Chirila - VP Administration [SCD 175-003]

Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services [SCD 176-003]

F) Constituency Reports:

Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Kristin Lyons - Science Undergraduate Society
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
Chris Fennell - Graduate Student Society
Joanne Li - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors
Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jamie Roots - Nursing Undergraduate Society  
Daniel Grice - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Jennifer Lau - Senate  
Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Barry Shin - Agricultural Undergraduate Society  
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association  
Dave Tompkins - Senate  
Jennifer Smith - School of Library & Archival Studies  
Dave Allen - Regent College  
Shauna Matkovich - Forestry Undergraduate Society

G) Discussion Period:

< Crime
- Stephen Price reported on a series of locker break-ins in the Buchanan Building, both over the summer and just the previous weekend. He wondered about getting campus security to do more patrols.
- Sameer Wahid said there is the same problem in the Chemistry Building: in quiet areas, three-quarters of lockers have been broken into. He wondered about using video surveillance.
- Reka Sztopa said putting up signs saying “don’t leave valuables in your locker” might help.
- Cameron Reeves suggested locking up the buildings.

< Student Legal Fund Society
- Chris Fennell asked about the SLFS, especially in light of the lawsuit launched by MBA students against the increase in tuition. Sheldon Goldfarb explained that the SLFS emerged from the lawsuit over UBC’s increase of ancillary fees during the tuition freeze. The SLFS is funded by the AMS out of money paid by UBC students, but it is a separately incorporated society, with its own independently elected officers. One member of its Board is appointed by AMS Council.

< Tuition
- Sameer Wahid said students pay the tuition fees and are an integral part of the University, and yet decisions are just handed down to them. He wondered if this issue could be raised at the Board of Governors.
- Erfan Kazemi said UBC administrators are much more accountable now; they now have to keep promises or look bad at the Board. It’s important to write things down to keep them accountable.
- Kristen Harvey said she has been working year-round on the tuition issue, and there are two executives on the Policy 71 committee. She also reminded Council of its decision to strike down the clause that would have recommended students approve ancillary fee increases by a democratic referendum.
- Tara Learn said she and Christopher Lythgo, the two executives on the Policy 71 committee, would love to hear what students want on the consultation issue.
- Mark Fraser said there was now a list of where the money is going. There should be improvements in those areas; if not, “let us know.”
Kate Woznow said it would be good if Council passed a resolution to give support to the two student reps on the Policy 71 committee. The resolution could call for putting the principle from Policy 72 into Policy 71.

Dave Tompkins said that if there are no improvements, the people to speak to are the Deans. Money is going to the faculties; don’t just blame the top.

Kate Woznow said she thought Council had only voted in principle to support a bid to host the next Universitas 21 conference, so she was surprised to learn we had put in a bid.

Tara Learn said she did put in the bid, as have other schools. She said that once the bid is successful, she will come back and talk at Council.

Sameer Wahid said that there didn’t use to be a limit on the number of volunteers for each constituency at the carnival. This year some people came in as volunteers and then ended up having to pay.

Behshad Darvish said there had been abuses in the past; people would walk in as volunteers and then stay for the concert.

Stephen Price asked if it was possible to have transferable passes. Behshad Darvish said he would pass the suggestion along.

Kristen Harvey said it was in process; there was an agreement with WAVAW on occupancy of an office in SUB. There were still a few issues to be addressed, such as the name.

Bernie Peets said that a door that was supposed to be installed had not yet been installed, so the centre is not yet operational, but the hope was that it would be tomorrow.

Kristen Harvey said UBC had objected to calling the centre the UBC Sexual Assault Centre, saying that was not appropriate. The AMS is working with them to avoid any legal entanglements. The name may simply have to be “the Sexual Assault Centre located at UBC.” She was confident all parties could find a suitable resolution.

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

- Minutes of Student Council dated August 28, 2002 [SCD 177-003]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 22, 2002 [SCD 178-003]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 29, 2002 [SCD 179-003]

Kristen Harvey asked how the nominee for the Dentistry senate seat had been chosen. Jennifer Lau said they had been named by the Dentistry Undergraduate Society.
1. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Paul Kahlon as the student representative for the Faculty of Dentistry and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”
... Carried

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

2. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED MARK FRASER: [SCD 180-003]

“That Council appoint Christopher Lythgo to represent the AMS on the UBC Housing Advisory Committee.”
... Carried

3. MOVED KIM LAM, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That Council appoint Aaron Bergbusch to represent the AMS on the UBC Advisory Planning Committee for the University Boulevard Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process.”
... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated July 30, 2002 [SCD 181-003]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated August 13, 2002 [SCD 182-003]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated August 29, 2002 [SCD 183-003]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

O) Submissions:

< Mini School Fall 2002 course list [SCD 184-003]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

CL:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Chris Sheppard (The Ubyssey), Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Michelle Aucoin (VP Students Office), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

D) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

< Tuition Consultation – Brian Sullivan, VP Students
  Michelle Aucoin, VP Students Office

Brian Sullivan on consultation: [SCD 185-003]
  - Bar raised last year about consultation, and we’ve learned this year from last year’s experience.
  - Number of different consultations going on, not just about tuition.
  - Policy 71 on tuition consultation is being reviewed.
  - The Board of Governors wants the Administration’s tuition proposal earlier than previously thought: for the January Board meeting, not in March, to avoid having to decide on tuition increases and the overall UBC budget at the same meeting.
  - The Administration’s allocation proposal, on how money from the tuition increase will be spent, will still go to the Board in March.
  - Two reports, on financial assistance to students and on operational efficiency, will go to the Board earlier than planned, in January instead of March.
  - Wants to investigate the impact of the fee increases, to find out what is better and what is worse, and wants to be able to get back to students about this by early November. It’s important to get information to the students in order to get a meaningful response.

Questions:

< Christopher Lythgo said the current Policy 71 has a more realistic schedule. Brian Sullivan said this new schedule starts earlier and is more extensive; it goes into less detail about what is published in UBC Reports, but is quite extensive and can be shaped by the students. Christopher asked if this approach will be incorporated into the revised Policy 71.

< Brian Sullivan said he hoped it would be used as a model by the Policy 71 committee, and he also hoped some of the principles from the defunct Policy 72 can be incorporated.

< Chris Fennell said he thought it was a bit of putting the cart before the horse to make the tuition increase proposal in January and only bring forward the proposal on how to allocate the money from that increase in March. We need to know where money is being allocated before we can decide on the size of the tuition increase.
Brian Sullivan said the processes are not separate; it’s not as if there won’t be any discussion of allocations earlier; needs will be discussed. But the Board wants the tuition proposal before the budget.

Christopher Lythgo asked if students will be able to say that needs were not met by the tuition increase. Brian Sullivan said Yes.

Tara Learn asked if tuition would inevitably increase and in that case, wasn’t the consultation just PR?

Brian Sullivan said there should be no surprise that there is multi-year thinking in the Administration about tuition increases. However, as to whether the consultation process is authentic, he said that last year, despite there being only a short time for consultation, student input made a significant difference on issues like whether to follow the national average. He added that the Administration thinks there should be an increase: six years of tuition freeze cannot be overcome in one year. There will likely be a proposal to increase tuition.

Kim Lam asked about having forums at Robson Square. Brian Sullivan said that was a very good idea.

Kim Lam asked about the broad group of people covered by graduate professional programs. Brian Sullivan said the Administration would be guided by the deans on that point and would look at it further.

Oana Chirila reiterated Chris Fennell’s point that bringing the tuition proposal forward first was putting the cart before the horse. What if the operational efficiency report shows ways to save money that would make it unnecessary to have a tuition increase?

Brian Sullivan said it is not a linear process; things are done together. But he said that if there is a major possibility of increasing efficiency and decreasing the need for more revenue, then of course there would be less need for a tuition increase.

Kate Woznow expressed concern that there was talk again of the national average. She also saw a reluctance on the Administration’s part to accept the perspective of the students.

Brian Sullivan said he mentioned the national average only in the context of last year’s discussions; this year there is considerable discussion about not putting forth the national average as the basis for a tuition proposal; the most important thing is value and need, that is, determining what needs to be in place and how short we are of that. As to last year’s coalition against tuition increases or for cuts, he was sorry that it was thought that its message had not been received. He added that the Board of Governors has made it clear that nothing is presumed, and this is the time to look at revenue sources.

Brian Sullivan on access: [SCD 186-003]

- UBC is committed to the principle of not denying access to any domestic student on financial grounds. The mechanism for implementing this principle is financial support for students. The University is creating procedures as a first attempt to operationalize the principle.
- Financial support can take the form of grants, bursaries, awards, loans, and work-study.
- Out-of-province students are domestic students; their unmet needs will be met.
- International students are not covered, but there is emergency funding available to them.
- The University is upping its commitment to financial counselling.

Questions:

Ian McKechnie noted that grant deadlines are after work-study deadlines, which can cause problems. Brian Sullivan said the Administration is planning to change that and is able to now that the province is no longer involved in the work-study program.

Tara Learn asked about the assessment formula for student loans. Brian Sullivan said the Administration is working on that and can make some modifications. He added that he was
concerned about even-handed treatment for students; it should not matter whether a student goes three times to a counsellor.

Christopher Lythgo said there is still concern that the University’s commitment is expressed only in a resolution of the Board of Governors, not in an official policy. Michelle Aucoin said the Board clearly told the Administration to raise awareness of the principle, and the commitment is all throughout the document prepared by the Administration. The principle could be added to Policy 71; that would be an appropriate place for it.

Kristen Read asked if steps were being taken to ensure that students knew which office to go to. Michelle Aucoin said the Administration was certainly trying to ensure that any student needing assistance received it: if someone is not getting support or information, please let us know.

Matt Lovick said he is no longer a student, being unable to register because he is on financial hold, and didn’t know what to do about the situation. Because of presumed parental contribution to his income, he was ineligible for loans, but his parents in fact were not contributing. What should he do?

Michelle Aucoin said he should speak to the Financial Assistance office to see if they can retroactively address the issue. He can also appeal to the Registrar’s office.

D) President’s Remarks:

Standing Committee on Student Financial Assistance

President’s Advisory Committee September 17, 2002

VP Students Roundtable September 17, 2002

Innovation Strategy Youth Consultation September 18, 2002

Communications Planning Group (CPG)

Approved 2 Zoom ads, and approved 8 locations for the megalit boards.

Continue to work on communications for SASC.

AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee (HDPC)

Opt-ins and opt-outs.

United Way Kick-off Event

Helped out at the BBQ outside the SUB.

AMS Interactive

Kicked-off its first edition Friday, September 20. To subscribe, go to www.ams.ubc.ca If you know of an event that you think should be included in the Interactive, please forward details to feedback@ams.ubc.ca or to Sibylla at comco@ams.ubc.ca

On the Horizon

AMS Fun Night Tuesday, October 1 @ Norm Theatre. Bring a friend and catch a free showing of “About a Boy.” There will also be free popcorn, so get here early!

There is a stakeholders meeting in the works for the SASC involving members of the University community…

E) Executive Reports:
Oana Chirila - VP Administration

I am still finalizing the AMS Subsidiary Handbook and have enlisted Ruchira Saha, the SAC Special Projects Commissioner, to help put it all together.

Impacts

I attended the Green and Gold Eco Conference at the University of Alberta. Some of the sessions included Greening Campuses, Sustainable Buildings, Genetically Modified Foods, as well as keynote addresses from Ralph Nader on student activism, and from Howard Lyman on food choices that affect our environment.

SAC

Constituted three new clubs: Club Armenia, AMS Best Buddies Organization, and Reiki Club.

Clubs Days went great – many thanks to Michelle Davies, the Clubs Commissioner, and Stephanie McKernan, the SAC Vice-Chair, as well as all the other SAC commissioners, who did an amazing job with keeping things smooth. The Point and the Ubyssey both had feature articles covering Clubs Days.

The Art Gallery showcased works from the AMS Collection last week – thank you to Siobhan O’Meara, the SAC Art Gallery Commissioner, for her hard work on the show. This week is showcasing Michael Kingsmill’s artwork.

Currently finalizing details for the Club Executive Orientations Day to be held on Monday September 30th.

Bookings line-up is happening Tuesday October 1st at 7:00 a.m. Constituency reps should be booking for their weeks in second term before bookings line-up.

SAC Wine and Cheese will be happening on October 24th.

Renovations Planning Group

The Sexual Assault Support Centre has opened and is operational.

On the Fringe Hair Design is open and operational – people who have had their hair cut there have good things to say about it!

The plans for the Games Room are awaiting results of the trial period for the LAN gaming.

Met with two constituencies who are interested in the InterFaculty Publishing Office idea, and followed up with individual emails to each constituency president – have gotten some enthusiastic responses and will follow up with a proposal and cost analysis.

Found temporary storage for FilmSoc.

Have received proposal and requests for office space from various groups, including a person interested in revitalizing UBC TV.

Other Business

A lot of my time has been consumed with helping the UBC Ceremonies Office with the upcoming Royal Jubilee visit to UBC. I am still looking for a few more volunteers.

United Way Kick-Off BBQ happened today – I had the pleasure of handing out pop with Geoff Atkins, Associate VP Land & Building Services.

The Barn at Main Mall and Thunderbird Crescent has now been demolished.

The Walter H. Gage Fund Committee met yesterday and discussed several proposals.

I attended the first part of a consultation session for the Millennium Scholarship Foundation yesterday.

Tomorrow will be the first meeting I have attended of the Aquatic Centre Management Committee.

Friday I will be participating in Dress for Success fashion show for AMS Internship.

All AMS Councilors are invited to the Movie Night next Tuesday, October 1st in the Norm Theatre – “About A Boy” with Hugh Grant.

Nick Seddon - VP Finance

Finance Commission
< Financial Aid Awareness Days - feedback.
< Club Budgets completed.
< Online Budgets goal.

AMS/GSS Health Plan
< Last opt-out day was September 24, 2002.

University Athletic Council
< First meeting yesterday.
  - Agreed that there was no consultation last year, so hopes to rectify this.

Business Operations Committee
< Schedule to be sent out tonight.

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs

Code & Policies
< Sameer and the rest of the committee are doing a great job.
< You’ll see a motion later on from this committee.

Policy 71 committee
< We had our first meeting.
< Drafted up a revamped version of Policy 71.
< We’re working really hard to get non-instructional fees included in this policy document.
< We’re currently working on drafting up the AMS suggestions for the procedure portion of the policy (incl. Consultation timetable).

Municipal Elections
< To be held November 16th!!!!
< We did municipal election pre-registration in the SUB September 16 - 20, 2002.
< We’re really trying hard to decrease student apathy on campus around municipal elections.
< I’ve been attending a lot of municipal election working groups that are trying to generally decrease apathy in all youth.

Federal Elections
< I’m sure you’re surprised to be hearing about this so soon!
< I met with Brian Clark who’s involved in federal elections planning.
< He took a tour of the SUB.
< Wants to put a voting station here.
< Don’t worry… this isn’t happening for a while. I guess he’s just eager.

Xcom
< Working hard on putting together several activities.
< Not on our campus: Will involve the learning exchange, art and poetry from downtown east side residents. Breaking down the barriers.
< Great Trekker: I put out a call for nominations… please send them in.
< CASA Days: Sept. 30th We will be having CASA fortune cookies… It should be really fun.

Events attended
< Alan Rock Innovation strategy consultation with student leaders.
< Welcome Back BBQ… I’m sure we’re all sick of cotton candy by this point.

Millennium Scholarship Foundation Fact Book
< Worrisome… one of it’s statements is that tuition doesn’t affect accessibility.
< This will be a major topic for a while.
< Many groups have voiced their disappointment and concern.
< I’ll keep you posted.

South Campus Neighbourhood Plan
< I’ve finally received a document on this and a meeting time is being set up.
< It’s quite a large document but at least it has pictures!
Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic

Housingkeeping
- University Commission has established weekly meeting times every other Wednesday. If anyone should have a campus issue of concern feel free to approach Samer Akouri (University Commission Vice-Chair).
- Campus Safety Committee has met twice this year and is working on developing a more comprehensive AMS Campus Safety Policy. It will identify key areas of concern for students as well as identifying further partnerships with the university that will address the implementation of committee recommendations from last year.
- UBC Student Leadership Conference Planning Committee has been assembled and consists of a great bunch of individuals. More information on the conference will be upcoming by the next Council meeting. This is truly a unique project that will attempt to draw current and future student leaders from all over campus for opportunities to further their networking skills, leadership skills, and leadership opportunities on and off campus. This is an exciting project and is something really useful for students.
- Professor Evaluations: As you are aware, I am trying an innovative approach to facilitate student access to professor evaluations. Letter to Deans are being drawn up, and I plan on contacting constituents around this table next week regarding a joint action plan with their faculties.

Upcoming Events
- Policy 71 Committee met last week. Chris Fennell, Tara Learn and myself strongly advocated for student friendly amendments to be made to the Board policy. We have made a lot of progress and look forward to our meeting next week.
- UBC Housing Committee: I will have my first meeting on October 8, 2002. I will be bringing some more information back to Council following that.
- Volunteer Fair is happening this week! You might see me around campus tomorrow doing random acts of kindness or in the AMS Fashion Show on Friday strutting my stuff! Be sure not to miss that one!

Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

CACUSS Conference Planning Committee – September 13, 2002
- Canadian Association of College and University Student Services (CACUSS) will be hosted at UBC next year.
- one goal this year is to make the conference more student friendly and a larger number of student delegates.
- I am sitting on the planning committee.

WSO Consultation – September 17, 2002
- VP Students office consulted with several students and University community members and staff regarding the status and future of the Women’s Students Office (WSO).
- they will be following up with the plan of action.

University meeting regarding alcohol impact and policy
- University is interested in becoming more stringent with respect to security at alcohol functions and is also concerned with the culture around alcohol at UBC.
- There will be a follow-up meeting, as the first was quite rushed

Round Up
- Will follow-up with the results of the first two weeks.
- Not anticipating the numbers we initially looked for due to some technical difficulties at the Bookstore.
- Attended AMS Safety Committee meeting
- Hiring an intern through AMS Internship Program
Services
< All the services seeing increased exposure and usage this year. Exciting stuff!

Volunteer Services
< AMS Volunteer Services annual Volunteer and Internship Fair.
< AMS Kindness ambassadors on Thursday.
< Internship “Dress for Success” Fashion Show on the Friday.
< VeX is up and running! Over 60 students have signed up for the new program and were out volunteering today at the United Way Campaign Kick Off Event BBQ!

Advocacy Office
< Maya has referenced the Freedom of Information Act to force the President’s Advisory Committee on Student Discipline to provide reasons for their judgments, whereas they previously had not done so.
< Hiring an intern for the office through the AMS Internship Program.

Joblink
< Attending the AMS Internship Fair this Friday; Busy.

Tutoring
< Record numbers of both appointment tutoring and drop-ins already.
< Tutor Registry is up and running. Registration is open for students interested in Tutoring.

Safewalk
< Shuttles.
   - training

Speakeasy
< Training and up and running.
< Speakeasy and Safewalk at Wellness Fair earlier this week.

Events
< Welcome Back BBQ was a huge success…great numbers in attendance.
< Fishbone this Thursday.
< K-OS this Saturday.

F) Constituency Reports:
Erfan Kazemi - Board of Governors
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors
Jennifer Smith - School of Library, Archival & Information Studies
Elliot Grundmanis - Human Kinetics
Daniel Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Kristin Lyons - Science Undergraduate Society
Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Bijan Ahmadian - Ombudsperson
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Kim Lam - Graduate Students Society
Ali Arya - Graduate Students Society
Dave Tompkins - Senate
Derek Jones - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Mariko Takeuchi - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Rajdeep Basra - Law Students Association
Jamie Roots - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
Matt Lovick - Arts Undergraduate Society
Chris Fennell - Graduate Students Society
GAP Litigation Update - Bernie Peets
< Attended BC Supreme Court last week.
< Action against Nathan Allen has been dropped.
< Shifted from conspiracy theory to vicarious liability.
< Closing arguments to be heard towards the end of October followed by a final judgement sometime after that.

G) Discussion Period:

WAVAW
< Kristen Read asked about the WAVAW rape crisis centre. Christopher Lythgo said the agreement has been signed. Oana Chirila said they had moved in.

Executive Procedures Manual
< Sameer Wahid asked about the Manual. Nick Seddon said it is coming along.

Council and the Executive
< Holly Read said it is important to build links between the Constituencies and Council, and would like to be able to point to references to Council in AMS advertising. She noted the absence of such a reference in a recent promotion.
< Steve Price asked if it was the Executive or Council that set the direction for the AMS. He thought it was Council and that the Executive’s role was to execute, to carry out the will of Council. He said he was concerned that the Executive was putting forth its own direction. He said the first duty is representation of students; politics should be secondary to that.
< Kristen Harvey said the hierarchy is actually first the student body, then Council, then the Executive. She said there is a multitude of material promoting the AMS, including 22,000 copies of the Inside UBC. There are also cards promoting AMS services and rave cards with photos of the Executive on them, to put a human face on the AMS. To single out one promotion was not fair. She said if additional sorts of promotions were wanted, she was more than open to that, but she didn’t see the need to be confrontational about the situation.
< Reka Sztopa expressed concern about cards with the phrase “your student society” on them which display the Executive, as if that’s what the AMS is. Students are confused by such cards, she said; the cards should include all that the AMS is.

1. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council continue the discussion on Council and the Executive.”

Abstained: Kim Lam ... Carried

< Spencer Keys said Steve Price’s point was that the Executive should not be bypassing Council. As to the rave cards, he asked what point did they have? What are we trying to get out of them? To increase voter turnout?
Oana Chirila said that Council does set the tone for everything; it has the ultimate say. But she expressed concern about micro-management and noted that there are smaller bodies of Council that do exercise control: the Renovations Planning Group makes recommendations about what to do with the old Bank of Montreal space. The Communications Planning Group sets the tone for publications.

Tara Learn said all the executives know they can’t do anything without coming to Council. The rave cards are to allow students to contact members of the executive.

Kate Woznow said there should be Council motions on issues like Policy 71. She expressed concern that Council was not giving direction to Christopher and Tara on the Policy 71 committee.

Cameron Reeves asked what the feedback procedure was for Council members: was it here during Discussion Period? on committees? talking to the Executive informally?

Christopher Lythgo said that on the Policy 71 issue there had been discussion since Day One, with reports to Council. The Executive had been soliciting feedback. Also, the Policy 71 committee is in its infancy.

Matt Lovick asked how Christopher knew what to say when attending meetings of that committee. Where was he getting direction? If not from Council, was it just his own opinions?

Christopher Lythgo said there was AMS policy; he drew on that. He added that there was always an opportunity for input; there were reports to Council.

Chris Fennell said that as an executive of another society, he could see two sides to this issue. On the one hand, the Executive has to take direction from the student body and from Council; the Executive is constrained by policy passed by Council. But it was also the responsibility of the Executive to communicate to all members, not just Council. Perhaps there has been a breakdown of communication here, but there was no need to be confrontational. He didn’t think anyone here was going into committee meetings and just saying what they wanted.

Spencer Keys suggested publishing all AMS policies on line. He also suggested publishing information on committees: what they do, who’s on them. He also suggested having a place on the website where issues could be discussed. And he recommended circulating Council agendas earlier, a week before meetings, to give Council members more time to know what needs to be discussed and to allow time for research on the issues.

Campus Safety Committee

Christopher Lythgo noted that at a meeting in April, Council suspended Code to increase the number of members on the Safety Committee, but did not suspend the part of Code saying only one Council member elected from any one Constituency can serve on a committee. Now there were going to be two Council members from Arts on this committee, one appointed by Council and one named by the Women’s Centre. He said there was a bit of a paradox in the Code on this issue, and suggested that a Code amendment might be in order.

Club Ads

Kim Lam asked about clubs putting up ads on Marine Drive.

Oana Chirila said Brian Sullivan had said the highway department would be removing them. There were safety issues involved, and the clubs had been informed. However, SAC has nothing to do with things outside the SUB.

Kim Lam wondered whether SAC didn’t have control over the clubs since it was SAC that gave them life.

Oana Chirila said SAC has jurisdiction over the SUB and would be regarded as even more of a “club nazi” if it tried to forbid advertising on Marine Drive.

Mark Fraser said clubs do some wild and crazy things and there was only so much SAC could do. He said what works well is getting a bill from UBC’s Plant Operations and telling the club it has to pay it.
Student Court

Ian McKechnie asked if Student Court had a full complement of judges.
Christopher Lythgo said No, currently only four, but ads are up on the website advertising the vacancies.
Ian McKechnie asked if the Court could still operate. Reading from the bylaws, Sameer Wahid noted that quorum for the court was five judges.
Ian McKechnie asked if the currently appointed four judges are being paid even though they can’t hear cases.
Christopher Lythgo said the judges are paid only if they do work.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated September 11, 2002 [SCD 187-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 15, 2002 [SCD 188-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 27, 2002 [SCD 189-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 9, 2002 [SCD 190-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 10, 2002 [SCD 191-003]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated August 1, 2002 [SCD 192-003]
[SCD 193-003]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated March 25, 2002 [SCD 194-003]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated April 22, 2002 [SCD 195-003]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated May 6, 2002 [SCD 196-003]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated May 17, 2002 [SCD 197-003]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated June 3, 2002 [SCD 198-003]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated July 8, 2002

I) Executive Committee Motions:

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

2. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM: [SCD 199-003]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Grad Class Council Code Amendment’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:
M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the University Commission dated August 7, 2002 [SCD 202-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 3, 2002 [SCD 203-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 9, 2002 [SCD 204-003]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

< In his Constituency Report, Matt Lovick announced his resignation from Council, which was necessary because he was no longer a student and thus not an AMS member.
< Sameer Wahid suggested making Matt an associate AMS member until he could sort out his situation. This would not make him a member of Council, just of the AMS.

3. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That Council appoint Matt Lovick as an associate member of the Society for a one year term.”

4. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

5. MOVED KRISTEN READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

6. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

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... Carried

O) Submissions:

[SCD 205-003]
< Appropriate Student Conflict Management System (report from AMS Ombudsoffice)
< Financial Statements for Period Ending [SCD 206-003]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

CL:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Chris Sheppard (The Ubyssey), Michael Schwandt (The Ubyssey), Brian Silzer (Registrar), Michelle Aucoin (VP Students Office), Katherine Beaumont (Student Exchange Programs), Peter Skipper (External Commission), Liz King (Safewalk), Krissy Price (Assistant to the President), Stephanie McKernan (SAC Secretary), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

E) Alumni Achievement Awards Dinner - Krissy Price
- Asked Council members to volunteer to be UBC student ambassadors for the Alumni Achievement Awards Dinner. The event is to be held at the Fairmont Waterfront hotel on November 14th. Volunteers are requested to be there from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Volunteers duties include: selling raffle balloons, mingling with UBC alumni and mingling and dining with event sponsors. The sales of the raffle tickets/balloons go to student scholarships, an award for an outstanding student (presented at this awards night) and funding a mentorship program for students.

F) Grad Class Council - Stephanie McKernan
- Reminded constituencies that their lists of Grad Class Councils reps is due this Friday.

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

G) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

[SCD 207-003]

< Non-Instructional Fee Proposal: Brian Silzer, UBC Registrar; Michelle Aucoin, VP Students office; Katherine Beaumont, Student Exchange office

Brian Silzer:
- Administration’s non-instructional fees to be considered at November meeting of UBC Board of Governors.
- The Administration has already received a draft letter from Kristen Harvey in response to its proposal and is “going to school” on it.
- The proposed non-instructional fees approximate the cost of service and reflect what is charged elsewhere.
- Costs include staffing, supplies, systems support, transactions.
- The proposed application fee is comparable to that at other universities, in the middle of the pack.
- The intent is to produce a comprehensive schedule of fees; the one presented tonight is not yet complete; there is still dialogue going on; e.g., the deans are discussing fees for broader-based admission applications, which look beyond grades and incur extra costs.

- The increases are large and beyond the cost of living because the fees have not been modified for a long time; this is a major one-time correction. The idea is also to make the fees more reflective of costs.

- An example of costs: application fee. This involves processing applications, assessing credentials, evaluating documents. About 22,000 applications are processed a year. The total cost is $1.51 million, so the cost per application is $68.60, which also happens to be parallel to the cost at other schools.

Questions:

-Dan Grice asked about the application fee at local universities. Michelle Aucoin said it is $25 at SFU and UVic. UBC’s is currently $22 (but going up to $60). SFU and UVic are reviewing their fee too.

-Dan Grice wondered if raising the application fee would deter students from applying to BC universities. Brian Silzer said it would be costly to apply to a number of institutions and could have an effect on the number of applications a student makes, but he didn’t think the $60 fee would deter students from applying to UBC.

-Dan Grice asked about waiting until there could be consultation with SFU and UVic. Brian Silzer said UBC is in touch with its sister institutions, and said he’d be surprised if their fee differed from UBC’s in the end, but he said the institutions did not tend to do things as a group.

-Kate Woznow asked why the Administration did not wait until the general tuition increase goes before the Board in January. That would give more time to get the word out to students. Brian Silzer said the Board did not want all the fees at one meeting. He added that the information about these increases is out there.

-Kate Woznow said students would prefer one comprehensive fee document. Brian Silzer said something like that could be done.

-Chris Fennell questioned the $30 fee for deferred exams, especially since the TA’s or faculty members involved in such exams are already salaried, so there would be no additional cost.

-Brian Silzer said he did not understand why there was previously no charge for these exams; they are certainly not a free service. As to the point that TA’s and faculty members are already paid, he said that argument could be extended to all fees: the profs are there, so why raise tuition? But he said he was sensitive to the different context for deferred exams—student hardship, some distressing event. He said possibly the fee could be waived in certain cases, when a student was in extreme duress; he’d like the flexibility.

-Sameer Wahid asked if increasing the fee for a review of assigned standing was undercutting students’ right to appeal their grades. Brian Silzer said the right was not being questioned, but added that there is a cost associated with it. He said that if the student wins the appeal, the new fee will be refunded just as the old one was.

-Jennifer Lau asked if there were any plans for application fee waivers for students in financial difficulty. Brian Silzer said No, if students don’t have money to apply, then they don’t have money to attend. He would refer such students to the Financial Aid Office. He was against waiving any fees except for deferred exams.

-Olivier Plessis asked about the $100,000 newly allocated to contribute to the administrative cost of exams. Brian Silzer said he hadn’t figured out what that really means yet, adding that it could significantly weaken the case for increases in the fees for exams.
- Cameron Reeves asked if fees not listed are not going to be changed. Brian Silzer said there are other fees, the mandatory fees, Departmental fees, Board-approved fees. Brian noted that Departmental fees are often optional; you could choose not to pay them, just as you could choose not to buy a textbook and borrow one instead.
- Dave Tompkins asked what the total revenue would be from the increases. Brian Silzer said in excess of $2 million, noting that not all of it would go to the Registrar’s Office.
- Olivier Plessis asked about exchange fees. Katherine Beaumont said none of what the student pays goes to the Student Exchange Office; it covers the cost of the service.
- Dave Tompkins asked if the quality of service were simply to be maintained, would there not have to be an increase? Brian Silzer said he did not want to say Yes to that: with or without an increase, the University was improving quality; fees don’t drive the process.
- Dave Tompkins asked if quality is independent of the fee level. Brian Silzer said that was not true either. He said there have been frequent improvements in service, often silently introduced and just accepted: for instance, this year students can pay by credit card. But such improvements have costs. He added that student response to service has been very positive, and this in a period when there were no fee increases.
- Dave Tompkins said if students are happy with the level of service, is there reason to increase the fees? Brian Silzer said students want improvements and he thought most were ready to pay for that; the University should not be looking for mediocrity.

< U-Pass - Tara Learn (VP External) [SCD 208-003]
- U-Pass would allow unlimited access to GVRD transit services, excluding the West Coast Express.
- U-Pass would be mandatory for all UBC students.
- AMS U-Pass discussions commenced in 1996. The AMS supported changing class times to make the U-Pass feasible.
- Currently Translink are looking at a $23 U-Pass. If the cost of a monthly one zone fare card increases, Translink will adjust the price of the U-Pass by the same percentage up to a maximum of $3 per semester.
- Translink would like to enter into a four year contract.
- Discussion of UBC contribution.

Questions:
- Stephen Price asked if Translink were prepared to negotiate further on the price. Tara said $23 was the final number and there was no room for negotiation.
- Kate Woznow asked if the seabus was included. Tara said the seabus was included but not the West Coast Express.
- Barry Shin asked if there was an opt-out provision. There will be no provisions to opt-in or opt-out.
- Dave Allen and Jeffrey Kwee asked who is included. Tara said that any student who pays AMS fees would be included. She indicated she would look into this further.
- Jeffrey Kwee asked if the U-pass was transferable. The pass is not transferable.

D) President’s Remarks:
UBC Non-Instructional Fee Proposal
- Have been meeting with Michelle Aucoin and Brian Silzer regarding the proposal. As per the consultation timeline, shared the draft memo with the University. Please find attached to the agenda the memo for Council ratification this evening.

AMS Interactive
- 2nd edition went out, and I forwarded it to Council...don't forget to sign up if you haven't already.
< There are 700 subscribers, with 150 pending authorization!!

**AMS Fundraising**

< The Exec met with a Vancouver-area fundraiser to gather more information about bringing this possibility to the AMS

**AMS Staff Appreciation lunch, and Fun Movie Night**

< Thanks to those Councillors who came out to see "About a Boy" last Tuesday, October 1!

**AMS Council Discussion Meeting**

< Excellent opportunity to discuss ways the AMS can continue to improve. There will be a follow-up meeting in the works.

**UBC Library/Learning Centre**

< UBC Announcement happened last Thursday October 3 about the establishment of a new 24-hour, high-tech library/learning centre. The BC Government has contributed $10 million, UBC $30 million, and an individual donor named Irving Barber has donated $20 million.

**On the Horizon**

< CASA Lobby Conference to be held October 27 - November 2 in Ottawa, Ontario. Will be meeting with ministers, senior civil servants, MP's, and many more.

**E) Executive Reports:**

**Nick Seddon - VP Finance**

**Finance Commission**

< Student Initiative Fund – application nearing completion.
< Fundraising Handbook is now underway.
< Student Financial Assistance Handbook – going to be completely revamped as the old version is quite outdated and can be improved in terms of its relevance.
< Online Budget Format for all clubs and constituencies – feasibility meeting with Hong Lok-Li

**September Financial Results**

< Just arrived and will be ready for next Council meeting.

**UAC & Athletics and Recreation Task Force**

< Final A&R Task Force meeting on Monday that approved the final draft of recommendations for the VP Students and will also be taken to UAC for further implementation.
< The draft was very successful as it caters to students’ needs – the AMS/GSS are quite please with this.

**BOC**

< Last meeting held yesterday.
   - Discussed the BMO space.
   - Suggestions will be taken to the Renovations Planning Group meeting on Thursday.

**Miscellaneous**

< Volunteered at the Royal Jubilee on Monday – very excited to be part of the Royal visit.

**Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**

**AMS Services**

< AMS Services will be promoting to residence students at the Totem Park “Campus Craze” info fair tomorrow
< Our services have yet to recover from the September rush, as they have been increasingly busy.

**Minischool**

< Courses started this week and the majority are full.
   - Wine testing and intro to film still taking registration until this Friday, so please sign up and let your constituents know!

**Safewalk**

< AMS Safewalk will be hosting the National Safewalk Conference – October 31 - November 3.
- delegates from across Canada attending.
- please get in touch with Liz King, AMS Safewalk Coordinator, if you are interested in attending any of the sessions or getting involved with the conference.

**Joblink**
< Had a booth at the Career Fair last week. Excellent exposure for our service.

**Volunteer Services:**
< Volunteer Fair was a great success.
< VeX volunteer program has been in high demand already from different campus groups. If you are interested in having volunteers help out with any of your programs or events, please get in touch with Azadeh, the Volunteer Services Coordinator.

**Events**
< Fishbone and K-OS shows played at the Pit. I attended the sold out K-OS show and it was amazing! Great to have one of Canada’s premier hip hop artists play in our venue.
< Small Bands, Small Venue coming up next Tuesday. Showcasing some great local indie bands, so be sure to come out and support them.

**Tara Learn - VP External Affairs**

**Joint Project with AMS/UBC/GSS to Lobby on Financial Aid in BC**
< Really exciting!
< All groups with unified message.
< Hopefully will see some real movement.

**U-Pass**
< Negotiations have stalled.
< I’ve already filled you in on all the details in my presentation.
< We will be having a council discussion about where we go from here.

**Smart Card**
< I’m part of the UBC Smart Card working group.
< Still in developmental stages.
< Plan to get the first stage of the card out for January 2003.
< In full swing in September 2004.

**Code and Policies Committee**
< Meeting regularly.
< Currently discussing the elections.
< As well as online voting.

**CASA Days**
< Really successful!
< The Fortune cookies went over really well as a mechanism to communicate effectively.
< A lot of people had some really great questions about CASA and seem really interested.
< Plan to do this again soon.

**External Commission**
< Unfortunately we had to postpone Not On Our campus due to lack of responses. It will happen in the next term instead.
< Working hard on the Great Trekker Award dinner, Municipal Elections.

**Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic**

**Housekeeping**
< University Commission - Mike Litchfield, the Law Senator is now in attendance in Ucom. His experience in both the legal framework and as a Student Senator adds to our discussions on Academic Policy.
< Campus Safety Committee will be discussing a comprehensive AMS Campus Safety Policy at our next meeting on Tuesday. It will identify key areas of concern for students as well as
identifying further partnerships with the university that will address the implementations of committee recommendations from last year. This policy will be brought to Council next week.

< Medical Undergraduate Society student fees increasing from $20 to $40.

< UBC Housing Committee - Kim Lam (GSS) and myself attended. The discussion focuses around a broad concept of ‘housing’ on campus with more of an emphasis on market housing. The AMS needs to outline its stance on development - in particular affordable student housing so that we can influence future plans.

< University Neighbourhood Association - meeting held last night. I directed the Board to examine the future use of the Old Horse Barn into a student friendly community centre. It is important that the AMS gets a foothold in the development of South Campus and ensure that there is a place for students and in particular social space for students.

Upcoming Events

< Professor Evaluations - I will be mailing out letters to the Deans next week and inviting them to sit down with myself and Brendon Miller (Ucom Academic Issues Commissioner). The purpose of these discussions will be to advance student accessibility to their professor evaluation. When a meeting time has been set up with your Dean, I will be sure to invite the appropriate Constituency President to accompany me.

< Policy 71 Committee - tonight we have a draft AMS response to the ongoing s. This is what Tara, Chris and I have been advocating. I look forward to voicing Council’s resolve on this issue.

< Position openings exist for an Elections Administrator and Student Court. Information will be emailed out to you shortly.

Oana Chirila - VP Administration

Impacts

< Talked to John Metras from Plant Ops re. OMG Advertising proposal (recycling facilities to be placed around the SUB with advertising on the side.) Revenue-sharing would be three-ways between AMS, UBC, and OMG.

< The Ubyssey ran an article on our composting facilities.

< Nancy Toogood attended a food sources conference and has come back with many ideas for increasing the sustainability of our food and beverage operations. Look for more details soon! Nancy is going to put together an all-organic or locally-grown food menu for the AMS Xmas party.

SAC

< Constituted three new clubs: Pakistan Students Association, Table Tennis Club, DAP (Diploma in Accounting Program) Student Association.

< SAC is working on calling back clubs constituted in the last year for a review of their probationary standing.

< The Art Gallery showcased Michael Kingsmill’s artwork, followed by a week of bike art by the AMS Bike Co-op. This week’s artist cancelled at the last minute.

< Club Executive Orientations Day on Monday September 30th was not the success I was hoping it would be. I am looking at holding these sessions again as I feel the information and the consultation is important, but perhaps the timing of the sessions was not right, and more could have been done for advertising. One of the most successful sessions was a planning brainstorming meeting for Chinese New Year Fair for next semester, to be held on the Concourse on February 3rd.

< Yaa-Hemaa Obiri-Yeboah, the SAC Resource Group Commissioner, has been attending RGAC meetings regularly and has reported that Colour Connected Against Racism has no active members or executives. I’ve asked Sibylla Verdi, AMS Communications Coordinator, to place a note in the Ubyssey, the Point, and the AMS website, to recruit members.
Bookings line-up happened Tuesday October 1st at 7 am, and Kari Hewett, AMS Bookings Representative, is now holding appointments with the clubs for single bookings.

SAC Wine and Cheese will be happening on October 24th. Live entertainment will be provided again this year, and invitations will go out to club and constituency executives.

Met with the Ombudsperson to discuss how he can be involved in conflict resolution on SAC issues, which are often very controversial.

**Renovations Planning Group**

Motion on the agenda tonight to buy corkboards for club offices.

The WAVAW office door lock is now fixed.

Council Chamber capacity was of concern earlier, as Kari had been saying it is limited to 30 people, when in fact it is much higher (145). She will update her files.

Renovations discussed the issue of Council Chambers chairs and decided that we will look into fixing the existing chairs and adding more seating in the room, as new chairs could cost up to $350 each.

On the ongoing Renos agenda is the Bank of Montreal issue. Henry has compiled numbers for the soft costs of the two options for the renovation and presented at B.O.C. yesterday, will be presenting at Renos tomorrow.

**Other Business**

I will be attending the Alcohol Policy Review committee meeting along with Nancy Toogood, Stephen Price, Sue Brown and Liz King. Any issues that AMS councilors would like addressed there can be discussed with either Stephen or me beforehand.

I met with Staff Sergeant Barry Hickman from the Campus RCMP detachment today to discuss his procedures for issuing liquor licenses for bzzr gardens in the SUB and elsewhere on campus. He seems concerned with being under-staffed and unable to cover all events when they end at the same time. For now, we will try to have bzzr gardens in 3pm-7pm, 7pm-11pm time-slots instead of the tried-and-true 4pm-8pm, 8pm-12am times.

A lot of my time was taken up with helping out Eilis Courtney from the Ceremonies Office. Monday was the Royal Jubilee visit to UBC. I recruited and trained over 20 volunteers to whom I am very grateful for their help and dedication. Quite a few volunteers came from the AMS and from Council, thank you to everyone for making the event so smooth and successful.

The Walter Gage Fund Committee allocated $250 to Volunteer Services for VeX shirts, and $500 to the Advocacy Office to attend a conference.

The AMS Movie Night on Tuesday October 1st in the Norm Theatre was great fun, and I hope all the councillors who came out enjoyed themselves.

**Constituency Reports:**

- Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
- Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
- Elliot Grundmanis - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society
- Kim Lam - Graduate Students Society
- Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
- Bijan Ahmadian - Ombudsperson
- Daniel Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
- Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
- Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
- Jennifer Lau - Senate
- Kristen Read - Arts Undergraduate Society
- Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
- Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society
- Jason Podur - Arts Undergraduate Society
- Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
- Rajdeep Basra - Law Students Association
I) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED ANNES SONG: [SCD 209-003]

“Whereas through the AMS Safewalk service, the AMS has acknowledged safety as being an important issue on campus; and

Whereas the addition of the Trek/AMS Safewalk shuttles will greatly enhance the level of safety on campus as well as the operational efficiency of Safewalk; and

Whereas it’s in the best interest of the AMS to have a more formal agreement between Safewalk and the UBC Trek program;

Therefore be it resolved that AMS Council endorse the memorandum of understanding between the UBC Trek program and the AMS as presented.”

- Behshad Darvish said the agreement with the Trek office formalizes a shuttle program that has been running on a trial basis. There will be two shuttles, which will enhance the Safewalk program. UBC is covering most of the costs; all Safewalk is providing is the staff.
- Ali Arya said he hasn’t seen any good statistics to justify all the effort being put into safety.
- Liz King said a lot of crime is not reported, adding that safety is also a feeling: people may feel unsafe, and that’s why Safewalk is there. She added that if Safewalk were not needed, people wouldn’t be using it, but they are using it.
- Jason Podur said he had just returned from a WAVAW meeting at which he learned that BC has the highest rate of sexual assault in the country.
- Ian McKechnie asked about the total value of the resources being allocated to the shuttle program. Behshad Darvish said no increase in spending was anticipated; Safewalk is on budget. Liz King said no new staff were added; they were just shifted around.
- Kate Woznow said women and men are assaulted on campus, and anything we can do to increase the feeling of security is a good thing.
- Ian McKechnie asked how long the shuttle project is for. Behshad Darvish said it is a pilot project just for this year, ending April 30.

2. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

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“Whereas through the AMS Safewalk service, the AMS has acknowledged safety as being an important issue on campus; and
Whereas the addition of the Trek/AMS Safewalk shuttles will greatly enhance the level of safety on campus as well as the operational efficiency of Safewalk; and

Whereas it’s in the best interest of the AMS to have a more formal agreement between Safewalk and the UBC Trek program;

Therefore be it resolved that AMS Council endorse the memorandum of understanding between the UBC Trek program and the AMS as presented.”

... Carried

G) Discussion Period:

U-Pass Update

4. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED MARK FRASER, SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

5. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

“That Council move out of camera.” ... Carried

Beer gardens

- Referring to the problems the Engineers had with one of their events, which they had to cancel because of difficulties obtaining a liquor licence, and to other signs of strictness from the RCMP, Sameer Wahid asked if there was anything that could be done about beer gardens generally. He asked about the University’s role in limiting beer gardens.
- Referring to new rules requiring that beer gardens end by 11 pm, two hours before the Pit’s 1 am closing, Dave Tompkins said it would be better to let the beer gardens continue to run till midnight and keep the Pit open till 2.
- Steve Price said that beer gardens are integral to the social and academic life of the community. He also suggested buying a boat to drink on out of the jurisdiction of the campus.
- Bernie Peets said that the professional staff of the AMS would not go back to Prohibition. He added that beer gardens keep students on campus instead of them driving drunk. He questioned UBC’s notion that if there is no alcohol on campus, students will not drink.
- Behshad Darvish said UBC’s attitude has emerged at the University’s Alcohol Review Committee, where the view has been expressed that attitudes to alcohol on campus are too casual. There’s a move towards a hard line, making event organizers pay for security. He said actually it is safer to make sure there is a controlled area to drink in. Also, events like beer gardens build spirit. The University wants to follow more the dry campus model of Harvard or Yale.
- Kate Woznow said there is a safety concern in not having beer gardens, but also there is a concern over what happens at beer gardens and over students leaving these events drunk. It would make more sense for the RCMP to charge less for security so we could have more security at the beer gardens. Students need to socialize.
- Chris Fennell said UBC’s attempt to cut out beer gardens was an example of its paternalism. Why was there suddenly thought to be a problem? He said the situation is different in the US, where the drinking age is 21. He said there should be a motion condemning the actions by UBC.
- Dan Grice said there needs to be grassroots support on this issue, a petition; this is one of the few things people care about.
- Oana Chirila said the RCMP is being tougher on the AMS than on the Greek System; the RCMP says the Greek System have rules. But the AMS, and specifically SAC have rules. There’s an attempt by the VP Students office to restrict beer gardens to the SUB.
- Cameron Reeves said it is not just the VP Students office, but the RCMP. The RCMP is pushing the Engineers to pay for security; the Engineers are checking the legality of this.
- Mark Fraser said the Residence Associations might be strong allies on this issue.
- Sameer Wahid said beer gardens create a great dynamic; you can chat with your profs in a relaxed way. If beer gardens are banned, people will go off campus or drink illegally. Beer gardens are a good chance to unwind; without them, stress would go up and fun would go down.
- Dave Tompkins said he believed things are lax at UBC compared to eastern campuses; but because the UBC campus is so isolated, other universities’ situations are not relevant.
- Steve Price asked if beer gardens are covered by AMS insurance. Oana Chirila said they are if properly booked and licensed. Bernie Peets said it is critical that all paperwork and licenses be in place.
- Bijan Ahmadian offered to attend negotiations with the RCMP to help with the process.

Council adjourned for a 10 minute recess at 9:20 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 p.m.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated September 25, 2002 [SCD 210-003]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

6. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM: [SCD 211-003]

“Whereas the AMS has called on the University for consultation on fees affecting UBC students; and

Whereas the University has included a non-instructional fee proposal in it's tuition and fee consultation process timeline;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council endorse the AMS response to the University's non-instructional fee proposal as presented.”

- Chris Fennell said he was happy with the quick response of the AMS Executive to the University’s fee increase proposal, though he thought it might be possible to be a little stronger.
- Kate Woznow said she would love to see as much energy and anger over this issue as over liquor licenses. She echoed Chris Fennell’s concern that the AMS response was not strong enough, but she recognized the need to draw the University into negotiations. She asked what the next step was.
- Kristen Harvey said there was a tight timeline. There had been meetings with Brian Silzer and Michelle Aucoin to make them aware of AMS positions. Council support would strengthen this. As well, each Constituency council could endorse the response too for solidarity. It may also be an idea to raise the issue in the media.
- Holly Read said there should be some direction on what the University should do. If they are not to charge for deferred exams, for instance, we should suggest what fund they might draw on to pay for them.
- Sameer Wahid said he agreed with most of the University’s proposed increases. The application fee seemed on par with other universities. He had no problem with the Student Exchange fee. Most of the other fee increases were minor. He didn’t agree with the increase in the fee for a review of assigned standing, and the fee for deferred exams was the worst idea he’d ever heard of, but he said the AMS should recognize that most of what the University was doing was okay. The response should be more neutral and not saying that everything they do is wrong.
- Kim Lam said we should congratulate the University on what they do right. Balance is good.
- Reka Sztopa said we should focus on what’s vital to students and going up a lot and agree with the rest.
- Ali Arya said that since Brian Silzer said CPI is not the reason for the increases, we need to rephrase our response.
- Dan Grice suggested contacting high school guidance counsellors to get them onside.
- Jared Wright said the response is balanced. The AMS is only contesting six of the 30 increases, and in our preamble we acknowledge the fact that the University is consulting with us. In negotiations, strategy requires that you ask for more than you want; there’s some give and take. On CPI, because we raised the issue, that’s why Brian Silzer came in and explained the other reasons behind the increase. And then there’s the $100,000, which they don’t have an answer for. They don’t know the costs. He urged Council to keep the memo the way it is. It’s made the University respond, and they’re on the run.

7. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That the memo be referred back to the Committee.”

- Jared Wright said we are on a timeline and need to balance consultation with Council and maintaining a professional relationship with the University.
- Kate Woznow said this was a time-sensitive issue; it was going to the Board of Governors at the end of November. She could see the concerns with not hurting our relationship with the University, but this was not an aggressively worded letter. We have the Administration in a good position now; we need to send the letter. The Administration recognizes that we take this seriously and realizes it needs to respond.
- Holly Read said she would like to prioritize what is important and de-emphasize CPI. Where do we want the money to come from if not from us?
- Kristen Harvey said there is a strategy here. The University is not upset; they wanted feedback. We were not harsh; we were diplomatic. Contesting five or six issues out of 30 is not unreasonable.

8. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That the memo be referred back to the Committee.” ... Withdrawn

9. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated
10. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“Whereas the AMS has called on the University for consultation on fees affecting UBC students; and

Whereas the University has included a non-instructional fee proposal in it's tuition and fee consultation process timeline;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council endorse the AMS response to the University's non-instructional fee proposal as presented.”

11. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“Whereas the AMS has called on the University for consultation on fees affecting UBC students; and

Whereas the University has included a non-instructional fee proposal in it's tuition and fee consultation process timeline;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council endorse the AMS response to the University's non-instructional fee proposal as presented.”

Note: Sameer Wahid - opposed ... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

13. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

“That Council appoint ______________, ______________ and __________ (Council members), to the U-Pass Advisory Committee.”

14. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:

“That Council suspend the AMS Code of Procedure to increase the size of the above Committee.”

15. MOVED KRISTEN READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

16. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:
“That Council suspend the AMS Code of Procedure to increase the size of the above Committee.”
... Carried

17. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

“That Council appoint Jason Podur, Holly Read, Barry Shin, Rajdeep Basra and Ali Arya
(Council members) to the U-Pass Advisory Committee.”

18. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

19. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

“That Council appoint Jason Podur, Holly Read, Barry Shin, Rajdeep Basra and Ali Arya
(Council members) to the U-Pass Advisory Committee.”
... Carried

20. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

“That Council appoint Jennifer Smith to represent the AMS on the Sherwood Lett Selection Committee.”
... Carried

21. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That Council appoint Elliot Grundmanis to represent the AMS on the Aquatic Centre Management Committee.”
... Carried Unanimously

22. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“Whereas the Millennium Scholarship Foundation (MSF) currently distributes bursaries to thousands of Canadian students in financial need through a publicly funded endowment; and

Whereas the MSF recently produced the report, *The Price of Knowledge*, which examines the factors affecting decisions to attend post-secondary education, the socio-economic profile of the student population, and the forms and levels of financial assistance available to students; and

Whereas, *The Price of Knowledge* concludes that there is no readily observable relationship between tuition and overall participation rates, thereby implying that tuition levels are not barriers to accessibility; and

Whereas, *The Price of Knowledge* conclusions are based on data arising from a 1991 survey of 18-20 year old school-leavers, thereby neglecting the true impact of tuition increases on accessibility during the last decade; and

Whereas, Statistics Canada has recently produced research demonstrating that tuition levels are barriers to access, since students from families in the highest income group are more than 2.5 times as likely to attend university than those from families in the lowest income group;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society condemn the *Price of Knowledge* conclusion that there is no observable relationship between tuition and overall participation rates.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council call upon the Millennium Scholarship Foundation to conduct further research on factors affecting accessibility using current data and survey results.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tara Learn said CASA and the AMS both generally support the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. It provides scholarships and its research is generally good. However, in this case they have used outdated data from 1991. Since 1991, tuition has increased 136 percent.
- Spencer Keys said some of the data is from 1999. Tara Learn said the main research point is based on the 1991 data. She said the point of the motion is not to condemn the entire report, just the one item saying that tuition increases don’t affect accessibility. Students need to lobby, and this item in the report is damaging to the lobbying effort. This is relevant to us because we use the accessibility issue as the basis of our opposition to tuition increases.

23. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council amend motion #20 by striking the resolutions and replacing them with:

‘Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society commend the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation’s extensive and continuing research project. Be it further resolved that the AMS Council call upon the External Commission to selectively use facts cited in The Price of Knowledge to encourage the Provincial and Federal Governments to increase their investments in post-secondary education’.”

- Dan Grice said the Millennium Foundation had produced lots of reports and is conducting more research, so it is not necessary to call on them to do that. He said the report had used several sources, not just 1991 data. He said there is a lot of good information in the report and just because the media jumped on one negative point is no reason to condemn it.
- Kate Woznow opposed the amendment, saying it didn’t get to the heart of the issue: accessibility. The accessibility issue was a very important point in the report, and it’s what members of government will jump on.
- Kim Lam asked why the word “selectively” was in the amendment when being selective was what was being criticized in the main motion.

[friendly amendment to remove “selectively” from the amendment]

24. MOVED KIM LAM, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That Council postpone motion #22 until the next Council meeting.”

- Kim Lam suggested postponing the debate on both the main motion and the amendment. Ian McKechnie said most people hadn’t read the Millennium report.
- Chris Fennell said the issue is time-sensitive; there needs to be a motion by the CASA meeting. Council members should have read the report; “it’s our job.”
- Barry Shin said the meeting was running late, so Council should postpone debate.
- Kate Woznow said the issue is time-sensitive. Tuition increases are coming soon. Also, Jared had done the research.
- Sameer Wahid said the length of the meeting was no reason to postpone.
- Jared Wright said it was true that the Millennium report referred to other sources, but not on this point (about tuition and accessibility). On this point it relied solely and improperly on the 1991 data. The CFS, CAUT, and CASA have all said this is a problem in the report. We’re heading into a round of lobbying, and we’ve heard from government people quoting this conclusion from the report; the conclusion has been plastered all over the media. It’s true that there is a lot of good research in the report on debt levels etc., but we have to condemn this one conclusion: it’s damaging and misleading. Not the whole report, just this one conclusion. How can we fight in negotiations if we can’t link tuition fees to accessibility?
- Tara Learn quoted an article in the *Globe and Mail* as an example of the widespread quoting of the report’s conclusion that accessibility is not linked to tuition levels. She said these sorts of comments in the media are detrimental to the point we want to make. Politicians will have read the *Globe* and not the whole report.

25. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

26. MOVED KIM LAM, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That Council postpone motion #22 until the next Council meeting.”

... Defeated

27. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council amend motion #22 by striking the resolutions and replacing them with:

‘Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society commend the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation’s extensive and continuing research project.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council call upon the External Commission to use facts cited in The Price of Knowledge to encourage the Provincial and Federal Governments to increase their investments in post-secondary education’.”

28. MOVED RAJDEEP BASRA, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Kim Lam - abstained ... Carried

29. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council amend motion #22 by striking the resolutions and replacing them with:

‘Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society commend the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation’s extensive and continuing research project.
Be it further resolved that the AMS Council call upon the External Commission to use facts cited in The Price of Knowledge to encourage the Provincial and Federal Governments to increase their investments in post-secondary education’.”

Note: Kim Lam, Cameron Reeves, Barry Shin, Sameer Wahid, Kristen Read - abstained.

... Defeated

- Chris Fennell questioned the whole report; it’s coming from the federal government, so it’s like tobacco companies saying cigarettes are good for you.

30. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“Whereas the Millennium Scholarship Foundation (MSF) currently distributes bursaries to thousands of Canadian students in financial need through a publicly funded endowment; and

Whereas the MSF recently produced the report, The Price of Knowledge, which examines the factors affecting decisions to attend post-secondary education, the socio-economic profile of the student population, and the forms and levels of financial assistance available to students; and

Whereas, The Price of Knowledge concludes that there is no readily observable relationship between tuition and overall participation rates, thereby implying that tuition levels are not barriers to accessibility; and

Whereas, The Price of Knowledge conclusions are based on data arising from a 1991 survey of 18-20 year old school-leavers, thereby neglecting the true impact of tuition increases on accessibility during the last decade; and

Whereas, Statistics Canada has recently produced research demonstrating that tuition levels are barriers to access, since students from families in the highest income group are more than 2.5 times as likely to attend university than those from families in the lowest income group;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society condemn the Price of Knowledge conclusion that there is no observable relationship between tuition and overall participation rates.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council call upon the Millennium Scholarship Foundation to conduct further research on factors affecting accessibility using current data and survey results.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Council adjourned at 11:25 p.m. for a 5 minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 p.m.

31. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #22 be amended by striking clauses 3 & 4 and replacing them with the following:

‘Whereas, although the report beneficially acknowledges the need for reform of student financial aid policies and increasing federal investment in post-secondary education, as well as the actual average student debt level, it also concludes that there is no readily observable relationship
between tuition and overall participation rates, thereby misleadingly implying that tuition levels are not barriers to accessibility, and

Whereas, this misleading conclusion is based on data arising from a 1991 survey of 18-20 year old school-leavers, thereby neglecting the true impact of tuition increases on accessibility during the last decade; and”.

- Spencer Keys said the amended version keeps the strong wording condemning one conclusion in the report, but also highlights what’s beneficial to us in the report: for instance, the statement that an increase in investment in post-secondary education is a good thing.
- Olivier Plessis wondered if it would be better just to say what we condemned, leaving out what we liked.
- Sameer Wahid said it was good to acknowledge what was good about the Millennium Scholarship Foundation and its report. Also, the amended version of the motion was very scientific, providing reasons.

32. MOVED KATE WOZNOW:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

33. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #20 be amended by striking clauses 3 & 4 and replacing them with the following:

‘Whereas, although the report beneficially acknowledges the need for reform of student financial aid policies and increasing federal investment in post-secondary education, as well as the actual average student debt level, it also concludes that there is no readily observable relationship between tuition and overall participation rates, thereby misleadingly implying that tuition levels are not barriers to accessibility, and

Whereas, this misleading conclusion is based on data arising from a 1991 survey of 18-20 year old school-leavers, thereby neglecting the true impact of tuition increases on accessibility during the last decade; and’.”

... Carried

34. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That whereas the Millennium Scholarship Foundation (MSF) currently distributes bursaries to thousands of Canadian students in financial need through a publicly funded endowment; and

Whereas the MSF recently produced the report, The Price of Knowledge, which examines the factors affecting decisions to attend post-secondary education, the socio-economic profile of the student population, and the forms and levels of financial assistance available to students; and

Whereas, although the report beneficially acknowledges the need for reform of student financial aid policies and increasing federal investment in post-secondary education, as well as the actual average student debt level, it also concludes that there is no readily observable relationship between tuition and overall participation rates, thereby misleadingly implying that tuition levels are not barriers to accessibility, and
Whereas, this misleading conclusion is based on data arising from a 1991 survey of 18-20 year old school-leavers, thereby neglecting the true impact of tuition increases on accessibility during the last decade; and

Whereas, Statistics Canada has recently produced research demonstrating that tuition levels are barriers to access, since students from families in the highest income group are more than 2.5 times as likely to attend university than those from families in the lowest income group;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society condemn the Price of Knowledge conclusion that there is no observable relationship between tuition and overall participation rates.

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council call upon the Millennium Scholarship Foundation to conduct further research on factors affecting accessibility using current data and survey results.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

35. MOVED HOLLY READ, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Daniel Grice - opposed ... Carried

36. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“Whereas the Millennium Scholarship Foundation (MSF) currently distributes bursaries to thousands of Canadian students in financial need through a publicly funded endowment; and

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Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society condemn the Price of Knowledge conclusion that there is no observable relationship between tuition and overall participation rates.
Be it further resolved that the AMS Council call upon the Millennium Scholarship Foundation to
cconduct further research on factors affecting accessibility using current data and survey results.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note:  Daniel Grice, Kim Lam, Cameron Reeves - abstained  ... Carried

I.)  Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated September 12, 2002  [SCD 212-003]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated September 25, 2002  [SCD 213-003]

37.  MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“That Council allocate up to $500 from the SUB Management Fund to purchase bulletin boards
for club offices in SUB on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group.”

Note:  Requires 2/3rds

-  Oana Chirila said SAC didn’t want clubs covering up their doors and windows with posters so
that no one could see in.  It was a safety concern: what if someone was in trouble inside?  Also, it
was a fire hazard.
-  Kate Woznow said she was concerned over whet her, with the increase of corporate ads in the
SUB, students would have space.  She asked how many boards there would be.
-  Oana Chirila said there would be 50 boards.  For the clubs only, not for the resource groups.  The
resource groups would be dealt with separately.  She said the club bulletin boards would be
suspended in the windows of club offices, on the inside, so only the clubs could use them.

38.  MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note:  Requires 2/3rds  ... Defeated

39.  MOVED DANIEL GRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note:  Requires 2/3rds  ... Carried

40.  MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“That Council allocate up to $500 from the SUB Management Fund to purchase bulletin boards
for club offices in SUB on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group.”

Note:  Requires 2/3rds  ... Carried

M)  Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:
The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated August 7, 2002 [SCD 214-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated August 21, 2002 [SCD 215-003]
Minutes of the University Commission dated September 12, 2002 [SCD 216-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 16, 2002 [SCD 217-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 23, 2002 [SCD 218-003]

41. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY:

“Whereas the next Vancouver municipal election will be taking place on November 16, 2002; and

Whereas the AMS has traditionally taken a role in elections at various levels of government in order to make the voice of students heard; and

Whereas there are many municipal issues that affect UBC students,

Therefore be it resolved that Council create the ad hoc Municipal Elections Committee to discuss the AMS role in the upcoming elections.

Be it further resolved that this committee consist of the Vice-President External, who shall be chair; the Municipal Affairs Commissioner from the External Commission; and three members of Student Council.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tara Learn said the proposed committee would plan advertising and hopefully be non-partisan.
- Kim Lam asked what municipal issues affect UBC students. Tara Learn said transportation is the biggest.
- Sameer Wahid asked if the committee would be advertising the election generally or promoting a stand. Tara Learn said we could either endorse a candidate or run a non-partisan campaign.
- Spencer asked why the External Commission wasn’t doing this. Tara Learn said the Commission was doing this, but it was also good to get Council input through this committee.

42. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
43. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

"That Council appoint Kate Woznow, Cameron Reeves and Jennifer Smith (Council members),
to the Municipal Elections Committee."

... Carried

I) Executive Committee and Motions (Continued):

44. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL: [SCD 219-003]

“Whereas the AMS has policy calling on the University to have timely and meaningful
communication with students regarding developments in tuition policy and adjustments in fees;
and
Whereas the University is currently seeking to amend Policy 71, Consultation With Students About Tuition Fees; and

Whereas the University has sought AMS advice on amending Policy 71 in an effort to make the policy more responsive to student needs;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council endorse the AMS proposal to the University for amending Policy 71 as presented.”

- Chris Fennell said the GSS officially supports three of the points made in the AMS proposal and unofficially supports the rest.
- Kate Woznow said that as one of the persons calling for this sort of thing to come to Council, she applauded it. She also supported the idea of consulting the student body as well as the student leadership and the idea of making sure Policy 71 includes the accessibility principle.
- Ali Arya asked what effect consultation has. The University could listen but then not accept what we say.
- Tara Learn said consultation has been successful in changing University policy. Last year’s tuition discussions resulted in the University changing its three-year plan to a one-year plan.
- Kristen Harvey said the fact that UBC will consult and listen to us is monumental compared to other universities. Last year, as an example, through consultation it was discovered that the University’s numbers on tuition fees for nursing programs were wrong; that was adjusted.
- Ali Arya asked if success stories like this could be collected.
- Sameer Wahid praised the letter and asked if it could be sent to more members of the Administration.

45. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

46. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the AMS proposal be amended by deleting 20%.”

47. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

48. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the AMS proposal be amended by deleting 20%.”

Note: Kate Woznow, Olivier Plessis - opposed ... Defeated

49. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED KIM LAM:
“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Spencer Keys - opposed ... Carried

50. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“Whereas the AMS has policy calling on the University to have timely and meaningful communication with students regarding developments in tuition policy and adjustments in fees; and

Whereas the University is currently seeking to amend Policy 71, Consultation With Students About Tuition Fees; and

Whereas the University has sought AMS advice on amending Policy 71 in an effort to make the policy more responsive to student needs;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council endorse the AMS proposal to the University for amending Policy 71 as presented.”

Note: Stephen Price, Spencer Keys - abstained ... Carried

51. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

Be it resolved that Council amend Section V, Article 2(3) of the AMS Code of Procedure by inserting the phrase marked in bold and making the indicated deletion:

‘3. No more than one (1) member of Council elected from the same Constituency shall be appointed as Council representatives on to any one (1) Committee.’

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

52. MOVED KRISTEN READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

53. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

Be it resolved that Council amend Section V, Article 2(3) of the AMS Code of Procedure by inserting the phrase marked in bold and making the indicated deletion:

‘3. No more than one (1) member of Council elected from the same Constituency shall be appointed as Council representatives on to any one (1) Committee.’

Note: Requires 2/3rds.” ... Carried

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:
54. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“Whereas it is the expressed goal of Council to enhance communication,

Be it resolved that the Communications Planning Group be directed to make additions to the Alma Mater Society website in the form of:

1. An online forum for all Councillors;
2. Publishing all active AMS policies; and
3. Publishing, frequently updated, information about all committees of Council including, but not exclusive to, members, committee mandate, minutes, upcoming agenda topics, meeting times/locations, and contact information.

Furthermore, Council directs the Communications Planning Group to report back to Council, within sixty (60) days, on this resolution.”

- Kate Woznow picked up on Ali Arya’s point about collecting success stories and said the website could be a place to record our accomplishments.
- Jeremy Moses asked if participation in the on-line forum would be mandatory, and would that create a counter-Council?
- Kate Woznow said it wasn’t mandatory; it was just a way to provide information to take back to the Constituencies.
- Ali Arya said Constituency reports could go there, so there wouldn’t have to be oral reports at Council meetings.
- Ian McKechnie asked if the forum was for Council members only. Spencer Keys said Yes, before letting everyone in, let’s see if we’re functional in it. Perhaps later there could be a forum for all students.

55. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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... Carried
H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated August 14, 2002  [SCD 220-003]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated September 12, 2002  [SCD 221-003]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion: Continued

- Sameer Wahid said if there is lots of material, it would give people more time to look it over if the agenda is ready by Friday. He said the Executive should let Council know if the Friday deadline works: does the Executive have time to get it done by then?

57. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the agenda for the next Council meeting be prepared by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2002.”

... Carried

O) Submissions:

[SCD 222-003]
< Press Release - Students Face Overcrowding in Residences, Again  [SCD 223-003]
< Article in October 2002 issue of the University News regarding tuition hike
< Invitation to the SAC Wine and Cheese  [SCD 224-003]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 a.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Don Buchanan (School of Regional & Community Planning), Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Chris Sheppard (The Ubyssey), Michael Schwandt (The Ubyssey), Duncan McHugh (The Ubyssey), Hywel Tuscano (The Ubyssey), Liz King (Safewalk), Sue Brown (Safety Coordinator), Kristen Price (Presidential Assistant), Kaveh Namdaran, Bill Lambert (TransLink), Geoff Atkins (Land & Building Services), Graham Senft (Trek Office), Gordon Lovegrove (Trek Office), Dennis Pavlich (VP External & Legal Affairs), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

H) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

[SCD 225-003]

Safewalk Funding Proposal - Liz King (Safewalk), Christopher Lythgo (VP Academic)

- Safewalk is a night walk service that escorts all campus members to their vehicle, residence or class, free of charge.
- UBC has an obligation to support safety services on our campus.
- Safewalk is one of the most cost-intensive service and employs 125 students with an operating budget of $198,000
- The service has grown exponentially in 2002/03 and potential clients are being turned away.
- AMS is requesting $50,000 per year for three years from the university to sustain and enhance the Safewalk program. Enhancements would include: one additional team per night of the week, use of a radio trunking system and a south campus dispatch area.
- Funding must not compromise the values of the Society (student-run, student-driven).

Questions:
- Jamie Roots asked what radio trunking systems are? Liz explained that it’s a more elaborate radio system, compatible with the other campus safety operators. Parking will move towards this system too.
- Sameer Wahid asked if the new radio trunking system would be as secure as the current system. Liz said it would.
- Dayna Lee-Baggley asked if it was clear why there was an increase in usage. Liz said the increase in usage was definitely due to the increase in enrollment figures and the number of people on campus.
- Kate Woznow asked for a detail of the proposed budget allocations for the next two years? Christopher said three areas had been identified where we think the money should go. Remember that 2-3 years down the road, we can’t predict where the needs of the service will be. We cannot earmark all the funding now.
- Olivier Plessis asked if there was a guarantee all the money will go to Safewalk? Christopher said yes, it would be irresponsible for it not to.
- Sameer Wahid asked if needs would be met by adding one extra walking team. Liz said yes, between the vans & teams yes.
- Kim Lam asked why we are approaching UBC for money? Christopher said last year we went to Referendum to raise extra fees for the services and it failed to meet quorum. Liz felt UBC has an obligation to meet certain requirements.
- Kim Lam asked if the staff are busy all the time? Liz said yes.
- Ali asked if they are looking to add a second dispatch area and if so will it cut down on use of the existing one. Liz said it would make Safewalk more accessible around campus and more efficient too.
- In response to a question from Mark Fraser, Liz advised that the second dispatch area may be the Totem Park Commons Block.

[SCD 226-003]
[SCD 227-003]

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   U-Pass - Geoff Atkins, Land & Building Services, Bill Lambert, Translink; Dennis Pavlich, VP External Affairs; Graham Senft, UBC Trek Office

Geoff Atkins:

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   Why Translink would want U-Trek?
   - Transportation responsibilities.
   - Good public policy that fits their mandate.
   - Maximize service to paying routes and build transit loyalties.
   - Willing to take significant risks.
   - Good long term strategy.

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   Why would UBC want U-Trek?
   - Cost effective way for the average student to get to UBC.
   - UBC can concentrate on teaching and research instead of parking operations.
   - Allows for effective use of land for teaching and research.
   - Helps with the long-term planning of the university community.
   - Implementation of U-Trek is not an MoU OCP commitment.
   - Committed to reducing SOV’s by 20% and increasing ridership on BC Transit to UBC by 20%.
   - The program cannot be implemented by UBC alone, will take the combined efforts of AMS, Translink and UBC.

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   Why would UBC students wants U-Trek?
   - Allows for transportation choices.
   - Bulk purchasing power.

Questions:
- Oana asked how many people would be excluded from using the monthly pass because they lived outside zone three service area. Geoff Atkins said that there are about 2,000 people that carpool to UBC and with this agreement the AMS has an opportunity to give the rebates to whom it wants.
- Jamie Roots asked if you could an opt-out of it? Geoff said, no, only a $5.00 rebate for students in residence.
- Kate Woznow asked if the University will consider covering rebates for other groups? Geoff said that all they have in their budget is $300,000 and it is up to us to administer the rebates.
- Kristen Read asked if we have any guarantees that they will maintain & improve services to UBC? Geoff said that if Translink does not offer enough service to UBC, we can pull out of the agreement with a year’s notice. However, Translink has increased service to UBC by 50% in the last two years and we have a contract that ensures that we will hold them accountable.
- Tommy Gerschman asked about the number of UBC students that are in the long distance learning program and therefore are not on the campus, will they have to pay? Geoff said you can use the pass to take you anywhere around the GVRD, so the student could use it for all their transportation needs. However, co-op students or students who are not within the GVRD will not be paying this fee.

Bill Lambert, Translink

- Unlimited travel on buses, skytrain and seabus and a reduced cost for the West Coast Express.
- Cost is $20 per month per semester and price will be frozen for two years. After two years price will be subject to general Translink price adjustments. Survey will be conducted to revisit student mode of travel changes.
- Mandatory for all eligible students.
- All parties work together to find a U-Pass corporate sponsor.
- Use magnetic strip U-Pass card with student photo.
- Each party must give one year’s notice to terminate agreement.
- Advantages of U-Pass:
  - substantial savings over regular fares.
  - improved transit service and routing.
  - reduced congestion on roads and demand in campus parking lots.
  - guaranteed ride home and merchant discounts.
  - lower pollution.
- Translink is closely monitoring new service changes impacting UBC.
- Added 23,000 hours of service on the 99B line(17,000), #25 and #480 to respond to the 7% increase in demand.
- Preparing transportation plan for UBC campus.
- Have budgeted for additional service in 2003.
- Translink assures UBC that it will provide sufficient service to ensure successful program.

Questions:

- Jamie Roots asked if there will be an extra cost for issuing a new card? Bill Lambert said the U-Pass will be a unique pass with photo ID. Translink will pay for the cost of the administration and production of the card.
- Dan Grice asked what happens after year 3 of this agreement? Bill answered that what we have is a perpetual agreement and that it would not expire unless the parties forewarned each other one year prior. We will keep the fees frozen for two years and any price adjustments will be agreed upon during discussions. Dennis Pavlich said what you are asking is will fees go up? What will happen is the same for UBC and SFU. If there is a general Translink price increase then there will be a corresponding adjustment to the U-Pass price too. However, it does not follow that there will be the same percentage increase.
- Dan asked if this pass will be mandatory for the summer? Bill said that all students registered are eligible for it. However, if the AMS does not want the deal to include the summer, then it’s OK.
- Sameer Wahid asked who will look after the distribution of the card as well as organizing where pictures will need to be taken for the card. Bill said that they will likely transfer the existing files from the student cards and use the same photos. Also, they will look after the distribution.
- Sameer also asked about the corporate sponsorship and how they envision it working and what the AMS’s role would be in that? Bill said that the AMS would play a key role and we can use UBC’s profile to attract sponsors.
- Sameer also asked about the night owl service, will it be implemented right away, Monday to Sunday? Bill said that part of their plan is to commence in June with 4 or 5 new routes operating
every ½ hr to 1 hr from downtown. This would have to be done at a cost recovery and we would introduce this for one year and monitor the performance. We design routes to fill a market. Right now we only plan on offering this night owl service for Friday & Saturday nights only.

- Ian asked what happens if the response from UBC students to this service is immediate – what kind of response can we expect from Translink, will they immediately reply to the demand? Bill said UBC is too important a client not to provide service, we are thinking there will be a 30% increase in ridership, which we will monitor. However, I can’t guarantee we will meet it right away.

- Tara asked who would approve the allocation of corporate sponsorship? Bill said that we would work together to go after the sponsorship and allocate it together.

- Tara asked about the Service Review Committee, how much power would they have in deciding and changing service to UBC. Bill said that everyone wants to work together.

- Kim Lam asked if the Smart Card with the magnetic stripe will track ridership? Bill said yes. That is one of the purposes of having a magnetic card is that we will be better able to track ridership and in this way adjust service to places that need it most. We would make this data available to students.

- Dave Tompkins asked Bill to outline the statistical process used to determine the pass price? Bill said that first of all they hired a professional market study firm that interviewed students to find out their travel patterns. The resulting data was cross referenced with other existing data to verify validity. Then they plugged in revenue estimates for these routes and calculated what an average fare would have to be to cover costs. In their calculations they wanted to protect the revenue that they get from UBC, or $23.00 per month. Bill said he would provide the AMS with all the raw data.

- Dave said that he had a concern about late night service only being offered on Friday and Saturday. He said that grad students have experiments that run 24 hours a day and if there is no bus, how will they get home? Bill said that they will monitor ridership during these times to assess if it is necessary to re-introduce service on other nights.

D) President’s Remarks:

< Media and Communication

-CBC Radio interview regarding “getting out the vote” in the upcoming municipal elections
-UByssey interview regarding non-instructional fees, specifically the deferred exams.
-AMS Interactive, 3rd edition e-mailed out today.
-CPG- difficulties arranging an acceptable meeting time. Krissy is assisting in this endeavour.
-Working on a strategy to have more people participate in both the AMS Interactive and AMS Subtitles.

< AMS

-President’s Roundtable today- discussed tuition, U-Pass, Alcohol policy etc.
-Health and Dental Plan Committee- continued discussion of opt-out requests, discussion of needs assessment formula for bursary.
-IPF- Innovative Projects fund. Distributes approximately $50 000, on tonight’s agenda we will be seeking Council representation for this committee, and will begin advertising for the fund within the next week.

< UBC

-Non-Instructional fee proposal- thank you to Constituencies who have passed motions at your Councils! It is much appreciated, and helps raise awareness on campus. I have not yet heard back from the University about the contents of the Memo.

-Tuition principles in tonight’s addendum
- Accumulated Deferred Maintenance. UBC’s problem has reached an estimated $300 Million in ADM. Land and Building services is interested in increasing awareness for this issue on campus. They may be attending the next Council meeting.

< On the Horizon
- CASA Lobby Conference in Ottawa next week. Will be meeting with key Ministers, MP’s and senior Civil Servants.
- Standing Committee on Student Financial Assistance meeting will be in early November.

E) Executive Reports:

Oana Chirila - VP Administration

- The committee met on October 18th and discussed several topics:
  - Vandalism on campus and its impact on social sustainability. Plant Ops has been unable to provide information and statistics beyond the “dumpsters are burned by drunk kids from the Pit” allegation.
  - Fair Trade Coffee which is currently provided at AMS outlets.
  - The AMS X-mas Party on November 30th.
  - The composter.
  - Bio-diesel fuel which is recycled on campus.

SAC
- Constituted two new clubs: Fine Arts Students Society, and University Cricket 11 Club.
- SAC is working on calling back clubs constituted in the last year for a review of their probationary standing.
- Bookings line-up is currently under way with Kari working on single bookings for next semester. Block bookings appointments will follow.
- SAC Wine and Cheese is happening tomorrow October 24th from noon to 2 pm in the Partyroom.
- I have sent out a memo clarifying the new time slots for licensed functions in the SUB (3:00 p.m. – 7:pm and 7pm – 11pm instead of 4pm – 8pm and 8pm – midnight) in response to Barry Hickman’s request that functions end by 11 pm.

Renovations Planning Group
- Renos has been discussing the Lower Level renovations at length. The extensive consultation will continue well into November, but we plan to present to Council on November 6th. Michael has worked with Henry to prepare a comprehensive budget and has worked from the perspective of keeping costs low while still completing a quality renovation that will last.
- Tomorrow at 5 pm in SUB 266J will be the meeting of the interested parties in the Inter-Faculty Publications Office proposal.
- The temporary storage area in the Servery (between the Ballroom and the Partyroom) will be replaced by a more permanent and safe storage area. The floor of the Servery is also a major concern as the tiles are no longer stuck to the floor. Lots of spillage has led to floor tiles lifting, which are held together by compression only.

Other
- Stephen Price, Graham Hicks, Cameron Reeves, Sue Brown, Nancy Toogood, Bill Anderson and I attended the Alcohol Policy Review committee meeting on October 17th. We had a pre-meeting to come up with a common agenda. The outcome of the meeting indicates that the University will continue discussions around the topic and would like to hear the students’ perspective on the topic of alcohol (over)consumption on campus.
- I have been involved in some of the University Administration discussions with the Lifeline Club and the Students for Choice Club regarding their use of outdoor space on campus. This is an on-going discussion, and I will update Council once more definite conclusions are reached.

- I am meeting with both Imagine UBC and Intramurals to discuss use of AMS SUB space. Currently there is an agreement with Imagine that specifies which rooms can be booked and how often, however this does not reflect the reality of the requirements of Imagine. I have also had a discussion with the GSS in regards to informal grad student groups using SUB space, and they are working on a resolution.

- The Walter H. Gage Fund committee has allocated $1,500 for the Safewalk conference to be held next weekend.

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic

< Housekeeping

- Thanks to the Medical Undergraduate Society for submitting all appropriate paperwork for the MUS fee referendum.

- University Commission is currently working on several key initiatives. Brendon Miller (Academic Issues) has designed a professor profile template for the student services website; Brenda Ogembo (International Issues) has been focusing her efforts on effective international student representation; Trevor Freeman (Community) has been in attendance at Inter-Residence Council meetings; while Melanie Pollock (Wellness) has been examining student publications on this campus to ensure that the right message is being sent.

- Personal Safety Night occurred two weeks ago as part of Wellness Week in Gage. Campus Security, Wellness Office, Safewalk, Speakeasy and the SASC Office were all represented.

- Campus Safety Committee has a proposal recommendation for Council tonight. The committee is now currently developing a comprehensive AMS Campus Safety Policy.

- Student Leadership Conference is taking shape. Details are as follows: it will be a day and a half conference in the SUB from January 10th - 11th. Geared towards developing, mentoring and sustaining student leadership on campus. The conference will feature skill workshops, a mentorship portion, involvement opportunities, and greater community connections. Registration will hopefully begin on November 1 and it will be online. You will all be emailed the information, and we ask that you forward it to all students in your constituencies.

< Upcoming Events

- Ucom will be having a social next week, followed by the commissioner’s quarterly evaluations.

- CABSD and Social Space Committees will also be occurring next week where we will be discussing SUS social space.

- Appointments Committee will be meeting tomorrow from 4 - 6 p.m. with the purpose of holding AMS Elections Administrator interviews. If you are on the committee, be sure to attend.

Nick Seddon - VP Finance

< Finance Commission


< September Financial Results

- Please refer to your addendum.

< University Athletic Council
- Business Plan is being prepared for Athletics and Recreation by Bob Philip – ensuring consultation with the committee.

< Business Operations Committee
- Looking into plans for a sushi bar – preliminary stages.
  - Will require significant analysis and planning by the BOC before any decisions are to be made.

Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services
< Advocacy Office
Maya Scott and Margot McMillen will be attending the Canadian Conference on Student Judicial Affairs which will be hosted by the University of Northern British Columbia this year from October 24 - 26. The theme of the conference this year is “Building Communities: Rights, Responsibility and Reason” and will further the knowledge of our staff in the areas of procedural and judicial fairness, diversity, and other justice issues in the University environment.

< Speakeasy
Coordinator Sigal Stein has been working with the Ombuds Office to synchronize clients between the two services so that students in problematical situations and potentially emotionally challenging circumstances are informed and aware of their options.

< Safewalk
The National Safewalk which our Safewalk program is hosting will be taking place from October 31 - November 3. This conference serves to increase dialogue and support on common issues and concerns on campuses across Canada. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our own university’s safety resources, as well as being able to learn about those of other institutions. The Safewalk Funding Proposal has been presented to Council this evening for approval.

< Round Up
The first round of the Round Up raised a total of $1035, which is great, but considerably lower than we had hoped for. Some technical difficulties and missing the summer training of Bookstore staff accounted for a big part of this. Both of these difficulties will be taken care of for “Round 2” which will happen in late November to raise funds towards student bursaries and the United Way.

< Cold Beverage Event Sponsorship Committee
The Cold Beverage Event Sponsorship Committee, which I sit on, has met and evaluated the applications for funding for second term. Applicants will be contacted in the coming week with the allocations.

< Meeting with Parker Johnson
I met with Parker Johnson, First Year Coordinator, and had a positive discussion on orientation programs at UBC and improving communication between different programs that happen for the year coming year.

< Events
“A Big Free Halloween Party” happening in the Pit on October 31st featuring the Town Pants and the North Shore’s own Exithiside. Excited to have Spirit of the West playing a “Big Band, Small Venue” on November 28th.

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs
< U-pass
- Will be meeting with groups to get their feedback (i.e. Residence Councils, Bike Co-op…).
  - Met with Dennis Pavlich and Geoff Atkins to continue negotiations.
  - I will update you fully during discussion period.
- Have our first Council U-Pass committee meeting on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

< Municipal Elections
- We now have a list of all candidates.
- Have our first council Municipal Elections working group meeting on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.
- We will be arranging an all candidates meeting as well as other information events/posters
- The actual elections will be happening November 16th… coming up fast!

< Smart Card
- Had a meeting with Smart Card Committee re implications to AMS.
- Michelle Aucoin and I will be giving a presentation to Council at the next meeting.

< Xcom
- Julia Mackay is no longer in the Xcom vice chair position. As such the position has been posted on JobLink and the AMS website.
- Great Trekker… invitations will be going out in the next week. It’s going to be a dinner!!!! YAY!
- Municipal elections… setting up an all candidates meeting.

< Policy 71
- Committee met.
- We took forth what council had passed.
- You’ll see later in the agenda that we have encountered a slight roadblock in that they don’t want to include any of the access statements in Policy 71.

< AMS Hoodies!
- I sent everyone an email yesterday.
- Behshad… as our lovely model.
- Please come talk to me if you have any questions.
- $43 for S M L XL XXL.
- Make sure you email me with your size by November 6th.

< Kristen Harvey advised that the closing arguments in the GAP litigation take place on Tuesday, October 29, 2002.

F) Constituency Reports:

Mark Fraser - Board of Governors
Erfan Kazemi - Board of Governors
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Kim Lam - Graduate Students Society
Jessica Oman - Education Students Association
Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Brian Duong - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Sameer Wahid - Science Undergraduate Society
Tommy Gerschman - Medicine Undergraduate Society
Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
Daniel Grice - Arts Undergraduate Society
Kristen Read - Arts Undergraduate Society
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society
Olivier Plessis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Monika Sajda - School of Social Work
Jamie Roots - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Elliot Grundmanis - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society
I) Executive Committee Motions:

G) Discussion Period:

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated October 9, 2002 as amended [SCD 229-003]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated September 16, 2002 [SCD 230-003]
Minutes of the Campus Safety Committee dated October 15, 2002 [SCD 231-003]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

1. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

“That Council approve the AMS Safewalk Funding Proposal as presented.”

< Kate Woznow said she was in favour of the proposal and wanted to ensure that the funding requested did go to Safewalk.

< Kate asked if the $50,000 would be replenished each year. Christopher said the $50,000 would go to Safewalk but it was difficult to say how future Council’s down the road would allocate funding.

< Ian McKechnie said that we are not going in this for enough money. Why are we only asking for $50,000? It does not address the issue, we need more money from the University. He was concerned that we might not have a basis to go on as far as safety on campus.

< Kristen Read said that if anyone thinks that Safewalk is not a valuable service then they should join the committee and find out about the work they do or try being a woman walking around on campus on your own at night.

< Behshad Darvish said that Safewalk is an expensive program but the AMS has a dedication to safety on campus. Most people are under the assumption that we are the only school in which the student society pays for a Safewalk service. However, this is not true, many other student societies pay for their own service. Approaching UBC for more money than the $50,000 outlined in the proposal would jeopardize the AMS’s role in Safewalk, i.e, it might not be run by students. I believe that this proposal is the most practical solution to step up UBC’s commitment to safety and maintain Safewalk in student’s hands.

< Christopher said that we have a responsibility to provide the best service to students, with this proposal, we can improve the service now and we can focus on the particulars of allocating the money in November.
2. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

   “That the question be called.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

3. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY:

   “That the question be called.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

4. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

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   ... Carried Unanimously

I) Executive Committee Motions: Continued

5. MOVED ANNES SONG, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

   “Whereas the University formerly had a policy on tuition (Policy 72) which stated that qualified
   students would not be denied access to UBC solely for financial reasons; and

   Whereas Policy 72 also committed the University to spending a significant proportion of the
   revenue derived from increases in tuition fees on financial assistance to students in need; and

   Whereas the University repealed Policy 72 last July; and

   Whereas, as the University itself acknowledged in a principle endorsed by its Board of Governors
   in 1991, it is important to ensure accessibility to UBC for qualified domestic students; and

   Whereas the University is now refusing to incorporate a statement on accessibility into its Policy
   71, the policy on tuition consultation; and

   Whereas financial assistance is essential to ensure that students in need can attend UBC,

   Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call on the University to adopt a new
   Accessibility Policy including the following two points:

   a) That no qualified domestic student shall be denied the opportunity to attend the
      University of British Columbia solely for financial reasons; and

   b) That the University shall ensure that at least 15 to 20 percent of any revenue derived from
      increases in tuition fees shall be directed towards student financial assistance.

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

6. MOVED KATE WOZNOW:

   “That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried Unanimously

K) Committee Reports and Motions: Continued

Code and Policies Report - Sameer Wahid

< Looking into ways to address the issue of slates. Two possible solutions are to:
- abolish slates all together.
- codify slates and institute financial reforms.

< The committee wants to ensure a level playing field for all candidates.

< Council members are welcome to attend the committee meeting on Monday, at 5:00 p.m.

< The majority of Council wanted the committee to explore further options.

8. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council appoint Stephen Price to represent the AMS on the UBC Social Sustainability Task Force for a one year term.”

9. MOVED KRISTEN READ:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council appoint Stephen Price to represent the AMS on the UBC Social Sustainability Task Force for a one year term.”

Note: Spencer Keys (opposed) ... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated October 3, 2002 [SCD 233-003]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated October 10, 2002 [SCD 234-003]

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 16, 2002 [SCD 235-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 23, 2002 [SCD 236-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 30, 2002 [SCD 237-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 30, 2002 [SCD 238-003]

K) Committee Reports and Motions: Continued

11. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“That Council appoint Jessica Oman, Spencer Keys and Dave Allen (Council members) to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee.”

... Carried

12. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"Whereas all citizens should have a right to an equitable, democratically elected municipal governing body;

Whereas, currently, there is no municipal government representing the interests of residents who live in the Point Grey region of Electoral Area 'A';

Whereas due, in part, to UBC's plan to develop much of its remaining endowment lands, the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs has convened a governance study for this region; and

Whereas many of the proposed models of governance being considered would place students in an untenable position by marginalizing or limiting their democratic rights;

Therefore be it resolved that:
The AMS support the principle of a democratically elected municipal governing body for the residents who live in the Point Grey region of Electoral Area 'A', provided however that the structure of such a municipal governing body ensures that:

1) all students who live in the region are considered full members of the municipality; and

2) students' electoral rights are equal and identical in all ways to those of other members of the municipality if such students meet the requirements stipulated in the Municipal Act - BC.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Tara pointed out that the policy should be amended by striking the 3rd and 4th whereas clauses and the reference to the Municipal Act-BC be replaced by the Local Government Act.

13. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Stephen Price pointed out that the policy may not be as beneficial as Xcom maintains, since the Local Government Act states that students can only vote in municipal elections if they have been residents of the municipality for 6 months. Since most students arrive in September, the policy would actually disenfranchise a large student body (international students, out-of-province) if elections are held in the early school year. He asked that we ask for exemptions to the electoral rights in the act for students.

Jared Wright (Policy Advisor) corrected Stephen Price, pointing out that under the Local Government Act, students only had to be residents of BC for 6 months, and that students only had to be residents of the municipality for 30 days prior to an election. As such, the policy is not as disenfranchising as Stephen believes and we should leave the amended policy as is.

Dan Grice felt more time was need to review the issue.

14. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:
“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

Kate Woznow asked whether this policy would prevent students from voting in the upcoming municipal elections. Tara Learn said that students would still be allowed to vote, and that the policy would not affect the elections.

15. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED KIM LAM:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

16. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

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1) all students who live in the region are considered full members of the municipality; and

2) students' electoral rights are equal and identical in all ways to those of other members of the municipality if such students meet the requirements stipulated in the Local Government Act -BC."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Daniel Grice (Opposed) ... Carried

G) Discussion Period:

17. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM, SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council move in camera.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

“That Council move out of camera.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
Inside UBC
- Jamie Roots did not like some of the jokes in the Inside UBC and found some offensive. Wanted to know who approves these?
- Kristen Harvey said that there are two student editors of the Inside UBC that are hired each year and then CPG looks at the final copy and makes any changes and recommendations. This year, we hired for the two positions later than usual and therefore we were rushed in the editing process. Also, Council passed a motion in 1998 allowing obscenities in the Inside UBC.
- Kate Read said that the way AMS Council was portrayed in the Inside UBC made it seem it played a lesser role as compared to the executive.
- Kristen Harvey said that if anyone had anything further that they could talk about it at the Communications Planning Group meeting.

Double Cohort
- Dan Grice brought up the issue of double cohort graduating classes. What are the University’s plans to deal with this? Ontario has 7,000 more students graduating, how will this affect us as far as increasing enrollment.
- Kristen Harvey said that the Registrar’s office is addressing this issue.

Grad Class Council
- Sameer Wahid announced that everyone should submit their Grad Class Council submissions as meetings are happening.

Food at Council meetings
- Dave Tompkins said that he was not happy about the fact that food runs out by 6:30pm at Council meetings.
- Christopher Lythgo said that the food is first and foremost for the councilors and if there is anything left over then it’s OK for guests to serve themselves. Maybe we should have an informal policy about this.
- Nick Seddon was concerned that we could not enforce this.
- Behshad brought up the idea that the food should be brought in at 6:30 p.m., maybe that will deter people that come in and just eat the food, or we can eat after the presentations.
- Kate Woznow said that at least the people that come in and just grab the food know that the AMS Council exists and that these meetings exist. At least they are showing some form of interest. Let’s not limit people from coming in. Some of them may feel that at least they are getting something back from their AMS fees.

Policy
- Dave Tompkins brought up the fact that the GSS has contracted an AMS employee for some work. Perhaps we should have a policy about how this relationship would work.

Alcohol Proposal
- Oana brought up the alcohol proposal. She wants to know what councilors think about it and how we should proceed. She proposed that we should have more meetings before we go and do the committee work?
- Kate Woznow wanted to know if there was any safety issues with alcohol use? Oana Chirila said that they don’t have stats on this and that we are being excluded from what the University is preparing. Also, they are saying that a majority of students engage in binge drinking, their definition of binge drinking is 4 drinks in one sitting.
Kim Lam said that he is concerned that the administration has changed the checklist on the website that groups need in order to comply with the regulations for putting on an event. By removing or changing the checklist, the student in fact does not have the accurate info.

Bernie Peets said that when the alcohol policy was passed, it did not include the checklist, that was added later on and was not part of the BOG resolution. Therefore the set of procedures can be changed at any time.

**Differential Tuition**

Kate Woznow said that she was concerned about the administrations divide & attack strategy on differential tuition by consulting with each faculty independently. She warned that this could be a dangerous path to go on. She reminded those that have different concerns that this council represents all students and different faculty needs should be brought forward to council. If we go against ourselves it’s a dangerous path.

Jamie Roots said that in Nursing they have different needs and that she is for differential tuition as she expects quality from her program and knows it comes at a price. However, the faculty of nursing as a whole is against it.

Kristen Harvey said that one aspect is that each councilor represents their faculty. However, we should know why the AMS is against differential tuition. Just over two years ago after much consultation with students and research, the AMS Council formed a policy against differential tuition. This process has happened in the past and we must respect this democratic decision. In addition, one year ago we brought up the issue with students and we held a forum about differential tuition. The administration was very ambiguous about what it was exactly proposing market-based, future income-based or what have you. Students voted against differential tuition in the Referendum last year. We must also be careful with non-instructional fees, because these set a precedent for the concept of differential fees.

Spencer Keys said that in Arts they are against differential tuition. However, he said that it’s wrong for the majority to make decisions for the minority. It’s not right for Arts students to decide what Engineering students should have.

Sameer Wahid said that some Science students are happy that tuition went up. Will find it hard to stand up in front of Science students and say that there is an AMS policy against differential tuition and therefore students have to vote that way. Agree we need solidarity, but unable to support the principle of telling someone how to vote.

Kristen Harvey said that she respects autonomous decisions. Council has decided on a certain route because of consultation with students. We should consider implications.

Kate Woznow said that we should have discussions about this with our faculties, but then we should bring back the feedback to council and let councilors know what is going on. In Arts we still have overcrowded classes. Once we know if allocations from the extra tuition money are benefitting students, then we should talk about what to do next.

**O) Submissions:**

- Changes to tuition fees 2003/04 (Draft) [SCD 239-003]
- Financial Statements for month ending September 30, 2002 [SCD 240-003]

**P) Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

CL:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Chris Sheppard (The Ubyssey), Lian Anson (Geography/History), Minesh Ghedia (International Student), Ajay Puri (SUS), Lev Bukhman (Studentcare.net/works), Kristin Foster (Studentcare.net/works), Scott Price (AUS), Josh Bowman (AUS), Brendon Miller (UCom), Christine Lenis (Student Senator), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

I) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

The Chair was passed to Sheldon Goldfarb at 6:15 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

[SCD 241-003]

< Accumulated Deferred Maintenance - David Woodson, David Barnes
- The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness regarding deferred maintenance at UBC.
- This issue affects the majority of campuses across North America.
- The average age of buildings is 39.6 years. These buildings will be crucial to the UBC mission for years.
- Well maintained facilities help attract the best students, faculty and staff.
- Plant Operations currently gets a maintenance budget of $3.31 per gross square foot and the target is to get $5.88 per square foot.
- There are some true five-star facilities, for example: the Brimacombe Building, Walter C. Koerner Library, the Chan Centre, the Liu Centre, Forest Sciences Centre and the Neville Scarfe Library.
- All new capital buildings will be funded at level 2 maintenance.
- Some buildings such as Klinck are in bad shape due to water damage to flooring, walls and structures, exterior wall staining, exposed structural reinforcement and rusting window frames.
- Hut M -17 has extensive exterior damage, interior floor and wall damage and possibly some structural movement.
- FIMP activity to date includes efficiency increases of 15% and climbing since 1999.
- Introduction of monitoring of response times, productivity and backlogs.
- A new FIMP strategy to initiate a capital works program to renew old facilities and maintain renovated space at level 2 standards.

Questions:
- Daniel Grice asked if any condemned buildings were a safety hazard. David Woodson said condemned buildings are prioritized according to safety items first, such as fire alarm issues. Efforts are made to ensure certain amounts of funds are allocated or safety issues and sometimes funds have to be redirected.
- Barry Shin asked what mechanisms are in place to minimize disruptions to students. David said schedules are worked out nine months to a year in advance. David Barnes said Plant Ops sometimes work evenings and weekends to minimize disruptions.

- Kate Woznow asked if this proposal was being put to the university and what stage it was in. David Woodson said the department raised awareness at the May 1999 Board of Governors meeting. Since then there have been a series of proposals and the latest one will go to the Board in November to start the ball rolling.

- Kate asked where funding was coming from. David said this project will be funded by the government, UBC and some special initiatives. The Board has approved 35M in funding for a conservation project.

- Kristen Read asked how buildings are prioritized. Buchanan is a level 5 but a lot of hours are required to maintain washrooms. David Barnes said Plant Ops gets $3.31 per square foot for maintenance.

- Cameron Reeves said that Chemical Engineering is a condemned building, however no-one from the university acknowledges this. David said his department are trying connect elements and information to identify such buildings but there is a reluctance to demolish buildings.

- Cameron Reeves asked how you would determine which buildings are a heritage structure. David Barnes said you would have to contact Tom Llewellyn the university Architect. David Woodson said the university does not have a heritage building policy but Tom Llewellyn would have the criteria used to determine a heritage building.

- Holly Read asked if the hospital fell under Plant Ops. No, the hospital falls under the Vancouver General Hospital.

- Daniel Grice asked if students make up any of the Plant Ops staff. David Barnes said yes, there are some students on staff.

- Behshad Darvish said that the tuition allocation document set aside $6M for general maintenance and wondered if this for was actually for deferred maintenance. David Barnes said no this amount is not for deferred maintenance even though he has been pushing this issue for some time.

[SCD 242-003]

**AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Update - Kristin Foster and Lev Bukhman**

- The plan is a collective initiative to ensure a minimum standard of health and dental care for all UBC students.

- It provides coverage for health and dental services not covered by provincial health care.

- Without a group benefits plan, students may face serious financial barriers to access necessary health care.

- In the October 1999 referendum, 70% of students voted in favour of creating a health and dental plan.

- 74% of students voted in favour of continuing the plan in the January 2001 referendum.

- 98% of respondents supported the continuation of the plan in the November 2001 2nd annual survey. Another survey is planned for this November. If Council members want any particular questions on the survey, please get in touch with the office.

- Health claims totaled $1,531,473 in 2001 - 02.

- Dental claims totaled $2,856,152 in 2001 - 02. There has been a strong use of the plan by students mainly for fillings and check-ups. Students claimed more than what was payed into the plan.

- 69% of UBC students are covered under the plan.

- 14% of students went for the permanent opt-out, 461 students enrolled their spouse/partner and 182 students enrolled their families.

- Communications initiatives included publications, web sites and email, flyers, direct mail to students’ homes and presentations and information tables.

Questions:
- Olivier Plessis asked if the AMS can tell students to use the plan moderately instead of maxing out. Lev Bukhman said this situation doesn’t arise at other universities because there is not as much advertising but this approach is not taken at UBC. Dave Tompkins said students should not be blamed for over-using the system.

- Ali Arya asked why there was a claims delay in September. Kristin said the reason for the delay was to allow students the opportunity to opt-out and hence shorten the black-out period. This didn’t mean that students were not covered for that period but just meant they had to wait a little longer for their cheque.

[SCD 243-003]

Smart Card - Michelle Aucoin (VP Students); Tara Learn (AMS VP External)

- The University is proposing the introduction of a smart card which would consolidate all student cards to access food services, laundry, photocopying, and vending machines. The card could possibly be extended to AMS fees and third-party vendors.

- The goals of this project are:
  - to provide convenience by reducing the number of cards required by students, employees and alumni.
  - reduce the use of cash and coin operation activities on campus.
  - provide the broadest range of services for students, employees and alumni.

- The presentation is the first round of consultation, and a second round will commence shortly. The University is currently accepting proposals, and is looking to initiate a pilot project in December and start testing in January.

- The University will look into the following issues: usage in elections; usage on Translink; freedom of information; privacy; security; reliability of the card.

Questions:

- Mark Fraser asked if the Smart Card would be accepted at AMS food outlets. Tara Learn said this is something that Council will look into.

- Ali Arya asked how much phase 2 and 3 will cost. Michelle Aucoin said there will be zero cost because the assumption for moving onto these cards is that the vendors will be responsible for picking up the costs.

- Nick Seddon asked if there will be pin #’s since the card will be act like a debit card. Michelle said this was something that still needed to be worked out.

- Cameron Reeves asked if there would be a display telling you how much you were being charged. Michelle said vendors would need to be consulted on this issue.

- Cameron wanted to know if we would still go with the smart card if we decided not to go with U-Pass. Michelle said the smart card has nothing to do with the U-Pass.

- Spencer Keys wanted to know if third party vendors would have access to cardholders personal information. Michelle said no.

- Sameer Wahid thought the smart card was a great idea but not something that should be tried out on new students.

- Daniel Yokom asked if the smart card would have ID with the birth date for use as legal ID. Michelle said right now birth date is not intended to be on the cards but again this is something that needs to be looked into.

- Dave Allen wanted to know how you would put money on the cards. Michelle said there will be machines to put money on cards but the system would not have access to your bank details.

- Jennifer Lau asked who would be responsible for issuing the cards. Michelle said cards will be issued year round at the Koerner Library.

- Joel Atwater wanted to know exactly how much information will be stored on these cards. Michelle said it was unclear at this stage how much information will be on the cards.

- Steve Price was concerned that as the smart card would not have an AMS sticker what would happen if constituencies didn’t want to participate in on-line voting.
Kate Woznow asked if the smart card could be used at the SRC. Michelle said things are being worked out with Athletics.

Olivier wanted to know if by approving phase 1 tonight, would phase 2 and 3 be presented to Council for approval. Michelle and Tara said yes both phase 2 and 3 would be brought to Council for approval.

Dave Tompkins asked how he would convince vendors that he is a student. Michelle said this is an ongoing issue but there does need to be some kind of visual identity.

Dave Tompkins wanted to know if students can see their balance on-line. Michelle said there would be an option to view balances for on-line transactions but not for off-line ones.

Dave wanted to know who owns the smart card. Michelle and Tara said the card would be the property of the university.

Dave felt that student numbers should be on the cards for exam purposes.

The suggestion was made that all interest accrued from monies on the cards be put into a student bursary fund.

[SCD 244-003]

The Bank of Montreal agreed to release 6000sqft of the existing space on the agreement that the space be developed.

After consultation with the student body, the AMS is proposing that the space be renovated to include social space, a renovated arcade space, and an inter-faculty publishing centre.

The renovations will: create 4500sqft of social space for studying and relaxing; maintain the north entrance; reposition the arcade; create space for an inter-faculty publishing centre, consolidate Copyright.

Tendering the contract will take place in February, and will start construction in April. The project is the 2nd most expensive project in AMS history, and the CPAC fund will be used up over 2 years.

The renovations will help maintain revenue in the arcade, and benefit all students with increased social space for socializing, studying and relaxing.

Council members raised concerns that the funds allocated may not be sufficient for a sustainable project. Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer) assured Council that the funds would be sufficient for the nature and scope of the project, and would ensure a sustainable project.

1. MOVED STEVE PRICE, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

   “That motions #3, 4 and 5 be moved to the top of the agenda.”

   ... Carried

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

2. MOVED CAMERON REEVES, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

   “That Council appoint Christopher Eaton to the position of Elections Administrator for a term commencing November 1, 2002 and ending May 1, 2003 on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee.”

3. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

   “That the question be called.”
4. **MOVED SAMEER WAHID:**

   “That the question be called.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

5. **MOVED CAMERON REEVES, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:**

   “That Council appoint Christopher Eaton to the position of Elections Administrator for a term commencing November 1, 2002 and ending May 1, 2003 on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee.”

   ... Carried Unanimously

6. **MOVED STEVE PRICE, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:**

   “That Council appoint Dan Grice (Council member), Scott Price and James Goodfellow (members at-large) to the Budget Committee for a term ending May 1, 2003.”

   ... Carried

L) **Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:**

7. **MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED KRISTIN LYONS:**

   “That Council allocate funding not to exceed $501,000 from the CPAC (Capital Projects Acquisition and Construction) Fund for the renovations of the SUB Lower Level as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

8. **MOVED STEVE PRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:**

   “That motion #7 be amended to read:

   ‘That Council allocate funding not exceed **$526,000 (includes $50,000 contingency)** from the CPAC (Capital Projects Acquisition and Construction) Fund for the renovations of the SUB Lower Level as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.’”

   - Steve Price felt that there needs to be at least a 10% for a project of this size.
   - Chris Fennell asked if the fund could absorb another $26,000. Oana said the fund is replenished each year and is non-discretionary. Nick Seddon didn’t think $26,000 would be a cash flow problem.

9. **MOVED STEVE PRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:**

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‘That Council allocate funding not to exceed **$526,000 (includes $50,000 contingency)** from the CPAC (Capital Projects Acquisition and Construction) Fund for the renovations of the SUB Lower Level as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.”

... Carried

10. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

   “That the question be called.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   Note: Steve Price - opposed ... Defeated

11. MOVED NICK SEDDON:

   “That the question be called.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED KRISTIN LYONS:

   “That Council allocate funding not to exceed $526,000 (includes $50,000 contingency) from the CPAC (Capital Projects Acquisition and Construction) Fund for the renovations of the SUB Lower Level as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   Note: Sameer Wahid - in favour ... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

CASA Conference:
< Smaller group meeting with a variety of MP’s including the NDP, the Bloc, PC’s, and Canadian Alliance. I also met with Secretary of State Western Diversification and Indian Affairs Stephen Owen, and Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister, Eddie Goldenburg. There were also group meetings with the head of the Canada Student Loan Program, Liberal leadership candidate Paul Martin, HRDC Minister Jane Stewart, Minister of Industry Allan Rock.

< At CASA we were unable to arrange a meeting with Minister of Finance John Manley; however, he will be on campus next Tuesday, November 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the Asian Centre. It is an open forum for pre-budget consultation.

< I believe we had an especially effective conference, and both Paul Martin and Allan Rock commented on the post-secondary issues we raised in such papers as The Globe and Mail, the National Post, the Ottawa Citizen, and student newspaper the Western Gazette.

Communications Planning Group:
< Will be meeting next Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.; if you have any items you would like CPG to discuss, please forward them to me.

Non-Instructional Fee Proposal:
< Please note on tonight’s agenda the response I received from Brian Silzer regarding the AMS response. I consider it a victory to have defeated the deferred exam fee, and would like to thank
again those constituencies who passed motions of support at their respective Council’s, and particularly to Arts, who also met with the Registrar’s Office.

Online Voting:
< Very pleased that this initiative is continuing to roll along, with the Code and Policies Committee, and the new Elections Administrator.

Mandatory Student Fees:
< While I was away at the CASA conference, BC Minister of Advanced Education Shirley Bond announced her intention to address “mandatory student fees.” In particular, she voiced concern over the Canadian Federation of Students fees, student union fees, and athletics and recreation fees. Obviously this has implications for the AMS as it relates to our student levy, and any potential levy such as a universal bus pass. At this point, the AMS will be requesting a meeting with Minister Bond with any potential further action to be determined after a meeting.

E) Executive Reports:

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs

U-Pass:
< Bill Lambert has said that he will have a new contract for us on Friday.
< I have been making presentations to undergraduate societies. So far: FUS, MUS, EUS Coming up: CUS, SUS, AgUS, SLAIS, Regent. Still haven’t heard from: Arts, Dentistry, GSS, Human Kinetics, Law, Music, Pharmacy, Planning, Rehab, Social Work and VST. If you’re the rep from one of those faculties… please come and talk to me so that I can come and talk to your execs
< Open Forum today at noon. Went well… got some questions.
< Next open forum will be November 20th at 12:00 p.m. in the Conversation Pit again.
< Want as many students to be informed as possible.
< Plan of action:
  - Will be doing open forums in different faculty buildings (e.g. forestry building to target forestry students).
  - As well as in all residences.
  - Set up U-Pass info booth in SUB.
< Met with the Bike Co-op to discuss their involvement in the U-Pass.
< We received a letter from Pat Jacobson, Translink CEO outlining their commitment: including “increased service on the 99, 44 and 480, the reintroduction of owl service and improved service on other routes to UBC as required”. As well we received the information used to determine the price of the U-Pass. Pat once again stresses that we will be finding a corporate sponsor which will give us the opportunity to possibly reduce the price.
< It just doesn’t seem possible for us to have a referendum in November. My personal recommendation would be to run it in February.

Municipal Elections:
< It’s been really exciting!
< The Municipal Elections Committee has been absolutely amazing!
< Kate will be telling you all about our exciting plans!
< Keep your eyes peeled… there are already Poster campaigns running.
< Something that you will be seeing today is the request for funds from the External and University Lobbying Fund.
< We’re hoping that all of you can give us a hand, take 2 posters per constituency and put them up in your office.

AMS Hoodies!
I’ve extended the deadline until tomorrow.

We’ve already got over 30 people who’ve ordered one.

Please email me or come and talk to me tonight if you would like to get one.

Again, they’re $43 and you can choose from S, M, L, XL, or XXL

CASA Conference:

As Kristen already mentioned, we just returned from the CASA Lobby conference.

Among other things, the highlight was most definitely hearing everyone tell us that they are planning on reforming the Student Loan Program… something that CASA has been lobbying hard on.

In general, everyone that I personally met with thought that PSE was an extremely important issue that they would endorse.

Many said that they would write letters or speak directly to the key people in government that are in charge of PSE

Great Trekkers Award Ceremony:

You’ve all received an invite for this year’s ceremony! Please RSVP by November 13th if you are coming.

The winner of this year’s award is Dr. William McGraw (professor Emeritus of the UBC Dept. of Orthopedics in the Faculty of Medicine). He introduced total hip replacement surgery at VGH in 1967. He also developed the first computerized tourniquet system as well as the first voice intelligent limb manipulator for the operating room (in conjunction with associates.)

This will be a formal dinner event.

We will be showing the video of the actual Great Trek, there will be a piano player, we will also be unveiling the plaque that will be going on the Trek Cairn to commemorate the Great Trek.

I hope that you can attend on November 19th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Cecil Green House.

Upcoming Events:

The South Campus Development Committee is finally meeting this Friday. I’ll fill you in on what happens at the next Council meeting.

We are starting to plan the next 2 Not On Our Campuses: The one focusing on issues such as poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, and the other focusing on woman issues (will be working with the Events Dept and Student Events in conjunction with the Vagina Monologues presentation and Vday events).

Remembrance Day ceremony: This Monday in War Memorial Gym at 11:00 a.m. Please come on out… it’s an open event so anyone from UBC or the community at large can attend. I will be reading “In Flanders Fields” as well as laying a wreath on behalf of all students.

Meeting on financial aid lobbying strategies with the university

Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Working to integrate Rentsline as a channel in my.ubc.ca
-met with representative from ITServices.
- this will mean more exposure for the service for students looking for housing.

Round Up:
- next time running is November 18th -30th
- proceeds going to United Way Campaign and Student Aid Bursary Fund.

Met with Janet Teasdale, Director of Student Development for UBC
-discussed orientation programs, CACUSS conference, TLEF funding.

Met with Jennifer Upsdell from the UBC Parents Association Club
-discussed AMS student services and options for expanding the mandate of the UBC PA.

UBC Orientation Coordinating Committee:
- I will be “co-chairing” this committee which will hopefully integrate and increase communication for the various orientations programs that run at UBC.
- the first meeting is tomorrow.
< White Ribbon Campaign:
    - met with Chris Ste. Croix and Samer from University Commission about how the AMS can support the 3rd annual pancake breakfast on November 28, 2002.

Services
< Safewalk National Conference:
    - The conference went great - 23 delegates from 14 schools (Universities and Colleges) across Canada.
    - I facilitated the funding roundtable.
    - Safewalk Funding Proposal has been submitted to Brian Sullivan and Geoff Atkins.

< Joblink:
    - hiring an assistant coordinator, as Julianna Anisko resigned the position due to time constraints.

< Advocacy:
    - Maya and Margot back from Canadian Conference on Student Judicial Affairs conference.
    - mixed reviews.
    - session on the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act was most beneficial.
        - discussed universities’ obligation to release information & protect the privacy of individuals & the institution. We are actually using the Act to ask the President’s Advisory Committee on Student Discipline for providing reasons for their judgments.

< Volunteer Services:
    - planning the International Opportunities Fair.
    - looking to bringing in an influential individual, relevant to international issues.
    - VP Students office has offered to co-sponsor the event.

< Student Events Coordinator:
    - Surina Sproul is sitting on the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Foundation event this year as the AMS representative.
    - Student Leadership Conference.
    - Working, along with AMS Events, Tara Learn, and various groups, on a women’s awareness week featuring the Vagina Monologues.

< Events:
    - Big Band, Small Venue: Spirit of the West playing on November 28th.
    - Bif Naked playing the Pit Pub on November 30th.
    - tickets to both shows are currently on sale.

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic

Housekeeping:
< University Commission did not have a meeting this past week. Instead, Samer Akouri organized a Ucom social where we all went out for dinner together. The Commissioners also completed their quarterly reviews with me last week. All passed with flying colours!

< Campus Safety Committee met last week and is in the process of developing a comprehensive AMS Campus Safety Policy. With any luck, it will be recommended to Council for adoption sometime soon.

< Safety Outreach Initiatives - Sue Brown is currently undertaking several projects. WenDo (Women’s Self-Defense); International Student Safety Awareness workshops and a First Aid Certification workshop.

< Appointments Committee met twice for the interviews of the AMS Elections Administrator. Chris Eaton was recommended for appointment tonight.

< Student Leadership Conference is taking shape. Details are as follows: it will be a day and a half conference in the SUB from January 10th - 11th. It is geared towards developing, mentoring and
sustaining student leadership on campus. The conference will feature skill workshops, a mentorship portion, involvement opportunities, and greater community connections. You will all be emailed the information, and we ask that you forward it to all students in your constituencies.

Upcoming Events:
- Professor Database - Brendon Miller (Ucom Academic) and I will be approaching the Student Senate Caucus for support on the new centralized and university administered Professor Database concept. Administered through the Student Services website, it would be a comprehensive database where students can access their professor’s education and distinctions background as well as past scores on teaching evaluations.
- University Neighbourhoods Association - upcoming meeting next week where we will be developing campus construction bylaws pertaining to noise.
- Appointments Committee - will be meeting within the next two weeks to conduct interviews for the vacancies in Xcom Vice-Chair and Joblink Assistant Coordinator positions.
- Budget Committee - the upcoming budget process is going to begin in December. I hope we can fill all vacancies in the committee tonight so we can begin work soon!

Nick Seddon - VP Finance
Finance Commission:
- Currently meeting with all commissioners for quarterly review, and so far, they have been tremendously successful.
- Going to be revamping the filing system to include files specific to each club and constituency.
- **Vice Chair** – working with AMS IT Department to create infrastructure for online budgets; revamping all fund applications to conserve paper and give a more professional look; have frozen several accounts and currently waiting on various documents from specific clubs in conjunction with SAC.
- **Fundraising** – Timothy Kaan met with the Development Office re: AMS Fundraising opportunities.
- **Student Financial Aid** – Stacey Chiu and I met with Tim Rahilly at the Student Financial Assistance office to discuss the creation of a Financial Handbook for students.
- **Business Operations** – Sean Olonan has presented his first draft of the Business Evaluation Review Criteria as per the AMS Strategic Plan.
  - **Clubs and Constituencies** – Orienting treasurer and finalizing few outstanding budgets; creating financial audit protocol to implement shortly.

Business Operations Committee:
- SWOT – Outpost.
- Business projection for the remainder of the year will be reviewed at our next BOC meeting at the end of November.
- Business Budget Approval process to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Market analysis of sushi bar to be performed by Henry Chen in December.

Executive Meeting:
- AMS Members meeting – discussed the various student groups on campus, identified who were UBC students, who were AMS members, and who would received stickers and made several resolutions to be brought forth later:
  - Everyone with a UBC student card and number should be issued with an AMS sticker.
  - A memorandum shall be sent to the Registrar, requesting the implementation of protocol for communication when new schools are introduced.

Renovations Planning Group:
- Regularly meeting with Reno, taking part in BMO space discussions and commend Michael Kingsmill for his hard work and eloquent, concise presentations to the committee.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:
Had our lengthy meeting to decide the allocations of health plan bursaries.
Currently finalizing a set of criteria.

**Oana Chirila - VP Administration**

**Impacts:**
I met with two representatives from the Vancouver Fair Trade Coffee Network to continue the discussion about fair trade coffee being sold exclusively in the SUB. The Ubyssey covered this topic in an article last week.

**SAC:**
Constituted new club: AMS Soccer Club, Engineers in Law and Business Development.
SAC is working on calling back clubs constituted in the last year for a review of their probationary standing.
SAC Wine and Cheese happened on October 24th – thank you to all who came, hope you enjoyed it!
AMS Art Gallery is currently showing the Pottery Club’s pottery items.
SAC will be having a policy review meeting on November 18th.
The search for members for Colour Connected has not yielded any results.
I am having quarterly review meetings with SACees this week.
The PSSA participated in putting together the largest Canadian flag ever made on Parliament Hill for Veterans Week.
I am working on a Club Awards ceremony for next semester to recognize club achievements, including Intramurals.

**Renovations Planning Group:**
Inter-Faculty Publications Office proposal has been discussed and it is moving ahead with seeking funding, as well as logistics and design meetings.
There are ongoing SUB maintenance issues which Renos is addressing as they come up.
We are working on funding options.

**Other:**
Alcohol Policy Review committee meeting – any comments or feedback, please forward to me. We are doing a small analysis of the licensed functions being held on November 1st and November 8th.
I met with both Imagine UBC and Intramurals to discuss use of AMS SUB space. The agreement with Intramurals promises to be a great partnership.
Resource Groups Server – Hong is working to ensure satisfaction.
Behshad and I have discussed with the Parents Association re. becoming a service or resource group.
Subsidiary Handbook is finally done!

**F) Constituency Reports:**

Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Bijan Ahmadhian - Ombudsperson

**Cases:**
The number of cases received since May is 79 at this point. I will provide a statistical summary to you when the data is entered into the database.
The Office has received a number of complaints from students with a Tuition Certificate who did not receive information about the Health and Dental plan. I have spoken with Damien about possible arrangements for reaching this group of students. I will provide this information to the Health and Dental Plan committee.

**Guidelines on Filing a Grievance:**
A set of guidelines has been published in order to help students and AMS Staff file a complaint. Clients are encouraged to submit their complaints first in writing by following the instructions. They’re also invited to speak to a Speakeasy Peer Councillor if they feel emotionally distressed and need to speak with somebody immediately. Speakeasy and I have been working on a reference manual for Speakeasy Peer Councillors on how to council clients from the Ombuds Office.

**Website:**
I am working on the website in order to put together a variety of resources that students can refer to when they are in crisis.

**ConRes Program:**
Amanda Semenoff who started in the Office in September is officially no longer with us. The ConRes program has been delayed for a term and will start from next term.

**Academic Support in Chapman Learning Commons:**
I have been speaking with Margot Bell about the possibilities of the Office participating in a fair that promotes academic resources in January. The Office would be present as an Academic Support resource.

Elliot Grundmanis - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society  
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association  
Jeffrey Kwee - Medical Undergraduate Society  
Kim Lam - Graduate Students Society  
Shauna Matkovich - Forestry Undergraduate Society  
Ali Arya - Graduate Students Society  
Dave Tompkins - Student Senate Caucus  
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors  
Daniel Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society  
Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society  
Meaghan Thumath - Nursing Undergraduate Society  
Dave Allen - Regent College  
Jennifer Smith - School of Library, Archival & Information Studies  
Chris Fennell - Graduate Students Society  
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Jason Podur - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Kristen Read - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Sameer Wahid - Science Undergraduate Society  
Daniel Grice - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences Undergraduate Society  
Kristin Lyons - Science Undergraduate Society  
Reka Sziopa - Science Undergraduate Society  
Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society

13. **MOVED DAN GRICE, SECONDED ALI ARYA:**

“That Council move to consider all remaining motions on the agenda at this point.”

... Defeated

**G) Discussion Period:**
Dave Tompkins as a point of personal privilege requested more food.

Sameer Wahid suggested setting a five minute timeline for discussion topics.

Council Presentations:
- Sameer Wahid suggested having a set timeline for Council presentations. This evening, four presentations took three hours. Council should either adhere to the guidelines set out in the AMS Code of Procedure or request the Code and Policies Committee to look into the issue.
- Kristen Harvey agreed that this was a valid concern but generally preferred not to limit the number of questions following presentations. For the next meeting, the Speaker of Council will be asked to limit presentations to ten minutes.
- Kristen Read suggested the Code and Policies Committee bring a policy to the next meeting limiting presentations and questions to ten minutes each.

Council Attendance:
- Sameer Wahid asked if the AMS is adhering to Code and sending out appropriate letters reminding members of the consequences of missing meetings? Christopher Lythgo said he has been sending out absentee letters.

Cross Border Problems:
- Chris Fennell informed Council that CBC Radio covered a story about a UBC Graduate student who was denied entry to the US because his wife, a Canadian citizen, was born in Iran. This kind of treatment will have negative impacts on UBC graduate students. Attending international conferences is one of the main ways in which graduate students add to their CV, a major factor in obtaining funding. Chris asked the AMS Executive to write a letter to the appropriate authorities condemning these actions. Tara and Kristen will take care of this.

Bijan Ahmadian reported that he had been hearing rumours about elected constituency representatives writing letters on behalf of their members to resolve disputes. Members with any disputes whether academic or non-academic should be referred to the Ombudsoffice.

In response to a question from Mark Fraser, the General Manager said poppies would be available in SUB tomorrow and Friday.

U-Pass:
- Tara Learn asked if everyone was ok with not having a referendum on this issue in November. If Council wanted to run a referendum in November on this issue, it would have to be approved by Council this evening.
- Steve Price asked if the referendum could be held in conjunction with the AMS elections in January. Tara said the U-Pass Committee will be working on a proposed timeline for the next meeting on what is going on and how to make the issue non-political.
- Dan Grice asked if there could be a motion to this affect.
- Dave Tompkins said the same thing came up at his previous university and it didn’t affect the presidential elections at all.
- Mark Fraser suggested Council consult the Elections Administrator regarding his workload before making any decisions.
- Tara will consult with the U-Pass Committee to determine the best timeline for this.
Mandatory Student Union Fees:
- Kate Woznow suggested the Executive write a letter of support to the CFS regarding Shirley Bond’s comments.
- Daniel Grice suggested waiting until after the AMS had met with Shirley Bond to determine what was going on.
- Tara Learn said she would draft up a letter and circulate it to Council for feedback.

CACUSS Conference:
- Behshad informed Council that he is sitting on the UBC CACUSS Conference Planning Committee. This is an excellent opportunity for us to showcase our student services. UBC is pushing for increased student participation. Asked Council for feedback on what important issues should be brought up.
- Kate Woznow asked whether the issue of safety would be on the agenda. Behshad said yes, safety would be coming up especially in light of the recent Safewalk proposal submitted to UBC.
- Christopher Lythgo suggested raising the issue of enhancing the learning atmosphere ie. peer education and tutoring.
- Behshad said other issues include moving towards online learning and how this affects accessibility. Please email other issues you would like raised.

Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated October 23, 2002 as amended [SCD 245-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 17, 2002 [SCD 246-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 30, 2002 [SCD 247-003]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated October 7, 2002 [SCD 248-003]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated October 21, 2002 [SCD 249-003]
Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated October 31, 2002 [SCD 250-003]

Executive Committee Motions:

14. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

“Be it resolved that Council support the idea of a ‘Smart Card’ as presented, and direct the Executive to continue discussions with the University on the issue.”

- Tara Learn said this was a motion to approve Phase 1 of the program.
- Sameer Wahid asked if the smart card would display the student number. Tara said that following a discussion with Michelle Aucoin, it was decided that student numbers and birth dated should be on the card.
- Sameer said the smart card is a great idea but doesn’t think the pilot project should be done on first year students.
- Reka Sztopa said without an AMS sticker it would be impossible to determine whether an individual is a student. How would they vote and what means if any will identify if they are old enough to get into the Pit. Council should not pass this motion without seeing a draft design of the card and also determining how students will be identified.

15. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:
“That motion #14 be postponed until the next Student Council meeting.”

- Nick Seddon said this motion needs to be postponed as there are still lots of things that need to be ironed out.
- Dave Tompkins said too many things need to be settled and didn’t think two weeks was enough time.
- Kristen Read asked if it would be possible to have a design ready for the next Council meeting. Tara asked Council members to email her their questions which she would forward on to UBC and proceed from there.
- Kim Lam felt postponement was a good idea and an opportunity to bring a rough design back to Council for the next meeting.
- Daniel Grice agreed with postponing the motion. He said there should be clear guidelines on privacy, usage, transfer of information and also how funds are going to be separated.

16. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED OLIVIER PLESSIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

- Dave Tompkins expressed concerns that whatever is ready in two weeks will be incomplete. He proposed that January students be issued regular AMS cards and a pilot project take place in March.
- Christopher Lythgo asked how the smart card will tie in with Translink and what about security in residences. Perhaps we should take a look at the bigger picture.
- Kim Lam suggested Council give Tara and the Committee a chance to see what can be accomplished in two weeks.

17. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

“That motion #14 be postponed until the next Student Council meeting.”

... Carried

- Kate Woznow suggested Council members email their concerns to Tara.

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

19. MOVED JEFFREY KWEE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in the Faculty of Medicine from $20 to $40 starting in Winter Session 2003/2004, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.”
Jeffrey Kwee explained that there was a little confusion surrounding the MUS referendum. MUS is only getting $20 per student, the remaining funds are going towards the Student Centre. Hopefully the referendum is still valid.

20. MOVED DANIEL GRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

- Bernie Peets said it was important that the motion be worded accurately, so that Nick Seddon has the correct information for when he writes to the Board of Governors.
- There was a friendly amendment to change the numbers in the motion.

21. MOVED JEFFREY KWEE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in the Faculty of Medicine from $38 to $58 for first and second year students, and $48 to $68 for third and fourth year students starting in Winter Session 2003/2004, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.”

- Ryan Morasiewicz said the wording of this motion is misleading because this is not what students voted on.
- Sameer Wahid said that although the spirit of the motion is clear, however the black and white interpretation is not crystal clear.Maybe the motion should be reworded explaining that $18 goes to the faculty and $20 to MUS.
- Reka Sztopa said there was a lot of confusion around this and students are being misled.
- Joel Atwater suggested letting the matter go to the Board of Governors and if it comes back then let MUS deal with it.
- Nick Seddon suggested sending a memorandum to MUS students explaining the intent of the referendum.
- Reka Sztopa didn’t think the motion to the BoG should be different from the referendum question.
- Daniel Yokom asked what happened at the first MUS referendum. Jeffrey said the first referendum didn’t reach quorum.

22. MOVE SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

“That motion #21 be postponed indefinitely.”

- Kristen Read said she was not confident voting on the motion as it was.
- Ryan Morasiewicz sees problems with changing numbers in this motion and the numbers going to the Board of Governors.
- Bijan Ahmadhian said if Council approved this motion, it would put him in an awkward position.

23. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED JASON PODUR:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
24. MOVE SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

“That motion #21 be postponed indefinitely.”

Note: Kristin Lyons - abstained ... Defeated

25. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #21 be referred to the MUS with our concerns.”

26. MOVED KATE WOZNOW:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

27. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #21 be referred to the MUS with our concerns.”

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

Code and Policies Committee Update - Sameer Wahid (Chair)

- there will be a motion from the Committee for the next meeting.
- the text of the motion should be ready by next Wednesday.
- invited Council members to attend the next meeting of the Code and Policies Committee taking place on Wednesday, November 13.

On-line voting:
- the Code and Policies Committee will ensure there is a policy regarding polling stations.
- there will be no Chief Returning Officer position but instead there will be a Technical Officer position.

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated October 24, 2002 [SCD 251-003]

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the University Commission dated September 18, 2002 [SCD 252-003]
Minutes of the University Commission dated October 2, 2002 [SCD 253-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 7, 2002 [SCD 254-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 7, 2002 [SCD 255-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 11, 2002 [SCD 256-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 21, 2002 [SCD 257-003]
I) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions: Continued

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated October 17, 2002 [SCD 258-003]

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions: Continued

28. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED OLIVIER PLESSIS: [SCD 259-003]

“That Council allocate funding not to exceed $1,700 from the External and University Lobbying Fund for the upcoming Municipal elections as recommended by the Municipal Elections Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

29. MOVED KATE WOZNOW:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

30. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED OLIVIER PLESSIS:

“That Council allocate funding not to exceed $1,700 from the External and University Lobbying Fund for the upcoming Municipal elections as recommended by the Municipal Elections Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried Unanimously

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

< Slates

O) Submissions:

< Letter from Brian Silzer re Non-Instructional Fees Proposal [SCD 260-003]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

R) Social Activity:
Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Krissy Price (Assistant to President), Garrett Johnson, Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Chris Sheppard (The Ubyssey), Michael Schwandt (The Ubyssey), Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen (TA Union), Anshuman Kumar (TA Union), Paul Hommerson (TA Union), Erin Biddlecombe, Dani Bryant, Justin Lesiuk, Josh Bowman (UBC Improv) Tim Rahilly (Student Financial Assistance Enrollment Services), Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Michelle Aucoin (VP Students), Neil Guppy (Provost’s Office), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

J) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council adopt the agenda and addendum as presented.”

Note: Abstained: Sameer Wahid, Kim Lam, Cameron Reeves, Jamie Roots
... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

B) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

TA Union - Paul Hommerson/Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen

Paul Hommerson:

- TA’s are in a difficult fight with the University
- the tuition increases impact the wages of the TA’s
- also the University is offering a zero percent increase and wants to take away benefits

Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen:

- there is no contract at the moment and negotiations are going very slowly
- the TA union will be deciding on Monday whether to hold a strike vote.

Paul Hommerson:

- in the expired contract, UBC had agreed to make up half of any tuition increase for TA’s; tuition didn’t go up during the last contract; now that it is going up, UBC no longer wants to make this payment
- the TA’s are looking for support from undergraduates in an attempt to force the University back to the bargaining table
- unfortunately, job action may affect undergraduate students, but is not aimed at them

Questions

- Sameer Wahid said there would be an uproar in Science courses if a strike affected labs. Paul Hommerson said he understood that.
- Oana Chirila said that the motion on the agenda was not about supporting a strike, but about supporting a salary increase. Paul Hommerson said the TA’s want a salary increase comparable to the one at SFU.
- Barry Shin asked if other unions would walk out. Paul Hommerson said that the unions in UBC Plant Operations and among the secretarial staff are very sympathetic.
- Barry Shin asked what would happen to transcripts if there were a four-month strike.
- Paul Hommerson said a four-month strike would be very unlikely. He said any job action is more likely to be something like a refusal to mark midterm exams, which would cause only a temporary delay.
- Ali Arya noted that TA’s are students too, and part of the AMS community.
- Spencer Keys asked about current pay levels. Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen said the top rate of pay for full-time TA’s working on their PhD’s is $9,221 for eight months; full-time TA’s at the master’s level get $8,000.
- Paul Hommerson said the TA’s see tuition as a condition of their employment, so any tuition increase is a pay cut.

The Chair was passed to Annick Gauthier at 6:20 p.m.

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Tuition Consultation - Brian Sullivan (VP Students) [SCD 261-003]
[SCD 262-003]
[SCD 263-003]

Brian Sullivan:
- have received letters from the AMS and GSS to delay the tuition proposal; the Administration takes this request seriously, but it was a Board of Governors decision, not an Administration decision, to bring the tuition proposal forward in January
- UBC did not get $5 million in Indirect Costs of Research it was expecting from the province; one could say the University overestimated its revenue last year
- 15 percent of the tuition increase will go to student financial support
- the basic proposal is for a 30 percent tuition increase for most undergraduates; 41% for Commerce; 40% for Engineering; 37% for Pharmacy; 20% for research-based graduate programs
- this year the Administration has compared tuition levels to those at peer institutions

Neil Guppy:
Use of last year’s tuition increase:
- have been able to hire more faculty members and increase the number of course sections
- co-op programs have benefitted
- new technical writing centre for engineers
- restored technology in dentistry
- improved learning spaces, audio-visual equipment

Questions:
- Chris Fennell said he rejected the comparison to peer institutions. In some cases, the averages were misleading because of one institution having a very high tuition or because programs at other institutions are differently structured. Last year the students asked for things like an efficiency report; also, the students would like more than an allocation proposal: where did the money actually go?
- Brian Sullivan agreed that operational efficiency is very important. That report was supposed to be due at the Board of Governors in March. The Board moved the date for the tuition proposal up to January. The efficiency report has been drafted.
- Sameer Wahid disagreed with Neil Guppy about last year’s spending bringing benefits; the move to computerization in Chemistry was not an improvement; chemists need hands-on experience in labs.
- Neil Guppy agreed that the computerization hadn’t contributed to a hands-on experience. The University needed to do more; that’s why it needs more money.
- Sameer Wahid said that even the money put in already did not produce improvements, so there is concern about what will be done with further increases.
- Neil Guppy said there will be an assessment and if a certain program is a mistake, it will be corrected, but feedback actually is positive on the computerization in Chemistry.
- Oana Chirila asked what the goal of the tuition increase is, and wondered why an increase is being demanded first, before justifying it.
- Neil Guppy said he didn’t know specific goals, but the University in general wants to increase student choice, increase the number of sections available, and enhance the learning environment.
- Dan Grice said the University seemed more focused on dollar signs than education.
- Brian Sullivan said UBC is dead last in the amount of its operating budget, according to this year’s Maclean’s survey. It’s not a pretty picture.
- Dan Grice asked about following the national average. Brian Sullivan said UBC is comparing its tuition levels this year to peer institutions in the G-10 because they have similar programs to those here.
- Spencer Keys asked why the comparison was made to the tuition level for out-of-province students at Quebec universities rather than to in-province. Brian Sullivan said this was because UBC mostly serves BC students, who would pay out-of-province rates if they went to a Quebec university.
- Steve Price said last year’s consultations had an effect, but not on the actual tuition increase. He wondered whether there was any point to focusing on changing the tuition increase.
- Brian Sullivan said the tuition increase number (30%) was not a negotiating stance; it’s what will be required. However, he clarified last year the Administration proposed a number, and after the consultations, a lower number was the one accepted.
- Cameron Reeves asked if there is differential tuition now for engineers. Brian Sullivan said the Dean of Engineering wanted a differentiated fee for upper years. Last year he didn’t get it. This year he has asked again.
- Cameron Reeves asked if there would be extra money in financial support for engineering students. Brian Sullivan said probably 20 percent of the extra increase. He added that 90 percent of the increase for engineering students would go to Engineering; 10 percent would go to the central administration.
- Kristen Read said it was a problem that tuition was becoming differential. Brian Sullivan said only one more faculty was becoming differentiated; the majority are not.
- Kate Woznow said students are concerned that the $5 million for the indirect cost of research was a cost being borne by undergraduates. Also, a 30 percent tuition increase seemed high; why is it needed? And students were told they would get a quality report card, but they haven’t seen that.
- Brian Sullivan said the University thought it could get $5 million from the province, but couldn’t; as a result, the University has over-allocated. It could decrease the allocation, but it didn’t want to do that. Effectively, UBC got a reduction in its student grant from the government.
- Brian Sullivan agreed that the Administration has not yet brought the students the information it promised, but it is coming and will be fed into the process thanks to student pressure. He added that he was not totally confident about the numbers
presented; he can’t give background for the 30 percent figure; he would rather have until
March to do it instead of January.

- Jason Podur asked why the Administration didn’t go to the government for more money
instead of the students. Brian Sullivan said the Administration does do this; however,
there will be a big struggle coming with the Liberal government. There are access issues;
the per student grant may go down even further.

- Sameer Wahid questioned the rationale for comparing tuition rates to the rate for out-of-
province students in Quebec. He said UBC students are mostly from within the province;
they’re not out-of-province students, so should not be compared to out-of-province
students elsewhere.

- Sameer Wahid asked if the tuition increase was being driven by comparisons with other
institutions. Brian Sullivan said it is driven mainly by expenditures for the resources
needed, but it is modified by comparators. To loud applause from other Council
members, Sameer Wahid said if the tuition increase is driven by expenditures, show us
the expenditures. He said the students need to see what needs to be done, then they can
tell what money is needed.

- Sameer Wahid asked why the increase for graduate students is less. Brian Sullivan said
there were several factors; one was to help in recruitment of graduate students.

- Olivier Plessis asked what had been done to gauge student response to the changes
introduced using last year’s tuition increase. Brian Sullivan said the Administration
wants to get at student satisfaction through on-line surveys.

- Olivier Plessis asked about the number of new students. Brian Sullivan said UBC was
still 1000-1400 students above the level being funded by the province. UBC could curtail
enrolment, which would mean the GPA entrance standard would go up. Some people
oppose this, saying access is important.

- Oana Chirila spoke against differential tuition, saying that in Pharmacy the number of
sections decreased despite differential tuition.

- Brian Sullivan said he was at Pharmacy last week and received a different message; there
may be a delayed effect.

- Oana Chirila asked how much of the tuition increase would go to the quality of
education. Brian Sullivan said the Administration does not have expenditure numbers; he
said it is hard to judge the 30 percent without context.

- Kate Woznow said students want to know the true impact of the tuition increases.
Enrollment is up, so the number of sections would naturally increase; it doesn’t mean the
size of each section is decreasing.

- Brian Sullivan agreed. He added that operational efficiency is not so much about class
sizes; students want to know if the University is spending wisely.

- Kristen Harvey said students still don’t have enough information to consult. It is not
realistic to consult before the January Board of Governors meeting; there’s not enough
time. Discussing the tuition proposal in January will be putting the cart before the horse;
the discussion should be postponed until March.

\[U-Pass\] Update - Tara Learn (AMS VP External) [SCD 264-003]
- Presented the U-Pass timeline recommendations from the U-Pass Committee
which should aid in negotiations.
- Currently holding student forums, information booths, distributing flyers and
updating constituency executives.
- Planning to conduct a SWAT analysis in January. This will include a survey of
students getting off buses which will give us an opportunity to inform Translink
of trouble areas.
- Referendum to be called on January 15, 2003.
Questions:

- Jamie Roots asked where pamphlets and flyers will be available from. Tara said information will initially be available at information booths but will also be available at Council for members to take back to their constituencies.
- Ryan Morasiewicz asked when poster will take place and if UBC will pay for paper ballots. Tara said poster will start after the AMS elections and the TREK Office will take care of funding.
- Daniel Yokom asked what information will be used for the pamphlets? Tara said she has been in contact with Bill Lambert and advised that the AMS will need the final contract by January 15, 2003. The pamphlets will be more detailed as we get closer to finalising the contract.
- Christopher Lythgo asked if the contract needs to be approved by AMS Council before we can go to referendum. Yes.
- Nick Seddon asked if paper vs electronic ballots is contingent upon how the January elections go. Tara said the U-Pass Committee would look into the issue.

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

1. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KIM LAM:

“That pursuant to Section IX (A) (1) (B) (4), the Elections Committee be and is hereby authorized to conduct a Constituency Fee referendum for the Medicine Undergraduate Society (MUS), the details of which to be agreed upon by the MUS Executive and the Elections Administrator.”

- Jeffrey Kwee explained that Medicine is redoing its referendum on a fee increase because, as was noted at the last Council meeting, the question in the previous referendum was unclear. The plan is to hold the new referendum in the second week of January.
- Chris Eaton said this referendum, which he will conduct electronically, could serve as a dry run for the electronic election for the AMS executive.
- Kate Woznow said she didn’t want Medicine to think it was being used just for a dry run.

2. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

3. MOVED KRISTEN READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

4. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KIM LAM:
“That pursuant to Section IX (A) (1) (B) (4), the Elections Committee be and is hereby authorized to conduct a Constituency Fee referendum for the Medicine Undergraduate Society (MUS), the details of which to be agreed upon by the MUS Executive and the Elections Administrator.”

... Carried Unanimously

D) President’s Remarks:

E) Executive Reports:

Nick Seddon - VP Finance  [SCD 266-003]
Christopher Lythgo - VP  [SCD 267-003]
Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services  [SCD 268-003]
Tara Learn - VP External Affairs  [SCD 269-003]
Oana Chirila - VP Administration  [SCD 270-003]

F) Constituency Reports:

Chris Fennell - Graduate Students Society
Ali Arya - Graduate Students Society
Kim Lam - Graduate Students Society
Lindsay Ye - Graduate Student Society
Sameer Wahid - Science Undergraduate Society
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Daniel Grice - Arts Undergraduate Society
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
Kristen Read - Arts Undergraduate Society
Erfan Kazemi - Board of Governors
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Rajdeep Basra - Law Students Association
Jamie Roots - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Jennifer Smith - School of Library, Archival & Information Studies
Dave Allen - Regent College
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society
Olivier Plessis - Arts Undergraduate Society
Shauna Matkovich - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association
Jennifer Lau - Senate
Tommy Soong - Education Students Association

G) Discussion Period:

< Smart Card - Kate Woznow
- Kate Woznow said she thought the smart card issue was supposed to come back to Council. Tara Learn said it went to the Constituencies. Kate Woznow said, But not to Council—and the program is beginning in January? Tara Learn said Yes.

- Kim Lam said the proposal doesn’t have to come to Council; it’s the University’s card. Tara Learn said all that is happening is a snazzy new card in January. Kim Lam added that there will be more consultation after that; the committee would come back to Council.

- Reka Sztopa asked if there would be a sticker on the new card. Tara Learn said no, but there will be an expiry date right on the card.

- Reka Sztopa said she was very concerned. Science has a referendum coming up: how will students with new cards vote? She thought that when the smart card motion was defeated last time, it would not be going ahead.

- Tara Learn said consultation had not been good on this issue. The student representatives on the University committee would bring up points like this, but the University was not interested. However, meetings are being set up with the Constituencies to discuss the issue with Danny Ho from the UBC Administration.

- Kristen Harvey said that the AMS needs to identify emergency situations associated with the introduction of the new card (for instance, Constituency elections in the upcoming term) and then do what’s worked in the past on issues like non-instructional fees: Constituencies and the AMS need to get together and demand action, send letters. She said Tara needs Constituency support to increase pressure on the University and make this more of an issue on campus.

- Chris Fennell said the AMS should demand a sticker. Kate Woznow said stickers are needed so that the constituencies can operate democratically (in elections, a number is crossed off the sticker to indicate that a student has voted). Steve Price said the AMS could create its own sticker to put on the cards. Behshad Darvish said it would be unfair for the AMS to have to pay for this; every Constituency should meet with Danny Ho and the other smart card people.

5. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council end debate on this issue.”
... Carried

Electronic Discussions - Ali Arya

- Ali Arya asked about the planned electronic discussion groups for Council. Behshad Darvish said there are two; one requires signing up, but no one has signed up. The other one is on the AMS website and is functioning. Kristen Harvey said she would send out an e-mail explaining the situation.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated November 6, 2002 [SCD 271-003]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

6. MOVED CHRISS FENNEL, SECONDED ALI ARYA:
"In light of the proposed tuition increases, and the barrier they place to the recruitment and retention of quality graduate students, the AMS supports the principle that TA remuneration should be increased at a minimum to be commensurate with increases in tuition fees."

7. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That motion #6 be amended to read:

‘In light of the proposed tuition increases, and the barrier they place to the recruitment and retention of quality graduate students, the AMS supports the TA Union in their advocating the principle that TA remuneration should be increased at a minimum to be commensurate with increases in tuition fees’.”

- Spencer Keys asked if the amendment meant the AMS would be supporting the TA union itself in all that it did, or was it just support for the principle of increasing TA pay commensurate with the tuition increase?
- Chris Fennell said it was support for the TA union in its advocacy of the principle.
- Dan Grice said he did not want to support a strike. Chris Fennell said the motion was not specific about the nature of the support for the union.
- Barry Shin asked if they would have to go on strike if the union did.
- Kate Woznow said the amendment made clear that the support was for the union, not for a strike.
- Spencer Keys said he didn’t like supporting advocacy; it could mean anything. He didn’t want to give a blank cheque to the union.
- Dan Grice said they shouldn’t support something that would affect them as undergraduates.

8. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

9. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

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Note: Abstained - Barry Shin ... Defeated

- Chris Fennell said the motion was important. The TA union needs support; they’re students too. Being a TA is one of the main ways graduate students get money; $9,000 is
not a lot of money. Even a strike might not mean disruption; in the US there have been marking strikes in which everything submitted to a TA automatically receives 100%.

11. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #6 be amended to read:

‘In light of the proposed tuition increases, and the barrier they place to the recruitment and retention of quality graduate students, the AMS supports the principle that TA remuneration should be increased to reflect increased costs in tuition.

And that the AMS call on both the University and the Union to settle this issue in a fair and timely manner, before this matter results in disruption to education at UBC.’”

- Dan Grice said he didn’t think the TA union wanted a percentage increase equivalent to the percentage increase in tuition. Also, the AMS should call on both sides to settle the dispute early; no one wants a disruption.
- Chris Fennell said the TA union wasn’t asking for a percentage increase, just to match the tuition increase dollar for dollar. He also disagreed with telling the TA union to settle in a timely manner; they have been trying to do that; it’s the University that needs to be told to settle in a timely manner.
- Spencer Keys said you have to address both sides in negotiations, should call on both to settle in a timely manner.
- Sameer Wahid said they should be supporting the union; the amendment detracts from supporting them.
- Dan Grice said they had to look at who they were representing: the students, who don’t want to have to hear about strikes, pickets, missing classes, etc.
- Kim Lam said the union has been trying to negotiate since the summer, but the University has been cancelling meetings. He added that without proper compensation for TA’s, the quality of education would go down. A strike might hurt in the short run, but in the long run it might improve the quality of education.

12. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That motion #11 be amended by striking ‘before this matter results in disruption to education at UBC.’”

- Spencer Keys said that although it is true there are two sides in negotiations, in this case the TA union has been trying to negotiate, so it would be realistic to call on the University alone to negotiate quicker and drop the TA union from that part.
- Sameer Wahid said the union is made up of AMS members. The AMS wouldn’t call on UBC and AMS members to settle something. The AMS shouldn’t chide its own members, and the TA union had come to it for support.

13. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried
14. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That motion #11 be amended by striking ‘before this matter results in disruption to education at UBC’.”
... Carried

15. MOVED JAMIE ROOTS: (Friendly amendment)

“That motion #11 be amended by inserting ‘TA’ before ‘Union’.”
... Carried
The Chair suggested limiting comments to three minutes per speaker.

16. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

17. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That motion #11 be amended by deleting ‘both’ and ‘the TA Union’.”

18. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

19. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That motion #11 be amended by deleting ‘both’ and ‘the TA Union’.”

Note: Opposed - Ryan Morasiewicz, Alan Warkentin, Jamie Roots, Daniel Grice
... Carried

20. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #6 be amended to read:

‘In light of the proposed tuition increases, and the barrier they place to the recruitment and retention of quality graduate students, the AMS supports the principle that TA remuneration should be increased to reflect increased costs in tuition.

And that the AMS call on the University to settle this issue in a fair and timely manner’.”

- Alan Warkentin said that when he goes to work he doesn’t ask for an increase to compensate for tuition increases. He also suggested bringing in a University representative to hear its side.
- Chris Fennell said being a TA was not like other jobs; as a TA he has to pay his employer in order to work for them.

21. MOVED OLIVIER PLESSIS, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:
“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

22. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #20 be postponed indefinitely.”

... Withdrawn

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. for a five minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 p.m.

23. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council divide motion #20.”

24. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

25. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #6 be amended to read:

‘In light of the proposed tuition increases, and the barrier they place to the recruitment and retention of quality graduate students, the AMS supports the principle that TA remuneration should be increased **to reflect increased costs in tuition.**

Note: Abstained - Daniel Grice ... Defeated

26. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #6 be amended to read:

‘And that the AMS call on the University to settle this issue in a fair and timely manner’. “

27. MOVED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

28. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #6 be amended to read:
‘And that the AMS call on the University to settle this issue in a fair and timely manner’.”

Note: In Favour - Daniel Grice
Opposed - Alan Warkentin ... Defeated

29. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

"In light of the proposed tuition increases, and the barrier they place to the recruitment and retention of quality graduate students, the AMS supports the principle that TA remuneration should be increased at a minimum to be commensurate with increases in tuition fees."

Note: Opposed - Daniel Grice, Kristen Read
Abstained - Mark Fraser, Ian McKechnie, Alan Warkentin ... Carried

30. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: Opposed - Kristen Read, Daniel Grice ... Carried

31. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

"In light of the proposed tuition increases, and the barrier they place to the recruitment and retention of quality graduate students, the AMS supports the principle that TA remuneration should be increased at a minimum to be commensurate with increases in tuition fees."

Note: Opposed - Daniel Grice, Kristen Read
Abstained - Mark Fraser, Ian McKechnie, Alan Warkentin ... Carried

32. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED CAMERON REEVES: [SCD 272-003]

"Whereas UBC Properties and Campus Planning have proposed replacing the Empire Pool with an eighteen-story condominium tower and mini-strip mall; and

Whereas UBC Properties and Campus Planning have failed to guarantee funds for the development of a new pool; and

Whereas, the elimination of the Empire Pool would effectively reduce the number of recreational facilities on campus; and

Whereas recreational facilities are intrinsic to the learning environment of a University; and

Whereas the development of the Empire Pool site conveys the message that commercial development of the University's entrance is more important than recreational or academic space; and

Whereas such development is inappropriate at a time when the University lacks the academic and recreational buildings required to handle both current and projected demands;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council support the petition against replacing the Empire Pool with a condominium tower and mini-strip mall as presented."
- Oana Chirila said there is opposition to the UBC plan to remove the outdoor Empire pool and replace it with a condominium complex. The opponents want AMS support; they think this plan is detrimental to the University community.
- Sameer Wahid said building over the pool is a stupid idea, removing a pool from athletics. And the plan to build a strip mall would create competition for SUB businesses whose revenues the AMS counts on. This is not what students need.
- Kristen Harvey said the plan is under review. Moving the pool is a new idea.

33. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

34. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED CAMERON REEVES:

"Whereas UBC Properties and Campus Planning have proposed replacing the Empire Pool with an eighteen-story condominium tower and mini-strip mall; and

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Whereas the development of the Empire Pool site conveys the message that commercial development of the University's entrance is more important than recreational or academic space; and

Whereas such development is inappropriate at a time when the University lacks the academic and recreational buildings required to handle both current and projected demands;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council support the petition against replacing the Empire Pool with a condominium tower and mini-strip mall as presented."

... Carried

35. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That Council approve in principle the timeline for the U-Pass referendum as presented.”

... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

36. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council suspend the necessary provisions of Code so Christopher Eaton may complete the term of Michelle Hassen as Student Representative to Senate for the Faculty of Arts; and
That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Christopher Eaton as the Student Representative for the Faculty of Arts and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- In response to a question about what section of Code would have to be suspended to allow Chris Eaton, the Elections Administrator, to become an Arts Senator, Sheldon Goldfarb referred to the Code provision that says that members of the Elections Committee may not hold any other elected or appointed positions within the AMS, including positions within Clubs and Constituencies.
- There was some discussion over whether the position of Arts Senator in the UBC Senate was an AMS position. Steve Price said that Chris would also become a member of the AUS Council if made a senator.
- Spencer Keys said Chris was the best qualified person to fill the seat; Arts did not want a novice on Senate committees; and being on Senate would not affect Chris’s work as AMS Elections Administrator.
- Alan Warkentin said everyone starts out as a novice; the position should be opened up to everybody.
- Kristen Harvey said it was important to keep two AMS positions impartial: the Ombudsperson and the Elections Administrator. It was especially important to follow the rules and be beyond reproach with these two positions. She noted the major role played by the Elections Administrator in the election process.
- Ryan Morasiewicz said there was no conflict; Chris would not be on AMS Council; he would be running in a University election, not an AMS election. It was not even in the power of the AMS to keep him from being nominated to the Senate. The motion to notify Senate was just a formality.
- Sameer Wahid said if it was just a formality, there would be no provision in the Code for Council to have to pass a motion to send a Constituency’s Senate nomination on to Senate. Every Constituency is responsible to the AMS, and it was up to Council to decide whether to recommend the appointment of Chris or whoever else to the Senate. This case had nothing to do with the person being nominated; it was a violation of AMS Code, and he didn’t think the portion of the Code being violated should be suspended.
- Dan Yokom asked if the position had been opened to all students in Arts. Steve Price said it had not been advertised.
- Dan Grice said this was an attempt by the AMS to impose its jurisdiction on Constituencies. The Arts Council gave unanimous support for Chris to become the senator.
- Chris Fennell said the Elections Administrator must be independent and above reproach. Becoming the Rep on Senate could be interpreted as a violation of independence.

37. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

38. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

“That motion #36 be tabled until Council obtains further information from the Secretary of Senate and/or the AMS Policy Advisor.”
... Defeated

39. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council suspend the necessary provisions of Code so Christopher Eaton may complete the term of Michelle Hassen as Student Representative to Senate for the Faculty of Arts; and

That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Christopher Eaton as the Student Representative for the Faculty of Arts and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Withdrawn

40. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

“Whereas universities have always existed as institutions of learning;

Whereas the fundamental purpose of such an institution is the transfer of knowledge and not the transfer of currency;

Whereas students are an inseparable part of the University; and

Whereas the administration of the University of British Columbia has diverted from this fundamental concept by referring to students as clients and customers, thereby implying that students are separate from the University and are merely purchasers of its services;

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society oppose the administration’s attempts to classify students as clients or customers;

And be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society request that the University only refer to members of the Alma Mater Society as students, undergraduates, or as graduates.”

- Kristen Read said the AUS had passed a motion on this. They had noticed that the UBC Administration had begun to talk about recovering costs from customers, and by customers meant students. The AUS wanted to nip this sort of talk in the bud.
- Ryan Morasiewicz said the Administration has not actually said this sort of thing. He asked in what document they had said this.
- Kate Woznow said Brian Silzer, the UBC Registrar, had referred to students as customers.

41. MOVED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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And be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society request that the University only refer to members of the Alma Mater Society as students, undergraduates, or as graduates.”

Note: Abstained - Kim Lam ... Carried

- Chris Fennell requested the AMS Executive to write a letter to UBC on this issue.

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

43. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That Council appoint Alan Warkentin (SAC representative) to the Budget Committee for a term ending May 1, 2003 on the recommendation of SAC.”

... Withdrawn

44. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED KRISTEN READ: [SCD 273-003]

“Whereas Recommendation 2.4 of the AMS Strategic Plan calls for the creation of a comprehensive Safety Vision and Action Plan; and

Whereas, the AMS Safety Committee created the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement after consultation with key stakeholders in the campus community;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council accept the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement as amended.”

45. MOVED KATE WOZNOW: (Friendly amendment)

‘That the Campus Safety Vision Statement be amended by inserting the following:

- the AMS values the campus environment and as such, will endeavour to create an environment free of vandalism and property damage.”

... Carried

46. MOVED NICK SEDDON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
47. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

"Whereas Recommendation 2.4 of the AMS Strategic Plan calls for the creation of a comprehensive Safety Vision and Action Plan; and

Whereas, the AMS Safety Committee created the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement after consultation with key stakeholders in the campus community;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council accept the AMS Campus Safety Vision Statement as amended."

Note: In Favour - Mark Fraser ... Carried Unanimously

48. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ: [SCD 274-003]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'CODE REVISIONS — MISCELLANEOUS ELECTIONS CHANGES' and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Christopher Lythgo asked if the Code change on election complaints meant there would no longer be a cap on the window of complaints. Could protests be submitted much later than before?
- Sameer Wahid said the change would give discretion to the Elections Committee. Jamie Roots said if an irregularity is serious enough, there should be discretion to hear a complaint about it even if later than the deadline.

49. MOVED JAMIE ROOTS, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

50. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

“That Section IX A, Article 1A (8) [new provision] be amended by inserting the following:

‘No protest or complaint shall be submitted more than seventy-two (72) hours after the end of balloting’.”

51. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

52. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

“That Section IX A, Article 1A (8) [new provision] be amended by inserting the following:
‘No protest or complaint shall be submitted more than seventy-two (72) hours after the end of balloting’.”

Note: Opposed - Alan Warkentin ... Carried

53. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

54. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'CODE REVISIONS — MISCELLANEOUS ELECTIONS CHANGES' and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Code and Policies Report - Sameer Wahid

55. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That Council amend Section III, Article 1(5) of the Code of Procedure by adding the sentence marked in bold italics:

'5. Presentations to Council shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution. The question period following a presentation shall also be limited to ten (10) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution.’”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

56. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Opposed - Daniel Grice ... Carried

57. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That Council amend Section III, Article 1(5) of the Code of Procedure by adding the sentence marked in bold italics:

'5. Presentations to Council shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution. The question period following a presentation shall also be limited to ten (10) minutes, unless Council approves an extension by Resolution.’”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Opposed - Daniel Grice ... Carried
58. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ: [SCD 275-003]

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'PROPOSED CODE CHANGES - SLATES IN ELECTIONS' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

59. MOVED RYAN MORASIEWICZ, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

“That Section IX A, Article 2 (10) (f) be amended by striking ‘one-third (1/3)’ and replacing it with ‘one-fifth (1/5)’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ryan Morasiewicz said the 1/3 number was a compromise in the Code and Policies Committee (CPC). He thinks 1/5 would be better because there are five Executive candidates.
- Christopher Lythgo said CPC had debated this already at length.
- Dan Grice said he had not been allowed to debate it at the CPC meeting, but had been told the appropriate place for discussion on the number was at Council.
- Sameer Wahid said he had no preference for either number.
- Kristen Harvey said there is currently no limit at all and the proposed 1/3 limit was a good first step. After the next election there can be an evaluation of what happened, and adjustments can be made then.

60. MOVED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

61. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED TARA LEARN, OANA CHIRILA:

“That Council vote by secret ballot.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

62. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ, ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council take a roll call vote.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

63. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED TARA LEARN, OANA CHIRILA:

“That Council overturn the roll call vote.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Abstained - Spencer Keys ... Defeated
64. MOVED RYAN MORASIEWICZ, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

“That Section IX A, Article 2 (10) (f) be amended by striking ‘one-third (1/3)’ and replacing it with ‘one-fifth (1/5)’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

In Favour - Cameron Reeves, Daniel Grice, Daniel Yokom, Ian McKechnie, Kim Lam, Ryan Morasiewicz, Alan Warkentin, Stephen Price

Opposed - Ali Arya, Chris Fennell, Elliot Grundmanis, Erfan Kazemi, Jamie Roots, Jason Podur, Kate Woznow, Kristen Harvey, Kristen Read, Oana Chirila, Olivier Plessis, Shauna Matkovich, Spencer Keys, Tara Learn

Abstained - Jennifer Smith, Mark Fraser, Nick Seddon, Sameer Wahid

... Defeated

65. MOVED DANIEL GRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

66. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED RYAN MORASIEWICZ:

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'PROPOSED CODE CHANGES - SLATES IN ELECTIONS' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

67. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS: [SCD -276-003]

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'PROPOSED CODE CHANGES - ELECTRONIC VOTING' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Christopher Lythgo asked about the two-hour limit for vote counting: what if there are problems with the server? He also asked about the abolition of scrutineers, and about what was meant by saying the voting could take place in the third and fourth week.
- Re scrutineers, Sameer Wahid said the University does not want students in the area. Spencer Keys said the computer program would highlight errors so there would be no need for scrutineers.
- Alan Warkentin asked why there should be three CPC members present for the count. Sameer Wahid said this provision would deal with the scrutineer concern.
- Kate Woznow asked about candidates campaigning at computers where students might be voting. Sameer Wahid said the ban on campaigning at polling stations
(meaning campaigning near computers) was up to the Elections Administrator to enforce.

- Ian McKechnie asked about the cost of staffed polling stations. Spencer Keys said it would be $5,000.

68. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council divide Section IX A, Article 13 (g) (iii).”

69. MOVED OANA CHIRILA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

70. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council divide Article IX A, Article 13 (g) (iii).”

Note: Abstained - Sameer Wahid, Jason Podur ... Carried

71. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

“That Section IX A, Article 13 (1) (e) be amended to read:

‘Polling for this election shall be held during the third and/or fourth full weeks of classes in the second term of the School Year at the discretion of the Elections Administrator’.”

- Kristen Read suggested changing the staffed polling stations to information booths: why bother having laptops there? And it would be hard to maintain the secrecy of the ballot if voting on a computer screen in full view of others.
- Christopher Lythgo said there had been disasters elsewhere; promotions and publicity were needed. But he was in favour of staffed polling stations to draw people in to vote. A hybrid system was needed.
- Mark Fraser said he thought on-line voting was only going to be supplementary.
- Nick Seddon said the budget allows for 250 staffed hours while also allowing for promotion.
- Spencer Keys said the cost of getting laptops would be $10,000 and wondered if this money was available.
- Steve Price said things can get broken, $2500 computers.
- Ian McKechnie said the Elections Administrator recommended against using laptops and having staffed polling stations.
- Tara Learn said that the elections administrators at the University of Waterloo and the University of Calgary, where they have held electronic elections, both recommended having staffed polling stations.

72. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council move into a Committee of the Whole.”

... Carried
The Chair was passed to Sameer Wahid.

73. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

“That Council move out of a Committee of the Whole.”
... Carried

The Chair was passed to Annick Gauthier

74. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Section IX A, Article 13 (1) (e) be amended to read:
‘Polling for this election shall be held within the month of January at the discretion of the Elections Administrator’.”

75. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

76. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Section IX A, Article 13 (1) (e) be amended to read:
‘Polling for this election shall be held within the month of January at the discretion of the Elections Administrator’.”
Note: Opposed - Alan Warkentin ... Carried

77. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Section IX A, Article 13 (1) (g) (i) (ii) (iii) be amended by striking all references to ‘staff polling stations’ and replacing with ‘information booths’.”

78. MOVED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

79. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Section IX A, Article 13 (1) (g) (i) (ii) (iii) be amended by striking all references to ‘staff polling stations’ and replacing with ‘information booths’.”
... Defeated

80. MOVED SPENCER KEYS:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
81. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve Section IX A of the Code of Procedure with the exception of Section 1 (g) (iii).”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

82. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve Section IX A, Article (1) (g) (iii) of the Code of Procedure.”

83. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council divide Section IX A, Article (1) (g) (iii).”
... Carried

83. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council amend Section IX A (1) (g) (iii) to read:

‘... seven (7) and a maximum of fourteen (14) calendar days, at the discretion of AMS of AMS Council’.”

84. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

85. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council amend Section IX A (1) (g) (iii) to read:

‘... seven (7) and a maximum of fourteen (14) calendar days, at the discretion of AMS of AMS Council’.”

... Carried

86. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council amend Section IX A (1) (g) (iii) to read:

‘... seven (7) and a maximum of fourteen (14) calendar days, at the discretion of AMS of AMS Council. The above provision notwithstanding, the Elections Committee may alter the length of the voting period if circumstances so require, and shall inform the President of the alteration’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

87. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO: (Friendly amendment)

“That motion #85 be amended by striking ‘discretion’ and replacing it with ‘direction’.”
... Carried
88. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

89. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council amend Section IX A (1) (g) (iii) to read:

‘... seven (7) and a maximum of fourteen (14) calendar days, at the direction of AMS Council. ‘The above provision notwithstanding, the Elections Committee may alter the length of the voting period if circumstances so require, and shall inform the President of the alteration’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

90. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve Section IX A, Article (1) (g) (iii) of the Code of Procedure with the exception of the paragraph on ‘staffed polling stations’.”

91. MOVED NICK SEDDON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

92. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve Section IX A, Article (1) (g) (iii) of the Code of Procedure with the exception of the paragraph on ‘staffed polling stations’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

93. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“That Council strike ‘and’ staffed polling stations shall be open...’.”

94. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

95. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM, SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council take a roll call vote.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
96. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY, OANA CHIRILA:

“That Council over-turn a roll call vote.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

97. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“That Council strike the word ‘and’ staffed polling stations shall be open…”

Note: Opposed - Daniel Grice, Alan Warkentin ... Carried

98. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'PROPOSED CODE CHANGES - ELECTRONIC VOTING' and thus amend the Code as amended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

99. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

"That the Elections Committee conduct the Executive elections held in January 2003 by electronic means."

100. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That motion #99 be amended by adding the following:

‘Furthermore, Council directs the Elections Administrator to conduct the election over a seven (7) day period’.”

101. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO, SECONDED NICK SEDDON:

“That motion #100 be amended by adding the following:

‘Furthermore, Council directs the Elections Administrator to conduct the election over a seven (7) day period and recommends that the election commence on January 18, 2003’."

102. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

103. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO, SECONDED NICK SEDDON:

“That motion #100 be amended by adding the following:
Furthermore, Council directs the Elections Administrator to conduct the election over a seven (7) day period and recommends that the election commence on January 18, 2003.”

... Carried Unanimously

104. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

"That the Elections Committee conduct the Executive elections held in January 2003 by electronic means; and

Furthermore, Council directs the Elections Administrator to conduct the election over a seven (7) day period and recommends that the election commence on January 18, 2003.”

... Carried Unanimously

105. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That, in accordance with Bylaw 11(1)(f), the Vice-President Finance and the Budget Committee consider an amendment to the Society's budget to increase the funding of the Elections Committee so that it will have enough funds to provide 250 polling hours at staffed polling stations during the January elections."

- On the issue of the number of hours for staffed polling stations, a letter was read from Chris Eaton, the Elections Administrator, noting that at the University of Calgary they used much less than 250 hours.
- Christopher Lythgo said there was enough money for 250 hours. He said he appreciated concern about saving money, but there had already been a 40% cut in the elections budget.
- Tara Learn warned against jeopardizing what they held dear, getting students out to vote. If it was seen that staffed polling stations were unnecessary, the hours could be changed later.
- Jamie Roots said if they have the money and if it will enhance voter turnout, then use the 250 hours.

106. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #105 be amended by striking ‘250 polling hours’ and replacing with ‘laptops’.”

- Kristen Harvey asked if there was money for laptops. Nick Seddon said if they are on loan, it is not a problem. If not, he would have to go back to the Budget Committee.

107. MOVED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

108. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:
“That motion #105 be amended by striking ‘250 polling hours’ and replacing with ‘laptops’.”
... Defeated

109. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That motion #105 be postponed indefinitely.”

110. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

111. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That motion #105 be postponed indefinitely.”

Note: Opposed - Mark Fraser
        Abstained - Alan Warkentin ... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 28, 2002  [SCD 277-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 4, 2002 [SCD 278-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 21, 2002  [SCD 279-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 28, 2002  [SCD 280-003]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

112. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“Whereas the University has recently expressed an interest to adopting a new system for student cards which would not have an A.M.S. sticker on the card;

Whereas the AMS sticker is the primary method used to identify current members of the Society;

Whereas constituency elections are conducted via a paper ballot that requires the AMS sticker so as to identify which students have voted;

Whereas the implementation of a combined system of both ‘smart cards’ without AMS stickers and the previous AMS cards would result in complications during constituency elections;

Be it resolved that Council support the idea of a smart card provided that the University maintains the presence of the AMS sticker on the ‘smart card’.”
- Jamie Roots asked why the AMS could not just put stickers on the new cards. Nick Seddon said UBC is paying for the cards; it would not be pragmatic.
- Annick Gauthier said it would also be illegal; it would be defacing UBC’s card.
- Tara Learn said discussions were ongoing. UBC had guaranteed that the AMS and its constituencies would be able to run their elections.

113. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED NICK SEDDON:

“That motion #112 be postponed indefinitely.”

- Dan Grice said the AMS shouldn’t do anything as there is no information available.
- Sameer Wahid said if the AMS says nothing, the University will do what it likes and think the AMS is hunky dory with it.

114. MOVED KRISTEN READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

115. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED NICK SEDDON:

“That motion #112 be postponed indefinitely.”

... Defeated

- Olivier Plessis said maybe the University doesn’t know the reasons for the stickers.

116. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“That motion #112 be amended by striking the resolution and replacing it with:

‘Be it resolved that Council support maintaining the presence of the AMS sticker on the ‘Smart Card’.”

Note: Opposed - Mark Fraser
       Abstained - Kim Lam ... Carried

117. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“Whereas the University has recently expressed an interest to adopting a new system for student cards which would not have an A.M.S. sticker on the card;

Whereas the AMS sticker is the primary method used to identify current members of the Society;

Whereas constituency elections are conducted via a paper ballot that requires the AMS sticker so as to identify which students have voted;
Whereas the implementation of a combined system of both ‘smart cards’ without AMS stickers and the previous AMS cards would result in complications during constituency elections;

Be it resolved that Council support maintaining the presence of the AMS sticker on the ‘Smart Card’.

... Carried

O) Submissions:

< Financial Statements for month ending October 31, 2002 [SCD 281-003]
< UBC Student Leadership Conference [SCD 282-003]
< Memo from Chris Eaton (EA) re polling booths [SCD 283-003]
< CFS Letter of Support [SCD 284-003]
< Letter to Brian Sullivan re tuition consultation [SCD 285-003]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 a.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgoe
VP Academic
CL:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Krissy Price (Assistant to President), Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Peterson Masigan (Nursing Undergraduate Society), Jerica Glassco, Christine Lenis (AMS Firstweek), Erin Shannon (AMS Orientations), Dani Bryant (AMS Orientations), Scott Price, Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Michelle Aucoin (VP Students), Derek Atkins (VP Academic/Provost), Dave Tompkins (Chair), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That Council adopt the agenda and addendum as presented."

... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

A) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Orientations - Erin Shannon/Dani Bryant
- Conducted full campus tours.
- Session on what the AMS offers.
- Held orientations for transfer and mature students. These number were up this year.
- Lunches were provided on all tours. Received sponsorship from the Coke fund.
- Conducted evaluations after the first week and changes were made for subsequent weeks.
- Recommend on-line registration for next year with the option to pay by credit card as some cheques bounced
- Would be helpful if parking passes were provided for Coordinators.

AMS Firstweek - Christine Lenis  [SCD 286-003]
- This year was the third annual Firstweek.
- Total of 18 events, including 13 all ages.
- New events included Shinerama, Beachfest and Firstweek Team.
- Stayed within budget.
- Recommended early planning for this year’s Firstweek.
- Progress and expansion of the service.
- Solidify current partnerships, forging new ones.
- Look at the structure of the Firstweek Team.

[SCD 287-003], [SCD 288-003], [SCD 289-003]

Tuition Proposal / Operational Efficiencies Report - Brian Sullivan (VP Students)
Board of Governors will be meeting on the tuition proposal in January, though they have reserved the possibility of delaying the decision until a special meeting in February.

Re financial support: 15% more applications, same number awarded as before; the average amount awarded has grown; the Administration is honouring the Board’s commitment guaranteeing access for all qualified domestic students.

Re operational efficiencies: research funding has increased; UBC compares well in research, though not receiving the most research dollars.

5th in G-10 group of peer universities in bursaries and scholarships.

-best student-faculty ratio, but lowest number of tenured faculty versus sessional lecturers.

administrative costs low compared to others in G-10: about 21% of spending is on administration, compared to a range of 15 to 33% at other G-10 schools.

UBC in top third in terms of percentage of each dollar going to instruction

not chasing comparators, but only prudent to have in mind what the situation is at other universities.

increased revenue is needed not only to improve but to sustain programs.

significant growth in number of available course sections.

-class size still creeping up in first year courses, but for other years, for the first time since the beginning of the tuition freeze, class sizes are coming down.

Revenue: did not get an expected $4.3 million from provincial government, but coincidentally did get that amount from the federal government

-effective amount received from the provincial government per student has decreased.

Expenses: include salary settlements, debt retirement, opening new buildings, hard wiring program.

non-tuition revenue will increase, but there is still a gap; additional tuition revenue is required.

18.7% of educational expense is covered by tuition at UBC, compared to 40% at Western.

tuition increase will be effective May.

-one recent change: the Education program tuition increase will be 35% instead of 30%.

international students will pay 2.6% more, raising their fee to $15,844, which is a surrogate for the cost of their education.

tuition for graduate research degrees will be increased 20%.

90% of tuition increase revenue will go to the faculties.

-the increase will bring in $28 million in additional revenue.

-a 5% increase is proposed in the athletics fee.

Questions

-Dan Grice said the University Athletics Council had not approved a 5% increase in athletics fees; it merely said that the increase should be presented for consultation. Brian Sullivan agreed.

-Dan Grice said he objected to terms like “market share” in the Administration’s presentations, as if UBC is shopping for students.

-Dan Grice asked for details on productivity. Comparing to other universities was not conclusive, he said; they could be inefficient too. Brian Sullivan said a full report to the Board of Governors might be helpful.

-Ali Arya asked when increases for 2004-05 will be known. Earlier than this year, said Brian Sullivan, perhaps by the middle of the fall. The new Policy 71 urges the Administration to do it as early as possible.
- Ali Arya said new commitments are put forward as the main reason for increasing tuition, but it has not been explained what these new commitments are. Brian Sullivan said there would be further detail.

- Spencer Keys pointed out a series of mathematical errors in the totals in the table on bursaries in the report. Brian Sullivan agreed that the totals were wrong.

- Ian McKeechnic asked why there was an increase in the number of applications for financial aid, but not in eligibility. Brian Sullivan noted there had been increased publicity, adding that many who applied this year did not have unmet need according to the formulas used by the financial aid office; some did not realize they had to apply for a provincial loan first.

- Chris Fennell said it was simplistic to say greater publicity is the reason for the greater number of applications. In some faculties, applications did not go up, but fewer bursaries were awarded.

- Kate Woznow said it was still not clear where the 30% figure for the tuition increase came from. It was as if it had been pegged first and now the Administration was trying to justify it.

- Brian Sullivan said it was driven largely by the budget gap. He said he would be providing further details.

- Reka Sztopa said there should be a goal. For instance, a goal for student-faculty ratios or the 15% suggested for administrative costs. Then, having set the goal, the question can be: How much would it cost to reach that goal?

- Jason Podur asked how the Administration could say it was consulting the student body when it hadn’t supplied basic information.

- Brian Sullivan said the Administration may have fallen short in what it had supplied, but he didn’t think it was fair to say it hadn’t provided basic information. He added that consultation made a difference: in grad studies, the proposed increase is now 20% instead of 25 or 30; differential fees have been resisted; and there have been changes in the post-baccalaureate schedules.

- Kristen Harvey asked about the $5 million budgeting mistake the University had admitted to. She said that if the AMS had made such a mistake, there would have been an uproar. She asked what is being done to prevent such mistakes in the future.

- Brian Sullivan said that as soon as UBC realized its mistake, all expenditures had been trimmed as much as possible. He didn’t think such a mistake had happened before and was confident it wouldn’t happen again.

- Kim Lam asked Brian Sullivan to explain in 20 seconds or less why the Administration was consulting with the students.

- Brian Sullivan said one reason was for community; another was to find out from students, the ones who know best, what programs need improvement; another reason was to make students aware of the University’s revenue gap; it was also because of the long tradition of consultation at UBC.

D) President’s Remarks:

Tuition:

- Over the exam period and into the holidays, the Exec has been working to respond to the 2003-2004 Tuition Proposal.
- We met with Brian Sullivan on December 17th, and January 13th.
- In these meetings we discussed primarily tuition, consultation, student financial aid. On Friday January 10th the AMS received the draft Efficiencies Report; this has been included in your Council package.
The most disturbing element of the consultation process has been the shifting of the rationale in the proposal. On November 19th, the University tabled a proposal that listed several rationales for the increase. The University then negated one of its rationales for the increase on November 27th. By December 17th, a new $5M rationale suddenly appeared to take the place of the earlier negated one. The new $5M rationale was listed as a financial error: miscounting the summer school students.

Why is this a problem? First, the convenient timing of the summer school miscount should be red-flagged. Second, will we let the University make a $5M mistake with students’ money? Imagine if an employee of the AMS took all of the student fees collected by 37,000 students and overspent it. There would be an outrage! As there should be. We correctly demand accountability of the AMS, and we should also do so of the University.

The AMS has also spearheaded a postcard campaign to raise awareness about tuition, get students involved in the consultation, and bring issues to the attention of the Board of Governors. All are welcome to assist in the campaign.

To help kick off the postcard campaign, we ran a pancake breakfast on Friday January 10th. We advertised in the Ubyssey, and AMS Interactive for this event, and turnout was encouraging!

I will also be presenting to the Board of Governor’s on Thursday, January 23rd with Brian De Alwis, President of the GSS.

-Tara will be communicating further details about a demonstration planned.
-I have been interviewed by the Vancouver Province, CBC Radio, and a variety of other AM radio stations.

< CPG:
-Our next meeting is January 17th, 2003.
-As per Council motion to report back to Council, all 26 current Council policies are online under the Government tab, the majority of the Committee and Planning Groups are online, and the Discussion boards have been operational since late 2002. In addition to this, Council agenda and minutes have been online since the beginning of the 2002-03 school year, and for the first time the 02-03 budget was posted online.

< Health and Dental Plan Committee:
-Will be meeting next week, and we will receiving the results of the AMS/GSS HDP survey conducted in December.

< IPF Committee:
-Paramjit is arranging a meeting time for the committee. The deadline was January 10th; I hope to have complete evaluation and adjudication within the next 2 weeks.

< Irving K. Barber Learning Centre Building Committee:
-There is a Council appointment on tonight’s agenda for this committee, please consult the terms of reference for definition and purpose. Unfortunately I have class at that time on Thursdays, and cannot make the meeting.

E) Executive Reports:

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs

< Smart Card:
- Reka Sztopa was the only Council member who turned up to the Constituency meeting - thank you Reka for showing up.
- UBC will send out a mass email re each constituency election to students in respective faculty.
- UBC will provide low liability capital equipment for all elections (laptops or readers).
- they are committed to ensuring that all elections/referendum run smoothly.
- I will pass around the sample cards, please write your name on the sheet and which card design you like best.

Tuition:
- pancake breakfast happened on Friday, January 10, 2002.
- I am working with the Social Justice Centre to make the tuition protest on January 23rd happen.
- as far as I am aware, we will be focusing on consultation and linking quality to tuition.
- let the administration know that its not ok to do more tuition increases as they have been doing.

U-Pass:
- most of my time has been spent on U-Pass negotiations.
- firming up the contract, marketing strategy and all other aspects of this pass.

Sitting on Director of Career Services Selection Committee.

Oana Chirila - VP Administration

SAC:
- Constituted 2 new clubs: Gado-Gado (Indonesian Students Society of UBC) and Skateboard Club.
- SAC is working on calling back clubs constituted in the last year for a review of their probationary standing.
- SAC Clubs Days II happened January 8 – 10 on the Concourse and in the Ballroom. The turn-out was about half of what it is in September, but it was a great chance for some of the newer clubs to get exposure.
- The AMS Art Gallery is currently showing frescoes from Kosovo Monasteries (it’s a fantastic show, so check it out!) The Art Gallery Commissioner Siobhan O’Meara is also recruiting volunteers to help her with displaying the AMS Collection.
- This week is Arts Week and upcoming are AgSci Week (January 21-23), Science Week (January 27-31), Engineering Week (February 4 – 5) and Pride Week (February 10 – 14).
- Bookings Line-Up for 1st semester bookings (January – November 2003) is on Tuesday February 4th.
- Yaa-Hemaa Obiri-Yeboah, the Resource Groups Commissioner, has been selected as one of the 11 Rhodes Scholars from Canada (a full scholarship for graduate studies at Oxford starting next year.) Congratulations Yaa-Hemaa!

Impacts:
- This Saturday January 18th, the Student Environment Centre and the UBC Sustainability Office are co-hosting the 3rd annual Sustainability Conference. A lot of work has gone into this conference, and there are some amazing speakers (including Dr. Freda Pagani, Dr. Bill Rees, and Helen Speigelman) and great sessions. Registration is only $10 and they have a table outside the SUB.

Renovations Planning Group:
- The first meeting of 2003 is happening tomorrow January 16th.
- The Bank of Montreal renovation is proceeding to final design and permit application stages. The VP Students Office signed off on the plans.
- The Inter-Faculty Publications Office design meetings have happened and the publications editors have been actively seeking funding for equipment and the first year’s initial costs.
- There are ongoing SUB maintenance issues which Renos is addressing as they come up.

< Aquatic Centre Management Committee:
- have discussed ongoing issues including CUPE negotiations, re-tiling of the indoor walls, and the proposed relocation of the outdoor Empire Pool. We have arranged a meeting for the committee with Joe Redmond from UBC Properties Trust to discuss their plans.

< Campus Recreational Facilities:
- a committee with some 30 members, including special interest groups and private parties, has been meeting to discuss the long-term plan for campus athletic/recreational facilities including: a baseball diamond, a track, a rugby field, the ice rinks, and the pool. The student representation on this committee has been zero. I have been in contact with Keith Morrison, a community member who is working hard to get the proposal for the UBC Olympic rink facilities changed to include more ice surfaces to satisfy community demand.

< Tuition:
- during December, the executive met with Brian Sullivan and Michelle Aucoin to discuss the upcoming tuition hike. Our response has included developing a postcard campaign, and co-hosting a tuition rally on January 23rd.

< Liquor Policy:
- The meetings have been put on hold as both Brian Sullivan and Michelle Aucoin are preparing for the Administration’s tuition presentation to the Board of Governors. Hopefully we can get resolution and consultation on this after the end of January.

< I met with both Imagine UBC and Intramurals to discuss use of AMS SUB space. The agreement with Intramurals promises to be a great partnership.
< The Student Leadership Conference went wonderfully (congratulations to the amazing planning committee and the dedicated volunteers!) and I hope it becomes an annual event.

**Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**

< CACUSS Conference Planning Committee:
- I have applied to IPF for holding a pre-conference for student representatives from different institutions that would focus on areas relevant to them.

< AMS Services Winter Recognition Party:
- AMS Services Winter Recognition Party was held in December. All student services student staff and volunteers were invited and the event sold out. It was great to recognize the people that put in so much time and effort into serving students.

< Imagine UBC Coordinator Interviews:
- I was a member of the search committee that appointed the three new Imagine UBC coordinators. The team looks strong and is working in the Student Services area.

< Orientations Steering Committee
- The committee meet twice in December.

< Equity Workshop:
- Planning a workshop facilitated by the UBC Equity office on areas on discrimination and harassment (racism, sexism, etc.). This will be open to all
AMS staff interested. Councilors can also let me know if they’re interested in attending.

I have also worked to resolve a couple of staff issues over the past two months.

Joblink:
- JobLink participated in the Arts Career Fair today. Summer Job Fair preparation has also begun.

Tutoring Services:
- The tutor registry has seen increased usage over the past few weeks and Tutoring Services has also hired five new tutors for second term. As mentioned at previous Council meetings, we have applied to the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund (TLEF) again…we will hear back by February.

Volunteer Services:
- The International Opportunities Fair will be running in SUB concourse from January 22-24. This fair is packed with exciting information and features many campus and Lower Mainland groups in the area of international opportunities for students.

Speakeasy:
- Second term training is taking place this weekend for Speakeasy volunteers and team leaders.

Safewalk:
- We met with Brian Sullivan, Geoff Atkins, and David Rankin from the University administration to discuss the Safewalk funding proposal that Council approved. Christopher will mention more on the meeting, but we are in preparations for the next meeting. Safewalk is also hiring four new staff and intern.

Student Events Coordinator:
- Surina Sproul completed her role as SLC promotions coordinator to campus groups and is now working on the “Celebration of Women” week.

Advocacy Office:
- The Advocacy office recommendation letter is now part of President’s package to student discipline cases. This is the best means of raising awareness to students that these services exist and are available to students.

Minischool:
- Course registration now underway and registration closes January 31st. Just a note that bartending sold out, one massage therapy section has already sold out, so register quickly! Also, I will be passing around some posters and flyers for your constituency offices.

Events:
- The events department is working on the “Celebration of Women” along with the VP External and External Commission as well as presenting Sue Johanson from “Sex with Sue” on Tuesday, January 21st.

Nick Seddon - VP Finance

Performance Report:
- I am taking all the items from the Performance Report from November and hope to address them in the rest of my term.

Finance Commission:
- We have received 4 applications to date for the Student Initiatives Fund. Two submissions have been awarded to date and one is pending.
- Commencing first club audit of the year on Friday.
- Online budget procedure coming soon.
Budget Committee:
- First meeting held this week.
- New process all through Excel.
- With the new account codes, inputting will be much quicker.

Business Operations Committee:
- Meetings have been established for the year.
- SWOT summary to be completed shortly.
- Sushi bar analysis in progress.

UAC:
- Budget increase of 5% which goes to CPI, women’s hockey, and a $1 increase per meal for meal money.
- Student consultation will be taking place through the VP Students office in preparation for the March BOG meeting.
- A&R Business Plan Committee – letter to be going to Byron Braley, requesting student representation.
- Received an e-mail today from A&R, inviting me to the campus athletics facilities development committee.

Health & Dental Plan Committee:
- Survey – just received document and will be reviewing – 97% of the 150 students surveyed are aware that the Health and Dental Plan exists and is provided by the AMS.
- Negotiations.

Sponsorship Review:
- As per the Strategic Plan, I will be working on the Sponsorship Review Policy.

DUS:
- Meeting with the Dean and Brian Sullivan tomorrow to discuss the tuition proposal.

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic

University Commission:
- met to organize the campus-wide distribution of tuition rave cards to students. It is my understanding that many faculties have already expressed their interest in assisting with the proliferation of such material. Contact Samer Akouri for more information.

Appointments Committee:
- met several times over the course of exams to interview and decide on the Elections Committee positions. Recommendations are for Council approval tonight.

Student Leadership Conference:
- inaugural conference was a huge success. 420 student delegates attended weekend seminars, networking sessions and keynote inspiration talks. Nancy Bradshaw (Ethics in Action award for her role as a leader in BC’s social responsibility movement); and Craig Kielburger (Free the Children). A UBC Engineer took up the challenge and will lead a group of Engineers to an underdeveloped country to build a school for less privileged children. Thanks to Reka, support staff and the rest of the SLC committee.

Campus Safety Committee:
- will be meeting next week, most likely Tuesday, to begin examining the implementation of the committee’s recommendations. Members will be emailed with specific time and location.

First Aid:
on January 23rd in SUB and Wen-do on January 18th and 25th, also in SUB - the AMS supports this by free room bookings and $$ subsidies.

< Sexual Assault Forum:
- it will be on February 27th 2003. The forum will be bringing the student coordinators of the Sexual Assault Centre at Uvic. It will be a panel style discussion.

< Budget Committee:
- has begun! The committee has been oriented to the intricacies that are a Nick Seddon budget and are prepared to roll up the sleeves starting next week. All Services and Departments should expect to receive a request for budget proposals along with a memorandum of principles document from the VP Finance in early February.

< Safewalk Funding Proposal:
- was well received by the administration. They requested additional statistics and raised several points regarding the proposal. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled for next week.

F) Constituency Reports:

Rajdeep Basra - Law Students Association
Jamie Roots - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Joanne Li - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Daniel Grice - Arts Undergraduate Society
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors
Erfan Kazemi - Board of Governors
Daniel Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Sameer Wahid - Science Undergraduate Society
Anna-Marie Bueno - Science Undergraduate Society
Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jessica Oman - Education Students Association
Jennifer Lau - Senate
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Elliott Grundmanis - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society
Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jason Podur - Arts Undergraduate Society
Chris Fennell - Graduate Students Society
Jennifer Smith - School of Library, Archival & Information Studies
Dave Allen - Regent College
Holly Turner - Planning Students Association
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association
Shauna Matkovich - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Bernie Peets - GAP litigation trial finally concluded last Thursday. Closing arguments completed and now in the hands of the judge. Final judgement will take approximately two months. Thanks to Chris Shepherd for the excellent coverage in the Ubyssey.

I) Executive Committee Motions:
- The contract is still a draft, but it is a good contract. Any price change will be brought back to the students in a referendum. The program will begin September 1, 2003. One year’s written notice will be needed for termination. Translink will design the pass, with the approval of the AMS. Translink will be responsible for equipment, UBC for distribution.
- Still in discussion on how to get passes to students in time for September 1st.
- Translink has promised to use “maximum efforts” to accommodate increased demand for service, a phrase that is very strong legally. They have promised 23,000 new hours in morning service to UBC.
- Translink will receive $23 per month for the pass; UBC will pay $3 of this. UBC will be responsible for remitting the fees to Translink.
- There can be no increase till after April 30, 2005. The AMS has asked for 12 months’ notice of any increase; this is still in discussion.
- If fees go up, there will be a referendum at AMS expense.
- There will be a service monitoring and review advisory committee. The parties have agreed to seek sponsorship.
- If there is a transit strike lasting more than three days, Translink will reimburse students.
- There will be a $20 administration fee for replacing lost cards.
- Issues still to be determined:
  - notice period for fare increases
  - sponsorship criteria
  - where replacement card revenue to go (AMS wants it to go to a hardship fund).
- Sameer Wahid said even with a 12-month notice period, there would still be a problem for the AMS in trying to withdraw after receiving notice of a fee increase, because there would have to be a referendum. He was concerned that students might be stuck with an extra year they didn’t want.
- Bill Lambert from Translink said they want the AMS to go to referendum within a certain time of receiving notice of an increase. They would like to work out the best date for both parties.
- Chris Fennell asked whose costs were being defrayed. He was not keen on defraying UBC’s costs.
- Tara Learn said UBC had been great on this issue. Discussions had been more with Translink.
- Chris Fennell asked if there were plans to reduce the AMS fee to compensate for adding these new fees. Tara Learn said she didn’t think that had been looked at yet.
- Kim Lam asked if the U-Pass fee will be a separate line item. Kristen Harvey said it would follow the health plan model.
- Ian McKechnie was concerned that the reimbursement offered by Translink in the event of a strike would only amount to 66 cents a day, whereas students’ costs might be much higher. He asked about getting greater reimbursement.
- Tara Learn said Translink is a business and from a business perspective she didn’t think they could give anything more.
- Nick Seddon asked about the review process. Tara Learn said it would involve all three parties. There would be evaluation of such things as whether ridership had gone up. Bill Lambert said Translink will want to know how well the plan is doing; Translink is doing this with other schools.
- Jason Podur asked about commuters from areas like Surrey and Richmond where transit service is low. Bill Lambert said Translink is doing a long-term plan, seeking new funding sources in order to grow the system over a 10-year period. They are looking at areas like Surrey, for rapid transit but also for the bus system.
- Jason Podur asked about exemptions for people living in areas where transit doesn’t go. Tara Learn said there will be an appeals committee; details would be provided at the next meeting.
- Elliot Grundmanis asked if there is a maximum cap to any increase. Tara Learn said No, but students are protected by the referendum process.
- Ian McKechnie said the referendum at SFU split their campus in two. Tara Learn said she hoped that would not happen here. Students want to know what they’re voting for, she said, and hopefully everything they need to know will be provided.
- Sameer Wahid asked if there would be time to hold a later referendum if there is a fee increase. Bernie Peets said this has been discussed; he said there will be time to call a referendum without being stuck for a year.

2. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“Be it resolved that Council approve in principle an agreement with TransLink and the University of British Columbia for the implementation of a Universal Bus Pass (U-Pass) commencing on September 1, 2003 as discussed.

And be it further resolved that, in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(a), Council direct the President to call a referendum to raise AMS fees in order to comply with the terms of the agreement with Translink and the University.

Note: The final agreement will be brought before Council for approval following the referendum and a review by AMS Legal Counsel.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

3. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

"Be it resolved that the U-Pass referendum question read as follows:

‘I support the implementation of a universal transit pass program (U-Pass) at a cost of $20 per month for eight months (September through April each year).

This cost will be added to your current AMS fee and will entitle you to unlimited use of bus, SkyTrain, and SeaBus services within the GVRD plus discounted fares for the West Coast Express as well as access to TREK transportation programs.

Note 1: For the first two years of the plan, students in University residences will pay a reduced rate of $15 a month.

Note 2: Under agreements with Translink and the University, the $20 per month cost is fixed until April 2005. There will not be an increase in the cost for students unless students approve such an increase through another referendum.”

- Jenn Lau asked who was considered to be in University residences. Tara Learn said the majority of University residences on campus was meant; she had a list which she could produce.
- Christopher Lythgo asked at what point students would be told that the fee is not opt-outable. Tara Learn said there is no plan to hide the fact that it is mandatory.
- Dan Grice said the second paragraph of the referendum question should really be a note.
4. MOVED DANIEL GRICE: (Friendly amendment)

“That motion #3 be amended by making the second paragraph a note.”
... Carried

-Chris Fennell said grad students attend year-round, but in the May-August period they’ll be out of luck. He asked about the chances of getting a 12-month pass for some students.
- Tara Learn said Council originally decided the plan should be for eight months the first time round. Maybe later the plan could go to twelve months.
- Bernie Peets said that including the summer period would raise the issue of summer session students.

5. MOVED KIM LAM, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

“That motion #3 be amended to read:

‘Note 2: For the first two years of the plan, students in University residences will pay a reduced rate of $15 a month subsidized at a rate of $5 per month’.”

-Kim Lam said the proposed amendment would be a truer reflection of what is actually happening; it would note that UBC Housing is subsidizing the fee for residence students.
- Tara Learn said the amendment would just add complexity. The question is extremely clear as it is.

6. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED KIM LAM, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

“That motion #3 be amended to read:

‘Note 2: For the first two years of the plan, students in University residences will pay a reduced rate of $15 a month subsidized at a rate of $5 per month’.”

... Defeated

8. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #3 be amended by inserting the following note:

‘Note 4: The pass will be mandatory for all AMS members with the exception of:
a) students who are not assessed AMS Fees;
b) students who do not reside in the GVRD;
c) students who do not attend any classes offered by the University within the GVRD;
d) outgoing exchange students;
e) Co-op students working outside the GVRD; and
f) students who hold a valid other Translink pass’.”

9. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:
“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #3 be amended by inserting the following note:

‘Note 4: The pass will be mandatory for all AMS members with the exception of:
a) students who are not assessed AMS Fees;
b) students who do not reside in the GVRD;
c) students who do not attend any classes offered by the University within the GVRD;
d) outgoing exchange students;
e) Co-op students working outside the GVRD; and
f) students who hold a valid other Translink pass’.”

... Carried

11. MOVED MARK FRASER: (Friendly amendment)

“That motion #3 be amended to read:

‘Note 2: For the first two years of the plan, students in University residences will pay a reduced rate of $15 per month.’”

... Carried

12. MOVED TARA LEARN, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

"Be it resolved that the U-Pass referendum question read as follows:

‘I support the implementation of a universal transit pass program (U-Pass) at a cost of $20 per month for eight months (September through April each year).

Note 1: This cost will be added to your current AMS fee and will entitle you to unlimited use of bus, SkyTrain, and SeaBus services within the GVRD plus discounted fares for the West Coast Express as well as access to TREK transportation programs.

Note 2: For the first two years of the plan, students in UBC Housing will pay a reduced rate of $15 per month.

Note 3: Under agreements with Translink and the University, the $20 per month cost is fixed until April 2005. There will not be an increase in the cost for students unless students approve such an increase through another referendum.

Note 4: The pass will be mandatory for all AMS members with the exception of:
a) students who are not assessed AMS Fees;
b) students who do not reside in the GVRD;
c) students who do not attend any classes offered by the University within the GVRD;
d) outgoing exchange students;
e) Co-op students working outside the GVRD; and
f) students who hold a valid other Translink pass.”

... Carried

G) Discussion Period:

U-Pass

- Tara Learn said the key to U-Pass marketing is information, information, information. That’s what went wrong at SFU.
- She said the AMS is not putting out Vote Yes posters; it will run an information campaign telling students they have a chance to decide. There will be booths, residence forums, pamphlets, rave cards, e-mails, an on-line U-Pass site, newspaper articles, and bus ads. The UBC Trek office is paying for all ads.
- Mark Fraser asked about the size of the card. Tara Learn said it would be wallet-sized.
- Spencer Keys suggested changing the U-Pass name because it looked too much like “up ass.” Tara Learn said they would look into the question.
- Reka Sztopa asked about the card’s colour. Tara Learn said it will change each term.
- Dan Grice asked if the AMS is neutral in the referendum or if the AMS would be highlighting the benefits and spicing up its marketing.
- Tara Learn said the marketing will be spicy. She added that the marketing will be done by the UBC Trek office: their marketing is our marketing, she said. Graham Senft from the Trek office said Tara was the boss.
- Sameer Wahid said he wanted to see substance in the advertising. He warned against the sort of campaign used the year before for the bylaws, which avoided substance. Students want to know what they’re voting for.
- Mark Fraser said that since the U-Pass referendum will bring lots of people out to vote, had there been any thought given to bringing other questions forward at the same time?
- Kristen Harvey said something could be brought to the next meeting.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said the AMS is automatically neutral in a referendum unless Council votes otherwise.
- Chris Fennell said he didn’t think giving information was either positive or negative; it’s just the right thing to do.
- Dan Yokom asked for the dates. Tara Learn said the referendum would take place February 10-14.

Accountability

- Dan Grice said the Liberal government is bringing new legislation to create an accountability network which he was afraid might lower FTE funding and give bonuses to engineering. It could limit choice and quality. He said the AMS should respond.
- Oana Chirila said BC is not the first province doing this. It was not clear how much funding would be tied to it. But it would be a good idea for the AMS to respond, perhaps through the External Commission.
- Dan Grice said time is of the essence.
- Chris Fennell said the government has already given money to Medicine and IT. They’ve already decided that only doctors and computing are important—but what if a student wants to come here just for an education and not for a specific career?

Information Flow

- Dan Grice asked how the flow of information can be maintained given all the turnover in the AMS and the different committees Council members are on. How is past information passed on?
- Christopher Lythgo said internal committees report to Council. Past information is kept in the Archives. But he agreed that something was needed.
- Nick Seddon said minutes are put up on the website.
Ian McKechnie said there is out of date information on the bulletin boards. Kristen Harvey said that would be dealt with.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated November 20, 2002 as amended [SCD 292-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 15, 2002 [SCD 293-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 21, 2002 [SCD 294-003]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated June 11, 2002 [SCD 295-003]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated October 18, 2002 [SCD 296-003]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated November 14, 2002 [SCD 297-003]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated July 16, 2002 [SCD 298-003]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated November 5, 2002 [SCD 299-003]
Minutes of the Commissioners Appointments Committee dated November 22, 2002 [SCD 300-003]
Minutes of the Assistants Appointments Committee dated November 26, 2002 [SCD 301-003]
Minutes of the Assistants Appointments Committee dated November 29, 2002 [SCD 302-003]
Minutes of the Assistants Appointments Committee dated December 15, 2002

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. for a five minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 p.m.

I) Executive Reports and Motions:

13. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"Whereas the University Administration has developed a tuition proposal advocating significant tuition increases for the second time within the 2002/2003 academic year; and

Whereas the University Administration’s tuition proposal neither contains a detailed justification for the tuition increase nor outlines specific allocations for any new tuition revenue; and

Whereas the tuition proposal was devised prior to the completion of any reports outlining any of the following: savings from improvements in operational efficiencies; the impact of tuition on financial aid usage; and assessments of departmental improvements in learning; and

Whereas such information would explain the actual need for a tuition increase; and

Whereas the AMS has called upon the University to provide a comprehensive and quantitative rationale for any tuition increases in a timely manner, which would permit adequate consultation and review by AMS Council and students at large;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS call upon the University to guarantee that any review of tuition levels be accompanied by demonstrable improvements in the quality of education and in the level of student financial assistance at UBC."
Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon the University to present any tuition review information in a comprehensive and timely format which ensures adequate review by the student community.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

-Ian McKechnie said the proposed policy duplicates one already passed on February 6, 2002.
-Kristen Harvey said the new policy is to help the AMS address the current situation, given the recent operational efficiency review received from the University. It draws on the past policy.
-Jared Wright said the new policy uses stronger language to deal with the current situation.
-Kristen Harvey said the new policy would allow her and the GSS President greater latitude at the Board of Governors meeting.
-Ian McKechnie said that the AMS was weakening its old policies by passing a new one. He asked why the new policy did not acknowledge the previous one.
-Jared Wright said a reference could be added. It wasn’t put in during the drafting process because there had been a desire for brevity. The new policy was simply taking a stronger stand.

14. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

“That the resolutions in motion #12 be amended to read:

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS call upon the University to guarantee that any tuition adjustment proposal include demonstrable improvements in the quality of education and in the level of student financial assistance at UBC.

Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon the University to present any tuition adjustment proposal information in a comprehensive and timely format which ensures adequate review by the student community.”

15. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

16. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

“That the resolutions in motion #12 be amended to read:

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS call upon the University to guarantee that any tuition adjustment proposal include demonstrable improvements in the quality of education and in the level of student financial assistance at UBC.

Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon the University to present any tuition adjustment proposal information in a comprehensive and timely format which ensures adequate review by the student community.”
... Carried

17. MOVED DAN GRICE:

“That motion #12 be postponed indefinitely.”

18. MOVED MARK FRASER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

19. MOVED DAN GRICE:

“That motion #12 be postponed indefinitely.”

... Defeated

20. MOVED OANA CHIRILA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“Whereas the University Administration has developed a tuition proposal advocating significant tuition increases for the second time within the 2002/2003 academic year; and

Whereas the University Administration’s tuition proposal neither contains a detailed justification for the tuition increase nor outlines specific allocations for any new tuition revenue; and

Whereas the tuition proposal was devised prior to the completion of any reports outlining any of the following: savings from improvements in operational efficiencies; the impact of tuition on financial aid usage; and assessments of departmental improvements in learning; and

Whereas such information would explain the actual need for a tuition increase; and

Whereas the AMS has called upon the University to provide a comprehensive and quantitative rationale for any tuition increases in a timely manner, which would permit adequate consultation and review by AMS Council and students at large;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS call upon the University to guarantee that any tuition adjustment proposal include demonstrable improvements in the quality of education and in the level of student financial assistance at UBC.

Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon the University to present any tuition adjustment proposal information in a comprehensive and timely format which ensures adequate review by the student community.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: Dan Grice - abstained ... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

22. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That Council appoint the following members to the Elections Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2003 on the recommendation of the Assistants Appointments Committee:

Owen Chan (CRO)
Joe Di Placito
Tim Shand
Aleksandra Brzozowski.” ... Carried

23. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

“That Council appoint Trevor Gilks (Council member) to the AMS Assistants Appointments Committee for a term ending April 30, 2003.”
... Carried

24. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council appoint Ian McKechnie (Council member) to the AMS Compensation Review Committee for a term ending April 30, 2003.”
... Carried

25. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council appoint Kate Woznow (Council member) to the AMS Impacts Committee for a term ending April 1, 2003.”
... Carried

26. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council appoint Barry Shin (Council member) to the AMS Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term ending April 1, 2003.”
... Carried

27. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council appoint Anna-Marie Bueno (Council member) to the AMS/GSS Extended Health Plan Administration Committee for a term ending April 30, 2003.”
... Carried

28. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE: [SCD 304-003]

“That Council appoint Holly Turner to represent the AMS on the UBC Irving K. Barber Learning Centre Building Project Committee.”
... Carried

29. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:
“That Council appoint __________________________ to the Budget Committee for a term ending April 30, 2003.”
... Withdrawn due to lack of nominations

L) **Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:**

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated November 15, 2002 [SCD 305-003]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated November 28, 2002 [SCD 306-003]

M) **Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:**

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 12, 2002 [SCD 307-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 18, 2002 [SCD 308-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 4, 2002 [SCD 309-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 18, 2002 [SCD 310-003]
Minutes of the External Commission dated August 1, 2002 [SCD 311-003]
Minutes of the External Commission dated October 2, 2002 [SCD 312-003]

N) **Other Business, including Notices of Motion:**

O) **Submissions:**

P) **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) **Adjournment:**

29. **MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:**

   “That the meeting be adjourned.”
   ... Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

R) **Social Activity:**

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Tim Shand (Elections Committee), Chris Eaton (Elections Administrator), Owen Chan (Elections Committee), Joe Di Placito (Elections Committee), Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Michael Schwanndt (The Ubyssey), Liz King (AMS Safewalk), Sigal Stein (AMS Speakeasy), Sam Saini, Amanda Stephens (AMS Joblink), Natasha Norbjerg (AMS Joblink), Jessica Young (AMS Tutoring), Maya Scott (AMS Advocacy Office), Elizabeth Thampy (AMS Speakeasy), Joanne Li (Pharmacy Undergraduate Society), Karen Benson, Dani Bryant (AMS Orientations), Christine Lenis (AMS Firstweek/Senate), Lisa Lafreniere SASC), Geraldine Glattstein (WAVAW), Quinn Omori (Social Justice Centre), Scott Price (Budget Committee), Amina Rai, Leah McKenzie-Brown, Jesse Eckert, Deanna Del Vecchio, Brian Duong, Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

B) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. MOVED REKA SZTOTA, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

   “That Council adopt the agenda and addendum as presented.”

... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

B) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

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  AMS Tutoring - Jessica Young (Coordinator) [SCD 313-003]
  - Services offered include:
    - drop-in tutoring
    - appointment tutoring
    - on-line resource centre
    - tutoring skills workshops
    - tutor registry
  - The numbers of students using the service has increased significantly and the more tutors are needed for drop-in services. There was a maximum of 103 students show up on one evening.
  - Need to look into the potential loss of TLEF funding. In the last five years 1/3 of our funding has come from the TLEF.
  - Renovations to the main library are planned shortly. Need to find another venue for providing our service.

Questions:

- Holly Read asked if there was any other university money that could be accessed.
  - Jessica said the only other fund available was the Walter Gage Memorial Fund and $2000 is the maximum that can be awarded. Other funds had been looked into but
Tutoring does not qualify for any of them. The TLEF is one of the largest grants available on campus and the main one for this service.

TA Union Update - Paul Hommerson/Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen
- TA’s voted 87% in favour of a strike.
- TA union gave 72-hour strike notice on December 16, 2002.
- UBC applied for mediation.
- The two sides met with the mediator January 17.
- UBC is now offering a pay increase of 3%, 2%, and 2% over three years.
- UBC has removed all other issues from the table, including the tuition issue which the union wanted to discuss.
- Because UBC would not discuss the tuition issue, the union ended the negotiations.
- Union meeting voted unanimously to set a strike deadline of February 12.
- The nature of the strike action will be decided by the union executive.
- University policy allows any student to respect picket lines and not be academically penalized as long as they inform their dean.

Questions:
- Dave Tompkins noted that the strike would take place halfway through the U-Pass referendum. He asked about the amount of strike pay TA’s would make. Paul Hommerson said some TA’s would make more money through strike pay than through regular pay, which is a reflection on the low levels of their regular pay.
- Dave Tompkins asked about other unions. Paul Hommerson said members of other unions are not supposed to cross the TA union’s picket lines.
- Ian McKechnie asked about the extent of the strike, expressing concern about engineering labs. Paul Hommerson said the effect depends on the type of strike action decided on, but if there is a full strike, then labs run by TA’s will close. He said the union recognized the potential hardship and urged students to send a letter to their dean to get an exemption from their academic responsibilities during the strike. A supported strike is a short strike, he added.
- Kristen Read asked if students would get a tuition reimbursement in the case of a strike. Paul Hommerson said that would be up to UBC, but he guessed not.
- Dan Grice asked about the pay increase UBC is offering. Paul Hommerson said it might be okay except for the tuition increase. Because of the 20% tuition increase for graduate students, TA’s would still be suffering a pay cut.
- Kate Woznow asked how undergraduates can help. Paul Hommerson said that at Carleton the student union voted to shut down the SUB but pay their workers. That pushed Carleton to settle. A supported strike might mean no strike, he said. Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen said sending letters that they won’t cross picket lines would put pressure on the Administration, and more pressure would help.
- Tim Shand asked if the union has looked into non-strike options. Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen said all forms of job action are being discussed.
- Tim Shand asked what the union has done to let students know about the letter they can send to their deans to be exempted from academic penalties for respecting picket lines. Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen said the union hoped that Student Council members would help disseminate the information.
- Dan Yokom asked for clarification of the union’s stance on tuition. Paul Hommerson said the union has been asking for a 100 percent waiver of tuition for TA’s and is ready to negotiate on the issue, but UBC has not been willing to discuss it. The union would be willing to look at rebates to counteract any tuition increases. Carleton and York have given this sort of tuition “insurance” to their TA’s.
Elections Report - Christopher Eaton (Elections Administrator) [SCD 314-003]

- Chris Eaton and the Elections Committee prefaced their report by singing “Hail UBC” to Council.
- Chris Eaton reported that in the Society’s first electronic election, turnout had been about average. He noted some technical problems: students having problems voting from behind computer firewalls, small fonts on the website.
- A more serious problem was that graduate students not registered in any courses were not on the voters’ list. Four graduate students in this situation approached the Elections Committee, and arrangements were made with three of them that allowed them to vote.
- Staffed polling stations had been provided at five locations; 200 people had voted there. The Committee urged Council to discontinue the use of such stations.
- It had been a relatively clean election, though there had been a few complaints.
- He recommended making sure there is a full Student Court in place before the next election in order to deal with appeals. He also recommended that there be a person dedicated to the on-line elections system and website.

Questions:

- On the subject of unregistered graduate students, Chris Fennell recommended putting a warning on the website telling students they must be registered to vote. He expressed concern that some graduate students had been disenfranchised.
- Ali Arya expressed concern about the confidentiality of the vote, saying there was software that indicated how people voted. Chris Eaton said there was one UBC employee who could conceivably have gotten into the system to determine how people voted, but for all intents and purposes it was still a secret ballot.
- Holly Read expressed concern that if there were no staffed polling stations, people would not know it was time to vote. Chris Eaton said there could be information desks, and cards would be distributed.
- Behshad Darvish praised several aspects of the election, but said there had been several disappointing decisions: a) inconsistencies in penalties; b) the hinting at the progress of the races by the Elections Administrator, something that was “quite unjustified and wrong”; and c) the use of the word “gubernatorial” on the website to refer to the Board of Governors election—if the word was going to be used, it should have been publicized elsewhere so students knew what it meant.
- Chris Eaton said it had been wrong of him to hint at the results, but he said someone had to watch the vote as it was going on to make sure the system was working. This was something to look at.
- Erfan Kazemi asked about the recommendation in the election report that posters be reduced or eliminated. Chris Eaton said candidates had postered over clubs’ posters and over Science Week posters. He said it might be time to discuss the poster tradition and perhaps reduce poster size.
- Mark Fraser asked about the penalty of exile from campus imposed on one candidate. He asked if the Elections Committee was allowed to do that; wouldn’t it jeopardize the candidate’s academic career?
- Chris Eaton said nothing in the Code prohibited such a penalty, and the Elections Committee had waited until the candidate’s classes were over for the day.
- Christopher Lythgo asked about rave card distribution. Aleksandra Brzozowski said 12,000 had been produced, which was perhaps excessive. Candidates were allowed to use them. Promotion clerks handed them out around polling stations.
- Christopher Lythgo said staffed polling stations are needed to create awareness of elections. He wondered how effective the elections staff had been in encouraging people.
to vote. Owen Chan said staff occupied the traditional polling booth area at Koerner Library and told students they could vote in the computer lab. He said the staff had been mobile and effective.

- Christopher Lythgo asked how many laptops had been used. Owen Chan said one in CEME; in other locations, students were directed to nearby computer labs. Chris Eaton said they turned computer labs into polling stations.

- Tim Shand said he would like the AMS to make the elections a higher priority; the elections should have precedence in SUB space; the whole SUB should be devoted to elections, with banners, booths, songs.

- Bijan Ahmadian noted the absence of Student Court and the fact that appeals were simply reheard by the Elections Committee, the same body whose rulings were being appealed. Why weren’t appeals brought to Council, he asked? Chris Eaton said Council was a political body.

- Dan Grice questioned the order of the positions on the electronic ballot. Chris Eaton said the top position got the most votes, but that may have only been this time. He was not sure what the proper order should be; maybe random would be best.

- Kate Woznow asked about the delay in posting executive candidate blurbs. Aleksandra Brzozowski said that was why they needed someone specifically dedicated to working on the website.

- Kate Woznow said more information should have been distributed to candidates on various rules. Chris Eaton said the Elections Committee could have printed up UBC posting policies, but had to draw the line somewhere. He said candidates had been encouraged to talk to the Committee about any questions they had.

- Ian McKechnie said the $5,000 for staffed polling stations could have been better used elsewhere. He also expressed concern about the behaviour of poll clerks. Chris Eaton said the Elections Committee was mostly tied to its office, so had been unable to check on poll clerk behaviour.

- Ian McKechnie questioned the relevance of some of the questions in the Ubyssey election supplement. Chris Eaton said he was not the one devising the questions; that was the Ubyssey’s choice.

D) President’s Remarks:

Tuition:

-1244 postcards signed and submitted to the Board of Governor’s.
-AMS/GSS presented to the Board Finance Committee on Thursday, January 23rd.

-Our presentation’s theme was “Responsible Stewardship.” Some highlights of the presentation included a critique of the proposal’s lack of targets and benchmarks; critique of the incomplete Efficiency report; and critique of the $5 million mistake and debt retirement rationale.
-I would like to highlight that although there were no amendments to the proposal, our student Board reps did their best to point out the lack of meaningful consultation, and lack of targets. We were well-represented at the Board.

-The University also arranged to have its meeting on Monday in the Chan Centre, and to allow for 300 students to observe. I think this was an excellent idea, and next year the University should advertise this earlier to allow students enough time to attend.

-Looking forward, I would like to identify what I think will need to be addressed in the coming year. First, the AMS will need to constantly pressure the University to come up with an evidence-based tuition proposal next year. Also, last year, the increase in BC Loan limits, combined with a 20% set-aside for
financial aid absorbed some of the impact of the $400 tuition increase. This coming year, there will likely not be a loan limit increase, only 15% of the tuition increase is set aside for bursaries, and the increase has doubled in most cases to approximately $800. This presents a bleak picture for student financial aid.

-I was interviewed by the Vancouver Sun and City TV since our last meeting on the topic of tuition.

Innovative Projects Fund:
-Next meeting Thursday, January 30th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:
-Next meeting Thursday, February 6th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Communications Planning Group:
-Next meeting Friday, February 7th from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

E) Executive Reports:

Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Congratulations to all the newly elected executive, board of governor reps, and student senate reps! Best of luck on the oncoming year.

- The CACUSS conference planning committee met last week. The conference is going to be partially accommodated by the SUB, which is great! Committee members complimented the SUB’s accessibility and liveliness, as well as having the newly renovated student service centre right in the area. There will also most likely be a student rate for those interested in working in the area of student services. I will be meeting with Janet Teasdale to further develop some program ideas and ways of involving students in the conference.

Student Services Operations Manuals:

- The Services operations manuals have been worked on by both of my predecessors. These manuals serve to give direction and structure to our Services so as to aid in continuity and a certain degree of stability to the offices. This year’s group of Coordinators is determined to complete the manuals and present them to council for approval.

Staff Issues:

- I have worked to resolve two minor staff issues that have arisen in the past few weeks.

Budget Process:

- I will be working with the Service Coordinators individually to draft the Services budget proposals in the following two weeks, in compliance with the Budget Committee’s deadline of February 14th. I will also be co-presenting with each coordinator in submitting a budget for all the services as well as the Events Department.

Safewalk Funding Proposal:

- We will be meeting with Brian Sullivan, David Rankin, and Geoff Atkins on Friday. Our own internal group has been meeting in preparation for the upcoming meeting to bring together some final statistics and facts.

Volunteer Services’ International Opportunities Fair:

- The second annual International Opportunities Fair was met with much positive feedback! The fair highlighted volunteer and work opportunities overseas available to students. I attended the panel discussion of students with overseas experiences and found it very interesting to hear students’ difference experiences and advice.
< Events:
-In addition to working with SUS on Cold Fusion, the Events Department has been busy planning the exciting “Celebration of Women” week.

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic and University Affairs
< University Commission:
- Samer Akouri and I met to interview candidates for the International Student Issues Commissioner. The committee recommendation will be available for approval at the next Council meeting. Just Desserts is just around the corner, and you have the information in your packages.

< University Neighbourhoods Association:
- Meeting was last night. There were two matters on the agenda that affect students here at UBC. The first was the proposed TWSC renovations. The second was the upcoming tug-of-war between varsity athletics, students and community members for use of recreational facilities on this campus. From the vantage point of residents who purchase new condos in the South Campus development, they view these facilities (as well as libraries) as inherently theirs to use - property taxes to UBC to provide quasi municipal services.

< Campus Safety Committee:
- will be meeting tomorrow to begin examining the implementation of the committee’s recommendations.

< Teaching Excellence Initiative:
- is coming one step closer to reality. Academic Issues Commission will be meeting with Dave Tompkins, several senator elects as well as Margery Fee from the Faculty of Arts to further the joint partnership of a centralized professor database.

< Budget Committee:
- tonight, the committee will be sending out its memorandum of principles for this year’s budget process as well as Excel budget template files to make the submission process more streamlined. Due to the financial malaise of last year, the Budget Committee will again need to look for more efficient ways to spend its money and make cuts where necessary.

< VP Academic Transition:
- starting on Monday, Laura best will be shadowing me around the office. It will be a great time and I guarantee that she will be up to speed by the AGM.

Nick Seddon - VP Finance
< Budget Committee:
- Sending out memorandum to all departments tonight.
- Timeline and principles agreed upon and will be included in memorandum.

< Compensation Review Committee:
- Will be compiling Annual Compensation Review Document for discussion in the committee.

< Business Operations Committee:
- SWOT summary document.
- Sushi Bar analysis – report due February 27th.

< Athletics and Recreation:
- University Athletic Council.
- A&R Facilities Development Committee.
  - Jason McManus, Inter-Residence Council.
  - Ideals approved in past meeting.
Submissions from stakeholders to be presented in the next meeting.
- Will be meeting with Byron Braley on the topic of A&R 5-year business plan.

Finance Commission:
- Online Budget.
- Club Audit process.
- Waiting on Student Financial Assistance and Awards joint publication.

Oana Chirila - VP Administration
SAC:
- Constituted 4 new clubs: International Students Association, Squash Club, Real Estate Club, and Heart Club. SAC also deconstituted 21 clubs during the annual clean-up.
- SAC had difficulties enforcing SUB handbilling and postering rules – not with candidates, but with the Elections Committee members and poll clerks.
- The AMS Art Gallery is currently showing PhotoSoc work this week, and next week will be the Imaginus poster sale. One of the paintings the AMS is currently on loan to the Vancouver Art Gallery for their E.J. Hughes show opening tonight. The Art Gallery Committee is still looking for volunteers.
- Colour Connected now has executives!
- This week is Science Week, and Engineering Week (Feb 4 – 5) and Pride Week (Feb 10 – 14) are coming up.
- Bookings Line-Up for 1st semester bookings (Jan – Nov 2003) is on Tuesday February 4th.
- Chinese New Year Fair, organized by Ruchira Saha (SAC Special Projects Commissioner) is happening on Monday, February 3rd on the SUB Concourse.

Renovations Planning Group:
- The Bank of Montreal renovation is proceeding to final design and permit application stages. The VP Students Office signed off on the plans.
- The Inter-Faculty Publications Office design meetings have happened and the publications editors have been actively seeking funding for equipment and the first year’s initial costs.
- There are ongoing SUB maintenance issues which Renos is addressing as they come up.

Other:
- Aquatic Centre Management Committee.
- Joe Redmond from UBC Properties Trust has met with the committee to discuss plans for the University Boulevard.

Tuition:
- I attended the Finance Committee meeting of the Board of Governors, to which Kristen Harvey and Brian De Alwis presented the students’ perspective. The protest outside was also acknowledged by the Board, and covered in this weekend’s Vancouver Sun.

Liquor Policy:
- The student committee is meeting tomorrow to discuss upcoming plans.
- Happy to report that I had the opportunity to visit many licensed functions on campus last Friday, from AgSci to Improv, to Ski and Board Club – and all went great!

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs
U-Pass:
- distributed rave cards, organising forums, booths, website and banners.
Science Week Jello Wrestling was a great deal of fun.

Not On Our Campus
- the story of an addicted city.
- Learning Exchange.
- student involvement.

Celebration of Women’s Week
- Take back the campus walk/march

Tuition Rally

F) Constituency Reports:

Shauna Matkovich - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Elliot Grundmanis - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society
Bijan Ahmadian - Ombudsperson
Jack Liu - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Lana Rupp - Science Undergraduate Society
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society
Jennifer Lau - Student Senate Caucus
Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
Holly Read - Rehabilitation Sciences
Kristen Read - Arts Undergraduate Society
Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
Trevor Gilks - Arts Undergraduate Society
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Jessica Oman - Education Students Association
Jeffrey Kwee - Medicine Undergraduate Society
Jennifer Smith - Library & Archival Studies
Kim Lam - Graduate Student Society
Ali Arya - Graduate Student Society
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors
Erfan Kazemi - Board of Governors
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jason Podur - Arts Undergraduate Society
Chris Fennell - Graduate Student Society
Dave Tompkins - Senate
Dave Allen - Regent College
Monika Sajda - School of Social Work
Jamie Roots - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Anna-Marie Bueno - Science Undergraduate Society
Daniel Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association

I) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED JASON PODUR:

    “That Council move to consider motion #1 on the addendum.”

    ... Carried

Sexual Assault Support Services
Christopher Lythgo said the Sexual Assault Support Centre had been a pilot project this year. It now needed sustainable funding. He said it was important to support this project.

Geraldine Glattstein of Women against Violence against Women (WAVAW) said the $1 being requested would provide permanent funding for sexual support counselling on campus. She said that with permanent funding, hours of service would double, and there would be no more worrying about resorting to fund-raising events to pay for the centre.

Lisa Lafreniere of the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) said the number one concern of would-be users of SASC is that the office isn’t open enough and they have to revisit.

Kristen Read asked what services SASC provides for males. Geraldine Glattstein said they work closely with an agency that helps male survivors of sexual assault. Lisa Lafreniere said SASC gives referrals and immediate crisis support.

Cameron Reeves asked why the motion had only arrived yesterday. Kristen Harvey said the executive had asked for more information from WAVAW (i.e. rationale) to go into the motion and it only arrived after the agenda had been prepared. Once the information was received, the executive felt confident in putting forth the motion to Council.

Steve Price asked whether $1 was enough. Geraldine Glattstein said it was not enough on its own, but it would function as seed money and draw in more funding. She was planning to approach the UBC Administration. Lisa Lafreniere said at UVic the assault centre received $2 per student.

Christopher Lythgo said the AMS had taken the lead on this initiative; now the University needed to do something.

Kate Woznow asked if SASC was the only such service on campus. Lisa Lafreniere said a person could go to UBC’s Counselling Services, but that service was not specific to sexual assault and it has a two to four week waiting list. She said there was no wait at SASC. Geraldine Glattstein added that UBC Counselling Services refers people to SASC.

Ian McKechnie asked about the Women’s Office and the Equity Office. Geraldine Glattstein said they’re different: they don’t offer counselling, and they’re not open 24 hours a day. Lisa Lafreniere said SASC works with them; there’s no overlap; they complement each other.

Chris Fennell asked about cuts in provincial funding for WAVAW. Geraldine Glattstein said WAVAW is broadly funded.

2. **MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:**

“Be it resolved that, in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(a), Council direct the President to call a referendum to raise AMS fees in order to fund sexual assault support services.

And be it further resolved that the referendum question read as follows:

‘I support an increase in my AMS fee of $1 a year, refundable upon request, in order to fund sexual assault support services.’

Note: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in a Sexual Assault Support Fund and may be used only for sexual assault support services. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.”
3. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

“That motion #2 be amended to read:

‘I support an increase in my AMS fee of $5 a year, refundable upon request, in order to fund sexual assault support services and safety services.’”

4. MOVED LANA RUPP, SECONDED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That motion # 3 be amended by inserting the following note:

Note: $2 of this fee will be deposited into a sexual assault services fund and $3 will go towards safety services.’”

Council moved into a Committee of the Whole at 9:00 p.m.

- Chris Fennell warned that it was a gamble to increase the amount to $5. What would students say? On top of an $800 tuition increase and $20 a month for a bus pass ... Students might defeat it. He added that it was unclear what the extra money would be used for; the fight against the University had been in part over them saying they wanted a certain amount of money without being able to explain what it was for; the AMS shouldn’t do the same thing.

- Kate Woznow wanted to change “services” to “centre” and to remove “refundable upon request.”

- Oana Chirila said Council members should remember that UBC needs to take more responsibility for the sort of services the $5 might fund. If the students keep providing money, UBC can say they don’t need to.

- Scott Price said an extra $3 for Safewalk would offset upcoming financial problems.

- Dan Grice said this might be the last chance to get a big turnout at a referendum, and they might as well ask for enough money to sustain the AMS.

- On the question of making the fee refundable, Steve Price recommended relying on student apathy: the students will vote Yes if the fee is refundable and then not bother applying for a refund.

- Nick Seddon said there is a long-term financial plan, so he was not in favour of increasing the fee requested in the question. He thought a refundable fee more likely to pass. He added that a mandatory fee would have to be pro-ratable and that would end up bringing in less money than an opt-outable fee.

- Behshad Darvish said the University has responsibility in the safety area, but if the AMS asks the students for more money for safety, how is it possible to go to the University and say they should pay? It would make the AMS look ridiculous.

- Elliot Grundmanis said SASC did their research; they want $1; why not give them what they want?

- Kristen Harvey said SASC had submitted a rationale of what it needed and why; she and Geraldine Glattstein had worked out a budget. She added that she was against a fly-by-the-seat-of-our-pants approach to referendum questions and deciding now at the last minute to add some extra fees. Long-term planning is more than just adding something to sustain Safewalk. Tacking on a question that loses will reduce the ability to ask for an increase in following years.

Council moved out of a Committee of the Whole at 9:20 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 for a five minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 p.m.

5. MOVED HOLLY READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

6. MOVED LANA RUPP, SECONDED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That motion # 3 be amended by inserting the following note:

Note: $2 of this fee will be deposited into a sexual assault services fund and $3 will go towards safety services’.”

... Defeated

7. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

8. MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

“That motion #2 be amended to read:

‘I support an increase in my AMS fee of $5 a year, refundable upon request, in order to fund sexual assault support services and safety services’.”

... Defeated

9. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That motion #2 be amended by striking ‘services’ and replacing with ‘centre’.”

-Geraldine Glattstein said SASC would like the question to read “centre.”

- Kate Woznow said the question should refer to the centre, since it’s the body providing the services. Students should not be confused and think their money might be going to other services.

- Oana Chirila said there is only one body now offering services, but it was important to look to the future. This will be in place for many years, and it’s important to provide flexibility to future Councils. If the AMS wants to fund something else, such as something for men, there will have to be that option or the AMS’s hands will be tied.

- Jamie Roots said other groups could work out of the same centre.

- Tara Learn expressed concern about what might happen if the money was still directed to a centre that no longer existed.

10. MOVED BARRY SHIN:
“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED JAMIE ROOTS:

“That motion #2 be amended by striking ‘services’ and replacing with ‘centre’.”

Note: Kim Lam abstained ... Defeated

12. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED HOLLY READ:

“That motion #2 be amended by striking ‘refundable upon request’ and replacing with:

‘Note: This is a non pro-rated fee that applies to all AMS members’.”

-Nick Seddon said most of the complaints the VP Finance receives are about the one fee that is both non-opt-outable and non-pro-ratable: the athletics fee. He added that the maximum number of students who have opted out is only 1100.
- Reka Sztopa said that if the fee is not opt-outable, there was less chance of it passing. She didn’t think many students were going to opt out for $1.
- Kate Woznow said some students might do a blanket opt-out from all their opt-outable fees.
- Dave Allen said that in the context of the mandatory U-Pass fee, why not give students the option of opting out of this fee?
- Chris Fennell said it was all about gambling. They might lose $1,000 if the fee is opt-outable, but they might lose $37,000 if it is not.
- Behshad Darvish noted that although the Student Legal Fund is hardly functioning, most people don’t bother to opt out of the $1 that goes to support it.

13. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED HOLLY READ:

“That motion #2 be amended by striking ‘refundable upon request’ and replacing with:

‘Note: This is a non pro-rated fee that applies to all AMS members’.”

Note: Abstained - Kim Lam ... Defeated

15. MOVED JASON PODUR, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That motion #2 be amended by striking $1 and replacing it with $1.50.”

16. MOVED CAMERON REEVES, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That the question be called.”
17. MOVED JASON PODUR, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That motion #2 be amended by striking $1 and replacing it with $1.50.”

Note: Abstained - Jamie Roots, Chris Fennell ... Defeated

18. MOVED NICK SEDDON (Friendly amendment):

“That motion #2 be amended to read:

‘I support an increase in my AMS fee of $1 a year, refundable upon request, in order to establish a sexual assault support fund.’”

... Carried

19. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“Be it resolved that, in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(a), Council direct the President to call a referendum to raise AMS fees in order to fund sexual assault support services.

And be it further resolved that the referendum question read as follows:

‘I support an increase in my AMS fee of $1 a year, refundable upon request, in order to establish a sexual assault support services fund.’

Note: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in a Sexual Assault Support Fund and may be used only for sexual assault support services. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.”

Note: Abstained - Jamie Roots ... Carried

G) Discussion Period:

20. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA, IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That Council move into camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

22. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED ELLIOT GRUNDMANIS:
“That Council appoint Paul Ambrose Lythgo as Joblink Assistant Coordinator for a term commencing December 1, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003 on the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee.”

- Steve Price questioned the optics of this appointment, noting that Christopher Lythgo had moved the motion in committee to recommend his brother’s appointment.
- Behshad Darvish said the committee could meet again and there could be another mover.
- Mark Fraser said it looked bad, but proper procedure had been followed.

23. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

24. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED ELLIOT GRUNDMANIS:

“That Council appoint Paul Ambrose Lythgo as Joblink Assistant Coordinator for a term commencing December 1, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003 on the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee.”

... Tabled

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

- There was discussion about altering the minutes. Kate Woznow said changing the minutes would not get at the issue; it was necessary to look at the appointments policy.
- Natasha Norbjerg, the Joblink Coordinator, said that Christopher Lythgo had not at all involved himself in the selection of his brother. He had not influenced the decision. She and Amanda Klein, the current Assistant Coordinator, had made the decision.

25. MOVED LANA RUPP, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE: [SCD 315-03]

“That Council accept the minutes of the Assistants Appointments Committee dated 27 January, 2003 as presented.”

Note: Abstained - Barry Shin, Chris Fennell, Jack Liu ... Carried

26. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

27. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED ELLIOT GRUNDMANIS:

“That Council appoint Paul Ambrose Lythgo as Joblink Assistant Coordinator for a term commencing December 1, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003 on the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee.”

Note: Abstained - Reka Sztopa, Chris Fennell, Kate Woznow, Jason Podur, Scott Price
G) **Discussion Period:** (Continued)

< Just Desserts Award:
- Reka Sztopa asked for clarification regarding the nominating procedure for this award.

< Information flow/UBC committees, Constituency reports:
- Reka Sztopa asked how AMS representatives on UBC committees know what to say. How do they know what policy they should be expressing?
- Kristen Harvey mentioned various AMS resources.
- The question of reporting back to the AMS was also raised. Nick Seddon suggested a special agenda topic at Council meetings and also sending minutes to the Archivist and the Promotions Coordinator.
- Kate Woznow said it would be a good idea to have a policy on the issues arising at various committees. She also said Council should cut down on Constituency reports.
- Reka Sztopa asked whether Council wanted to reduce reports or to have everyone report everything.
- Reka Sztopa said there are lots of new buildings going up all over campus. Fifteen years from now there may be lots of buildings students can’t use. She suggested a committee be struck to allow student representatives on various UBC planning committees to consult and exchange information.

< Elections:
- Behshad Darvish said it is wrong for the Elections Administrator and the Elections Committee to make disciplinary decisions based on their knowledge of partial results in the voting. The procedure is wrong.
- Dan Grice said someone has to maintain the electronic voting system, but it should be someone other than the person setting penalties and making disciplinary decisions.

K) **Committee Reports and Motions:**

28. **MOVED DANIEL GRICE, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:**

“Be it resolved that Council pays the amount of an additional $769.23 to Julia MacKay for her work as Vice-Chair of External Commission up to October 16, 2003.”

Note: Abstained - Chris Fennell ... Carried

G) **Discussion Period:** (Continued)

2. Council Representation:
- Dan Grice suggested creating non-voting seats on Council for the fraternities and the residences.
- Oana Chirila said that as close as the Greek system is to her heart, she didn’t agree. Constituency reps on Council are supposed to represent all students through faculty affiliation. There should be representation for these groups, but not on Council.
29. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”
... Withdrawn

I) Executive Reports and Motions:

30. MOVED HOLLY READ, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held at 12 noon on Friday, February 28, 2003.

Location to be announced.” ... Carried Unanimously

31. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in the Faculty of Medicine from $38 to $58 for first and second year students, and $48 to $68 for third and fourth year students starting in Winter Session 2003/2004, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.”
... Carried

32. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:

“That Council appoint Jason Vanderheyden as External Commission Vice-Chair for a term commencing November 25, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003 on the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee.”
... Carried

33. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That Council appoint Kristen Read (Council member) to the AMS Budget Committee for a term ending April 30, 2003.”
... Carried

34. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

“That Council appoint Lana Rupp and Chris Shepherd (Members at-large) to the Primary Appointments Committee for a term ending April 30, 2003.”
... Carried

Agenda motions 7 - 10 were postponed until the next Council meeting.

35. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That Council appoint Jason Podur (Council member) to the represent the AMS on the UBC Emergency Preparedness Steering Committee.”
... Carried

36. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED KRISTEN HARVEY:
“That Council appoint Trevor Gilks to represent the AMS on the UBC Irving K. Barber Learning Centre Building Project Committee.

... Carried

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated January 15, 2003 [SCD 316-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 22, 2002 [SCD 317-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 28, 2002 [SCD 318-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 4, 2002 [SCD 319-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 12, 2002 [SCD 320-003]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated July 30, 2002 [SCD 321-003]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated August 13, 2002 [SCD 322-003]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated October 15, 2002 [SCD 323-003]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated October 29, 2002 [SCD 324-003]
Minutes of the Grad Class Council dated January 16, 2003 [SCD 325-003]
Minutes of Student Senate Caucus dated January 22, 2003 [SCD 326-003]

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 25, 2002 [SCD 327-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 6, 2003 [SCD 328-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 13, 2003 [SCD 329-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 25, 2002 [SCD 330-003]
Minutes of the University Commission dated October 18, 2002 [SCD 331-003]
Minutes of the University Commission dated November 13, 2002 [SCD 332-003]
Minutes of the University Commission dated January 14, 2003 [SCD 333-003]

I) Executive Reports and Motions:(Continued)

37. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the Elections Committee conduct the referendum in February 2003 by electronic means.”

... Carried

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

O) Submissions:

3. Financial Statements for Period Ending December 31, 2002 [SCD 334-003]
4. Just Desserts Award 2003 - nomination form [SCD 335-003]

P) Next Meeting:
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Q) Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

**R) Social Activity:**

Christopher Lythgo  
VP Academic

CL:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Liz King (AMS Safewalk) Jesse Eckert, Deanna Del Vecchio, Amina Rai, Brian Duong (VP Finance - Elect), Chris Ste-Croix (Senate), Sue Brown (AMS Safety), Tasha Ptasinski (SASC volunteer), Abram Moore (SEC), Adrienne Smith (CUPE 2278), Josh Bowman (VP Administration - Elect), Laura Best (VP Academic - Elect), Sam Saini (VP External - Elect), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Spencer Keys (Chair), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist)

C) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

B) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

"Whereas it is important to provide support services for sexual assault survivors; and

Whereas there is currently no University service dedicated exclusively to providing such services; and

Whereas the Sexual Assault Support Fund proposed in the upcoming referendum would fulfil the need for such services on campus;

Be it resolved that Council support and encourage a 'yes' vote on the creation of a Sexual Assault Support Fund in the upcoming referendum.

And be it further resolved that Council authorize the AMS Services to support the campaign for the creation of a Sexual Assault Support Fund in the upcoming referendum."

... Carried Unanimously

2. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“Whereas the AMS supports the principle that TA remuneration should be increased at the minimum to be commensurate with increases in tuition fees; and

Whereas the TA union (CUPE Local 2278) may be going on strike in support of this principle; and

Whereas the Student Union Building may be behind legal picket lines in the event of a strike; and

Whereas the AMS respects the right of any AMS employee not to cross picket lines, and has recognized that right in Section 14.4 of the AMS Personnel Policies as adopted by AMS Council in 1996,
Be it resolved that Council affirms the right of AMS employees to respect a picket line around the SUB in the event of a strike without retribution for failure to report to work as long as they advise their Supervisor or Manager of their decision.”

< Chris Fennell said the AMS already has policy in place to allow employees to respect picket lines. This just reaffirms AMS policy.
< Dan Grice asked how much notice employees will have to give. Bernie Peets said reasonable notice would suffice; the AMS will try and accommodate people.
< Kristen Read asked if the policy applied to non-students. Bernie Peets said regular, non-student employees have the same right as student employees.
< Ali Arya asked about the possibility of employees taking the time off as unpaid leave. Bernie Peets said this is already in the AMS policy: employees can use vacation or other time off days.

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Be it resolved that Council affirms the right of AMS employees to respect a picket line around the SUB in the event of a strike without retribution for failure to report to work as long as they advise their Supervisor or Manager of their decision.”  
... Carried Unanimously

C) Other Business:

4. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

“Be it resolved that should the Student Union Building be behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE Local 2278, any employee of the AMS who chooses not to cross any legal picket lines to report to work at the Student Union Building should be fully compensated as if they had performed their scheduled work, less any monies available from other sources that exist for such purposes such as strike funds, on a without precedent basis and without prejudicing any future decisions.

Be it further resolved that should the provisions of this resolution have been put into effect for an equivalent of more than fourteen (14) days, the Executive Committee has the authority to amend or rescind this resolution should they determine that it is not in the best interests of the Society.”

Note: Expires end of 2003
Adrienne Smith of the TA Union said the Graduate Student Society had passed a similar resolution in a strong show of support for the TA’s. At Carleton University, in a similar situation, the student society had voted to shut down, and that action ended the Carleton strike before it began. She acknowledged that a shutdown would affect AMS revenue, but said a long strike would affect the AMS more. She also thanked the AMS for its previous support of the TA’s.

Chris Fennell said the GSS had already passed this motion, going beyond the motion promising no retribution for respecting picket lines. That motion would mean employees who respected picket lines would not be paid. This motion would mean they would get paid.

Christopher Lythgo asked if there was a fund for this. Bernie Peets said No.

Ali Arya asked if CUPE would pay CUPE employees. Chris Fennell said CUPE employees would get strike pay. Bernie Peets noted that no AMS employees belong to CUPE; he said the AMS would pay, and in a month payroll costs would be $275,000.

Liz King of Safewalk asked how this would affect part-time employees. Bernie Peets said part-time employees would get part-time pay.

Kate Woznow said the idea is to pressure UBC into negotiating so that a strike does not happen. She said this action would cost the AMS $6,000 a day, but a lengthy strike would cost the AMS more.

Elliot Grundmanis said if this passes, what was to stop everyone from staying home and still getting paid? It was essentially a shutdown of the building.

Mark Fraser said he liked the previous motion, but as managers, this second motion made no sense.

Steve Price asked about a pro-rated wage for employees who don’t cross picket lines.

Chris Fennell said that the GSS has unionized employees; they’re going to get strike pay and the GSS will top it up.

Christopher Lythgo said this action would create chaos; no one would come to work. It would be neglecting the AMS’s obligations to students on this campus. It would mean essentially shutting down the building. He didn’t think it was right to cut off all the valuable services provided by the AMS.

Kristen Harvey said she was pleased Council had passed the previous motion, reaffirming support for employees’ right to respect a picket line. But she said Council members had a fiduciary duty to the Society which they should not take lightly.

Jason Podur said it was a great motion; it was important to show solidarity with the TA’s. He suggested amending it to keep essential services like Safewalk functioning.

Kristen Read asked if anyone knew the opinion of the VP Finance. Kristen Harvey said that the VP Finance felt that jeopardizing the financial situation of the AMS was not the way to go.

Kristen Read said she was not comfortable with 14 days of loss; she suggested three days instead.

Kristen Harvey said the AMS produces approximately $35,000 a day; that’s what would be jeopardized.

Dana Lee-Baggley said the TA’s are students, and the AMS should not forget its duties to them. She said the best way to avoid a strike was to support it. She added that the point of a strike was to disrupt things.

Kate Woznow said it was the responsibility of the AMS to ensure it was standing up for the rights of students. The previous motion was good, but did not go far enough.

5. MOVED KATE WOZNOW: (Friendly)

“That motion # 4 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that should the Student Union Building be behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE Local 2278, any employee of the AMS who chooses not to cross any legal picket lines to
report to work at the Student Union Building should be fully compensated, *except for those deemed essential by the Executive Committee*, as if they had performed their scheduled work, less any monies available from other sources that exist for such purposes such as strike funds, on a without precedent basis and without prejudicing any future decisions.

Be it further resolved that should the provisions of this resolution have been put into effect for an equivalent of more than *three (3) days* the Executive Committee has the authority to amend or rescind this resolution should they determine that it is not in the best interests of the Society.”

Note: Expires end of 2003

< Mark Fraser said if the amendment were accepted, then those employees deemed essential would not get paid. He felt this was ludicrous. He added that the AMS has hundreds more employees than the GSS; the financial hit could be large. Three days would be better than 14, but as a director, he was afraid this could still cripple the services of the AMS.

< Chris Ste-Croix said the way to make this a short strike was to shut down the building. The University would not let the AMS go into bankruptcy; it would be horrible publicity. The AMS is not running a gross risk.

< Behshad Darvish said taking this action would mean playing a big game of Russian Roulette. The University could call the AMS’s bluff. The AMS is a non-profit society, and this is a huge risk. There is also a duty to the students who use the SUB; a lot of people would be hurt by not being able to use the SUB.

< Sameer Wahid said the time limit on this motion was a problem: the AMS should either support or not. He didn’t think the University would be concerned if the AMS put itself in a hole by taking such a strong stance; that would be giving the AMS too much credit. He said TA’s are members of the AMS, but so are a large number of students who rely on AMS services—services such as food—and they will be hurt.

< Carey Hill said the TA union represents undergraduate as well as graduate TA’s, and said the cost to the AMS over three days would be only $18,000, or 50 cents per student.

< Lana Rupp said it was necessary to take a stance. Also, if the strike occurred, the campus would be crippled whether the AMS shut down the SUB or not.

< Dan Grice said the motion was irresponsible and not feasible. He said the AMS should not be gambling with its finances and services. He said Council had not supported a strike, only the principle of adequate compensation. He rejected the comparison to Carleton, saying it was much smaller than UBC; its student society had only three businesses. Perhaps the AMS should just close down the Pit Pub and the Gallery Lounge. If the whole SUB is closed, students will be angry with the AMS. Unions have strike funds which their members put aside for themselves; that’s different from telling students their money is going to pay people not to work.

< Laura Best said that if there is a strike the SUB will lose money anyway. It was a lot more irresponsible to make sure it was not a long strike. It was in the financial interest of the AMS to take this action.

< Alan Warkentin said that no matter how small the amount, the AMS could still not afford to lose it. The campus will not be shut down by a strike; cars will still be coming to campus. The AMS would not lose that much money during a strike—certainly less than if it shuts down the SUB. Shutting the SUB would let down the students who voted for money for services. The first responsibility of the AMS is to continue to offer services.

< Oana Chirila said she didn’t think the AMS should pay people who don’t come to work. This action was essentially a shutdown of the SUB. She said the AMS is publishing the academic penalty letter to inform students; it is taking action. She added that the University already assumes that the AMS is full of money; this would encourage that belief, and it would not give
the union any ammunition; the University would just tell the AMS, “Tough luck if you want to shoot yourself in the foot.”

Kristen Harvey expressed concern about the impact on the U-Pass referendum and the sexual assault services referendum. This could mean throwing away years of work.

Dave Allen said Regent students cannot vote on-line. They depend on AMS employees at polling stations. Thus this action would be disenfranchising 625 AMS members. He added that paying people not to work doesn’t show support for the strike; it would be better if people gave up their money on their own.

Lana Rupp said on-line voting was possible for the referendum, except for the Regent people. In any case, the idea was to avoid a strike. She asked about requiring employees to spend time on the picket line in order to receive pay.

Steve Price suggested paying employees who stay away 60 percent of their full pay; employees would give up 40 percent of their pay; the AMS would pay the rest.

Dan Grice asked if that would mean paying below minimum wage. Bernie Peets said it could be paid as a lump-sum bonus, not as a wage.

Reka Sztopa said the aim is to make students angry; that will make the University listen. She added that UBC needs U-Pass as much as the AMS does; threatening the U-Pass referendum thus would help support the TA’s.

6. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That Robert’s Rule regarding limits on the number of times an individual can speak to a motion be overruled.”

... Carried

7. MOVED DAYNA LEE-BAGGLEY, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That Council reconsider motion #5 and strike except for those deemed essential by the Executive Committee.”

Chris Fennell said shutting down the SUB would have an effect, as it did at Carleton, where it prevented a strike. It would be the ultimate statement of solidarity. It might hurt financially, but a strike would shut down the campus and the SUB would not be generating revenue anyway. Let’s take a little bit of a hit, he said, and show solidarity.

Sameer Wahid said he agreed with this if it was true that the campus would be shut down. But if people are coming to campus, the AMS should open the SUB. Financial issues are not the key; the question is how to support the Society as a whole: is it better to shut down the SUB or to keep it open?

Behshad Darvish and Mark Fraser said that if the idea is to shut down the SUB, why even have essential services? Why not shut down entirely? Jason Podur said no one takes essential services away in a strike. Dave Tompkins said the suggestion to remove essential services from the motion was an attempt to make it so extreme that it would not pass.

Kate Woznow said the best way to support students was to support the strike. She said that forty people demonstrating over the tuition increase made it into the Vancouver Sun; the media wants to know what’s going on.

Alan Warkentin said clubs would be affected if the SUB shut down.

Scott Price said TA’s were a minority of UBC’s students; it was important to think of the majority and of other minorities.

Sheldon Goldfarb said that in the strike of 1992, classes went on and students made their way to campus despite picketing. Adrienne Smith said that had not been a full strike.
Mark Fraser said he didn’t know the source of the figure of $6,000 a day which was being claimed to be the loss the AMS would suffer if the SUB shut down. He said it was a lowball figure.

8. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3s ... Carried

9. MOVED DAYNA LEE-BAGGLEY, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That Council reconsider motion #5 and strike **except for those deemed essential by the Executive Committee.**”

... Carried

10. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

“Be it resolved that should the Student Union Building be behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE Local 2278, any employee of the AMS who chooses not to cross any legal picket lines to report to work at the Student Union Building should be fully compensated as if they had performed their scheduled work, less any monies available from other sources that exist for such purposes such as strike funds, on a without precedent basis and without prejudicing any future decisions.

Be it further resolved that should the provisions of this resolution have been put into effect for an equivalent of more than three (3) days, the Executive Committee has the authority to amend or rescind this resolution should they determine that it is not in the best interests of the Society.”

11. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #10 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that should the Student Union Building be behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE Local 2278, any employee of the AMS who chooses not to cross any legal picket lines to report to work at the Student Union Building should be compensated **60% of what they would have been paid** had performed their scheduled work, less any monies available from other sources that exist for such purposes such as strike funds, on a without precedent basis and without prejudicing any future decisions.

Be it further resolved that should the provisions of this resolution have been put into effect for an equivalent of more than three (3) days the Executive Committee has the authority to amend or rescind this resolution should they determine that it is not in the best interests of the Society.”

Note: Expires end of 2003

Note: Opposed - Chris Fennell, Jason Podur, Dan Grice, Sameer Wahid

12. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

“Be it resolved that should the Student Union Building be behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE Local 2278, any employee of the AMS who chooses not to cross any legal picket lines to
report to work at the Student Union Building should be compensated 60% of what they would have been paid had performed their scheduled work, less any monies available from other sources that exist for such purposes such as strike funds, on a without precedent basis and without prejudicing any future decisions.

Be it further resolved that should the provisions of this resolution have been put into effect for an equivalent of more than three (3) days, the Executive Committee has the authority to amend or rescind this resolution should they determine that it is not in the best interests of the Society.”

13. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council table motion #12 until after consideration of the next motion.”
... Carried

14. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

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Be it further resolved that should the provisions of this resolution have been put into effect for an equivalent of more than three (3) days, the Executive Committee has the authority to amend or rescind this resolution should they determine that it is not in the best interests of the Society.”
... Tabled

15. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“Be it resolved that should the Student Union Building be behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE 2278, the AMS shall close all services and operations except for those services and operations deemed to be essential by the Executive Committee, on a without precedent basis and without prejudicing any future decisions.

Be it further resolved that should the provisions of this resolution have been put into effect for an equivalent of more than fourteen (14) days, the Executive Committee has the authority to amend or rescind this resolution should they determine that it is not in the best interests of the Society.”

Note: Expires: end of 2003

16. MOVED TREVOR GILKS, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

17. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That motion #15 be amended by striking fourteen (14) days and replacing it with **three (3) days**.”
... Carried

18. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:
“That motion #15 be amended by striking ‘.... except for those services and operations deemed to be essential by the Executive Committee ....’

19. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:
   “That debate be limited to five minutes.” ... Defeated

20. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:
   “That the question be called.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:
   “That motion #15 be amended by striking ‘.... except for those services and operations deemed to be essential by the Executive Committee ....’
   ... Defeated

22. MOVED KATE WOZNOW:
   “That the question be called.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

23. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:
   “Be it resolved that should the Student Union Building be behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE 2278, the AMS shall close all services and operations except for those services and operations deemed to be essential by the Executive Committee, on a without precedent basis and without prejudicing any future decisions.

   Be it further resolved that should the provisions of this resolution have been put into effect for an equivalent of more than three (3) days, the Executive Committee has the authority to amend or rescind this resolution should they determine that it is not in the best interests of the Society.”

   Note: Expires: end of 2003
   Note: Opposed - Dan Grice, Mark Fraser, Alan Warkentin, Chris Fennell, Barry Shin ... Carried

24. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:
   “That motion #14 be amended to read:

   Whereas the AMS will close the Student Union Building for up to three (3) days if it is behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE Local 2278;

   Be it resolved that employees of the AMS shall be compensated 100% of what they would have been paid had they performed their scheduled work, less any monies available from other sources
that exist for such purposes such as strike funds, on a without precedent basis and without prejudicing any future decisions.

Be it further resolved that should the provisions of this resolution have been put into effect for an equivalent of three (3) days, the Executive Committee has the authority to amend or rescind this resolution should they determine that it is not in the best interests of the Society.”

Note: Expires end of 2003 ... Carried

23. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council move into a Committee of the Whole.”
... Carried

24. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council move out of Committee of the Whole.”
... Carried

25. MOVED JASON PODUR, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

< Kate Woznow said that to be fair to the employees who cannot come to work, they should be paid 100%.

26. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“Whereas the AMS will close the Student Union Building for up to three (3) days if it is behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE Local 2278;

Be it resolved that employees of the AMS shall be compensated 100% of what they would have been paid had they performed their scheduled work, less any monies available from other sources that exist for such purposes such as strike funds, on a without precedent basis and without prejudicing any future decisions.

Be it further resolved that should the provisions of this resolution have been put into effect for an equivalent of three (3) days, the Executive Committee has the authority to amend or rescind this resolution should they determine that it is not in the best interests of the Society.”

Note: Expires end of 2003 ... Carried

27. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“Whereas Council has agreed to close all services and operations in the Student Union Building in the event that it is behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE Local 2278;

Be it further resolved that the AMS inform students and the media, both prior to, and in the event of job action, of the reasons for closing the SUB and direct them to CUPE Local 2278 and the university policy re: job action.”
28. MOVED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

29. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“Whereas Council has agreed to close all services and operations in the Student Union Building in the event that it is behind legal picket lines erected by CUPE Local 2278;

Be it further resolved that the AMS inform students and the media, both prior to, and in the event of job action, of the reasons for closing the SUB and direct them to CUPE Local 2278 and the university policy re: job action.”

... Carried Unanimously

C) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

CL:pr
The Alma Mater Society of UBC
February 12, 2003

MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Harold Kalke (UBC Boulevard Committee), Linda Moore (Associate Director, External Affairs), Dennis Pavlich (UBC VP External), Joe Redmond (UBC Properties), Liz King (AMS Safewalk), Carmen Gemmell (AMS Safewalk), Jason Young, Laura Best (VP Academic - Elect), Sam Saini (VP External - Elect), Lisa Lafreniere (SASC), Scott Price (Budget Committee), Brian Duong (VP Finance - Elect), Jared Wright (Policy Analyst), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Sameer Wahid (Chair), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary)

D) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

< University Boulevard - Harold Kalke/Dennis Pavlich [SCD 336-03]

Dennis Pavlich, UBC VP External and Legal Affairs:
- University Boulevard development plan not new, goes back six or seven years
- Development authorized by GVRD bylaw known as the OCP (Official Community Plan) which calls for University Boulevard to be a commercial area
- The area is intended to be a hub, part but not all of the academic core
- The intention is that this area bring life into the area
- It is key to the development of a “University Town”

Harold Kalke:
- Can create a dynamic 1000-acre campus
- Want strong sense of arrival at the main gate
- The transit loop a major bugaboo, limiting the University
- His committee is now proposing an underground transit route
- Area between Wesbrook Mall and East Mall a mess and a dangerous place
- Want to create central gathering place, rationalize transit, maximize sunny places, provide on-street parking
- Planning to remove and replace Empire Pool, link the Aquatic Centre to the War Memorial Gym, rejig Macinnes Field, build a new plaza
- There will be three 18-storey high-rise buildings in the area, along with retail outlets and restaurants in several low-rise buildings
- Plan to remove the grassy hill to connect the new plaza with the existing plaza south of SUB
- Development may take 15 to 20 years

Questions:
Steve Price asked about the high-rise buildings. Harold Kalke said they would contain small units of market housing aimed at faculty and students.

Kristen Read expressed concern about safety in underground transit areas. Harold Kalke said safety would be a priority.

Kristen Read asked how long it would be after removing the pool that the new pool would be built. Harold Kalke said the new pool would be built first.

Kristen Read said the plan looked very commercial and paved-over. Dennis Pavlich said that was only one option out of four. Other options have more of a University flavour, with more parks and also boulevard cafés. The more commercial option would be more of a shopping street. Kristen Read expressed concern about creating a shopping street.

Daniel Yokom expressed concern about hiding the SUB and the War Memorial Gym behind new buildings. He said SUB and the gym are a really central part of campus for students, and he feared students would have a hard time finding them in the new plan.

Spencer Keys expressed concern about dedicated student housing, as opposed to market housing. Joe Redmond of UBC Properties said there would be 2000 student housing units added as an extension of Gage Towers.

Oana Chirila asked how much market housing there would be. Joe Redmond said 300 units, 100 in each high-rise building. Oana Chirila asked about the low-rise buildings. Harold Kalke said they could be partly residential as well.

Oana Chirila asked if, in the light of the closure of Pharmasave in the University Village, the new University Boulevard would be attractive to businesses. Harold Kalke said they expected high demand for the space; the most important thing was to prescribe uses for the space.

Dennis Pavlich said the new street would be intended to help change the University from a commuter campus to a destination campus, to have people living there, to make it exciting.

Oana Chirila asked if the plans included a new SUB. Harold Kalke said the University would not presume to propose anything concerning the SUB.

Christopher Lythgo asked how many students had been involved in the planning process. Harold Kalke said one, a student representative from the Board of Governors. Dennis Pavlich said there had been previous consultations which involved students.

Christopher Lythgo recommended there be more student involvement in the planning. He also expressed concern about 18-storey high-rises and about urban and commercial development piercing the academic core. He said the academic core should be preserved as an academic area and should be for students. He also expressed concern about the effect of new businesses on AMS businesses, and he wanted green space preserved, including the hill and the location for Storm the Wall. He said the underground transit idea was a good one.

Scott Price said any plans should incorporate the SUB. He expressed concern that the new buildings would block the SUB so that it could not be seen. Harold Kalke suggested that seeing the SUB was not vital. Scott Price said it is.

Joe Redmond said there might be a connection between the library and the SUB, also an opportunity to have students come out from the underground transit area right at the SUB.

Jason Podur asked about cost. Joe Redmond estimated $100 million over twenty years. Harold Kalke said the project would be self-financing.

Christine Lenis expressed concern about MacInnes Field being shrunk. Harold Kalke said it would be reoriented, but its area would remain the same.

Steve Price raised the issue of residents living near the site of noisy events, a problem already encountered by Arts County Fair. He urged the University to investigate the risk of letting people who purchase property having too much influence over University culture.

Steve Price questioned whether market housing could be for students. Harold Kalke said they would be small units which people would buy to rent (to students).

Steve Price expressed concern about the aesthetics of blocking students by a high tower.
D) President's Remarks:

< IPF Committee
- Met for the final time last week.
- The University is putting together the letters of notification, getting Dr. Piper’s co-signature, and then they’ll be sent out within the next few days.

< Health and Dental Plan Committee
- Met on Thursday, reviewed opt-out requests.
- Next meeting is Thursday Feb. 27th, and we will begin work on the 2nd term bursary application reviews.

< Communications Planning Group
- Met on Friday, will be meeting Friday, February 28th.

< Executive Coordinator of Student Services Interviews
- Had one interview.
- Uncertainty of TA strike status and SUB closures is resulting in delays for the hiring process.

< TA Issue
- As you noted in the e-mail I sent out last week, I have been working on the communications of the TA issue and SUB status.
- Sent a letter to the University, press release, posters, AMS Interactive and web site updates
- Have been receiving feedback from students about the SUB status. Phone calls, e-mails and a letter have been sent to me about the possible SUB closure. Highlights of the content include: objection to the AMS voluntarily putting itself into greater deficit, a SJC member angry that the SUB could be closed just before and during the anti-war demonstration on Saturday, and lack of consultation.
- I was interviewed by the Vancouver Sun, and fielded questions from CTV, City TV and CBC Radio, Early Edition as a result of the press release.

< Tuition
- UBC will be attempting to garner mass student input re: tuition with another e-mail survey.
- I was a guest on a CBC radio call-in show Tuesday to talk about tuition. I had a great time, and think it was a great chance to get PSE issues out in the general public.

E) Executive Reports:

Christopher Lythgo - VP Academic and University Affairs
< Appointments Committee has met and will be recommending a new International Student Issues Commissioner at the next Council meeting.
< UCom will also be setting up meetings with Ted Dodds, Michelle Aucoin and the Student Senate Caucus to discuss the Teaching Excellence Initiative (TEI). A document proposal has been drawn up and will be delivered to committee members shortly.
< Safewalk funding negotiations are progressing - the administration has proposed a capital infusion into the service as well the provision of gifts in kind to increase the efficiencies in the Service.
< Just Desserts Award has been pushed back one week.
< Campus Safety Committee will not be meeting this week due to the proposed building closure and no bus service to this campus.

Oana Chirila - VP Administration
< I’ve been practicing my radio interview skills – I did an interview with CiTR on Monday.
The Executive Coordinator of Student Services interviews are progressing and hopefully we will be able to decide by Reading Week.

I have been working with the VP Admin-Elect on transitioning – Josh has been attending most of my meetings and learning about the job. I am almost through writing my transition report and the entire Executive will be continuing to transition throughout Reading Week.

**SAC:**

Constituted 4 new clubs: Friends of Boglands, Canadian Club, Pre-Pharmacy Society, and UBC Africa Group.

The AMS Art Gallery is currently showing Homa Yahyavi’s work. The Art Gallery Committee now has 3 volunteers!

This week is Pride Out Week (February 10 – 14).

Chinese New Year Fair, organized by Ruchira Saha (SAC Special Projects Commissioner) happened on Monday February 3rd on the SUB Concourse – very successful and fun! However, I would recommend that this event not be organized by SAC in future years, but rather by UCom.

SAC is changing policy to allow EUS clubs to exist under the AMS club structure.

Club Awards are happening March 18th - the AMS will be recognizing the amazing achievements of the over 200 clubs.

**Renovations Planning Group:**

The First Aid room on the Concourse will have to be renovated to comply with WCB requirements. This will reduce the size of the foyer of the women’s washroom on the Concourse, but hopefully the new configuration will be attractive and more accessible.

There is a motion on tonight’s agenda to re-finish the Conversation Pit floors over Reading Break.

Demolition happened over the past week in the BMO space to remove asbestos, and the project is going to tender at the end of this week, with bids coming in early March.

Renos has also been discussing carpet replacement.

**Impacts:**

A meeting will be scheduled for the last week of February.

Issues on the agenda include the Natural Food Co-op, whose current location in South Campus is being built over with a new parking lot; purchasing a set of re-usable dishes that clubs can borrow at no charge for their events; vandalism on campus; and the future of sustainability at the AMS including possible plans for a Sustainability Coordinator.

**Other:**

Liquor Policy

- Today’s meeting will be re-scheduled. The University has indicated they are not willing to revise their current policy, but do want to change the campus attitude towards alcohol.

Facilities Working Group

- An ad-hoc committee with Councilors who are AMS reps on North/South/Mid/University Boulevard Campus Planning Committees, as well as UAC, Aquatic Centre Management, Intramurals.

AMS job fair during the last week of February to advertise Commissioner and Service Coordinators and Assistants job postings.

After the email I sent out last week letting clubs know about the SUB closure, I’ve received many replies from upset clubs and constituencies who have events planned this week and don’t agree with the lack of consultation. I am compiling a list of the costs the clubs may incur should the SUB be closed.

Nick Seddon - VP Finance

Finance Commission:
< Fundraising Commissioner
- Report submitted to Executive review.
- Moving forward on process.
< Online budget submission.

**Long-Term Finances:**
< Will be making a presentation to Council.

**Budget Committee:**
< Preliminary Budget – submitted to Council in next meeting.
< Strike postponed/slowed process, so interviews will be conducted during reading week.

**AMS Finances:**
< Just received numbers for January tonight – will be providing numbers shortly.

**VP Finance Transition:**
< Have met with Brian Duong and will be continuing to ensure continuity within the VP Finance portfolio.

**Athletics & Recreation:**
< University Athletic Council.
< A&R Facilities Development Committee/Facilities For Students First.
< 5-Year Business Plan

**Business Operations Committee:**
< Continuing with SWOT.

**Compensation Review Document:**
< In progress.

**Tara Learn - VP External Affairs**
< Working hard on the U-Pass referendum (now at 13,000 voters). Had a successful U-Pass forum with TransLink CEO and UBC VP External.
< Celebration of Women's week is coming up (February 24-26). We're going to need all of Council's support for Take Back the Night.
< Our last Not on Our Campus event focusing on the Downtown East Side was a fantastic success. Groups that came we're really happy with the amount of students that were interested.

**Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**

**Strike Preparation:**
< Met on Thursday to develop game plan for potential strike action, following Council’s motion last week. Held an emergency meeting with the Service Coordinators to outline plan of action in case of SUB closure.
  - Safewalk and Speakeasy were two AMS Services seen as most needed during the period of time.
  - Safewalk to run out of the Gage commons-block, which is a central location, thanks to UBC Housing and Conferences.
  - Speakeasy will be running in limited capacity out of the Meekison Arts Social Space, thanks to the AUS, in case of job action. Information line will include strike info.
  - Minischool classes will either be rescheduled or students partially reimbursed.
  - Tutoring will not running, but tutors will scheduled shifts will be paid for their shifts.
  - All other AMS Services will not be operating during the period.
< Waiting for the decision on strike action tomorrow, but Liz King, Carmen Gemmell, Sigal Stein, Liz Thampy, and their staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly in the past week in preparation.

**Tutoring Online Survey:**
AMS Tutoring is surveying students that have used the service for feedback. If you or anyone you know have used the program, please visit the AMS website and take some time to fill out the online survey.

Joblink Summer Job Fair:

The Joblink office, in coordination with AMS Commercial Bookings, is organizing the annual Summer Job Fair which will feature a variety of employers looking to hire students. The fair will also feature workshops facilitated by the Joblink staff. The fair will be running from March 3-5th in the SUB concourse.

Budgets and Operations Manuals:

Service Coordinators continue to work on their operations manuals in addition to the budgets for next year. The budget proposals have been slightly delayed due to preparation for the potential strike.

Cold Beverage Event Sponsorship Committee:

The committee, which I sit on, was to meet yesterday but was rescheduled for February 25th so groups that applied for event sponsorship will be updated after that date.

Exec. Coordinator of Student Services Search Committee:

We have interviewed one candidate for the position thus far, and will be rescheduling the interviews until next Monday due to the potential SUB closure. I continue to work on my transitional report for my successor.

Firstweek and Orientations Coordinators:

We have posted for the positions of Firstweek Coordinator and Orientations Coordinator on the AMS website, Joblink, and the Ubyssey newspaper. The application deadline is February 20th, so please get the word out and if you know of individuals that may be interested, please encourage them to apply!

Celebration of Women Week and Vagina Monologues:

The AMS Events Department and Student Events Coordinator, Surina Sproul, have been working with the planning group for these events. Tickets for the Vagina Monologues are currently on sale.

News item:

Local NBA all-star Steve Nash sported a “Shoot for Peace” t-shirt at nationally broadcast press conference. The t-shirt was given to him by his friend, who is a UBC student! Check out today’s Vancouver Sun for more info.

F) Constituency Reports:

Stephen Price - Arts Undergraduate Society
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Anne-Marie Bueno - Science Undergraduate Society
Elliott Grundmanis - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society
Ryan Cunningham - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors
Christine Conkin - VST
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Kristen Read - Arts Undergraduate Society
Graham Hicks - Arts Undergraduate Society
Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jason Podur - Arts Undergraduate Society
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jackie Liu - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Holly Turner - School of Planning
Rajdeep Basra - Law Students Association
Brian de Alwis - Graduate Students Society
Alan Warkentin - Science Undergraduate Society
Erfan Kazemi - Board of Governors

Council adjourned at 7:45 for a five minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m.

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated January 29, 2003 [SCD 337-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 18, 2002 [SCD 338-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 25, 2002 [SCD 339-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated December 2, 2002 [SCD 340-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated December 9, 2002 [SCD 341-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 6, 2003 [SCD 342-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 13, 2003 [SCD 343-003]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated October 28, 2002 [SCD 344-003]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated November 4, 2002 [SCD 345-003]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated November 13, 2002 [SCD 346-003]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED ANNA-MARIE BUENO:

“Be it resolved that Council direct all AMS appointees on University committees to submit
minutes from meetings of those committees to the AMS Administrative Assistant in order that the
minutes may be posted on the AMS website and preserved in the AMS Archives.”

- Kim Lam expressed concern over the confidentiality of some minutes from certain
  committees. Christopher Lythgo said student appointees should be reporting to Council.
- Mark Fraser asked if what was wanted was official University minutes or the student
  appointee’s unofficial report. Christopher Lythgo said the University tends to censor its
  minutes; in those cases, it would be good to have both the official minutes and the student
  appointee’s report.

2. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO:

“That motion #1 be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that Council direct all AMS appointees on University committees to submit
public minutes from meetings of those committees electronically to the AMS Administrative
Assistant in order that the minutes may be posted on the AMS website and preserved in the AMS
Archives’.”

... Carried

3. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED ANNA-MARIE BUENO:
“Be it resolved that Council direct all AMS appointees on University committees to submit public
minutes from meetings of those committees electronically to the AMS Administrative Assistant
in order that the minutes may be posted on the AMS website and preserved in the AMS
Archives.”
... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

4. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That Council appoint Alan Warkentin (Council member) to the AMS Business Operations
Committee for a term ending April 30, 2003.”
... Carried

5. MOVED JACKIE LIU, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

“That Council appoint Jason Young and ________________________________ (Members
at-large) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term ending April 30, 2003.”
... Carried

6. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That Council appoint ________________________________ and ________________________________
(Members at-large) to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term ending April 30,
2003.”
... Postponed

7. MOVED BARRY SHIN, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

“That Council appoint Anna-Marie Bueno (Council member), ________________________________ and ________________________________
(Members at-large) to the Assistants Appointments Committee for a term ending April 30, 2003.”

Note: Abstained - Anna-Marie Bueno
In Favour - Mark Fraser ... Carried

8. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That Council appoint Reka Pataky (Member at-large) to the Compensation Review Committee
for a term ending April 30, 2003.”

Note: Abstained - Reka Pataky, Nick Seddon ... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated January 23, 2003 [SCD 347-003]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated January 30, 2003 [SCD 348-003]
9. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

   “That Council allocate funding not to exceed $1,750 from the SUB Management Fund for the refinishing of the SUB Conversation Pit Floors during the week of February 17 - 23, 2003 as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.”

   Oana Chirila said the floor will have to be replaced at greater cost next year if it is not refinished this year. She added that UBC Plant Operations uncharacteristically submitted the lowest bid for this job, so they would be doing the work.

10. MOVED KATE WOZNOW:

   “That the question be called.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

   “That Council allocate funding not to exceed $1,750 from the SUB Management Fund for the refinishing of the SUB Conversation Pit Floors during the week of February 17 - 23, 2003 as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   Note: In favour - Spencer Keys, Stephen Price ... Carried Unanimously

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 20, 2003 [SCD 349-003]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 27, 2003 [SCD 350-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 20, 2003 [SCD 351-003]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 27, 2003 [SCD 352-003]
Minutes of the University Commission dated January 22, 2003 [SCD 353-003]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

Notice of Motion

AMS Preliminary Budget

G) Discussion Period:

UBC Budget
- Mark Fraser and Erfan Kazemi asked for feedback concerning UBC’s budget allocations.
- Tara Learn said it was news to her that UBC was consulting on this.

University Boulevard Development
Christopher Lythgo said it was a very important issue and pretty scary: the campus was going to look very different; changes were being made with little knowledge or agreement of students. It was important to know about these plans.

Oana Chirila mentioned the plan of three professors to hold a design contest for the area.

Chris Fennell said the architecture and planning schools should be involved.

Bernie Peets said the problems with the plan had been brought up before over the years, and the University was hoping that through turnover at the AMS there would not be enough continuity to continue opposition. He said the University is aiming to make the area a commercial core.

Kate Woznow encouraged members of the planning committees to meet to come up with a policy Council could adopt.

Steve Price said he had spoken to the University representatives who just presented; they said they were interested in reporting regularly to Council and in getting student representation. On the other hand, they also said they wanted students to buy into their ideas and suggested that saying No to their plans would be counter-productive. He said a standing committee of Council should look into this. For the sake of continuity, perhaps there should be two or three-year appointments. Perhaps the executive or the Code and Policies Committee could come up with ideas.

Holly Turner said there is a rift between UBC’s Campus Planning and the School of Planning. The School has been ignored. She encouraged the AMS to draw on the Planning School and the School of Architecture.

Barry Shin said there had not been good consultation. The University was going to put up condos at the UBC farm.

**TA Strike**

Kate Woznow suggested that Council focus on how to make the previous meeting’s resolution to close the SUB effective. There was a need to discuss strategy. It was understandable if anyone was having doubts; it is a big sacrifice. But the important thing was to discuss how to go forward.

Scott Price said the AMS could fund a second Safewalk with the cost of shutting down the SUB. And there had already been a cost because of the confusion that morning.

Jackie Liu asked what had happened. Kristen Harvey said all indications had been that the strike would start today, but there was a last-minute legal impediment.

Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen of the TA union explained that there had been two last-minute cease and desist orders issued to the union because there were unresolved issues concerning essential services. Those issues have now been resolved.

12. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO, STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council move into camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Council adjourned for a five minute recess at 9:50 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 p.m.

13. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“That motions 23 and 26 approved by Student Council on February 5, 2003 be amended by striking ‘3 days’ and replacing with ‘2 days’. ”
Council moved out of camera at 10:20 p.m.

14. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“That motions 23 and 26 approved by Student Council on February 5, 2003 be amended by striking ‘3 days’ and replacing with ‘2 days’.”

... Defeated

15. MOVED GRAHAM HICKS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN, SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council move into camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

16. MOVED GRAHAM HICKS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council rescind motions 23 and 26 passed by Student Council at the Special Meeting held on February 5, 2003.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Council moved out of camera at 11:30 p.m.

17. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN, JASON PODUR:

“That Council take a roll call vote:

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED GRAHAM HICKS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council rescind motions 23 and 26 passed by Student Council at the Special Meeting held on February 5, 2003.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

In Favour: Alan Warkentin, Anna-Marie Bueno, Cameron Reeves, Christine Lenis, Christopher Lythgo, Graham Hicks, Elliott Grundmanis, Erfan Kazemi, Ian McKechnie, Jackie Liu, Kristen Harvey, Mark Fraser, Derek Jones, Nick Seddon, Oana Chirila, Reka Pataky, Ryan Cunningham, Sameer Wahid, Spencer Keys, Tara Learn

Opposed: Brian De Alwis, Chris Fennell, Daniel Yokom, Holly Turner, Jason Podur, Kate Woznow, Kim Lam, Kristen Read, Lindsay Ye, Stephen Price

Abstained: Barry Shin, Trevor Gilks ... Carried

19. MOVED JACKIE LIU:

“That Council close the SUB for one (1) day in support of the TA’s.”
The chair ruled the motion out of order.

Jason Podur challenged the chair’s ruling.

20. MOVED JACKIE LIU:

“That Council close the SUB for one (1) day in support of the TA’s.”
... Out of Order

Council moved into a Committee of the Whole at 11:45 p.m.

21. MOVED JACKIE LIU, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That Council allocate up to $50,000 from the University and External Lobbying Fund in support of the TA strike.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Mark Fraser said $50,000 was too much to give and suggested $10,000 instead.
- Spencer Keys said the motion should include a formal statement of support for the TA’s.
- Daniel Yokom said he didn’t see how giving $50,000 could be justified if Council felt the AMS couldn’t afford losing $70,000.
- Nick Seddon suggested coming up with an action plan first and then seeing how much that would cost.
- Graham Hicks asked about giving a percentage of AMS profits. Chris Fennell said the profits would be tainted, and the union wouldn’t want them. He suggested devoting all uncommitted money in the External and University Lobbying Fund to the union.
- Kate Woznow said that besides money, the union needed people power, time commitment. She said Council members had not been putting time into this. She suggested writing letters and bringing fair share coffee to picketers.
- Mark Fraser suggested hiring people or using Commission members to distribute leaflets.
- Cameron Reeves suggested taking out an ad in a local paper and sending a letter with the names of the Executives on it to the Administration.
- Graham Hicks suggested going to the residences and telling the students there to call their parents to complain about reduced food service. He also suggested contacting University donors who support the TA’s and getting them to pressure the Administration. He said a Globe and Mail ad would be effective.
- Kim Lam suggested having the President and Executive show up at strike headquarters to speak in support of the strike.
- Laura Best noted that any activities on campus would be behind picket lines and thus violating the motion to support the union.
- Jackie Liu said Pharmacy students don’t know what the TA’s want. He suggested a TA representative write an open letter to get the news out.
- Alan Warkentin suggested asking the union how the AMS can best help.
- Oana Chirila suggested petitions and classroom announcements.
- Jared Wright suggested donating money to the union’s strike fund.
- Tara Learn suggested speaking to people at bus stops and picnicking with the TA’s.
- Chris Fennell said there was no time for some of these suggestions, since the strike was due to start within hours. He also said the planned actions could not be anything fun. Walking a picket line was not a fun thing. He suggested printing out 10,000 leaflets and paying people to walk up and down on University Boulevard from Blanca. He also suggested bringing food to the
picketers and contributing to the strike fund. He reiterated that nothing done in support of picketing could be done on campus because that would be violating the picket lines and violating being in support of the union. He recommended getting the approval of CUPE 2278 for any planned action.

22. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“That motion #21 be amended by striking $50,000 and replacing it with $10,000.”

Council moved out of Committee of the Whole.

23. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

‘Whereas the AMS feels that TA’s are an integral part of our education;

Whereas the AMS does not want a prolonged strike;

Whereas the AMS believes that it is the University’s responsibility to settle the strike;

Be it resolved that the AMS declare its support for CUPE 2278 during its job action;

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Executive Committee, in consultation with CUPE Local 2278, to use up to $15,000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund to support CUPE Local 2278 in their current job action.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Mark Fraser said he didn’t know enough about the issues. The union had come to Council, but he has since read the University’s bulletins and doesn’t know who to believe.
- Alan Warkentin asked what would happen to the money if the strike ended quickly.
- Spencer Keys said in that case the reason for the motion wouldn’t exist, so the motion would be gone.

24. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

25. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED DEREK JONES:

“That motion #23 be amended by inserting the following resolution:

‘Be it further resolved that UCom, XCom, FinCom and SAC assist the Executive Committee in informing students about the current job action’.”

Note: Abstained - Alan Warkentin ... Carried

26. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JACKIE LIU:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

27. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED STEPHEN PRICE:

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Whereas the AMS does not want a prolonged strike;

Whereas the AMS believes that it is the University’s responsibility to settle the strike;

Be it resolved that the AMS declare its support for CUPE 2278 during its job action;

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Executive Committee, in consultation with CUPE Local 2278, to use up to $15,000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund to support CUPE Local 2278 in their current job action;

Be it further resolved that UCom, XCom, FinCom and SAC assist the Executive Committee in informing students about the current job action.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Abstained - Mark Fraser, Derek Jones, Alan Warkentin, Jason Podur, Kate Woznow, Cameron Reeves, Ian McKechnie

... Carried

Kate Woznow suggested striking an Ad-Hoc Committee to look into length of Council meetings.

28. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LYTHGO, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

... Defeated

29. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED JACKIE LIU:

“That Council offer 60% compensation to AMS employees that choose to honour picket lines for up to five days.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

30. MOVED NICK SEDDON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

31. MOVED STEPHEN PRICE, SECONDED JACKIE LIU:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Defeated
- Ian McKechnie suggested that Council send Janice Boyle (Speaker of Council) a gift for her service to the AMS.

32. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED JACKIE LIU:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”
... Carried

O) Submissions:

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on February 26, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic

CL:pr
E) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED ANNA-MARIE BUENO:

“That Council add the addendum to the main agenda.”

... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

D) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

[SCD 354-03]

Budget Principles, Tuition Allocation, New PhD Award - Brian Sullivan, VP Students:
- UBC Board of Governors to formally consider UBC’s preliminary budget at the next Board meeting.
- UBC budget principles include:
  a) no deficit;
  b) commitments to be shared between money from tuition fees and money from other sources;
  c) there will be continuing investment in student financial assistance and in the learning environment.
- Indirect costs of research to be paid out of new federal funding which will make up for shortfall in provincial funding.
- Out of the money from tuition increases, 20% of the amount over the base increase will go to financial assistance; up to 90% of the rest goes back to the respective faculties.
- Student financial assistance: $4 million will come from the base increase; another $500,000 from beyond base.
- Student and learning support: $5 million from the base; $2 million from beyond base.
- There will be a one-time allocation of $2.5 million.
- Brian then reviewed the results of the tuition allocation survey conducted among graduate and undergraduate students, in which students were asked what improvements they had seen and where they would like to see new spending directed.
- He also described the proposed new PhD student awards. These are not to be called tuition waivers. Effective September 2003, these awards will be available to all PhD students in years one through four of the PhD program, including both domestic and international students. All these students will still be assessed tuition fees, but the University will pay the fees through the new awards.
- Details of the new award plan are still to be worked out, e.g., the effect on University Graduate Fellowships (UGF’s), the tax implications, the effect on external awards, and the effect on the tuition fee assessment for international students.

Questions:
- Ali Arya asked whether the new PhD award would be funded from external sources. Brian Sullivan said there would probably not be a lot of reliance on outside sources because the University wants the funding to be secure. Some of the $5 million will go to fund the award. There may be one-time sources. Also, departments will pay some.
- Ali Arya asked why this new award had been introduced so quickly. Brian Sullivan said it didn’t seem quickly to him; there had been 14 months of work on it.
- Kate Woznow asked whether the federal funding of indirect costs was outside the $28 million in additional revenue from tuition increases. Brian Sullivan said it was.
- Kate Woznow asked where the $2.5 million in one-time spending would come from: from the $5 million? Brian Sullivan said that is one place; also it is from new era money.
- Kate Woznow asked about the $700,000 or 1.3% being taken away from the Arts faculty.
- Brian Sullivan said this was to make up for the effective reduction in funding from the province: all units had been asked to contribute.
- Kate Woznow asked how the $5 million mistake UBC had made fit in. Brian Sullivan said part of the $28 million was used to fund this problem. One reason the figure was $28 million was that UBC was planning to take 1.3% from the units: each faculty will have this amount shaven off.
- Chris Fennell asked about the effect of the new PhD award on UGF’s. Graduate students do not want this award to decrease the UGF pool. He was concerned that graduate students would not really benefit; potentially there could be no real change in the amount of funding provided to PhD students.
- Tara Learn asked about advertising the allocation survey. She said some students do not have interchange accounts, so do not receive broadcast e-mails. Brian Sullivan agreed to her suggestion that posters be put up.
- Alan Warkentin asked for a breakdown of survey results by faculty. Brian Sullivan said it could be done.
- Dan Grice said last year there had been a lot of money unaccounted for, including a vague $6 million item. He asked if things would be clearer this year. Brian Sullivan said they would be and also said there had been some detail on last year’s $6 million.
- Dan Grice asked if UBC executives’ salaries would be capped. Brian Sullivan said the UBC President had addressed that question at a recent forum. There are a clear set of regulations concerning executives’ salaries.
Brian Sullivan added that it takes time to do improvements. The effects of new hiring and technology using the new tuition money may not have been seen immediately, but a lot will become noticeable soon.

Sameer Wahid asked if students can see the UBC budget before the Board meeting. Brian Sullivan said the budget is made available to the GSS and the AMS at the Board’s committee meeting before the Board meeting.

AMS Joblink - Natasha Norbjerg (Coordinator)  [SCD 355-03]
- Post part-time positions onto the Careers online website.
- Provide one-on-one resume and cover letter consultations.
- Conduct mock interviews.
- Update job boards in the SUB every two weeks.
- Provide job search strategies.
  - Run the Casual Labour Registry Program through the summer.
- Run booths at campus job fairs.
- 168 average job postings per month. Approximately 2,186 posting by the end of the year.
  - The office operates on a very low budget and is under budget this year which has led to a 4.5% cut for the 2003/04 budget proposal.
- Initiatives include service pamphlet, online employer order form and workshops.
- Suggestions for next year include: charging employers a $10 posting fee, hold more workshops throughout the year and more communication with academic offices and campus businesses to increase awareness about campus jobs.

Behshad thanked the AMS Joblink team for the excellent work done over the year.

AMS Advocacy Office (Maya Scott)  [SCD 356-03]
- The AMS Advocacy Office assists and advises students who are in conflict with the university by advising them about their options, recommending specific courses of action and representing them before university hearing and appeal committees.
- Goals and initiatives include: promoting student awareness of the AMS Advocacy Office, educate students about misconduct and its consequences, work towards a more transparent student discipline process making the university more accountable for its actions.
- Some of the achievements this year include: creation of a web page outlining university processes, inclusion in the PAC on Student Discipline’s package to students facing allegations of misconduct, inclusion in the consultation process with the Senate Committee on Student Appeals on Student Discipline, successful freedom of information challenge, creation of the Advocacy Internship Program, promotion of the office through Deans, Associate Deans and the University Senate Office and referral system from the Law Students’ Legal Advice Program.
- Issues to address in the future include the lack of transparency in the student discipline process. The lack of reasons seriously affects students ability to prepare an appeal of the President’s final decision to the Senate.
- Some of the challenges facing the office include an increasing case load. Each case takes approximately 30 hours of work even before the appeals process.

The AMS Advocacy Office Internship Program - Christine McDonald
- Duties include creating a database of past cases, representing the Advocacy Office at the Totem Park Services Fair, learning about the office’s role in the disciplinary system, represented a student at PACSD, observed a Senate hearing, assisted a student in preparing his personal statement for PACSD and currently working on a faculty appeal.
Suggestions for next year include the implementation of a training program and a group orientation for all AMS interns.

Questions:
- Dan Yokom asked what the difference was between the Advocacy and the Ombuds Office.
- Maya said the Ombuds Office deals with issues at the faculty level, whereas the Advocacy Office advocates and represents students. However, sometimes the duties do overlap.
- Kim Lam asked Maya to elaborate on the lack of transparency on the part of the university.
- The university does not provide students with reasons for why a decision is made. Students should have the right to appeal.
- Kate Woznow asked if it would be feasible to have a Student Rights Centre.
- Yes, but it distinct roles would need to be maintained. It would be helpful to have a streamlined process between the two office.
- Behshad congratulated the Advocacy Office for establishing a great deal of credibility and the amazing work done this year.

D) President’s Remarks:
- Congratulations to both Tara Learn and Chris Eaton for their hard work on the recent referenda.
- The Federal Provincial Budget was released on February 18th.
  - Was more student-friendly and included changes recommended by CASA.
- Executive Transition:
  - Retreat this past weekend.
  - Working on AGM report.
  - Working on transition document.
  - Have had meetings with Oana.
- Tuition:
  - The university is in the process of collecting feedback from students from an online survey which will be available until Friday.
  - The questions address student perceptions of the impact of the last tuition increase, and what student priorities are for new spending.
- After consultation, the Executive decided to allocate $10,000 to the TA Strike Fund and $5,000 towards publications.
- Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen is the new GSS President.
- Executive Coordinator of Student Services:
  - Our new Executive Coordinator of Student Services was hired over Reading Break; a big congratulations to Dani Bryant, who I know will have an excellent year.
- Innovative Projects Fund:
  - Project funding announcements have been sent out. We will be posting award recipients on the AMS website shortly.
- AMS Website:
  - PHP message board is up!
- Student Legal Fund Society:
  - Met with Aniz Alani, President of the SLFS to discuss their upcoming AGM on March 4th and their intention to propose bylaw changes. At the next Council meeting, Council will have to review and accept the bylaw changes.
- The AMS AGM will be held on Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the South Alcove.

E) Executive Reports:
Behshad Darvish - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

- Met with Parker Johnson, First Year Coordinator for the University.
  - discussed Imagine UBC, Firstweek, and AMS Orientations and positive steps that can be taken in working together for the coming year.
  - identified some of the challenges and obstacles that have made this process difficult in the past.
- Director of Career Services candidates to meet with incoming Exec. Coordinator and AMS Joblink Coordinators as part of the selection process on March 7th.
  - close working relationship between AMS Joblink and Career Services.
- Cold Beverage Event Sponsorship Committee met on Tuesday and determined allocations for funding/sponsorship going to campus groups that applied.
- AMS Services meeting on Monday.
  - transition and continuity were discussed.
  - Services Operations Manuals will likely come to Council in coming weeks.
- Safewalk funding proposal
  - sending response to the University’s offer.
  - Laura Best and Dani Bryant will replace Christopher and me in the discussions.
- Executive Coordinator of Student Services Search Committee
  - Selected a candidate after a very difficult selection process.
  - Happy to announce that Dani Bryant has accepted the offer to take on the position.
  - Dani has been heavily involved with both AMS Student Services and those of the University for the past two years and last served as Assistant Coordinator of AMS Orientations.

Tara Learn - VP External Affairs

- Contract negotiations.
  - Service - proposed Commercial Drive to UBC direct route, #9 to come to UBC, #44 to run all day, expanded service on Richmond and West Van buses and others.
  - Working on AMS/UBC contract.
  - Putting together the AMS U-Pass Appeals Committee.
    - Composition.
    - Subsidy structure.
Meeting with Ahmed from Health Plan Committee to discuss logistics and how they work out their appeals.

The Director of Career Services Search continues.

Will be meeting with a short listed candidate next week.

Most of my time has been consumed with Transition and U-Pass issues.

Council has been absolutely amazing to work with. Although we haven't always agreed, I've admired your passion and dedication to UBC students. Every single UBC student - regardless if they know who you are or not - appreciates all the hardwork and time you guys have invested into making UBC a great place to be! Thank you! I'm going to miss all of you.

**Nick Seddon - VP Finance**

**Budget Committee:**
- Preliminary budget will not be approved tonight – will be explained in Motion #2.
- Laura Best and Brian Duong have both sat in some of these meetings – has been very positive to date (Laura has been quite impressive to date).

Long term finances of the AMS:
- Addressing long term opportunities tonight including external funding opportunities and sponsorship policy through Motion #1 on the Addendum.

**Finance Commission:**
- Finance Commission has moved into the SAC office – reviewing the integration of certain operations including the filing system.
- Online database will be established for both Finance Commission and SAC within the next few weeks – thanks to Laura Smith and Stephanie McKernan for their efforts.
- Fundraising Commissioner Report to be applied toward Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee.

**Business Operations Committee:**
- Rescheduling meeting for Sushi Presentation to next week.
- SWOT Summary document almost ready! – 3 more reviews completed.

Items to address for turnover over the next 2 weeks:
- Compensation Review Document.
- Finance Commission projects.
- Archives and filing system – e-mail messages & hardcopy documents.
- Budget Committee suggestions.
- Addressing a number financial items with the Registrar’s Office.
- Festivities for the post-AGM party.
- VP Finance Transition Report.
- Office preparation.

**Thank you for the good times:**
- AMS Councillors.
- Exec Committee.
- Support Staff.
- Services.
- Finance Commission.
- Budget Committee.
- Business Operations Committee.

Good luck to incoming officers!

**Oana Chirila - VP Administration**
Please check out the wonderful Valentine’s Day issue of the Underground!

Also please register for the PHP bulletin boards on the AMS website.

I have been working with the VP Admin-Elect on transitioning – Josh has been attending most of my meetings and learning about the job, and he has been reading the 15-page transition report I prepared for him. The incoming executives attended a 2-day orientation organized by Bernie and the staff, and a 3-day retreat with the outgoing executives.

The Executive Coordinator of Student Services interviews concluded last Thursday, and we recruited Dani Bryant.

SAC:

The AMS Art Gallery is currently showing Thomas Stavnes’s work.

SAC passed the revised Departmental Clubs policy and a new policy on the SUB Auditorium Climbing Wall, which is used by Varsity Outdoors Club members.

Club Awards are happening on March 18th - the AMS will be recognizing the amazing achievements of the over 200 clubs, and you should be receiving invitations shortly.

Renovations Planning Group:

Due to labour negotiation uncertainty, Plant Ops did not re-finish the Conversation Pit floors over Reading Break – the job has been postponed to April.

The Lower Level project has gone to tender and bids will be coming in during the week of March 10th.

Renos has also been discussing carpet replacement in the Exec and Support Staff offices, and a motion is on the agenda for tonight.

The IFPO has received $5,000 in funding from IPF, but still needs more funding – hopefully the Grad Class gift will come through.

Impacts:

The committee met yesterday but unfortunately neither the council members nor the VP Finance attended, so we did not achieve quorum and were unable to pass any motions.

We discussed the Natural Food Co-op as well as the UBC Farm in the context of campus development plans – they would like to present to AMS Council to garner support.

Ongoing sustainability issues concerning the SUB include purchasing a set of re-usable dishes that clubs can borrow at no charge for their events; transforming one of the CopyRight self-serve copier into a “green” copier where you can select a tray with paper that has already been used on one side; and hand dryers.

The committee has recommended that an honourarium of $800 - $1,000 be set aside for a Sustainability Coordinator – a student expected to work 5 – 10 hours a week to coordinate the implementation of some of the projects the Impacts Committee comes up with.

Other:

Club Break – I met with Brian Silzer before Reading Break regarding the Club Break that currently occurs on Thursdays (and effectively also on Tuesdays), when no classes are supposed to be scheduled between 12:30 pm and 2 pm. I sent out an email memo to the club executives, asking for feedback, which I am compiling. The Club Break was mandated through Senate policy, and the Senate would have to be the ones voting to remove it.

This Friday is the AMS Annual General Meeting. Upcoming events are Just Desserts on Thursday March 6.

New Councilors should book May 2/3/4 for the Whistler Orientation Weekend (WOW).

This Friday, come and say hello to the new Executives starting at 4 pm in the offices.

F) Constituency Reports:

Barry Shin - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Meaghan Thumath - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Jennifer Smith - School of Library & Archival Studies
Laura Best - VP Academic (Elect)

< Been sitting in on Budget Committee meetings.
< Held interviews for the Executive Coordinator of Student Services position.
< Looking to put together a working group on the community plan.
< Will be arranging a meeting of the Safety Committee.
< Will be working on SASC issues now that the referendum has passed.
< Holding interviews for Firstweek and Orientations Coordinator positions.
< Sent a letter to UBC regarding the TA Forum.

Council agreed to consider addendum motion #1 first.

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

2. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED ALI ARYA

“Whereas the people of Iraq have suffered countless deaths as a result of the strict enforcement of United Nations (UN) sanctions; and

Whereas the Iraqi population has been subject to repeated British and American bombings as part of the enforcement of a non-UN authorized No-Fly Zone; and

Whereas the Bush Administration in the US is currently positioning itself militarily for a war with Iraq over Iraq’s alleged possession of weapons of mass destruction, despite UN reports that there is a lack of evidence that Iraq has such weapons; and

Whereas the Canadian federal government not only supports the UN sanctions against Iraq, but has also failed to clearly articulate its opposition to the use of force against Iraq; and
Whereas many cities in North America have passed resolutions expressing opposition to the use of military force to compel a regime change in Iraq, including such cities as Washington, DC, Seattle, and Oakland; and

Whereas the City of Vancouver recently passed a resolution opposing Canada’s involvement in any military action against Iraq unless the military action is authorized by a legally valid resolution of the UN Security Council and by Canadian laws;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS call upon the federal government to actively oppose both the use of force and sanctions in Iraq, and condemn the continued bombings in the No-Fly Zones;

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council declare the UBC campus an anti-war campus in support of the Iraqi population, particularly the Iraqi students whose lives and educations have been interrupted by sanctions and military actions.

- Sameer Wahid clarified that the motion is just a motion, not an AMS policy statement.
- Kate Woznow yielded her time to Jesse McLaren, a representative of the Coalition against the War on the People of Iraq (CAWOPI), who said US and British bombing in Iraq was causing suffering, weapons had not been found by weapons inspectors, and 50 percent of the Iraqi population was under 18, so the issue was of special concern to students. He said there was enormous worldwide opposition to the Iraqi war and said other student societies, such as those at Dalhousie and McGill, had already taken anti-war positions. He said CAWOPI had gathered 2,000 signatures on a petition against the war, adding that the AMS had the ability to articulate the demands of students in opposition to the war and in support of the people of Iraq.
- Spencer Keys asked what an anti-war campus meant. Jesse said it would be a symbolic declaration in solidarity with students in Iraq.
- Mia Taghizadeh asked what the petition said. Jesse said it declared solidarity with students in Iraq whose lives and education were being interrupted by sanctions and war.
- Mia Taghizadeh asked if the intent was to oppose war or other actions besides war. Jesse said the sanctions are a constant, silent war, and the current bombing causes harm, but it was expected there would be much worse.
- Ian McKechnie asked if UBC would remain an anti-war campus even after the Iraq war. Jesse said the main focus was on this particular war.
- Andrew Lawrenson asked how the position presented would change if it is discovered that Iraq does have weapons of mass destruction. Jesse said a former weapons inspector said they didn’t. He added that the main intent is to oppose the war. He didn’t see the weapons issue as the crucial one; the issue is that there has been great suffering.
- Andrew Lawrenson suggested that students in Iraq may actually be anti-Saddam, but it is hard for them to speak out against his tyranny. Jesse said his group despises Saddam and agreed that Iraqi students may hate him, but his group is opposed to war.
- Alan Warkentin asked if anyone the group had approached had disagreed with CAWOPI’s position. Jesse said that as on all issues, there are opposing views.
- Spencer Keys asked if the No-Fly Zone had been authorized by the UN. Jesse said no UN text can be found to say this.
- Holly Read asked how long the group had been collecting signatures. Jesse said since September.
- Dan Grice said there were other reasons the people in Iraq were suffering besides the actions of the United States. He referred to Saddam Hussein’s palaces. He said the focus of the AMS should be on post-secondary education and student issues, not external politics. He added that the motion risked dividing students whereas the AMS was supposed to be promoting unity and
goodwill. He warned against following the example of the Concordia student union, which by taking a pro-Palestinian stance had alienated Jewish groups, and said the AMS should be neutral.

3. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED CHRIS FENNElL:

“That motion #2 be amended to read:

Whereas the City of Vancouver recently passed a resolution opposing Canada’s involvement in any military action against Iraq;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS call upon the federal government to actively oppose both the use of force and sanctions in Iraq unless the military action is authorized by a legally valid resolution of the UN Security Council and by Canadian laws and condemn the continued bombings in the No-Fly Zones;”

- Reka Sztopa said she was in favour of the motion but had problems with the intent. She said students don’t want action taken unless it is in accord with a UN resolution, but the “Be it resolved” part of the current motion did not mention this. She added that though 2,000 students have signed the petition, 37,000 have not, and said the AMS has to be careful about what positions it takes.

- Kate Woznow said Council never has 37,000 students behind it; she said 2,000 did sign the petition.

- Dan Yokom warned against making decisions without sufficient information, as happened with the resolution concerning the TA strike.

- Ian McKechnie said this was not the proper forum; he invited the guests to present their petition to the Vice-President Academic to force a referendum.

- Spencer Keys said the AMS should support the past 55 years of Canadian foreign policy and follow the lead of the UN.

- Reka Sztopa said the UN has a better idea of what is going on than do the 45 people around the Council table.

4. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

5. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED CHRIS FENNElL:

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Note: Abstained - Kim Lam ... Carried
- Dave Tompkins asked Jesse if his group still wanted the motion to pass now that it had been amended. Jesse said they did not.
- Reka Sztopa suggested amending again; her intent was not to change the spirit of the motion, but to clarify it.
- Kate Woznow expressed concern that the amended motion meant the AMS would be in support of a war if the UN supported it.

6. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That motion #2 be postponed indefinitely.”

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. for a ten minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 p.m.

7. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED HOLLY READ:

“That motion #2 be amended to read:

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS call upon the federal government to actively oppose the US led use of force and sanctions in Iraq, and condemn the continued bombings in the No-Fly Zones;

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council support the Iraqi students whose lives and educations have been interrupted by sanctions and military actions. “

- Reka Sztopa said the problem with the first amendment was that it meant the AMS would be in favour of war if led by the UN. The new amendment now simply stated that the AMS was against a US-led war.

8. MOVED KATE WOZNOW:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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... Carried

10. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED ALI ARYA
“Whereas the people of Iraq have suffered countless deaths as a result of the strict enforcement of United Nations (UN) sanctions; and

Whereas the Iraqi population has been subject to repeated British and American bombings as part of the enforcement of a non-UN authorized No-Fly Zone; and

Whereas the Bush Administration in the US is currently positioning itself militarily for a war with Iraq over Iraq’s alleged possession of weapons of mass destruction, despite UN reports that there is a lack of evidence that Iraq has such weapons; and

Whereas the Canadian federal government not only supports the UN sanctions against Iraq, but has also failed to clearly articulate its opposition to the use of force against Iraq; and

Whereas many cities in North America have passed resolutions expressing opposition to the use of military force to compel a regime change in Iraq, including such cities as Washington, DC, Seattle, and Oakland; and

Whereas the City of Vancouver recently passed a resolution opposing Canada’s involvement in any military action against Iraq unless the military action is authorized by a legally valid resolution of the UN Security Council and by Canadian laws;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS call upon the federal government to actively oppose the US led use of force and sanctions in Iraq, and condemn the continued bombings in the No-Fly Zones;

Be it further resolved that the AMS Council support the Iraqi students whose lives and educations have been interrupted by sanctions and military actions. “

Note: Abstained - Trevor Gilks, Andrew Lawrenson, Spencer Keys, Ian McKechnie, Alan Warkentin, Kim Lam, Jackie Liu
Opposed - Dan Grice

... Carried

G) Discussion Period:

Club Break
- Dave Tompkins asked what clubs thought about the University’s plans to do away with the lunch-time club break on Thursdays. Oana Chirila said lots of clubs do meet then; lots don’t because they already have classes then. The University is suggesting moving the club break to 3 pm or later.
- Alan Warkentin said the break was a good idea. SUS uses it. But with more classes and more people, there are classes now in what was supposed to be the club break. The University should either have no classes at all during the break or should have classes and not say they don’t.
- Dan Yokom recommended suggesting to Senate that it move the break to 2 or 3 pm instead of the peak time when it is now. Reka Sztopen disagreed, saying Senate should be encouraged to enforce the current club break. Lunch time is the best time; labs are held in morning and afternoon which would conflict with a break. It might even be a good idea to extend the break, allowing students to schedule two club meetings in that time. This would encourage spirit and community.
- Holly Read said it was important to have a blackout time, but she could see the University’s point: it was a waste of classroom space. It might be better to schedule the break for 4 to 6 pm, although this would mean students would have to stay late to attend club meetings.
- Tara Learn said that when the University changed the class schedule to have classes begin at 8 am instead of 8:30, the AMS pushed for the current club break time. It was important to be careful about moving the time because of the effect it would have on commuter students.
- Chris Fennell said it was all very well for the University to be efficient, but it should be more creative too, perhaps by reducing the break by half an hour or encouraging more one-day classes. There did need to be a break for non-academic life.
- Ian McKechnie said that moving the break to later in the day would kill a lot of constituency meetings. What was needed was to enforce the current break; right now in Engineering it was being seriously violated by having a compulsory first-year class scheduled in the supposed no-class time.

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- Chris Fennell asked if Council had an alternate meeting place ready in case the SUB was behind picket lines.
- Andrew Lawrenson asked if there would be enough notice to inform Council members of an alternate location. Alan Warkentin asked about transportation to an alternate site.
- Tara Learn said an alternate location had been chosen: the Lutheran Centre, just off campus.
- Dave Allen said Council could also use Regent College.

11. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

“In the event that SUB is behind legal picket lines at the scheduled time of a Student Council meeting, the Executive shall inform Council of an alternate venue.”

12. MOVED REKA SZTOPA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

13. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED TARA LEARN:

“In the event that SUB is behind legal picket lines at the scheduled time of a Student Council meeting, the Executive shall inform Council of an alternate venue.”

... Carried

< Council Meeting Committee
- Kate Woznow suggested striking a committee to look into the timeframe of Council meetings.

14. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“Be it resolved that Council strike a Council Meeting Committee to determine guidelines surrounding the timeframe of Council meetings. The Committee shall be composed of the VP
15. MOVED REKA SZTOPA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

16. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED CHRIS FENNElL:

“Be it resolved that Council strike a Council Meeting Committee to determine guidelines surrounding the timeframe of Council meetings. The Committee shall be composed of the VP Academic (Chair), three Council members, Speaker of Council, the Chair of the Code and Policies Committee, the Policy Analyst, the Archivist, and the Administrative Assistant.”

... Carried

17. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council appoint Kate Woznow, Dave Tompkins and Chris Fennell (Council Members) to the Council Meeting Committee.”

... Carried

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated February 5, 2003 [SCD 357-003]
Minutes of Student Council dated February 12, 2003 [SCD 358-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 20, 2003 [SCD 359-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 27, 2003 [SCD 360-003]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 6, 2003 [SCD 361-003]
[SCD 362-003]
Minutes of Commissioners Appointments Committee dated January 27, 2003

I) Executive Committee Motions:

18. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE: [SCD 363-03]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the AMS Travel Policy as presented.”

... Carried Unanimously

19. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE: [SCD 364-03]

“Whereas Council approved the creation of a Sponsorship Review Committee as Recommendation 4.2 of the AMS Strategic Plan; and

Whereas Council approved research into external and alternative sources of revenue as Recommendation 4.7 of the AMS Strategic Plan,
Therefore be it resolved that Council strike the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee as a standing committee of Council by amending Section V of the Code of Procedure to include the following article:

**Article 19. Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee**

1. The Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee shall be composed of:
   
   (a) the Vice-President Finance, who shall be Chair;
   (b) the President;
   (c) three (3) members of Council appointed by Council;
   (d) the member of the Finance Commission whose portfolio includes fundraising;
   (e) the General Manager, who shall be non-voting; and
   (f) the Policy Analyst, who shall be non-voting.

2. The Committee shall:
   
   (a) make recommendations to Council for an AMS Sponsorship Policy;
   (b) establish a job description for an AMS Development Officer;
   (c) hire the AMS Development Officer;
   (d) advise the AMS Development Officer; and
   (e) have such other duties as are set out in the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Nick Seddon said this committee would address the long-term funding of the AMS.
- Alan Warkentin asked if there should be more Council members on it.
- Behshad Darvish suggested adding the Executive Coordinator of Student Services.

20 **MOVED BEHSHAD DARVISH**: (Friendly)

“That motion #19 be amended by adding:

‘the Executive Coordinator of Student Services’,”

... Carried

- Ian McKechnie expressed surprise that the AMS President was on it, but students at large were not.
- Kristen Harvey said fundraising was a long-term issue, and the President has the long-term interests of the Society at heart.

21. **MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:**

“That motion #19 be amended by adding:

‘Two (2) members at-large’,”

... Carried

22. **MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED DANIEL GRICE:**
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   (d) two (2) members at large;
   (e) the Executive Coordinator of Student Services;

2. The following individuals shall attend the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee:

   (a) the member of the Finance Commission whose portfolio includes fundraising;
   (c) the General Manager, who shall be non-voting; and
   (d) the Policy Analyst, who shall be non-voting.

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   (d) advise the AMS Development Officer; and
   (e) have such other duties as are set out in the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

23. MOVED KRISTEN HARVEY, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

   “That Council appoint Kate Woznow, Jackie Liu and Elliot Grundmanis (Council members) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee.”
   ... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

   [SCD 365-03]

- Nick Seddon said that in past years a preliminary budget had been presented as a stopgap because the detailed final budget could not be ready for May 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. This year, though, the final budget would be done well before May 1, and he thus thought the preliminary budget was unnecessary.
24. MOVED NICK SEDDON, SECONDED JACKIE LIU:

“That Council approve the AMS Preliminary Budget as presented.”
... Withdrawn

25. MOVED HOLLY READ, SECONDED BARRY SHIN:

“That Council appoint Aruna Ranganathan as International Students Commissioner for a term commencing February 1, 2003 and ending May 1, 2003.”
... Carried

26. MOVED MIA TAGHIZADEH, SECONDED ANNA-MARIE BUENO:

“That Council appoint Michael Crook (member at-large) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term ending April 30, 2003.”
... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated February 6, 2003 [SCD 366-003]

27. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED ELLIOT GRUNDMANIS:

“That Council allocate funding not to exceed $9,980 from the SUB Management Fund for the purpose of replacing the carpeting in the AMS Executive and Support Staff offices and surrounding hallways, as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Oana Chirila said the carpets in the Executive and staff area are 12 years old, and carpets usually last only seven years. The lowest bid had been accepted, and the carpets would be replaced over a weekend to minimize disruption. She showed pictures of the current carpets.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 3, 2003 [SCD 367-003]

O) Submissions:
P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on March 12, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Christopher Lythgo
VP Academic & University Affairs

CL:pr
The Alma Mater Society of U.B.C.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Present: Kristen Harvey (Outgoing President), Oana Chirila (Incoming President and outgoing VP Administration), Nicholas Seddon (Outgoing VP Finance), Brian Duong (Incoming VP Finance), Tara Learn (Outgoing VP External Affairs), Josh Bowman (Incoming VP Administration), Laura Best (Incoming VP Academic), Behshad Darvish (Outgoing Exec. Coord. Student Services), Dani Bryant (Incoming Exec. Coord. Student Services), Spencer Keys (AUS), Trevor Gilks (AUS), Barry Shin (AGSci), Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen (GSS President), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (Promotions Coordinator), Sibylla Verdi (Communications Coordinator), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist/Researcher), Bernie Peets (AMS General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. Quorum was not present.

1. The Alma Mater Society Membership received the following reports:

F) Auditor's Report Financial Statements as of April 30th, 2002 [SCD 001-2004]

G) President's Annual Report [SCD 002-2004]


2. MOVED DAPHNE HAMILTON-NAGORSEN, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"That the Society approve the Auditor's Financial Statements as of April 30th, 2002."

...Carried

3. MOVED TREVOR GILKS, SECONDED ANTOINE SACHARDONE:

"That the D&H Group be retained as the Auditor's for the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia for the ensuing fiscal year."

Note: Opposed - Spencer Keys

...Carried

4. Handing over of the gavel and brief statement by the new President.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
The Alma Mater Society of UBC 

Minutes of Student Council 

March 12, 2003

The Alma Mater Society of UBC  March 12, 2003

MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Kathleen Deering (The Ubyssey), Jesse Marchand (The Ubyssey), Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Michael Schwandt (The Ubyssey), Elizabeth Thampy (AMS Speakeasy), Sigal Stein (AMS Speakeasy), Liz King (AMS Safewalk), Scott Price (AUS), Natasha Norbjerg (AMS Joblink), Paul Ambrose Lythgo (AMS Joblink), Barry Shin (AgSci), Nick Seddon, Amina Rai (BoG - elect), Aniz Alani (Student Legal Fund Society), Ryan Morasiewicz (Student Legal Fund Society), Beth Moskowitz (Regent College), Chris Eaton (Elections Administrator), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Secretary), Sameer Wahid (Chair)

I) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. MOVED STEVE PRICE, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council accept the agenda and additional motions as presented.”

Note: Abstained - Mark Fraser, Erfan Kazemi ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

E) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Volunteer Services - Azadeh Motameni (Coordinator)
- Mission is to connect students to volunteer opportunities on campus, in Vancouver and abroad.
- Gives students an opportunity to explore their career options through volunteer experience.
- Services include: online database and SUB postings, Internship Program, VeX, Volunteer Fair, International Opportunities and the International Opportunities Fair.
- Organisations wishing to participate in fairs are charged a fee and to date fee revenues have totalled over $2,000.
- VeX is a new initiative for students interested in volunteering on campus. In its first year VeX has over 100 students involved. 90% of students that took part this year said they would like to participate next year.
- Internship Program - Meaghan Thumath (Coordinator)
  - This program informs students about internship opportunities.
  - Create quality internship positions that are relevant to student needs.
  - Held the Internship Fair (Dress for Success).
Recommendations for next year include the further integration of the Internship Program.
- Expanding the International Opportunities program.

AMS Speakeasy - Sigal Stein/Elizabeth Thampy (Coordinators) [SCD 005-004]
- Speakeasy provides peer counselling, information and crisis intervention.
- Currently there are 50 staff members.
- Statistics for 2002 - 2003 information desk and counselling show visits have increased considerably.
- The online referral sight is brand new.
- Speakeasy will be open this year for part of the summer.
- Have made strong alliances with UBC Counselling Services.
- Working closely with the AMS Ombuds Office and the UBC Equity Office.
- Outreach services include classroom announcements for first year students.
- Initiatives for next year include:
  - implementation of a more extensive application and interview process (eg. criminal records checks).
  - decreased number of volunteers from 80 - 50.
  - introduction of new shift change forms to make volunteers accountable missed shifts.
  - increase in the number of shifts per week from 2 to 3.
  - team leaders to take a more active role in training.

Questions:
- Ali Arya asked how the Speakeasy budget affects the number of volunteers.
- Sigal said the budget affects things like volunteer appreciation dinners and photocopying.
- Jennifer Smith asked if Speakeasy has connections with UBC hospital.
- Sigal said that currently Speakeasy has no connections with the hospital due to confidentiality issues. Clients are referred to Student Health in the first instance.
- Lindsay Ye asked if there was a specific program for International Students in terms of culture shock.
- Currently there is no such program but Speakeasy does liaise with International House and attends their fairs.

Report of the Elections Committee - Chris Eaton (Elections Administrator)
- U-Pass referendum smashed all records for turnout.
- Sexual Assault Services referendum had a lower turnout, but was still above average.
- There’s a problem with long questions on the electronic ballot; he had to truncate the questions and put the attached notes on another web page.
- Also continuing problems with fonts and proxy servers.
- New problem emerged concerning UBC students who are twins: confusion over which twin had voted.
- Turnout increases when broadcast e-mails are sent out reminding students to vote: at least, this is what happened in the January election; no data yet on the referendum.

Questions:
- Reka Sztopa asked if something could be done about the problem with putting long questions on the electronic ballot.
- Chris Eaton said it would cost thousands of dollars, and the University was not willing to do it. The AMS was using the University’s webvote system for free; it’s not the AMS’s system and is not ideally suited to AMS purposes.
D) President’s Remarks:

Welcome to the first Council meeting with the new executive! I’m very excited to be here and I was reminded yesterday of where I started with the AMS – as the SAC Clubs Commissioner, three years ago. It has been an amazing journey to get here and I and the executives hope to make this year a benchmark year for the AMS. I look forward to working with returning and new Councilors, the AMS support staff, the Services and Commissions, as well as individual Constituencies, campus groups such as the Inter-Residence Council, and the GSS. I also wanted to thank Sameer for volunteering to be the Speaker again today, as we are still in the process of hiring one.

Executive Retreat:
- The incoming and outgoing executive, including the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, had a chance to sit down and go over last year's accomplishments and this year's plans during a retreat held on Vancouver Island on Feb 21 – 23. We look forward to continuing to improve the AMS, carrying out the AMS Strategic Plan, and coming up with new and more efficient ways to strengthen the AMS’s financial situation.

Hiring Frenzy:
- The new VP Academic, Laura Best, has been working hard to schedule and conduct interviews for the many positions we have advertised. Congratulations to the newly-hired AMS Orientations Coordinator, Natasha Jay, and the new AMS FirstWeek Coordinator, Chris Payne.

Tuition:
- The Board of Governors Budget Committee is meeting on Thursday March 13th at 3 pm to discuss the University’s budget. I only just received the proposed allocations for the $28M in extra tuition revenue tonight and have passed out copies for Councilors to bring back to the Constituencies for further discussion. The timeline for receiving feedback

Labour Dispute:
- I have fielded several calls from the CBC for comments on the ongoing labour dispute. We have drafted a memorandum of understanding to clarify how the remaining $5,000 from the $15,000 that Council allocated from the External, Lobbying and Advocacy Fund will be spent – both the AMS executive and the CUPE 2278 executive will work together to decide.
- Thank you to Laura for answering media questions while I was away in Winnipeg.
- Laura and I sent a letter to Scott Macrae from UBC Public Affairs to express our concerns over the ill-timed community update held February 19th at the Chan Centre – and we actually got a response back.

Innovative Projects Fund:
- The IPF Committee finalized the allocations in February and the successful applications have been listed on the AMS website – congratulations! We will be meeting again in September to review the final reports.

CASA:
- I attended the annual Internal Review Conference in Winnipeg. Besides the cold weather, the conference was enjoyable and I learned a lot about CASA from the outgoing executives of member schools (most SU’s have turn-over on May 1st.) CASA has experienced great success at the federal lobbying level this year, with the Federal budget that was announced in February being one of the most PSE-friendly budgets we have seen. CASA is planning a concerted effort to make PSE an issue in both the upcoming Liberal and Tory leadership races.
- If you think going through an AMS Appointments Committee is scary – the National Director interviews were conducted by 27 people representing the 21 CASA member schools, with questions meant to catch the candidates off-guard, and some even asked in French! Congratulations to the successful candidate, the 2003-2004 National Director James Kusie (who has served as the Vice-President of the University of Manitoba Students Union.)
- Our VP External, Sam Saini is still in Winnipeg attending the National Forum on Post-Secondary Education being hosted by the University of Manitoba, and once he returns we will prepare a report on the CASA conference together to present at the next Council meeting on March 26.

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**Generation Debt:**

- The Millennium Scholarship Foundation released “Making Ends Meet – the 2001-2002 Student Financial Survey” on Monday. This study reveals some alarming statistics about student debt and how the current Canada Student Loan Program is not quite meeting the demand of students.

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**WAVAW:**

- We will be reviewing the one-year pilot project partnership with WAVAW in the next few weeks. We are working on a reporting and financial structure for the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund (SASSF).

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**Health and Dental Plan Committee:**

- Lev Bukhman and Kristin Foster met with the committee on February 28 to discuss the first quarter claims experience. We are waiting for the second quarter claims experience results to be compiled so we can have a better indication of how the plan has been doing and the relationship between premiums and claims.

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**Communications Planning Group:**

- Our first meeting is Friday March 14th. We will be discussing the Council composite board, the AMS Interactive, a Welcome letter for all students to be sent out in May, and a complaint received regarding an ad in the Zoom Media frames. There is currently no process for receiving such complaints and CPG will be discussing forming such a process.

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**Meetings, Meetings, Meetings:**

- I have been attending numerous meetings, including the VP Students Roundtable, a GSS meeting, and a meeting of the Chan Centre Internal Advisory Committee.

E) **Executive Reports:**

**Josh Bowman - VP Administration**

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**SAC:** Re-evaluating bookings line-up procedures. Going well! Club Awards coming up! Meetings once a week.

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**Renovations Planning Group:** Tenders opened, a bit higher than expected. We’ll be getting a breakdown of the bids and will be having another Renos meeting next week.

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**Alcohol Committee Meeting:** First meeting tomorrow. Examining university alcohol policy; picking up where last meetings left off. Brainstorming on ways to address university policy.

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**Resource Group meeting:** Meeting tomorrow. I’ll be sitting in to get a sense of where groups are at and maybe where they’re heading for next year.

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**Impacts Committee:** First meeting on the 21st! We’ll be discussing possible initiatives within the SUB, as well as the displacement of the Bike and Food Co-ops.

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**Introduction to Council sheet!** Thanks Sheldon and Lisa and Sibylla!

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**Main concourse office hours** (one hour/week).
Happy being here, office is a confidential, safe space, and I love to get visitors!

**Brian Duong - VP Finance**

- Revising and completing the Compensation Review document in time for the next meeting.
- Alcohol Guns - researching and consulting with the AMS Beverage Manager for the potential benefits for use at the Pit.

**Business Operations Meeting**

- met last Wednesday. Had a presentation of the Sushi Bar. Thanks to Kate, Barry, Sean and Nick for asking insightful questions and carefully reviewing the merits.
- BOC approved a recommendation to Council for the operation of an AMS owned sushi bar.
- There will be a presentation to Council at the March 26th meeting.
- BOC will meet again to review February’s business results.

**Finance Commission:**

- The Student Initiative Fund has been exhausted. The last grant went to the Equity Ambassadors to send them to an equity conference at the University of Toronto.
- The on-line budget form is finished and ready to go. We will ask club (existing) to be patient with us as we are implementing it as the primary method of budget submissions.
- Drafting a memo to be sent out to every constituency treasurer explaining UBC’s reasoning behind the separate installments of student fees to each constituency on their AMS account.

Have been continuing to research appropriate information and models of sponsorship policy and presentation. Looking at peer institutions, corporation and government models. That being said, we will hold the first sponsorship and fundraising committee meeting on Tuesday, March 25th.

Finally, I am leaving for the Roundtable Business Conference hosted by McGill, UQAM and Concordia and will be back in the office on Monday.

**Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**

**Appointments:**

- The Beta Committee has appointed the Firstweek and Orientations Coordinators. There were quite a few great applicants. The coordinators will star immediately. There is plenty more hiring to do in the next few weeks for the services.
- The new coordinators have already started planning their programs for the upcoming year, which has kept us very busy.

**Orientations Steering Committee:**

- Parker Johnson and I are co-chairing the new Orientations Steering Committee, whose objective is to help orientation groups on campus communicate better with each other and to improve and to make each program more efficient. We had our first committee meeting and things are starting off great.

**Events:**

- An exciting event is coming up on March 24, 2003; David Frum will be speaking in the Norm Theatre. It will prove to be quite interesting.

**Other:**

- I have received some great support from the services during transition and have been dealing with some staff issues.
Laura Best - VP Academic

Teaching Assistants:
- The rally on Friday went very well; it was covered by a variety of media and attended by hundreds of people (students, staff, TAs, other union members, TAs from SFU and UVic all came out).
  i. The cost of the rally was just over $500, and was allocated from the $5000 council allocated for media and information regarding the CUPE 2278 labour dispute.

-Memorandum of Understanding.
  i. A memo of understanding was drafted to outline how funds allocated by the AMS to the CUPE 2278 would be spent. $10,000 went directly to their strike fund, $5000 is allocated towards media and information. If the TA union wishes to spend some of that $5000 on a project they must obtain permission from the Executive Committee. If the AMS wishes to spend some of the $5000 on a project they must obtain permission of the TA Executive.

Hiring:
- Hired two coordinators
  i. Chris Payne for Firstweek coordinator
  ii. Natasha Jay for Orientations coordinator
- I drafted new hiring/interviewing guidelines that will apply to all appointment committees.
  i. All members of appointments committees will be required to attend a hiring/interviewing workshop.

Teaching Excellence Initiative:
a. The TEI is the necessary evolution of the Yardstick. The idea is that the university takes responsibility for complying with the 1996 Senate Resolution to have student teaching evaluations released in a timely and convenient manner.
b. I met with Michelle Aucoin to discuss this and there is support from the VP Students office. I will be working with my Academics commissioner, undergraduate constituencies, Senate caucus and the VP Students office to continue to push for this.

Council Meeting Committee Meeting:
a. Several committee members met and drafted preliminary recommendations about the length of Council meetings
  i. Moving Discussion Period to the end
  ii. Constituency reports:
    1. I representative speaks on business matters only.
    2. Events information can be emailed to Lisa to be posted on the website; it does not need to be announced.
  iii. Making and enforcing stricter time limitations.

There was a Commissions Job Fair last week.

OCP Working Group meeting tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. in 266J.

Safety Meeting tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. in 266J
- Will be discussing the Sexual Assault Services Funding and the position of the Safety Coordinator.

Student Courthirings next week (hopefully).

We have re-opened Speaker of Council position.

F) Constituency Reports:
DAVE ALLEN - REGENT COLLEGE
JENNIFER SMITH - SCHOOL OF LIBRARY & ARCHIVAL STUDIES
CHRISTINE CONKIN - VST
LINDSAY YE - GRADUATE STUDENTS SOCIETY
MEAGHAN THUMATH - NURSING UNDERGRADUATE
RAJ MATHUR - MUSIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
MARK FRASER - BOARD OF GOVERNORS
ERFAN KAZEMI - BOARD OF GOVERNORS
CHRIS FENNELL - GRADUATE STUDENTS SOCIETY
RYAN CUNNINGHAM - FORESTRY UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
TIM LEUNG - AGRICULTURE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
BIJAN AHMADIAN - OMBUDSPERSON
SAMEER WAHID - GRAD CLASS COUNCIL
OANA CHIRILA (JACKIE LIU) - PHARMACY UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
TREVOR GILKS - ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
SPENCER KEYS - ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
CAMERON REEVES - ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
KRISTEN READ - ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
DAN GRICE - ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
REKA SZTOPA - SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
PATRICIA LAU - SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
ANNA-MARIE BUENO - SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
SERENA SIOW - SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
STEVE PRICE - ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY

G) DISCUSSION PERIOD:

TA STRIKE

< Chris Fennell said the government’s back-to-work legislation, coming only three weeks into a strike by non-essential workers, was unprecedented. The government waited four months before legislating the bus drivers back to work in 2001. He added that although the legislation would make a strike illegal, with fines of $10,000 for the unions and $1,000 for individuals who violate the legislation’s provisions, there could still be a political protest.

< He added that this was an urgent matter: the government was taking away the unions’ right to strike, and the University was claiming that UBC is private property and that picketers can’t protest on it. He said that the AMS should formulate a response.

< Christine Conkin said it was appalling that the University had declared UBC private property.

< Scott Price said the legislation would demoralize the TA’s the way high school teachers who were legislated back to work had been demoralized.

< Dan Grice said that according to the University Act, UBC in fact is private property, and as to what the government had done, it was only a 20-day hiatus, not a permanent end to the strike.

< Josh Bowman said it would be wise for the AMS to figure out how to approach this situation. He was open to ideas on ways to address it effectively.

< Kim Lam suggested setting up a strike committee.

< Erfan Kazemi said it would be best to refer the issue to the Executive rather than a special strike committee. He said a lot of students were actually in favour of the legislation and were glad that it had been introduced.

< Kate Woznow said UBC and the government were claiming to act on behalf of students, but the AMS is the official voice of the students and should assert its role.
Dan Grice said that instead of seeking to micro-manage the labour issues, the AMS should take a stance on the right of free speech and the right to hold a peaceful protest.

Chris Fennell said the AMS should issue a position statement on the right to strike and on freedom of speech.

Tim Leung asked how effective a strike would be if it resumed after the cooling off period on March 31.

Chris Fennell said a strike would be effective in April but not in the summer, because there’d be few people on campus then.

Kim Lam disagreed, saying the TA’s would have little effect in the summer, but the other workers would.

Laura Best said everyone seemed against what the government had done, but what could be done in response?

Reka Sztopa said she didn’t think everyone was against the legislation, but she said people were concerned about the public versus private issue and the freedom of speech issue. She said the AMS should not speak either way on the ending of the strike, but should speak on freedom of speech.

Kristen Read said there were three main issues: private versus public, free speech, and the right to strike.

Mark Fraser said the Executive Committee was the best body to consider this.

Chris Fennell asked that the Executive talk to all parties and its lawyers.

Kate Woznow said something is needed now; the AMS as the official representative of the students needed to speak as soon as possible to counter the statements by the University and the government that they were acting on behalf of students.

1. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That the matter of the TA Strike be referred to the Executive Committee.”

2. MOVED CHRISTINE LENIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

3. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That the matter of the TA Strike be referred to the Executive Committee.”

... Carried

Electronic voting
- Reka Sztopa said that if money was being saved by using the University’s webvote system, it should be used to fix the computer program so ballots can include the full question in a referendum.
- Chris Eaton said that the estimate he’d heard of $10,000 to fix the program was based on the time that would be required of a programmer and on the fact that the program dates from 1992 and was originally intended for use as a televote system: voting by telephone.

Tuition Allocation
- Oana Chirila asked for direction on the tuition allocation consultation.
- Reka Sztopa said Science had not even seen the tuition allocation document; it had been left out of consultation.
Steve Price said Arts had only been consulted about a potential proposal, not on the actual proposal. He said Arts students support the principle that less money should go to the core and more to the faculties, because they trust their faculty and dean more than the central administration. He added that student consultation seems to have had zero impact on the amount of the tuition increase; students’ real impact could be on the allocation of money from the increase; so instead of so much time on consultation on the amount, the majority of the time devoted to consultation should be spent on allocation.

-Chris Fennell said the amount of consultation on allocation this year had been only 5 or 10 percent of last year.

-Kim Lam said the University had spent a lot of time on useless consultation on the procedures for consulting; it would be better to spend that time on allocation consultation.

-Cameron Reeves said Brian Sullivan and Michelle Aucoin are good at visiting the constituencies, but not so good at answering questions.

-Reka Sztopa said the order needs to be changed. First the University should decide where money is needed, where to allocate. Only then should it decide how big the increase should be.

4. MOVED DAN GRICE, SECONDED JASON PODUR:

“That Council hold a special meeting to consider the issue of slate irregularities and to give direction to Code and Policies.

That a motion be drafted for consideration that deals with the removal of joint campaign expenditures.

That a motion be drafted for consideration that deals with the elimination of nicknames from the ballot.

That this meeting be held no later than October 15th, 2003.”

-Dan Grice suggested holding a special Council meeting to look into slate irregularities because it is a special issue.

-Oana Chirila said there are lots of special issues and we cannot call special Council meetings for each one. She added that the Code and Policies Committee has been looking into the slates issue, and said this motion would supersede the committee system.

-Laura Best said the slates issue was a big one that had come up for several years. She added that the motion suggests the removal of joint campaign expenditures and thus implied the outcome. She said it was important that Council consider this issue, but this motion was not the way to do it.

The Chair was passed to Erfan Kazemi at 8:45 p.m.

-Sameer Wahid said the Code and Policies Committee has looked into slates. It had not been able to bring a reform package to fruition because of timing, but it had been discussing the issue, and the committee was the proper venue for such discussion to avoid micro-management by Council.

5. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED JASON PODUR:

“That motion #4 be amended to read:

‘That the Code and Policies Committee consider the issue of slate irregularities and nicknames on the ballot and report to Council no later than October 15th 2003;”
That a motion be drafted for consideration that deals with joint campaign expenditures; and
That a motion be drafted for consideration that deals with nicknames on the ballot’.”

6. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED JASON PODUR:

“That motion #4 be amended to read:

‘That the Code and Policies Committee consider the issue of slate irregularities and nicknames on the ballot and report to Council no later than October 15\textsuperscript{th} 2003;’

That a motion be drafted for consideration that deals with joint campaign expenditures; and

That a motion be drafted for consideration that deals with nicknames on the ballot.’”

... Carried

8. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED KIM LAM:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED DAN GRICE, SECONDED JASON PODUR:

“That the Code and Policies Committee consider the issue of slate irregularities and nicknames on the ballot and report to Council no later than October 15\textsuperscript{th} 2003;’

That a motion be drafted for consideration that deals with joint campaign expenditures; and

That a motion be drafted for consideration that deals with nicknames on the ballot.”

Note: Abstained - Kim Lam, Tim Leung, Ryan Cunningham ... Carried

The Chair was passed to Sameer Wahid at 8:55 p.m.

- Dan Grice said there needs to be top level discussion on tuition.
- Oana Chirila said this was a priority for Council, but Discussion Period was not the time to set tuition policy. She noted that the AMS tuition policy had just expired, so it was timely to draft a new one.

10. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That Council refer the matter of Tuition Policy to the Executive Committee.”

... Carried

H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:
The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated February 26, 2003 as amended [SCD 007-004]
[SCD 008-004]
Minutes of the AMS Annual General Meeting dated February 28, 2003 as amended
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 3, 2003 [SCD 009-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 10, 2003 [SCD 010-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 17, 2003 [SCD 011-004]
Minutes of Coordinator’s Appointments Committee dated March 4, 2003 [SCD 012-004]
Minutes of Coordinator’s Appointments Committee dated March 6, 2003 [SCD 013-004]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

11. MOVED DAN GRICE, SECONDED JASON PODUR:

“Be it further resolved that AMS Council affirms our belief in the right of students to engage in peaceful protest and speak freely as is guaranteed by the Charter of Rights and Freedom;

Be it further resolved that the AMS affirms that students are an integral part of the university campus, and that areas not specifically in use for research and teaching should be open for students to speak freely and engage in peaceful protest;

Be it further resolved that the AMS does not condone any actions that result in the harassment of students or the intentional disruption of classes in session.”

- Chris Fennell objected to the clause against intentional disruption. He said the whole point of a protest is to disrupt.

12. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That motion #11 be amended by deleting ‘or the intentional disruption of classes in session’.”

- Dan Grice said the wording did not condemn disruption, just said the AMS “does not condone” it. The AMS represented all students, including the ones in the class that might be disrupted.
- Spencer Keys said it was best not to mention the issue; just to mention it indicated a policy.
- Oana Chirila said she did not support drafting policy on the fly. She also noted that Council has already passed a motion supporting TA’s without conditions, so wondered how a condition could be introduced here.
- Alan Warkentin said students who choose to attend class have had their rights violated by noisy disruptions.

13. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI, SECONDED KRISTEN READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:
“That motion #11 be amended by deleting ‘or the intentional disruption of classes in session’.”

... Carried

15. MOVED DAN GRICE, SECONDED JASON PODUR:

“Be it further resolved that AMS Council affirms our belief in the right of students to engage in peaceful protest and speak freely as is guaranteed by the Charter of Rights and Freedom;

Be it further resolved that the AMS affirms that students are an integral part of the university campus, and that areas not specifically in use for research and teaching should be open for students to speak freely and engage in peaceful protest;

Be it further resolved that the AMS does not condone any actions that result in the harassment of students.”

16. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That motion #15 be amended by adding ‘harassment or intimidation of students’.”

- Mark Fraser said a friend of his had been intimidated by a picket line.
- Josh Bowman asked if there were definitions of harassment and intimidation.
- Bijan Ahmadian said the University had a definition of harassment, but not of intimidation.
- Chris Fennell said intimidation was too vague a term, but harassment had a legal definition.
- Reka Sztopa said harassment was an action whereas intimidation was a feeling, and it should not be included in the motion.

17. MOVED SPENCER KEYS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That motion #15 be amended by adding ‘harassment or intimidation of students’.”

... Defeated

19. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED KIM L AM:

“That motion #15 be amended by deleting the last resolution.”

- Kristen Read said the motion should say as little as possible and not go into difficult areas if not necessary.
- Dan Grice asked why people would not want the paragraph on harassment; he wondered if they were in favour of harassment.
- Laura Best said a policy on harassment needs to be well thought out; the statement on it in this motion was insufficient.
- Ali Arya said Council was not supporting harassment, just deciding not to address it.

20. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:
“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

21. MOVED HOLLY READ:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

22. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED KIM L AM:

“That motion #15 be amended by deleting the last resolution.”

Note: Opposed - Alan Warkentin, Dan Grice ... Carried

23. MOVED DAN GRICE, SECONDED JASON PODUR:

“Be it further resolved that AMS Council affirms our belief in the right of students to engage in peaceful protest and speak freely as is guaranteed by the Charter of Rights and Freedom;

Be it further resolved that the AMS affirms that students are an integral part of the university campus, and that areas not specifically in use for research and teaching should be open for students to speak freely and engage in peaceful protest.”

24. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED LAURA BEST:

“That motion #23 be amended by striking ‘that areas not specifically in use for research and teaching’ and replace with ‘that the UBC campus’.”

25. MOVED KRISTEN READ, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

26. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED LAURA BEST:

“That motion #23 be amended by striking ‘that areas not specifically in use for research and teaching’ and replace with ‘that the UBC campus’.”

... Carried

27. MOVED DAN GRICE, SECONDED JASON PODUR:

“Be it further resolved that AMS Council affirms our belief in the right of students to engage in peaceful protest and speak freely as is guaranteed by the Charter of Rights and Freedom;

Be it further resolved that the AMS affirms that students are an integral part of the university campus, and that the UBC campus should be open for students to speak freely and engage in peaceful protest.”
28. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That motion #27 be referred to the Executive Committee.”

29. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

30. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That motion #27 be referred to the Executive Committee.”

Note: Abstained - Steve Price ... Carried

31. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS: [SCD 014-004]

“Whereas the 1998 contract between the AMS and the Student Legal Fund Society (SLFS) requires the SLFS to provide notice to the AMS if it seeks to amend certain provisions of its constitution and bylaws; and

Whereas the 1998 contract requires AMS Council to vote on a motion to permit the proposed amendments; and

Whereas the SLFS has submitted notice of a proposal to amend some of the relevant provisions in its bylaws,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the SLFS amendments as presented.”

- Aniz Alani explained the need to bring amendments of the SLFS bylaws to AMS Council under the contract between the SLFS and the AMS.
- Erfan Kazemi asked why the SLFS wanted to reduce its quorum to three. This could allow hijacking of the society.
- Mark Fraser said he thought everyone who paid their dollar was a member of the SLFS.
- Aniz Alani said No, only those who provide their addresses are members.
- Tim Leung asked how many members there were. Aniz Alani said there were currently seven members, but potentially could be 30,000. He expected more would sign up in advance of the SLFS AGM.
- Oana Chirila asked how it was that non-members were permitted to vote for the SLFS in its recent elections. She also asked what would happen if the AMS did not agree to the proposed SLFS amendments.
- Aniz Alani said there was certainly a problem with the election system and they were consulting a lawyer about it. As to AMS voting on the amendments, they had received legal advice saying it raised a problem; the SLFS could be in breach of contract if the AMS did not approve the amendments.
- Oana Chirila asked if all AMS members are SLFS members. Aniz Alani said No, only those who pay the $1 fee and provide their address.
- Oana Chirila asked if the SLFS currently exists legally. Aniz Alani said the SLFS had been struck from the rolls by the Registrar of Companies last year owing to its not submitting the proper forms, but for practical purposes the SLFS could carry on business as usual. It exists as an
unincorporated society; it is submitting a petition to be re-established, and when that is approved, it will be deemed not to have been dissolved.

- Sameer Wahid asked if the proposed bylaw changes had been pre-vetted by the Registrar of Companies. Aniz Alani said they had been looked at by a lawyer, but not pre-approved by the Registrar.

- Mark Fraser asked why the AMS Representative was being removed as an SLFS director by the change to Bylaw 31(1). Aniz Alani said the AMS Representative still exists in Bylaw 49(6). Oana Chirila asked if it said anywhere that the AMS Representative was still a director. Aniz Alani said Yes, in the rest of Bylaw 31.

- Erfan Kazemi said he had lots of concerns and suggested referring the matter to the Code and Policies Committee.

- Oana Chirila said it was more appropriate to send it to the AMS Executive, and the Executive had already looked at it.

- Kate Woznow asked for the Executive position. Oana Chirila asked Bernie Peets to provide the history of the agreement. Bernie Peets said an AMS referendum created a student legal fund in 1998. The SLFS had incorporated as a separate society, and the AMS agreed to transfer the money in the fund to it in return for a modest say. This was to the benefit of the SLFS; the University is required to collect AMS fees, but is under no obligation to collect for the SLFS. In return for help in collecting the money, the SLFS provided assurances in a 1998 contract that they would come to the AMS for approval of changes to their constitution and certain of their bylaws.

- Spencer Keys said neither the Code and Policies Committee nor the Executive Committee should be dealing with these amendments. Council should simply rubber stamp them. The AMS was increasing its liability by discussing them.

32. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED TREVOR GILKS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

33. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That motion #31 be divided.”

... Carried

34. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve the SLSF bylaws as presented with the exception of:

B. That Bylaw 17(3) be rescinded, and replaced with the following:

‘17 (3) Quorum at a general meeting of the Society is three members in good standing present, or such greater number as the members may determine at a general meeting.”

... Carried

35. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve the following SLFS bylaw:

B. That Bylaw 17(3) be rescinded, and replaced with the following:
36. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED KIM LAM:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

37. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

38. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve the following SLFS bylaw:

B. That Bylaw 17(3) be rescinded, and replaced with the following:

‘17 (3) Quorum at a general meeting of the Society is three members in good standing present, or such greater number as the members may determine at a general meeting.”

Note: In favour - Kim Lam, Steve Price, Scott Price, Alan Warkentin
     Abstained - Reka Sztopa, Chris Fennell ... Carried

39. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

40. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“Whereas the 1998 contract between the AMS and the Student Legal Fund Society (SLFS) requires the SLFS to provide notice to the AMS if it seeks to amend certain provisions of its constitution and bylaws; and

Whereas the 1998 contract requires AMS Council to vote on a motion to permit the proposed amendments; and

Whereas the SLFS has submitted notice of a proposal to amend some of the relevant provisions in its bylaws,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the SLFS amendments as presented.”

... Carried

I) Executive Committee Motions:

41. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:
"That Council appoint Brian Duong (VP Finance), Laura Best (VP Academic & University Affairs) and Josh Bowman (VP Administration) as Signing Officers for the Society as per Bylaw 8(1) for the period February 28, 2003 until the 2004 Annual General Meeting."

42. MOVED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

43. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That Council appoint Brian Duong (VP Finance), Laura Best (VP Academic & University Affairs) and Josh Bowman (VP Administration) as Signing Officers for the Society as per Bylaw 8(1) for the period February 28, 2003 until the 2004 Annual General Meeting."

Note: Opposed - Steve Price ... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

44. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in the Faculty of Science from $12 to $22 starting in Winter Session 2003/2004, and that the President send this notice to the Board of Governors.”

45. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That motion #44 be postponed until the next Council meeting.”

... Carried

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

46. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED DAN GRICE:

“That Council appoint Chris Payne to the position of Firstweek Coordinator for a term commencing March 10, 2003 and ending December 12, 2003 as recommended by the Coordinators Appointments Committee.”

“That Council appoint Natasha Jay to the position of Orientations Coordinator for a term commencing March 10, 2003 and ending December 12, 2003 as recommended by the Coordinators Appointments Committee.”

47. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

48. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED DAN GRICE:
“That Council appoint Chris Payne to the position of Firstweek Coordinator for a term commencing March 10, 2003 and ending December 12, 2003 as recommended by the Coordinators Appointments Committee.”

“That Council appoint Natasha Jay to the position of Orientations Coordinator for a term commencing March 10, 2003 and ending December 12, 2003 as recommended by the Coordinators Appointments Committee.”

... Carried

49. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council appoint Andrew Laurenson to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing March 20, 2003 until the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

Note: Open to any UBC student.”

... Carried

50. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That Council appoint Christine Lenis (Council member) to the Communications Planning Group for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2003.”

“That Council appoint Trevor Gilks (Council member) to the Renovations Planning Group for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2003.”

“That Council appoint Jason Podur (Council member) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2003.”

“That Council appoint Kim Lam (Council member) to the Campus Safety Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2003.”

“That Council appoint Anna-Marie Bueno (Council member) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2003.”

... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 6, 2003 [SCD 015-004]
Minutes of the University Commission dated February 5, 2003 [SCD 016-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 10, 2003 [SCD 017-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 24, 2003 [SCD 018-004]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

51. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“Be it resolved that Student Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Christopher Eaton as the Student Senate Representative for the Faculty of Arts and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”
52. MOVED DAN GRICE, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“Whereas turnover adversely affects the progress of committees, especially University Committees, where incoming members are not always aware of outstanding issues.

In accordance with Section XII, 1, 5.
‘The Executive Committee shall ensure that all Active Members involved in the Society receive some form of recognition for their contribution and service to the Society.’

Be it resolved that the Society present Active Members and Councillors appointed to committees with a letter of thanks, and an honorarium of no more than $2 on successful completion of a continuity report.”

- Dan Grice said the purpose of this motion was to provide recognition and to provide notice of what has been going on in various committees so that there can be continuity.
- Josh Bowman said it is important to provide appreciation, but it was necessary to comply with Code and Bylaws.
- Spencer Keys said the motion insulted both Councillors and the Executive. Ensuring continuity was a legitimate goal, though.

53. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That motion #52 be amended by deleting ‘and an honorarium of no more than $2’.”

... Carried

54. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED DAN GRICE:

“That motion #52 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.”

... Carried

55. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“In accordance with Bylaw 5 (2) (b) (3)

‘The non-voting members of Council shall be:
....such other Members as by Two-Thirds resolution of Council are appointed as non-voting members.’

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS create three non-voting representative positions:
  a) a member representing the Greek System on campus;  
  b) a member representing campus residents; and
  c) a member representing the International Students at UBC.”

- Dan Grice said there are lots of issues on campus affecting various groups like the fraternities, but the fraternities sometimes have to ask what the AMS is. Putting a representative of them on Council would help.
- Trevor Gilks said these groups are already represented on Council through their constituencies.
- Spencer Keys said there is already an International Students Commissioner, so paragraph (c) in the motion should be struck.
Kate Woznow said international students were one group that really should be represented.

56. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KIM LAM:

“That motion #55 be amended by striking (c).”

57. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

58. MOVED OANA CHIRILA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

59. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KIM LAM:

“That motion #55 be amended by striking (c).” ... Defeated

- Laura Best said there hadn’t even been consultation with international students or the commissioner to see whether they would like to have a Council member.
- Oana Chirila suggested referring the issue to the Code and Policies Committee.
- Kate Woznow said it was too early even to refer; there hadn’t been any consultation.
- Dan Grice said referring would mean putting the issue off and not getting the groups on Council, whereas student societies at other universities have them.

60. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That motion #55 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.” ... Withdrawn

- Erfan Kazemi said this was not the first time this had been brought up. Other student societies also have resource groups on their Councils. He suggested letting the Executive bring forward a more detailed motion.
- Alan Warkentin said there were huge number differences between the three groups: 6,000 resident students, 600 Greeks, 200 international students. It was wrong that all three should have the same representation.

61. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED ERFAN KAZEMI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

62. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“In accordance with Bylaw 5 (2) (b) (3)

‘The non-voting members of Council shall be:
....such other Members as by Two-Thirds resolution of Council are appointed as non-voting members.'

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS create three non-voting representative positions:
   a) a member representing the Greek System on campus;
   b) a member representing campus residents; and
   c) a member representing the International Students at UBC.”

Note:  Abstained - Alan Warkentin, Reka Sztopa ... Defeated

O) Submissions:
<  Statistical Report of AMS Ombuds Office [SCD 019-004]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on March 26, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs
LB:pr
Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:
   “That Council adopt the agenda as presented.”
   Note: Abstained - Kim Lam, Sameer Wahid ... Carried

2. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN:
   “That motion #20 be moved to the beginning of the agenda.”
   Friendly amendment
   “That motion #20 be moved before Discussion Period.” ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

< AMS Safewalk - Liz King/Carmen Gemmell (Coordinators) [SCD 020-004]
< AMS Mini School - Jocelyn Yu (Coordinator) [SCD 021-004]
< AMS Sushi Bar - Michael Kingsmill/Brian Duong [SCD 022-004]

3. MOVED ALI ARYA, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:
   “That Council extend Presentation time.”
   Note: Sameer Wahid - opposed ... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:
< Thanks for presentations made tonight. [SCD 023-004]
Thanks to Events for David Frum.
Hosting U21 conference this week.
Apologies for lateness of CASA report.
Communications Planning Group meeting noon Friday.
AMS Foundation General Meeting to be held April 30, 2003.
Lisa only got 11 photos tonight, new councillors come early to next meeting.

E) Executive Reports:

Point of Personal Privilege - Sameer Wahid - more food needed.

Laura Best - VP Academic
See Performance Report.
Appointments Committee has been hiring for Volunteer Services, Tutoring and Advocacy.
Safety meeting re: restructuring of emergency services and student concerns.
Campus Development - University Boulevard in final stages of consultation - April 1 public meeting in SUB Room 214.
High rises are not allowed under CPP guidelines.
University to go back to OCP to ask for change in guidelines.
WOW May 2-4. Invites for Student Council, Service Coordinators and Commissioners.

Josh Bowman - VP Administration
See Performance Report.
War - keeping informed.
Had discussion re: club allocations re: offices and services efficiency.
New forms of waste management.

Sam Saini - VP External
See Performance Report.
Been to CASA and National Forum on Post Secondary Education in Winnipeg.
U-Pass update. Close to ratifying contract with Translink and University.
Sponsorship queries still outstanding.
Sponsorship Review Committee - criteria developed through External Commission.
Provincial lobby campaign - talked to schools.
Tuition is important - met with student leaders and scheduled meetings.
Carole Jolly meeting re: marketing - target food sector and entertainment sector re: merchant discounts.

Brian Duong - VP Finance
See Performance Report.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services
Coordinators working on transition manuals.
Joblink has posted peekaboo job posting - disclaimer at beginning. Had a few complaints.
Arts County Fair.
Tutoring has no home as of September - looking for new home.

F) Constituency Reports:
Anna Maria Chirila - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society
Jackie Liu - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Bijan Ahmadian - Ombudsperson  
Chris Fennell - Graduate Students Society  
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society  
Reka Sztopa - Science Undergraduate Society  
Dave Tompkins - Senate  
Trevor Gilks - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society  
Cameron Reeves - Engineering Undergraduate Society  
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Erfan Kazemi - Board of Governors  
Mark Fraser - Board of Governors  
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association  
Jeffrey Kwee - Medicine Undergraduate Society  
Jennifer Smith - Library and Archival Studies  

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

4. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“Whereas Council on November 6, 2002 approved an allocation of $526,000 from CPAC (the Capital Projects Acquisition and Construction Fund) for the renovations of the SUB Lower Level as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group; and

Whereas the bids now received for this renovations project would put the project over budget; and

Whereas despite attempts to cut costs, there is still a shortfall in the budget for the project; and

Whereas the Renovations Planning Group has recommended that Council allocate additional money from CPAC to complete the project,

Therefore be it resolved that council allocate $220,500 from CPAC to facilitate completion of the upcoming SUB Lower Level renovations.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Josh Bowman said tenders for the project were higher than expected. Several options had been examined, and the project had been scaled down as much as possible without compromising its spirit, but more money was still required.

Michael Kingsmill made a presentation on the project. He said the idea was to develop social space on the Lower Level and to open the area up by creating long vistas and sightlines. He said that if only $526,000 were available, the project could still be done, but only in part and in a mundane way.

Quinn Omori asked if the renovations would deal with the fact that the life of the building was nearing an end. Bernie Peets said the lease runs till 2028. Michael Kingsmill said the building could survive another hundred years.

Kate Woznow expressed concern that the construction companies had not been consulted about costs before Council was originally asked for money. She said a different approach was needed for future contracts.
Reka Sztopa asked if the current contingency was too low. Michael Kingsmill said the new budget includes items that have already been paid for and others that can be cut, so it should not be a problem.

Mark Fraser asked how the price of the current tenders compared to the price per square foot for the tenders for the _Ubyssey_ relocation project. Michael Kingsmill said the AMS had never received a tender with a better price per square foot than it had for this tender.

Spencer Keys asked whether the sushi bar project was included in the project. Michael Kingsmill said that the $33,000 in landlord fees for the sushi project was included.

Chris Fennell asked if the increased allocation would mean exceeding the amount of money in the CPAC fund. Josh Bowman said it would, and that was why money would have to be borrowed. Bernie Peets said that was why interest charges were included in the project costs. Ian McKechnie said there was $406,000 in CPAC, so this project would make the fund go $300,000 over.

Sameer Wahid asked for reassurance that the tender wouldn’t go up again, necessitating yet another increase from Council. Josh Bowman said there would be no further requests from Council.

Cameron Reeves asked if there were any other landlord fees to be included besides the ones for the sushi bar. Michael Kingsmill said he wasn’t sure about whether there were such fees for the Inter-Faculty Publications Office.

Reka Sztopa asked for reassurance that the increase was not the result of miscalculation, but of an expansion in the scope of the project. Michael Kingsmill said there had been some changes in the project, adding that things arise in the design process. He said in a way this had been foretold to Council during its previous discussion of the project.

Noting that the project would be using up all of this year’s and next year’s CPAC money, Ian McKechnie asked how much of the project was critical and how much could be delayed.

Josh Bowman said that delaying the project by completing it over two summers wouldn’t really save any money and such a delay would also mean there would be an unfinished renovation in the SUB for a year.

Patricia Lau asked whether using CPAC funds this way would limit future renovations. Josh Bowman said this was not an uncommon procedure, adding that if there are other good projects, money can always be found for them.

Chris Fennell said the AMS was not as financially stable as it had been, so he was uncomfortable increasing a project budget by almost 50 percent just to ensure it had some razzle dazzle in it. He said it might be wiser to be conservative.

Erfan Kazemi said it was common to replenish CPAC from the following year’s student fees. He said social space was important and noted that the projects to build social space for the AUS and the SUS had cost much more than this project would.

Reka Sztopa said it was important to make the Lower Level look good or students wouldn’t come into the SUB.

Kate Woznow said on other projects there had been extensive student consultation; she was concerned that the project was costing 50 percent more than Council had first been told it would. She wondered if in future the tendering could be done first, before approaching Council for money, so there would be a clearer idea of how much a project was really going to cost.

Michael Kingsmill said the procedure is to come to Council at an early stage with a vision. To get a project to the tendering stage costs money, perhaps as much as $25,000. If Council decided against a project at that stage, it would mean losing the $25,000.

Ian McKechnie said the AMS is not overflowing with money; the budget was only balanced with difficulty this year.

Sameer Wahid said the money for this project comes from CPAC, a dedicated fund, so would not affect the rest of the budget. He added that the SUB needed a facelift. As to consultation,
Council was the appropriate body for that; the AUS and SUS projects involved fee increases, so in those cases it was appropriate to consult the students directly.

5. MOVED KIM LAM, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID AND TIM LEUNG:

"That Student Council have a roll call vote."

Note: Opposed - Mark Fraser ... Carried

6. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

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Pro: Oana Chirila, Laura Best, Josh Bowman, Sam Saini, Brian Duong, Kate Woznow, Alison Atkinson, Quinn Omori, Trevor Gilks, Spencer Keys, Josh McNorton, Mia Taghizadeh, Erfan Kazemi, Mark Fraser, Cameron Reeves, Ali Arya, Anna-Maria Chirila, Jennifer Smith, Raj Mathur, Sameer Wahid, Reka Sztopa, Patricia Lau, Anna-Marie Bueno, Reka Pataky

Con: Chris Fennell, Kim Lam, Dave Tompkins

Abst: Tim Leung, Ian McKechnie, Joshua Caulkins, Lindsay Ye, Jackie Lui

... Carried

G) Discussion Period:

Tent City
Dave Tompkins suggested supplying power to the protesters camped out in the tent city next to the SUB. Concerns were expressed about safety, but it was suggested that power could be drawn from the source used by the Storm the Wall event. Sameer Wahid suggested using the money Council had voted to support CUPE 2278.

Record of votes
Kim Lam raised the issue of keeping track of how Council members vote. Chris Fennell said he didn’t think roll call votes were appropriate on every motion. Oana Chirila said Council decisions were made by majority, and once made it was the job of all Council members to represent the Society’s decision. Kate Woznow said sometimes it was important that students know there were voices of opposition.
H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- Minutes of Student Council dated March 12, 2003 [SCD 029-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 24, 2003 [SCD 030-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 3, 2003 [SCD 031-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 11, 2003 [SCD 032-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 13, 2003 [SCD 033-004]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated January 28, 2003 [SCD 034-004]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated February 18, 2003 [SCD 035-004]
- Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated March 4, 2003 [SCD 036-004]
- Minutes of the AMS Alcohol Policy Committee dated January 30, 2003 [SCD 037-004]
- Minutes of Coordinator’s Appointments Committee dated March 17, 2003 [SCD 038-004]
- Minutes of Coordinator’s Appointments Committee dated March 18, 2003 [SCD 039-004]
- Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated March 20, 2003 [SCD 040-004]
- Minutes of the Council Meeting Committee dated March 12, 2003 [SCD 041-004]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

7. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED TREVOR GILKS:

"That Council appoint Josh McNorton (Council member) to represent the AMS on the University Athletic Council for a one year term."

... Carried

8. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED LAURA BEST:

“Whereas it is important that Council coordinate efforts to respond to the University’s campus development proposals, be it resolved that Council strike the Official Community Plan Working Group as an ad hoc committee of Council, this committee to be composed of:

- the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs, who shall be Chair;
- the Vice-President External Affairs;
- the Community Liaison Officer of the University Commission;
- two (2) members of Council appointed by Council;
- the student representative on the University Advisory Committee for UBC East Campus Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process;
- the student representative on the University Advisory Committee for UBC South Campus Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process;
- the student representative on the University Advisory Committee for UBC North Campus Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process;
- the student representative on the University Advisory Planning Committee for the University Boulevard Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process;
- the Policy Analyst, who shall be non-voting; and
- guests of the committee’s choosing, who shall be non-voting.

Note: This Committee shall:

- develop AMS principles and strategies regarding the Official Community Plan;
b. develop AMS principles and strategies regarding specific neighbourhood development plans; and
c. network with other campus groups to ensure their input into the drafting of these principles and the implementation of the AMS strategies

Be it further resolved that Council create a committee on athletic and recreational facilities to advise the Official Community Plan Working Group, this committee to consist of:

a. the Vice-President External Affairs, who shall be chair;
b. two (2) members of Council appointed by Council; and
c. two (2) students at large appointed by Council.
d. The student representative on the UBC Athletics and Recreation Committee
e. The student representatives on the University Athletic Council.
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Note: Requires 2/3rds

9. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED LAURA BEST: (friendly amendment)

“That motion #7 be amended by striking (j) and (f) and inserting the following:

a) develop and recommend to Council for approval AMS principles and strategies regarding the Official Community Plan;

10. MOVED REKA SZTOPA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Opposed - Kim Lam ... Carried

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e. The student representatives on the University Athletic Council.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

12. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to increase the fee levy for students in the Faculty of Science from $12 to $22 starting in Winter Session 2003/2004, and that the President and VP Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.”

13. MOVED SPENCER KEYS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

14. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

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... Carried

15. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID: [SCD 042-004]

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Kim Ledrew as the student representative for the Faculty of Forestry and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

... Carried
Sam Saini made a presentation on the recent CASA conference. Kate Woznow asked why CASA was hiring a new National Director. Sam said it was the normal election process at the end of the previous director’s term.

17. **MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SAM SAINI:**

   “[SCD 043-004] [SCD 044-004]

   “Be it resolved that Council approve the Bylaws and Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as amended and approved by the membership representatives at the Internal Review Conference in Winnipeg, March 5 - 10, 2003, as presented.”

Oana Chirila said there was one controversial amendment concerning the structure of CASA; it would allow full members to drop down to associate status, which would mean paying a lower fee but retaining most of their privileges. The other amendments were mostly housekeeping.

18. **MOVED ALI ARYA, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:**

   “That Council move to divide all things pertaining to constitutional article 4.0.”

   ... Carried

Sam Saini said a disgruntled school could drop down to associate status and still lobby for its point of view. This would allow that school to hurt CASA financially and yet still have influence. He said it would be more appropriate for a school to leave if it became that upset with CASA.

Oana Chirila said the UBC delegates had opposed the amendment at the CASA conference. Sam Saini said the West had tended to be against the amendment, whereas the Maritimes and McGill had been for it.

Erfan Kazemi asked if the Executive was asking Council to vote against the amendment. He also asked whether there were enough schools voting against to stop the amendment.

Sam Saini said he would like Council to vote No. He said this would send a message; whether the amendment was defeated would be discovered on April 15.

Oana Chirila said she could not in good conscience ask Council to vote against the amendment; the amendment would likely pass anyway, and the result might be to isolate the AMS.

Reka Sztopa said the AMS should follow its own principles even if it was going to lose.

19. **MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SAM SAINI:**

   “Be it resolved that Council approve the Bylaws and Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, except article 4.0, as amended and approved by the membership representatives at the Internal Review Conference in Winnipeg, March 5 - 10, 2003, as presented.”

   ... Carried

20. **MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SAM SAINI:**

   "Be it resolved that Student Council approve Article 4.0 of the Bylaws and Constitution of CASA as amended and approved by the membership representatives at the International Review Conference in Winnipeg, March 5 - 10, 2003 as presented."

21. **MOVED ALI ARYA, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:**

   “That Council move to divide Articles 4.5 and 4.6.”

   ... Carried
22. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SAM SAINI:

"Be it resolved that Student Council approve Article 4.5 of the Bylaws and Constitution of CASA as amended and approved by the membership representatives at the International Review Conference in Winnipeg, March 5 - 10, 2003 as presented."

... Carried

23. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SAM SAINI:

"Be it resolved that Student Council approve Article 4.6 of the Bylaws and Constitution of CASA as amended and approved by the membership representatives at the International Review Conference in Winnipeg, March 5 - 10, 2003 as presented."

24. MOVED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

< Council was given 4 options to vote in favour of the new 4.6; to register a vote against it; to register an abstention; or to abstain from voting on this set of options.

25. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SAM SAINI:

"Be it resolved that Student Council approve Article 4.6 of the Bylaws and Constitution of CASA as amended and approved by the membership representatives at the International Review Conference in Winnipeg, March 5 - 10, 2003 as presented.”

Note: ‘CASA to be informed that UBC is voting against the amendment to Article 4.6.’

Note: Abstained - Kim Lam ... Defeated

26. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:  [SCD 045-044]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the increase in the CASA membership fees by 10.8% above CPI in the Assessment Point Value, as well as Minimum and Maximum fees, for 2003/2004.”

< Oana Chirila said CASA fees are currently not sufficient for the things CASA needs to do, such as sending the National Director around the country, producing a better website, initiating campaigns, and entering the debates surrounding the federal Liberal and Tory leadership races. There had been discussion at the conference about increasing fees as much as 35 percent; that was thought to be too much; the current proposal would increase fees by 13 percent (including a 2.2 percent CPI increase). This would amount to $3,000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund.

< Ian McKechnie asked if CASA was being asked to show what it would do with the money. Oana Chirila said the increase was tied to specific initiatives; that’s why it was set at 10.8 percent.

< Noting that a couple of schools, including the University of Alberta, had pulled out of CASA, Alison Atkinson asked if part of the increase was to make up for fees lost from those schools. She also asked why those schools were pulling out and suggested that the AMS should re-examine its membership in CASA and not pay blindly.
Oana Chirila said that Alberta left because of issues that were addressed at the conference, such as student housing. If Alberta had attended, they would have been happy with what was done. She said the AMS should not leave CASA rashly as Alberta had done. She said the AMS should give the money to let CASA function this year and see what CASA could do. If the money was not given, then CASA couldn’t do anything.

Kate Woznow asked how CASA got into financial difficulty. Oana Chirila said the problems stemmed from the decision of CASA, when it was first established, to charge fees that were only 10 percent of what the CFS (the Canadian Federation of Students) charged. That figure was arbitrary, and CASA had outgrown the initial fee structure. Also, the loss of Alberta did have an impact.

Kate Woznow asked for details about proposed allocations. Oana Chirila said most would go to campaigns; there would also be money for a National Director tour and for the regional directors as well as for communications and hiring a full-time office manager.

Chris Fennell asked for reassurance that this would not increase the fees paid by individual students. Oana Chirila said UBC students’ fees would not go up; the increase would be paid for entirely out of the Lobbying Fund.

Tim Leung asked if this year would be treated as a trial period by the AMS, after which it might pull out of CASA. Oana Chirila said that to withdraw from CASA, notice had to be given by January 30; but she emphasized the importance of giving CASA a fighting chance.

Erfan Kazemi asked about the cost per student of CASA membership. Oana Chirila said currently it amounted to 80 cents per student; that would go up to 88 or 89 cents.

Jared Wright said that historically CASA schools had been very reluctant to increase fees; that they were in favour of doing so now showed how necessary the increase was.

27. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED KIM LAM:

"That Council postpone motion #26 until the next Council meeting."

... Withdrawn

Kate Woznow said students had not been involved in any consultation on how to spend this money. She asked if the vote could be delayed. Oana Chirila said the AMS had to cast its vote by April 15, and the next AMS Council meeting was not till April 30.

Chris Fennell said that although CASA was effective in Ottawa, he thought the money could be better spent elsewhere, for instance on the strike or on provincial lobbying. He didn’t think a National Director tour, to hype up CASA to the members, was necessary.

Ian McKechnie said students were getting messed up by the province and UBC; it would be better to spend the money lobbying the University.

Erfan Kazemi said the source of education funding is federal; lobbying needed to be done at that level. CASA had indeed done such lobbying and had a big impact on students. He added that the National Director tour was important to inform members of what CASA is doing.

Sam Saini said that although provincial lobbying was important, there is currently no provincial lobbying group to contribute to.

Oana Chirila said the increase was probably going to pass and the AMS would have to pay it anyway. It was only $3,000.

Kate Woznow said that although the amount was only $3,000, there was a principle involved: has CASA been efficient? She said there was interest in reviewing the relationship with CASA, and a report on one conference was not enough on which to base a review. She asked why the AMS should pay more before finding out how well CASA does. She said the AMS could vote to give money specifically when campaigns come up.

28. MOVED ALI ARYA:
“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

29. MOVED REKA SZTOPA:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

30. MOVED KIM LAM, SECONDED ________________________________:

“That Council have a roll call vote.”
... Failed due to lack of a seconder

31. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the increase in the CASA membership fees by 10.8% above CPI in the Assessment Point Value, as well as Minimum and Maximum fees, for 2003/2004.”
... Carried

32. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL

“Be it resolved that Council ratify Mr. James Kusie as National Director of CASA (the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations) for 2003/2004.”
... Carried

I.) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

Sushi Bar
Kim Lam asked what the risks were concerning the proposed sushi bar if the financial projections were wrong.
Bernie Peets said there are risks in every business venture; there were risks when the AMS opened Pie R Squared, the Pendulum, and Bernoulli’s, but most AMS businesses are on plan, except Bernoulli’s. He added that the strength of each business in the SUB would be improved by the addition of another business.
Bernie Peets said that the risk here amounted to about $40,000 a year, but the AMS’s Treasurer-Controller, Henry Chen, a qualified accountant, had produced these numbers showing how much the AMS would likely make through the sushi bar, and he tended to be conservative in his projections. Also, the increased seating capacity on the Lower Level of the SUB would help the sushi bar. The Business Operations Committee had looked over the proposal and asked a lot of tough questions. Overall, he felt it was a pretty measured risk.
Sameer Wahid said sushi is one of the most popular foods and it would be nice to have an AMS outlet doing it.
Brian Duong said the potential reward is astounding and if things do go wrong, the AMS still has the option of leasing the space out.

33. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:
“That AMS Council approve the development of an AMS owned and operated sushi bar in the Student Union Building Lower Level, to begin in March 2003 and commencing business in September 2003 as recommended by the Business Operations Committee on March 4, 2003.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Note: In favour - Sameer Wahid

... Carried unanimously

K) **Committee Reports and Motions:**

34. **MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:** [SCD 046-004]

“That Council approve Article 1, sections 5 - 9 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings' and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
... Carried

< Laura Best said the aim of the proposed amendments was to make Council meetings more efficient, effective and shorter.
< Ali Arya suggested abolishing oral Executive Remarks altogether instead of just shortening them; the executives could simply submit written reports. Sameer Wahid said oral remarks are important.
< Oana Chirila expressed concern about limiting remarks to three things. Laura Best said the aim was to focus on current business, not announcements: announcements should go to the Promotions Coordinator to be put on the website.
< Referring to Constituency Reports, Chris Fennell said it would be more effective to put Constituency announcements on the website than to make them orally to Council.
< Reka Sztopa said it was easier for the Executive than Constituencies to put items on the website.

35. **MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:**

“That Council strike the last sentence of Article 1, section 10 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

36. **MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED MIKE YUNG:**

"That Council strike the phrases 'one (1) minute if the Constituency has less than five (5) representative on Council and for no longer than' and 'if the Constituency has five (5) representatives or more' from Article 1, section 10 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled 'Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings'."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Ian McKechnie said some small constituencies have lots to report and can’t do it in one minute. A one-minute report would not leave time for the levity by which members find out about other members.
< Kate Woznow said there are 10,000 students in Arts, with lots going on; the idea was to give more time to encompass the diversity of a large faculty like Arts.
< Kim Lam said each Constituency should get the same amount of time.
37. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

38. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED MIKE YUNG:

"That Council strike the phrases 'one (1) minute if the Constituency has less than five (5) representative on Council and for no longer than' and 'if the Constituency has five (5) representatives or more' from Article 1, section 10 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled 'Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings'."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

39. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That a new section 11 be added to read 'each student representative of Board of Governors and Senate shall be entitled to speak for two (2) minutes each person'.”

... Withdrawn

40. MOVED REKA SZTOPA (friendly amendment):

"That a new section 11 be added to read 'Reports by the Board of Governors representatives, Student Senate Caucus representatives and the Ombudsperson shall each last no longer than two (2) minutes respectively.'"

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

41. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That Council approve Article 1 sections 11 (new 12) - 26 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings’."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

42. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council strike Article 1 section 27 of the the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings’.”

... Defeated

< Mark Fraser opposed the four-hour limitation proposal. He said there are lots of important things at Council, and Council members would just be voting to extend the meeting every two minutes.

< Chris Fennell said other organizations, such as the UBC Senate, have rules like this; it keeps superfluous motions from reaching the Senate. It is also possible to put motions over until the next meeting.

< Sameer Wahid said contentious topics can require more than four hours.

< Mike Yung said the comparison to Senate was inappropriate because Senate delegates most of its work to committee.
43. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council amend Article 1 section 27 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings' to read 'to be extended by a resolution of council' and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

44. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That Council approve, Article 2 sections 1 - 8 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings'.”

“That Council approve Article 2, section 9 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings' as amended to read ‘as determined by the President’.”

“That Council approve Article 2, sections 10 and 11 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings’.”

“That Council approve Article 2, section 12 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings’ as amended to read 'as determined by the Chair'."

“That Council approve Article 2, sections 13 and 14 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

45. MOVED REKA SZTOPA, SECONDED ALI ARYA:

“That Council approve Article 3, section 15 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Reka Sztopa opposed moving Discussion Period to the end of meetings, saying people will leave before and will miss the important things that come out of Discussion Period.

< Laura Best said Discussion Period is currently a free-for-all. If people knew what was going to be discussed, it would be better.

< Kate Woznow said motions are the priority. Discussion Period should be for topics that may turn into motions at the next meeting. She didn’t see a problem if Council members left during Discussion Period.

46. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That Council amend Article 2, section 15 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings' to put time sensitive motions ahead of Discussion Period and non-time sensitive motions after Discussion Period'.”

“That Council adopt Article 2 sections 16 of the report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings to read 'motions shall be identified as
coming from a committee, constituency or caucus planning group, commission or other’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

... Defeated

47. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council defer Article 1, section 15.” ... Carried

48. MOVED ALI ARYA, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:

“That Council insert a new Article 2, section 16 ‘all motions shall indicate where they originate’.” ... Carried

49. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL:

“That Council adopt the amended report of the Council Meeting Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments to Shorten Council Meetings' and thus amend the Code as recommended, except section 15.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

50. MOVED ALI ARYA, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:

“That Council refer Article 2, section 15 to the Code and Policies Committee.“... Defeated

51. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council refer Article 2, section 15 to the Ad Hoc Council Meeting Committee.” ... Carried

52. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS: [SCD 047-004]

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

53. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED MIKE YUNG:

"That motion #52 be postponed.”

Note: Abstained - Kim Lam ... Defeated

Ian McKechnie questioned the need for 250 hours of information booths during electronic elections.

Sameer Wahid said 250 is the number currently in the Code, and this was being recommended after consultation with the Elections Committee.

Quinn Omori asked who would monitor results if not the Elections Committee. Spencer Keys said it would be done by UBC’s elections administrator.

Ian McKechnie asked if FirstWeek was really a service. Dani Bryant said it was part of the orientations service offered to students. Ian McKechnie said it was not year-round. Dani Bryant said neither were Orientations or Mini School.
54. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED KIM LAM:

“That Section IXA, Article 13 (d) should read the Chief Returning Officer shall ensure that a member of the aforementioned organization records the daily vote totals in Society elections and referenda, and submits these results to the Chief Returning Officer daily.”

... Carried

< Dani Bryant suggested that for personnel reasons there should be an amendment to the Committee’s proposal that Assistant Coordinators of the Student Services be appointed by their respective Coordinators. She recommended that the Assistant Coordinators (like the Coordinators) be appointed by the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, and this recommendation was adopted as a friendly amendment.

55. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

56. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:

“Whereas the Grad Class Council AGM did not meet its quorum of 260 members, despite being seven hours long;

Be it resolved that Council approve the results of the Grad Class Council Gift Selection:

   a) Science Social Space ($9,500) - 117 votes
   b) Digitization of Campus Newspapers (University Archivist) ($11,500) - 87 votes
   c) Inter-Faculty Publication Office ($15,500) - 86 votes
   d) Arts Picnic Benches ($8,500) - 71 votes

   Note: The gifts will be funded in accordance with the Bylaws of the Graduating Class.”

Note: Abstained - Reka Sztopa ... Carried

57. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED REKA SZTOPA:

“That Council amend the Bylaws of the Graduating Class to reduce quorum for meetings of the Grad Class Council from 50% to 25%.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

58. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN

“That Council appoint Alison Atkinson and Tim Leung (Council Members) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term commencing March 26, 2003 and ending March 31, 2004 and Patricia Lau (Council Member) for a term commencing March 31, 2003 and ending March 31, 2004.”
59. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

“That Council appoint Spencer Keys and Kim Lam (Council members) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2003 and ending March 31, 2004.”

... Carried

60. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

“That Council appoint Spencer Keys as Chair of the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2003 and ending March 31, 2004.”

... Carried

61. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council appoint the following members to Student Court on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee for a one year term commencing May 1, 2003 and ending May 1, 2004:

Sasha Ransom – Chief Prosecutor
William Eui Won Pak – Chief Justice
Geoff Butt – alternate Student Court Judge
Oliver Wilson – Student Court Judge
Michael Kleisinger – Student Court Judge
Deepak Gill – Student Court Judge
Catherine Anderson - Student Court Judge

... Carried

62. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

That Council appoint Chris Dingwall as Inside UBC Writer/Editor and Jon Loewen as Inside UBC Graphic Artist/Designer on the recommendation of the Coordinator’s Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2003 and ending September 15, 2003.”

... Withdrawn

63. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

"That Council appoint Quinn Omori and Tim Leung (Council Members) to the Official Community Plan Working Group for a term effective March 26, 2003 until March 31, 2004."

... Carried

64. MOVED JOSH MCNORTON, SECONDED MARK FRASER:

"That Council appoint Jackie Liu and Ana-Maria Chirila (Council Members) to the Athletics and Recreational Facilities Committee for a term effective March 26, 2003 until March 31, 2004."

... Carried

I) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of Communications Planning Group dated August 28, 2002 [SCD 048-004]
Minutes of Communications Planning Group dated September 5, 2002 [SCD 049-004]
Minutes of Communications Planning Group dated November 13, 2002 [SCD 050-004]
Minutes of Communications Planning Group dated November 20, 2002 [SCD 051-004]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated February 27, 2003 [SCD 052-004]

65. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED LAURA BEST:

“That Council appoint Mia Taghizadeh and Ian McKechnie (Council members) to the Communications Planning Group for a term commencing March 31, 2003 and ending March 31, 2004.”

... Carried

66. MOVED JACKIE LIU, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council appoint Nick Seddon and Christopher Lythgo as members at-large to the Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee for the term ending April 30, 2003.”

... Carried

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 17, 2003 [SCD 053-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 24, 2003 [SCD 054-004]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

O) Submissions:

< Financial Statements for Period Ending February 28, 2003 [SCD 055-004]
< AMS Food Services Survey [SCD 056-004]
< Invitation to the Whistler Orientation Weekend [SCD 057-004]
< Notice of the AMS Foundation AGM [SCD 058-004]
< Brief Report on March Series of ConRes from the Ombudsperson [SCD 059-004]
< A Guest’s Guide to AMS Council [SCD 060-004]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on April 30, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 a.m.

R) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

Introductions

Presentations to Council:

Universitas 21 Student Network - Oana Chirila (President)  [SCD 061-004]
- U21 is an international network of leading research universities established in 1997 and is made up of 17 member universities in 10 countries.
- Three aspects - collegial activities, collaborative activities and entrepreneurial activities.
- There are two other affiliated companies: U21 pedagogica and U21 equity.
- Michael Goldberg (Professor, Faculty of Commerce) is the U21 manager at UBC.
- UBC’s affiliation with U21 has been approved by UBC Senate and the Board of Governors.
- The AMS is a member of U21 Student Network

Questions:
- Chris Ste-Croix asked what the relationship was between U21 Global and U21 Student Network?
- Alan Warkentin asked what it meant for the AMS to be a member of U21SN? Oana said being a member allows the AMS to take part in protocol and attend conferences.
- Joshua Caulkins asked who has the power to vote on U21SN? Oana said only students are allowed a vote.
- Joshua asked what power U21SN has for changing policy? Oana said it is our hope to have representation on the 17 member schools.
- Kate Woznow asked who initially set up the U21SN? Oana said the organization was formed in 1998.

1. MOVED KIM LAM, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council extend Question Period.”
... Carried

Committee Reports and Motions:
2. MOVED KIM LAM, SECONDED ALISON ATKINSON

“That Council appoint Tyler Bryant as Safewalk Coordinator on the recommendation of the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a one year term commencing May 1, 2003 and ending May 1, 2004.”

Laura Best explained that although the recent Code amendments give the Executive Coordinator of Student Services the power to appoint the Service Coordinators without going to Council, in this case it was thought best to have Council make the appointment because of the apparent conflict of interest; otherwise, Dani Bryant would be appointing her brother.

3. MOVED KIM LAM, SECONDED ALISON ATKINSON

“That Council appoint Tyler Bryant as Safewalk Coordinator on the recommendation of the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a one year term commencing May 1, 2003 and ending May 1, 2004.”

... Carried

Sameer Wahid (Chair) reviewed the code amendments approved at the last Council meeting.

Tuition Allocation - Brian Sullivan (UBC VP Students) [SCD 062-004]
- The allocation process is still not finished; negotiations are going on between the central Administration and the deans.
- Hope to produce a tuition allocation booklet earlier than last year: earlier than September.
- The tuition increase will produce about $30 million of new revenue to be allocated as indicated on the handout distributed.
- The amount for Sustaining the Learning Environment, includes salary settlements; $5 million to sustain last year’s contributions; money for infrastructure, overhead, lighting, backbone connectivity, and maintenance; and $4 million of benefits.
- E-business refers to introducing a consolidated billing system for students.
- Experiential Learning refers to health science practicums.
- More faculty members will be hired.
- The money for the Library is for acquisitions.
- Full details on allocations will be provided later.

Questions
- Dave Tompkins said the Administration should distinguish clearly between one-time and recurring costs. Brian Sullivan agreed and referred to an $800,000 one-time expenditure last year; he said the Administration can explain how that money is being spent this year.
- Kim Lam asked if there had been an assessment of the effectiveness of problem-based learning as compared to other teaching methods. Brian Sullivan said this money was being spent primarily in faculties such as Medicine, Dentistry, and Applied Science, and said the majority was going to Pharmacy.
- Kate Woznow asked for a breakdown of the nearly $18 million going to Sustaining the Learning Environment. Brian Sullivan said it would be broken down into smaller pieces.
- Kate Woznow asked if the $30 million included the summer tuition revenue. Brian Sullivan said it included two summers.
- Alan Warkentin noted the large amount going to Commerce, compared to the amount going to Arts, and asked how this was determined. Brian Sullivan said proportionately Commerce was receiving less than some other faculties. It looks larger because of the increase in the MBA fee. He said Arts students will find large increases in spending.
Consultation Policy - Brian Sullivan (UBC VP Students)  [SCD 063-004]
- Referred to Policy 71; it will define how both tuition and other mandatory fees are increased.
- He’d heard many times that the process last year was backwards; he was told that the University should determine its needs first and then decide how much of a tuition increase was required.
- This year this will be turned around somewhat, but he noted that the University has been talking all along of a three-year process, probably involving major increases each year.

Questions
- Dave Tompkins asked what would happen if the province pulled a fast one and made last-minute funding cuts. Wouldn’t the University then have to raise fees in a hurry?
- Brian Sullivan said the province in a sense had already pulled a fast one; they had already told the University to live within its means, but it can’t. The University has told them that this is crazy. At the same time, the province has given the University the power to set tuition.
- Kate Woznow commended the Administration for reversing the order of things in the consultation process, but said under the new plan impacts would be looked at only up to September and then right away there will be consideration of needs. She said the University should take longer to determine the effects of the increases, waiting till January.
- Brian Sullivan suggested that the AMS make this one of its headline points.
- Chris Ste-Croix asked who defines target benchmarks and efficiencies: are students involved, or is it just UBC saying it did a good job?
- Brian Sullivan said the report on benchmarks and efficiencies exists because of AMS pressure, and the Administration invites comment about the benchmarks and other matters. He added that an important issue was determining what the data means: whether, for instance, a particular student-faculty ratio was good or bad.
- Laura Best asked if this would be a yearly process or whether it was possible to have a multi-year plan so that students could know the tuition levels for their whole program.
- Brian Sullivan said that even with a multi-year plan there should be annual discussions; but he saw no problem with a multi-year plan. This was already being done in Medicine and Law, where the students are facing larger increases.

AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan - Kristin Foster/ Lev Bukhman (Studentcare.net/works)
- Because of high use of the plan by students, there is an increased cost for the plan.
- Last year to avoid an increase, some benefits were decommissioned.
- His company functions as broker between the AMS and the insurance companies, seeking the best deal for the students.
- Rising costs of health care, government cutbacks, and more student usage are the factors at work in increasing overall costs.
- The plan lost $900,000 for the insurance company in 2001-02.
- This was good for students who used the plan and got benefits, but the insurance company wants to break even.
- The insurance company originally asked for a 30% increase, which they later agreed to reduce to 15%, which is still high.

4. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That Council extend this presentation by 10 minutes.” ... Carried
The current premium is $187; Sun Life wants $208; the shortfall of $21 per student works out to be $650,000 overall.
- One solution would be for the AMS to find the money to pay the difference; the AMS VP Finance had said No to that.
- Another solution is to adjust benefits.
- Might be useful to have a referendum to see if students still want the plan.
- Immediate issue is balancing the plan.

Questions
- Oana Chirila said there are no easy options. The Health and Dental Plan Committee recommended is to cut coverage by $21, and then it would be up to Council to decide whether and when to go to referendum. A saving of $19.50 could be produced by setting a $500 annual maximum for dental services.
- Kate Woznow asked if users would be informed of benefit reductions. Lev Bukhman said they would be sent a guide in August.
- Kate Woznow asked if the problem was solely from people using the plan too much, especially for dental services. Kristin Foster said it was not just that; there was also no control over dental fees charged by dentists. The cost of a dental visit has gone up each year.
- Kim Lam wondered if dental use was greatest among first year students who were waiting to get to UBC to use the plan. Kristin Foster was not sure the University could provide the statistical information to determine that.
- Chris St. Croix asked whether student usage would stabilize. Lev Bukhman said the pent-up use stage at the beginning of the plan seems to be over. He said it is always a guessing game when starting a plan, but he said the plan seems to be stabilizing and he did not anticipate big increases from year to year.

D) President’s Remarks:
- Congratulations on finishing exams, and welcome to the new AMS Council members! The past five weeks have been very busy for the AMS Exec but I hope the increased workload will prepare us for a successful summer.

Universitas 21 Student Network:
- The AMS hosted the Universitas 21 Student Network conference here during the week of March 24 – 28. Tara Learn, the past VP External, was instrumental in making the conference a success, as representatives from 15 student societies around the world enjoyed a week of fun and hard work. I attended as the AMS UBC representative and the conference resulted in a Protocol signed by the 15 student societies to signify their commitment to the U21SN, as well as a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between U21SN and U21.

Hiring Frenzy:
- The hiring has been finalized – thank you to Laura and Dani and all the members of the Appointments Committees who put in countless hours to hire the best student staff for the AMS. Alisa Coquet is the new Assistant to the President and I look forward to an amazing year.

Tuition:
- The Board of Governors Budget Committee is meeting on Thursday, May 8th to vote on the University’s budget, including the allocation of the extra tuition revenue. Brian Sullivan and Michelle Aucoin attended the Executive meeting on April 22nd and presented an allocation document similar to the one you saw tonight.

Labour Dispute:
- As you probably have heard, Marc Brown settled the three collective bargaining contracts in dispute, which means the TA’s have obtained a 11.5% raise over 3 years and compensation for the Health and Dental Plan, but no tuition rebates.

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WAVAW:
- I have met with Patricia Kachuk, the new WAVAW point person for the AMS, briefly to discuss continuing our partnership, as the one-year pilot project contract expires today. More information to come, as the Safety Committee and Laura Best have been directly involved in the process as well.

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Health and Dental Plan Committee:
- The committee met twice since the last Council meeting to discuss our options for next year. Our recommendations were explained during Lev’s presentation tonight.

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Communications Planning Group:
- CPG has met regularly and will be recommending a revision of the AMS website structure and design. In particular a database-knowledgeable student will be hired over the summer to re-design the back-end of the site and make it easier to access and update. A focus group of Councilors and at-large members will be convened to provide feedback for this person.
- I received a letter from the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada in response to the letter I had sent regarding their Emergency Contraception ads distributed through Zoom Media. They also sent over some new posters, although the AMS had designed its own to replace theirs.

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Sponsorship and Fundraising Review Committee:
- The Committee met for the first time on March 25th and has met consistently ever since under Brian Duong’s leadership.

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Meetings, Meetings, Meetings:
- I have been attending numerous meetings, including the VP Students Roundtable, a GSS meeting, a Campus Safety Committee meeting, and a meeting of the Chan Centre Internal Advisory Committee.
- Since the last Council meeting, I have also had the pleasure of volunteering at Arts County Fair!

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TravelCuts:
- Bernie and I had a teleconference meeting with the other 3 student societies involved in the lawsuit, and we are waiting to hear back from the lawyers. An update is forthcoming for Council at the meeting on May 14th.

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CABSD Awards:
- Congratulations to the AMS Ombuds Office and to Sue Brown – both were recipients of CABSD Awards for Excellence this year!

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CACUSS:
- UBC is hosting a national conference for university providers of student services – hand-outs were given out to all Councilors, please note the keynote speaker, Craig Kielburger, who also spoke at the Student Leadership Conference in January.

E) Executive Reports:

Brian Duong - VP Finance

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Budget Committee:
- Holding regular meetings to evaluate various AMS programs. Will be meeting on May 6th and on following budgetary timeline.

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Compensation Review Committee:
- For the first time in three years, a thorough review of all student positions is being conducted through the use of the Compensation Review document and the Rubrics System.
- A report will be presented after the review of two more positions tomorrow.

< Business Operations Committee:
- Looking at the potential installation of additional ATM’s, March business results, the business budget summary for the year and continuous consultation on the sushi bar marketing, design and planning.
- Next meeting to be held on May 7, 2003.

< Sponsorship Review Committee:
- Working on drafting proposed sponsorship and fundraising policy guidelines after several meetings involving consultation and information sharing with members of Council, members at-large, Fundraising Commissioner, the General Manager and Policy Advisor.
- The next meeting is scheduled to be held May 6, 2003.

< Finance Commission:
- The new Finance Commissioners are:
  Stacey Chiu - Vice-Chair
  Lisa Fang - Fundraising
  Jason Salvador - Financial Aid
  Mark Lam - Business Operations
  Peter Fang - Clubs and Constituencies

< Committees:
- Attended meetings of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee and the Walter Gage Fund Committee.

< Meeting with the Financial Aid Office to talk about a possible joint publication for financial aid, bursaries and scholarships to ensure that we have the best opportunity to graduate with minimal financial debt.

Sam Saini - VP External

< CASA:
- Results of CASA Bylaw and Constitution amendments. Constitution article 4.4 and the fee increase proposal were approved by extraordinary resolution. The consequence of the amendment to article 4.4 is that Associate Membership status is now more flexible allowing student unions to drop to associate membership rather than having to leave the organization. Approval of 10.8% fees increase above CPI will mean that we will pay and additional $3000 in CASA fees each year.
- I will be attending the CASA AGM will be held May 27 - June 4, 2003.

< SUDS:
- Planning is underway for this conference.
- Invitations have been sent out to our primary speakers.
- The SUDS website and design work are beginning to take shape.

< U-Pass:
- The U-Pass implementation phase is now underway and there looks like there will not be many significant changes to the bus loop.
- The UBC Hardship Fund and Committee have not be established yet as priority was placed on the bus loop changed and because the location and control of the Hardship fund needs to be determined in a UBC/AMS side agreement.

< Provincial Lobbying:
I have started some preliminary work with respect to our lobbying efforts. Following discussions with Jared Wright, AMS Policy Advisor, we have developed some lobbying priorities of the coming year. The process is slow right now but I hope it will pick up after some of the other schools with late turnovers get involved.

**UBC Horse Barn Project:**
- Discussions regarding this project have resumed and the AMS involvement has been brought to the attention of other key players, namely the Board members and the University Neighbourhoods Association. Will maintain that the AMS and our students should have primary use of any facility being built on this land because of our monetary investment.

**External Commission:**
- The new Commissioners are:
  - Elisabeth St. Jean - Vice-Chair
  - Simrin Parmar - Municipal Affairs
  - Jason Decayanan - PSE
  - Alison Benjamin - Events Coordinator
  - Vacant - Transportation
- Held a brief transition meeting to outline duties and responsibilities for the upcoming year.

**Josh Bowman - VP Administration**

**SAC:**
- Hired new SAC, 1st meeting is tomorrow (Thursday, May 1st). We have smoothed out the bookings policy regarding the line-up and the executive/events bookings, and have done preliminary club office allocations.

**Impacts Committee:**
- We have created a timeline for sustainability initiatives; the first one will be to use previously used paper for photocopier. I met with Heather Scholefield regarding a university-wide sustainability network.

**Alcohol Policy Committee:**
- We have discussed training program and AMS policy on Alcohol. Debriefed on Arts County Fair.

**Renovations Planning Group:**
- The Lower Level is going well and on schedule. FilmSoc has insulated the wall between the Norm Theatre and Gallery for sound, and we have discussed AMS involvement in the project.

**Inter-Faculty Publication Office:**
- We met, discussed the contract and initial purchases for the office.

**24 Hour Study Space:**
- It went well. We'll report on the specifics next council meeting.

**Walter Gage Fund:**
- We have begun a new grant year. Also, received money for Gage grant at fundraising golf tournament at UBC Golf Course.

Laura Best - VP Academic

**Hiring:**
- Hiring done for the following positions:
  - Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators.
  - Commissioners and Vice-Chairs.
  - Presidential Assistant.
Safety Committee:
- Met several times to debrief on Arts County Fair, SASC and WAVAW.
- Went through the WAVAW agreement and the structure of the fund committee.

Campus Development:
- Met with OCP Group; will be coming up with a website, online feedback from broadcast email.
- Developing a policy in conjunction with the GSS.
- Presentation to the Board of Governors.

Meetings:
- Attended meetings of the Budget Committee, Compensation Review Committee and the University Commission.

Whistler Orientation Weekend:
- SUBmersion Day will be held on Friday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- Bus will leave at 4:30 p.m. for Whistler.
- Agendas will be emailed to everyone.

University Meetings:
- Attended the University Town Community Planning Committee meeting.
- President’s Advisory Committee.
- Campus Advisory Board on Student Development.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

We have appointed almost all of the service coordinators and assistant coordinators.

The incoming coordinators and assistant coordinators are:

Volunteer Services - Coordinator – Amanda Klein /Assistant – to be filled
Joblink - Coordinator – Natasha Norbjerg/Assistant – Paul Ambrose Lythgo
Speakeasy - Coordinator – Tasha Ptasinski/Assistant – Rhyannon O’Heron
Safewalk - Coordinator – Tyler Bryant/Assistants – Imran Beg/ Harbinder Sangha
Tutoring - Coordinator – Brooke Smith/Assistant – Julia Payson
Advocacy - Coordinator – Maya Scott

Most of my time has been spent in interviews, transition, organizing orientation and training for the incoming coordinators, who all start tomorrow!!!

Some things that have been going on within the services include:
- They have been working very hard transitioning and finishing up their operations manuals.
- Firstweek has been very busy meeting with everyone on campus.
- This year, students can buy a $15 wristband which will get them into all of the events, including a large comedy show, a big scale speaker, a bigger concert, workshop series, coffee house/jazz night, movie in the pool, and on and on – so Firstweek is going to be way bigger than in the past.
- Orientations has been busy working on their school visits (they will be visiting over 50 high schools in the lower mainland answering student’s questions and letting them know about how to register and student life).
- Advocacy office is in the initial stages of developing a student rights handbook in conjunction with the university.

F) Constituency Reports:
I) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED CHRIS STE-CROIX: [SCD 065-004]

"That Council approve the amendments to the Code of Procedure contained in the report from the Campus Safety Committee entitled 'SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT FUND CODE AMENDMENTS'."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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Laura Best said the Safety Committee had met several times to discuss this issue, and the proposed Code amendments were what it had come up with.

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Alan Warkentin asked why at least 80% of the money in the fund had to go to the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC). Laura Best said it was because basically the referendum had been for SASC.

6. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED CHRIS STE-CROIX:

"That Council approve the amendments to the Code of Procedure contained in the report from the Campus Safety Committee entitled 'SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT FUND CODE AMENDMENTS'."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried Unanimously

G) Discussion Period:

Health and Dental Plan

< Oana Chirila said direction was needed for the referendum. Should the AMS push for a cheaper plan or for better benefits?

< Alan Warkentin said the AMS should be trying to get the best health plan possible, but a $21 increase in the premium would be a lot to pay.

< Kate Woznow asked about the situation at other schools. Kristin Foster said UNBC students pay $226 and don’t get as many benefits. At McGill the premium is $487.

< Kate Woznow asked about looking at other insurance companies. Kristin Foster said all the companies would be looking at the same numbers, but other companies had been looked at. Lev Bukhman said that last year Sun Life (the current insurer) provided the lowest quote out of seven.

< Kim Lam said it was worth asking whether students want to pay for a higher service plan.

< Dave Tompkins suggested going to referendum to get the power to raise fees without going back to referendum.

< Oana Chirila said the referendum might ask students to authorize increases of up to 10 or 20 percent a year.
< Mariko Welch asked if there could be one base plan and another plan with additional coverage.
< Lev Bukhman said there was cost-saving from having a single group plan.
< Trevor Gilks asked what percentage of students opt out. Kristin Foster said last year it was 28%; it’s been between 25 and 30 percent over the past three years.
< Trevor Gilks asked about making the plan non-opt-outable. There was a non-verbal negative response from other Council members.
< Lev Bukhman said Council could make it a mandatory plan, but no other school has one like that.
< Dan Yokom suggested waiting a year to hold a referendum.
< Lev Bukhman noted that his broker’s fee is fixed; it’s not in his interest to raise fees, but he also noted that though lower fees meant less payment upfront, the result, because of lower benefits, would mean that students would pay more when they used health services.
< Kate Woznow said that if there is concern about the cost of running a referendum, it could be held in conjunction with the AMS executive elections in January.
< Quinn Omori asked why students were forced to join the plan if they didn’t have an equivalent one. Oana Chirila said that was the plan decided on by Council in 1999 and approved by the students in the 1999 referendum.
< Oana Chirila said that there had been consideration of holding a referendum last February, but it was thought to be unwise to ask for more money for the health plan at the same time as asking for money for U-Pass. She added that it seemed more discussion was needed because Council had not reached a consensus.

**Hiring Practices**

< Laura Best said Human Resources is a confidential subject. She reminded Council members that who has applied for an AMS position is confidential, as is what happens in an interview. She said it had been brought to her attention that these principles had not always been followed.

**Human Resources**

< Oana Chirila said there had been a restructuring of the AMS staff. The Communications and Promotions departments were being merged into a new Public Relations Manager, who would be assisted by three or four student employees to work on such things as the website and Services promotions. The idea was to make the AMS more efficient, avoid duplication, and create more student employment. It meant the end of one position, that of Communications Coordinator. Because it was an HR issue, it had not been brought to Council earlier.
< Kate Woznow noted that the AMS staff had been notified before Council. She said it was difficult if the Board of Directors (i.e., Council members) were not made aware of such things. The directors should have been notified as soon as the restructuring had been made public.
< Oana Chirila apologized and said the intent had been to notify Council at the same time as the staff.
< Alan Warkentin asked if the move would save money. Oana Chirila said the aim was to achieve efficiency; it was not meant as a money-saving procedure.

7. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN, KIM LAM:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

8. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED QUINN OMORI, DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council move out of camera.”
H) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated March 26, 2003 [SCD 066-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 17, 2003 [SCD 067-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 20, 2003 [SCD 068-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 24, 2003 [SCD 069-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 27, 2003 [SCD 070-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 31, 2003 [SCD 071-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 4, 2003 [SCD 072-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 7, 2003 [SCD 073-004]
Minutes of the Ombuds Advisory Committee dated June 21, 2002 [SCD 074-004]
Minutes of the Ombuds Advisory Committee dated October 11, 2002 [SCD 075-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated August 12, 2002 [SCD 076-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated September 23, 2002 [SCD 077-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated November 19, 2002 [SCD 078-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated December 2, 2002 [SCD 079-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated February 6, 2003 [SCD 080-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated February 17, 2003 [SCD 081-004]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 25, 2003 [SCD 082-004]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 26, 2003 [SCD 083-004]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 27, 2003 [SCD 084-004]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 28, 2003 [SCD 085-004]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated April 1, 2003 [SCD 086-004]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated April 3, 2003 [SCD 087-004]
Minutes of Commissioners Appointments Committee dated March 31, 2003 [SCD 088-004]
Minutes of Commissioners Appointments Committee dated April 1, 2003 [SCD 089-004]
Minutes of Commissioners Appointments Committee dated April 2, 2003 [SCD 090-004]
Minutes of Commissioners Appointments Committee dated April 11, 2003 [SCD 091-004]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated February 25, 2003 [SCD 092-004]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated March 21, 2003 [SCD 093-004]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated April 4, 2003 [SCD 094-004]

I) Executive Committee Motions:

9. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN: [SCD 095-004]

“That Council approve the AMS 2003/2004 Preliminary Budget as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Dave Tompkins asked what would happen if Council did not pass the preliminary budget. Sheldon Goldfarb said then the AMS would be functioning without a budget.

10. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:
“That Council approve the AMS 2003/2004 Preliminary Budget as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
... Carried Unanimously

11. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN: [SCD 096-004]
[SCD 097-004]
“That Council approve the Universitas 21 Student Network Protocol as presented.”

Kate Woznow opposed the motion, saying it was a step towards the corporatization of education. She said the AMS could take a stand against UBC being involved in this corporate process.

Chris St. Croix said it would be useful to have a voice in affecting Universitas 21.

Dan Yokom asked how the student network differed from CASA. Oana Chirila said the aim here was to get input and a seat on the Universitas 21 board, not to do lobbying like CASA does. It would be as if CASA were seeking a seat in Parliament.

Kim Lam said the protocol was drawn up by students; the AMS would be joining the student network, not U-21 itself.

Alison Atkinson asked if the AMS could approve the network and also evaluate U-21: can the AMS say it doesn’t want UBC to be part of U-21 Global?

Oana Chirila said this sort of thing could be better addressed from within.

12. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council approve the Universitas 21 Student Network Protocol as presented.”

... Carried

13. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED CHRIS STE-CROIX: [SCD 098-004]
[SCD 099-004]
"That Council approve the Operations Manuals of the AMS Student Services as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Laura Best said it was time for new operations manuals for the Student Services.

Alan Warkentin asked why Assistant Coordinators don’t have more specific jobs. Laura Best said it was to retain flexibility.

14. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED CHRIS STE-CROIX:

"That Council approve the Operations Manuals of the AMS Student Services as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

J) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

15. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:
“That Council appoint the following members to the Student Administrative Commission on the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a one year term commencing May 1, 2003 and ending May 1, 2004:

Lynden Wei
Ramona Cruickshank – Special Projects Commissioner, SAC
Joanna Cheung – Art Gallery Commissioner, SAC
Manjinder Sidhu – Clubs Commissioner, SAC
Ambrose Wong – Constituency Commissioner, SAC
Christina Wilmer – Facilities Commissioner, SAC
Mike Kushnir – Resource Groups Commissioner, SAC.”
... Carried

16. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED KIM LAM:

“That Council appoint Alan Warkentin, Ian McKechnie and Kate Woznow (Council members) and Kristen Read and Sigal Stein (members at-large) to the Budget Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Lana Rupp and Chris Ste-Croix (Council members) to the Code and Policies Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Chris Ste-Croix, Alison Atkinson, Lana Rupp, Tim Leung, and Dave Tompkins (Council members) and Erfan Kazemi, Joshua Caulkins and Leflotlo Lefoka (members at-large) to the Primary Appointments Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Josh McNorton, (Council member) to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Tim Leung and Mariko Welch (Council members) to the Assistants Appointments Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Alan Warkentin, Dave Tompkins and Spencer Keys (Council members) to the Compensation Review Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Tim Leung, Kim Lam, and Quinn Omori (Council members) to the Impacts Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Mariko Welch, Kim Lam, Alison Atkinson and Chris Ste.Croix, (Council members) to the AMS Safety Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Patricia Lau,(Council member) to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Dave Tompkins, Kate Woznow and Alan Warkentin (Council members) to the Business Operations Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Mariko Welch (Council member) to the Communications Planning Group for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”
“That Council appoint Alan Warkentin and Quinn Omori (Council members) to the Renovations Planning Group for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Norman Sippert as the AMS representative on the University Boulevard Advisory Planning Committee.”

“That Council appoint Dan Yokom as the AMS representative on the University Social Space Committee.”

“That Council appoint Kate Woznow and Alan Warkentin (Council members) to the Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee for a one year term ending March 31, 2004.”

... Carried

17. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED KIM LAM:  [SCD 100-004]

“Whereas Council on March 26, 2003 directed the ad hoc Council Meeting Committee to reconsider the proposed new section of the Code concerning the order of Council business; and

Whereas the Council Meeting Committee met on April 25, 2003 to consider this section and decided to recommend again that Discussion Period be moved to the end of Council meetings, for reasons detailed in the minutes of the April 25 committee meeting,

Therefore be it resolved that Council amend the Code of Procedure by striking the current Code section on the order of Council business and replacing it with the following provisions as Section III, Article 2(15) of the Code:

1415. The order of business on the agenda of a regular meeting of Council shall be as follows:

(a) Call to order and adoption of the agenda  
(b) Membership: introductions, new members, declaration of vacancies  
(c) Presentations to Council  
(d) President’s Remarks  
(e) Executive Remarks  
(f) Committee Reports  
(g) Constituency Reports  
(h) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson reports  
(i) Discussion Period  
(ii) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council  
(iii) Executive Committee Motions  
(iv) Constituency and Caucus Motions  
(k) Committee Reports and Motions  
(l) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions  
(m) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions  
(n) Other Business, including Notices of Motions  
(p) Discussion Period  
(q) Submissions  
(r) Next meeting  
(s) Adjournment  
(t) Social Activity
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Note: Additions to the current Code provisions are in **bold italics**; deletions are indicated by striking through (like so).”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

L) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of Communications Planning Group dated February 7, 2003 [SCD 101-004]
Minutes of Communications Planning Group dated March 14, 2003 [SCD 102-004]
Minutes of Communications Planning Group dated March 28, 2003 [SCD 103-004]
Minutes of Renovations Planning Group dated March 19, 2003 [SCD 104-004]
Minutes of Renovations Planning Group dated April 4, 2003 [SCD 105-004]
Minutes of Renovations Planning Group dated April 11, 2003 as amended [SCD 106-004]

18. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That Council allocate $13,068.00 from the SUB Management Fund to complete the AMS Landlord obligations in providing UBC Building Code specified plumbing requirements in preparation for the occupancy of On the Fringe Hair Design in Room 55 on the Lower Level of the Student Union Building.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Josh Bowman and Brian Duong reported on the need to pay for renovations for the On the Fringe hair salon. The renovation costs stemmed from refitting the bathrooms. It was up to the AMS to pay for the renovations as part of its landlord obligations.

19. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

K) Committee Reports and Motions:

20. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council appoint Sara Ahadi as the AMS Ombudsperson for a term commencing May 1, 2003 and ending April 30, 2004.”

... Carried

M) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the University Commission dated March 5, 2003 [SCD 107-004]
Minutes of the University Commission dated March 19, 2003 [SCD 108-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 3, 2003  [SCD 109-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 10, 2003  [SCD 110-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 17, 2003  [SCD 111-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 24, 2003  [SCD 112-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 31, 2003  [SCD 113-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 24, 2003  [SCD 114-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 3, 2003  [SCD 115-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 17, 2003  [SCD 116-004]

N) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

O) Submissions:
- Financial Statements for Period Ending March 31, 2003  [SCD 117-004]
- CAUCUSS Conference Newsletter  [SCD 118-004]

P) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on May 14, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Q) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

R) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
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Guests: Alisa Coquet (Assistant to the President), Jamie Roots (CHIUS), Maya Scott (Advocacy Office), Leigh Anne Martin (Nursing Undergraduate Society), Jason Loxton, Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (Public Relations Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant), Sameer Wahid (Chair)

L) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

H) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

< TravelCuts - Oana Chirila (President) [SCD 120-004]
  - Oana Chirila summarized the history of the Travel Cuts lawsuit, in which the student societies of four Canadian universities (Western, U of Alberta, Queen’s, and UBC) are suing the Services division of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS-S) over the ownership of the Travel Cuts travel agency. She said a trial date has been set for September 8, 2003, but a settlement could be reached before then.

1. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN, SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

2. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED CHRIS FENNEll:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

< Budget:
  - Have been working on finalizing a good budget for the President and Executive Committee line items.

< WOW:
  - Presented at WOW on the AMS Strategic Plan, and co-presented with the VP External on Lobbying and Tuition.
Communications Planning Group:
- Both the Executive and CPG approved the name change from Volunteer Services to Volunteer Connections. CPG is working on a revised logo and look.
- Working on the website re-design with Lisa Luscombe and the website focus group.

WAVAW:
- Continuing work with Laura and the Safety Committee on a revised agreement.

Executive Projects Assistant:
- The new and improved Student Events Coordinator position.

Childcare & Evelyn Lett Bursary:
- UBC Childcare is looking at alternative funding for students who are parents. After a referendum in 1995 that authorized a $3 fee each year for 3 years, an endowment fund for the Evelyn Lett Bursary was established with AMS money. Due to government subsidy guidelines, this affects the poorest students. We are looking at alternative ways to offer this funding to best help those in the lowest income bracket.

Student Rights Handbook:
- I co-signed a proposal put forward by Maya Scott, the AMS Advocacy Coordinator, for the University to fund two part-time students over the summer to put together a comprehensive Student Rights Handbook.

Executive Away:
- The Executive will be away at CCSA next week – please be patient with emails and phone messages.

E) Executive Reports:

Sam Saini - VP External

SUDS:
- The Student Union Development Symposium is beginning to take shape. We are starting to receive speaker confirmations and I have had some potential delegates calling for more information. We have some preliminary promotional material prepared which we will utilize at CCSA to recruit people and we have decided to move to an online registration procedure as well.

U-Pass:
- We have recently had some meetings with TransLink regarding some sponsorship initiatives. They have started to look into possible partnerships and will keep us informed about any developments.

WOW:
- Made a quick presentation at our Whistler Orientation about our lobbying priorities and got some feedback on where we should be going. There were some good ideas about possible stances that we are discussing in X-Com.

External Commission:
- The External Commission has had a couple of meetings now. We are trying to brainstorm ideas about fun evening activities for the SUDS conference and finalize the agenda and session outlines. Also, in conjunction with U-Com, we are trying to gather information and perhaps a consultative visit from the
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Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. As some of you might know, the emergency ward at the hospital is changing the services they deliver by removing some surgical abilities and centralizing them at VGH. Currently, we are trying to get some information to see what affect these changes will have on our students.

- The External Commission is short-staffed right now. The Events Commissioner had to resign due to some personal conflicts and the Transportation Commissioner was never hired.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

< WOW:
- This year the services had Saturday afternoon to themselves in which we performed a comprehensive S.W.O.T. of the services. This will be the first step in developing the services in the direction that students would like to see them go. It was a huge success in building the team and in helping everyone become accustomed to the other services.

< Budgets:
- All the services have been working very hard on making their budgets as tight as possible. They have all met with Brian independently and with Budget Committee.

< Speakeasy:
- This year there will be two streams of volunteers (peer counselors and those who are interested in organizing promotions and potentially the national peer support conference. They are also working with Michael Kingsmill to improve signage at the booth in the main concourse.

< Firstweek:
- Chris, Justin and Eran have been diligently working on Firstweek; we are looking at getting a whole lot of sand, so stay posted to hear what that is all about.

< Safewalk:
- Tyler, Harbinder and Imran have been working on revamping the Safewalk office in the main concourse to make it more inviting. They are also finishing up hiring their team leaders for the coming year.

< Tutoring:
- Brooke is in the midst of finalizing a home for Tutoring for the coming year (with the Riddington Room being out of commission). They are also updating the Tutor Registry.

< Joblink:
- In the initial stages of developing an e-newsletter for students with information on upcoming jobs, career fairs etc.

< Volunteer Services:
- A new identity is on its way for the newly named Volunteer Connections (actually its original name). We are also hiring the assistant tomorrow morning so stay posted as to who it will be.

< Orientations:
- Natasha has been all over Vancouver informing high school students of how to register and what to expect when they come to university next year. I would like to thank Chris Payne for taking on many of these school visits, as the Orientations Assistant will be hired in early June).

And finally, I will be away until June 9th at conferences and on holidays.

Josh Bowman - VP Administration
Renovations:
- Landscaping has been done on the South and West sides of the Student Union Building. Looks great! Thanks, UBC Plant Ops!
- We’re installing more fire alarms in the building, as we didn’t have total coverage. People working in the archives couldn’t hear the fire alarms going off. So we’re remedying that.
- Michael has researched several companies to find furniture for the Lower Level, and we will choose which furniture to use at the next Renos meeting.
- Michael Kingsmill won a medal of distinction from the governor general for his design of the MASS space. Congratulations.

WOW:
- I made a presentation on sustainability, and had a great time. Thanks to everybody who organized it, and thanks to Nancy for the great food!

Impacts:
- I went to a meeting with Wastefree UBC, and Nancy and I are all hyped up about the university/AMS partnership in terms of sustainability.
- Nancy is looking into more composting avenues for the AMS.

SAC:
- Resource Group commissioner resigned for personal reasons, so that position has been reopened.
- I went with Brian to the CVC fashion show and dance and met the executive.
- SAC has had a dinner, met again, and is working on transitioning so that we’re ready to go for clubs days. SAC transition documents have been prepared, as well as a special resource binder. Special thanks to Stephanie McKernan for hanging around and helping out with SAC stuff. You rock Steph!

Imagine and Intramurals:
- We’re working on contracts setting out the terms for Imagine and Intramurals in terms of use of SUB space and equipment. We’ve had meetings to discuss the specifics of these agreements.
- There was crystal poppin’ out the stretch navigator. In addition, there was food everywhere as if the party was catered.

Laura Best - VP Academic

University Boulevard:
- Have met several times with AMS OCP Working Group.
- Have attended weekly University Town Communications Committee.
- Had lunch with Linda Moore, to discuss consultation process and reaching more students.
- Worked on creating the University Boulevard AMS Policy with Policy Analyst.
- Met with Josh, VP Academic and University Affairs, to discuss collaboration on this issue.

WAVAW/AMS/SASC:
- Met with WAVAW, Safety Coordinator and SASC Coordinator and worked on renegotiation of the agreement.
- Invited groups to sit on Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee.
  i. First meeting is tomorrow.
- Sent out survey (that Safety Committee worked on) to various stakeholders regarding services and structure of the SASC.

Budget:
- Have chaired numerous Budget Committee meetings.
  i. We have looked over services and some government departments.
ii. More meetings coming this week.

< UCom:
- Have had two meetings to discuss goal setting and summer projects.
  - Special Projects Commissioner has expressed interest in facilitating: Women’s Week, Pride Week.
  - Wellness Commissioner has been working on hospital changes issues with VP External and will be facilitating safety/wellness campaigns for Firstweek.
  - Academic Issues Commissioner is working on teaching evaluations.

< Teaching Evaluations:
- This project will probably be taking up a large amount of my time in the coming months.

< Safety:
- Met with old and new Safety Coordinators.
  i. Hopefully will work with Campus Security to publish Safety Guide.
- Notes from WOW – Safety Committee will be discussing these in the coming weeks.

< Hiring:
- Several more positions hired.

< Compensation Review Committee:
- Worked with Brian and the committee to come up with final compensation review document.

Brian Duong - VP Finance

< Budget:
- Made a presentation at the whistler Orientation weekend about our current financial situation and responsible budgeting and financing.
- Have engaged in one on one meetings with Service Coordinators and the Ombudsperson.
- Meeting with Safewalk to discuss various scheduling options in order to ensure Safewalk is valuable, yet efficient and less costly while still being able to meet demand.

< Business Operations Committee:
- Met with Kevin Markin from Smart Media to discuss a business proposal in conjunction with the Executive Committee.
- Matter has been passed on to the sole responsibility of BOC.
- Continuing to engage in consultation regarding sushi bar marketing, design and tendering.

< Sponsorship Review/ Fundraising:
- Met Tuesday May 6th to discuss a draft copy of sponsorship policy, we will continue to revise it.
- Next meeting will focus on Fundraising.

< School Visits:
- Volunteered to do school visits to talk about UBC registration, housing, and student life.

< Business Meetings:
- Along with Bernie Peets, met with a representative from Itel to discuss the future of AMS Rentsline and SUBtitles.
- Also began preliminary discussion with Michael Maddison and Coke regarding the AMS/UBC arrangement.

< Finance Commission:
- Operating at full capacity, currently busy with treasurers’ orientations and administration of budgets.

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- Competition!
- Will be heading up the Sushi Bar naming competition, keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

F) Committee Reports:
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Code and Policies Report - Spencer Keys (Chair) [SCD 121-004]
- Spencer Keys, the new chair of the Code and Policies Committee, reported on two major issues the Committee has decided to explore: a) an instant runoff system for AMS elections to replace the current system of first-past-the-post, and b) a plan to streamline the Council committee system to create fewer but bigger committees which would spare Council some of its current work.
- Kate Woznow asked if Council would get to decide on these issues. Spencer Keys said of course all these changes being contemplated would have to be approved by Council; they would require massive amendments to the Code of Procedure. There would also be further discussion at meetings of the Code and Policies Committee, which Council members were welcome to attend. He did not expect to return to Council with specific proposals until November.

P) Discussion Period:
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Downtown Eastside Police Crackdown [SCD 122-004]
- Jamie Roots, co-chair of the Community Health Initiative by University Students (CHIUS) and a UBC nursing student, reported on the history of CHIUS and on the recent increase of a police presence on the Downtown Eastside. CHIUS, which opened in April 2000, was inspired by a 1998 research project by UBC medical students on gaps in health service on the Downtown Eastside. Now, under the supervision of professionals, students from various health care disciplines provide primary health care on the Downtown Eastside.
- Jamie described the city’s four-pillar approach to the drug problem on the Downtown Eastside: prevention, treatment, enforcement, and harm reduction. She said the area has the worst open drug problem in North America, along with a high incidence of HIV.
- As to the recent increase of police in the area, she said people had the wrong idea if they thought the police were arresting everyone doing drugs. They were going after crack houses and targeting organized crime. Also there has been an increase in co-operation between the police and the detox centres and clinics: the police take drug users there rather than throwing people in jail.
- She said the increased police presence has not directly affected CHIUS. If anything, it had made the situation more safe. However, she said it was important not to implement just one pillar (enforcement) alone; all four have to be done together.
- Josh Bowman asked if there were plans to implement the other pillars. Jamie Roots referred to the illegal supervised injection site as an example of the harm reduction pillar; it is not sanctioned yet, however. She hoped more would be done, as in Europe, to prevent the transmission of such diseases as hepatitis. If people are not going to quit using drugs, then they should be given a place to do the drugs in a clean environment.
- Mariko Welch asked what sort of support could be given. Meaghan Thumath suggested writing to the provincial and federal governments to ask for funding for required programs. She noted that a legal supervised injection site is in the
works. She said a letter could be written asking for the other three pillars besides enforcement to be carried out.

- Kate Woznow said there have been questions about why the enforcement pillar has been put in place before the other three. There have also been questions about human rights. She said perhaps the AMS executives could go down to the area to show support.

-Sameer Wahid (chair for this meeting) ruled that the matter should be referred to the External Commission.

F) Committee Reports:

< Compensation Review Committee Report - Laura Best (Chair)
- Laura Best reported that for the first time in years the Compensation Review Committee had looked at all appointed positions in the AMS and had come up with more equitable levels of compensation.

< Report on the 24-Hour Study Space - Josh Bowman (VP Administration)
- It started off slow, but in the end, approximately 5 students/night used the space, most of whom left by 3:00 a.m. As well, there was some activity in the early morning in the space. There were no incidents to report, beyond general messiness. We did an advertising blitz for the space with the interactive, website, and posters in residences and across campus (including some support from the libraries). Unfortunately, we didn’t really begin doing advertising until the space had started being used, so there is some question as to the efficacy of our efforts. Nonetheless, we’ll be reviewing the project (the total cost of which was around $1500). Any feedback would be welcome.

G) Constituency Reports:
Daniel Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Beth Moskowitz - Regent College
Jackie Liu - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Meaghan Thumath - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association
Andrew Lawrenson - Law Students Association
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Students Society
Sarah Saddler - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Jennifer Lo - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Amina Rai - Board of Governors
- Jesse is currently in South America and returning in July.
- BoG meeting in April addressed issues of concern about the OCP in general and hesitations found in the Town Hall meeting.
- The Operating Budget for 2003/2004 is being looked over.
- Progression of a Safety and Personal Security Program to lead to a Program infrastructure is being established.
- The BoG retreat will be in mid-June.
Sara Ahadi - Ombudsperson

Attending SUBmersion and the Whistler Orientations Weekend was the first phase of the transition process, and it provided a great opportunity for me to become more familiar with the internal structure of the AMS.

Focused on corroborating an accurate budget proposal so to ensure the allocation of funds to specific accounts. This proposal was presented to Brian Duong who will be bringing it before the Budget Committee by the end of May. Also, as you may know, May is one of the peak periods for the Ombuds Office.

I have strived to close cases that were opened in the last fiscal year, as well as open new cases that have been brought to us this year. I have been providing conflict resolution services to UBC students, staff, and faculty through such processes as investigation, mediation, conciliation and facilitation.

A memo outlining the Ombuds vision statement has been composed, and will accompany the Ombuds Office Referrals Guide as an educational outreach strategy to help inform all departmental advisors, counselors, and peer educators about our service as well as to how they can refer students to our office.

The Deputy Ombuds position has also been posted, and I look forward to hiring the successful candidate soon.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated March 26, 2003 as amended [SCD 123-004]
Minutes of Student Council dated April 30, 2003 [SCD 124-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 10, 2003 [SCD 125-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 22, 2003 [SCD 126-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 28, 2003 [SCD 127-004]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated April 30, 2003 [SCD 128-004]
Minutes of Assistants Appointments Committee dated April 17, 2003 [SCD 129-004]
Minutes of Assistants Appointments Committee dated April 22, 2003 [SCD 130-004]
Minutes of Assistants Appointments Committee dated April 23, 2003 [SCD 131-004]
Minutes of Assistants Appointments Committee dated April 25, 2003 [SCD 132-004]
Minutes of Primary Appointments Committee dated April 28, 2003 [SCD 133-004]
Minutes of Primary Appointments Committee dated May 5, 2003 [SCD 134-004]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS: [SCD 135-004]

“Whereas the University is planning to re-develop the University Boulevard entrance to the campus as part of the University’s Official Community Plan; and

Whereas the Alma Mater Society and various other student, faculty and residential stakeholders have expressed grave reservations about the University’s plan; and

Whereas the aspects of the University’s plan that have given rise to these concerns include, but are not limited to, the introduction of high-rise market housing on campus, the development of the University Boulevard as a through fare, the construction of an underground bus loop, and the general commercialization of the campus academic core; and
Whereas the University plans to submit its final draft of the University Boulevard Development Plan for consultation with stakeholders in June 2003, a time when few students are available for consultation, with approval by the Board of Governors scheduled for July 2003;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS lobby the Administration to postpone any decision on the plan and extend the consultation period for six (6) months to ensure meaningful consultation with the student population;

Be it further resolved that the AMS lobby the University to address the stakeholders’ concerns about the plan by ensuring that the plan:

- Includes affordable student housing as a key component.
- Creates a pedestrian focused entrance way to the campus.
- Preserves and creates green and student space.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Laura Best said the proposed policy took into account all the concerns her committee had heard. The policy called for a focus on student housing, pedestrians, and green and student space rather than commercialization. What was wanted was study space and space for student services, not stores along University Boulevard (which might affect AMS businesses in the SUB). A policy was needed so that the Executive could say that the AMS stands for these things and opposes commercialization, the destruction of the grassy knoll, and so on.

- It was suggested that since Council has not yet passed a motion expressing concern over the development plan, the preamble to the new policy should say students, rather than the AMS, have expressed concern.

- It was suggested that the whole campus, and not just the University Boulevard entranceway, should be pedestrian focused.

2. MOVED KIM LAM:(Friendly)

“That motion #1 be amended by deleting ‘the Alma Mater Society and various other’ in the second whereas clause.”

... Carried

3. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“Whereas the University is planning to re-develop the University Boulevard entrance to the campus as part of the University’s Official Community Plan; and

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Spencer Keys said the focus of this policy is on University Boulevard and should not be diluted by referring to the whole campus. Also, people might say that the campus as a whole already is pedestrian focused.

4. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That motion #1 be amended by striking ‘entrance way’ in the final resolution.”

5. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

6. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That motion #1 be amended by striking ‘entrance way’ in the final resolution.”

... Defeated

7. MOVED QUINN OMORI:

“That motion #1 be amended by striking ‘entrance way’ in the final resolution.”

... Out of Order

- Scott Price said his main concern was the visibility of the SUB. He wondered if something could be added to the policy to do with renovating the SUB.

8. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

10. MOVED MEAGHAN THUMATH, SECONDED ALISON ATKINSON:

“Be it resolved that Student Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Diaa Younan as the Student Senate Representative for the Faculty of Dentistry and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED LAURA BEST:

“That Council appoint Jason Loxton as Speaker of Council for a one year term commencing May 15, 2003 and ending May 1, 2004 on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee.”

... Carried

12. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council appoint Amina Rai and Joshua Caulkins (Council members) to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Scott Price (member at-large) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”
“That Council appoint Mia Taghizadeh and Surina Sproul (Council members) to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Jennifer Lo (Council member) to the Business Operations Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Ian McKechnie (Council member) to the Renovations Planning Group for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Jackie Liu (Council member) to the AMS/GSS Extended Health Plan Administration Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Chris Fennell (Council member), Jason Podur and Brian McLean (members at-large) to the Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Spencer Keys (Council member) to represent the AMS on the University Athletic Council for a one year term.”

“That Council appoint Meaghan Thumath, Chris Ste-Croix and Alison Atkinson (Council members) to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Andrew Lawrenson (Council member), Dave Frank and Janice McKenzie (Community members) to the CiTR Board of Directors for a one year term.”

... Carried Unanimously

13. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

“That Council appoint Mia Taghizadeh (Council member) as Chair of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

... Carried Unanimously

14. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ALISON ATKINSON:

“That Council appoint Sameer Wahid as a student at-large member of the Code and Policies Committee for a one year term commencing immediately and ending August 31, 2003 on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated April 25, 2003 [SCD 136-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated April 7, 2003 [SCD 137-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated April 16, 2003 [SCD 138-004]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

Spencer Keys asked if Council members thought it was appropriate to have the Code and Policies Committee look into instant runoff elections and committee reform. A straw poll indicated that Council members were in favour of allowing the Committee to investigate these issues.

Q) Submissions:

Report of the University Librarian to UBC Senate [SCD 139-004]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on June 11, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs
LB:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Al Lewis, Chris Shepherd (The Ubyssey), Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen (GSS), Norman Sippert (AMS Rep. on the OCP Advisory Planning Committee), Scott Blurton, Kari Hewett (AMS staff member), Al Poettcker (UBC Properties), Richard Drdul (UBC Urban Systems), Fred Pritchard (Campus & Community Planning), Linda Moore (Campus & Community Planning), Daniel Grice, Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (Public Relations Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

M) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

I) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

- University Boulevard Development
  - Richard Drdul of UBC Urban Systems reported that bus ridership to campus has increased substantially since 1998 and, with the new U-Pass program, is expected to increase even more. There is thus a need for more space for buses, and the University thinks that the best way to do this is to move the current bus loop underground. The University also plans to introduce a shuttle bus service from the central bus loop to provide full coverage of campus.
  - Kate Woznow asked who decided on the plan and also asked about disability access. Richard Drdul said there was a technical steering committee with representatives from UBC, the GVRD, and Translink. He said the shuttles would have disability access.
  - Alan Warkentin asked about the timeline. Richard Drdul said the plan was to go to the Board of Governors in the fall, with construction beginning next spring and finishing by 2005.
  - Amina Rai asked about safety underground and fumes. Richard Drdul said there would be security staff, and the underground bus loop would be closed off and well lit, without nooks and crannies. As to fumes, after looking at underground loops elsewhere, it was thought that the best plan was to use glass doors to separate the buses from waiting passengers. Also, the exhaust fumes from the buses would be collected and cleaned before being vented to the outside.

1. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

   “That Question Period be extended by five minutes.”
   ... Carried
- Deanna Del Vecchio asked if the security staff would be on duty 24 hours a day. Richard Drdul said the bus loop would not be open 24 hours, but there would be staff on duty at all times the loop was open.
- Josh Caulkins asked where the bus loop would go during construction. Richard Drdul said that was not certain. One option was a temporary facility south on Wesbrook Mall.
- Darren Enns, a Planning School student, asked who was pushing for the move underground. Richard Drdul said both Translink and UBC wanted this.
- In response to a question about rapid transit to campus, Richard Drdul said that rapid transit was at least 20 years away, but the underground bus loop could become a rapid transit station.

2. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council extend the Presentation by fifteen minutes followed by a five minute Question Period.”
... Carried

- Al Poettcker of UBC Properties reported on the current state of the University’s plan to create a “University Town” around the University Boulevard entrance to campus. Owing to opposition to various aspects of previous plans, the University no longer intends to put up 18-storey high-rises, and has also abandoned the idea of turning University Boulevard into a through road reaching to Marine Drive.
- He said that the new plan includes creating an athletic commons area, incorporating the SUB, the Student Recreation Centre, the Aquatic Centre, and the War Memorial Gym. There would be a new building linking the Aquatic Centre and the Gym.
- Scott Price asked about attaching the underground bus loop to the SUB. Al Poettcker said the idea was to keep pedestrians above ground wherever possible.
- Scott Price asked about the grassy knoll being replaced by market housing. Al Poettcker said there is no market housing; it will be University housing, i.e., for users of the University. He said the grassy knoll will not be gone, but it will be relocated to make way for underground parking.
- Oana Chirila asked what was meant by University housing: would it be administered by UBC Student Housing? Al Poettcker said it would not be; it would be a different sort of option for students.
- Laura Best asked about cyclists, pedestrians, and reduction of traffic. Al Poettcker said there would be a greenway on the south side of University Boulevard, with a sidewalk of five metres’ width and a dedicated cyclist lane in each direction. Right turns on East Mall would be banned to reduce traffic. There would also be a clearly marked visitors’ entrance. The aim was traffic calming and reduction.

3. MOVED TIM LEUNG, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the Bike Co-op be allowed fifteen minutes for their presentation.”
... Carried

Bike Co-op - Jessie Jackson

- Josh Bowman reported that the Renovations Planning Group and the Impacts Committee have expressed support for a plan to expand part of the SUB to create a new Bike Hub as requested by the AMS Bike Co-op.
Jessie Jackson of the Bike Co-op presented details of the plan. The Bike Co-op, an AMS club, currently has two facilities on campus: a Bike Kitchen in the SUB and a Bike Hub near the Macmillan Building. The Bike Kitchen is a non-profit retail space; the Bike Hub has workshops and other non-retail areas.

The University is planning to demolish the Bike Hub on June 30. In any case, the current Bike Hub facility is inadequate. The Bike Co-op would like to have a new, single facility created in the SUB, combining the old Bike Kitchen and Bike Hub and using the area known as the “cave” next to the current Bike Kitchen.

Jessie Jackson said this plan would benefit cyclists. It would also benefit the AMS by clearly establishing AMS ownership over the Bike Hub. He added that the University has agreed to fund half the cost of the SUB renovations to create a new Bike Hub, up to $125,000.

Questions

Ian McKechnie expressed concern over funding, noting that CPAC is exhausted. He asked if the Bike Co-op could wait a year. Jessie Jackson said the University’s offer won’t still be on the table a year from now. Josh Bowman said a lot of funding may not be on the table a year from now. He added that it is common to use CPAC in this way. Brian Duong said this has been done with CPAC before; loans are made to cover the expenditures until new CPAC money arrives. It doesn’t cut into the AMS’s bottom line, and down the road there will be money for other projects.

Dan Yokom asked for a timeline. Jessie Jackson said temporary storage had been arranged and it would take six to eight months to build the new facility. Josh Bowman said he hoped to come to the next Council meeting with a motion to approve the project.

Dan Yokom asked if the proposed renovation would interfere with the opening of the new Lower Level in the SUB. Josh Bowman said the proposed renovations would be in a self-contained area.

AMS Budget - Brian Duong (VP Finance) [SCD 142-004]

Brian Duong reported on the past year’s finances and on plans for the future. There had been a reduction in revenue last year, forcing the AMS to draw on rainy day funds and cancelled funds. Investment income had been down. There was also an increase in administrative costs, largely due to having to find a new insurance provider. There was also a pre-existing debt of $66,000.

He said the aim of the budgeting process had been to balance the budget without compromising the goals of the AMS.

4. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That the AMS Budget Presentation be extended by five minutes.”

... Carried

For the coming year, the forecast is for an increase in business revenue, an increase in student fees (owing to an increase in the number of students), and an increase in TLEF funding from the University. The budget is thus projecting a surplus.

For the future, he hopes to eliminate unused account codes and to increase communication with the membership.

Kate Woznow, a Budget Committee member, said that in future if major changes are being made to the AMS, the Budget Committee should be notified so that it can take them into account.
- Ian McKechnie, a Budget Committee member, called for there to be a better watch kept on over-spending.

Questions
- Jackie Liu asked if the surplus meant the worries about funding in future years could be discounted. Laura Best, chair of the Budget Committee, said No, the AMS is still going to be short the money it used to receive from Coca-Cola when the agreement with Coke runs out. That would mean a loss of $250,000 (over ten years).
- Dan Yokom asked how the surplus would be handled. Brian Duong said it would go into funds and investments.

D) President's Remarks:

Congratulations to Budget Committee for their amazing hard work on the 2003/2004 Budget!

Apologies for the postponement of Council from June 11 to today.

The two students appointed to the positions of Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook Editors are Maya Scott and Sameer Wahid.

In today’s news, Universitas 21 Global was launched at University of Melbourne.

I am on the search committee for the VP Academic and Provost replacing Dr. Barry McBride whose term ends on July 1, 2004.

The GAP trial judgement was finally issued.

I am working on putting together an Annual Report including both financial information and programs & services of the AMS.

The rest is in my Quarterly Report.

E) Executive Reports:

Sam Saini - VP External

External Commissioner attending a meeting to discuss the Horsebarn project.
Volunteers needed to help out with SUDS.
Rumblings re student union fees becoming optional.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Attended the CACUSS Conference this week.
Will be submitting conference reports at the next Council meeting.

Josh Bowman - VP Administration

Received tables and chairs from the university for the South Alcove space.
CCSA report attached.

Laura Best - VP Academic

Holding a meeting at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow to discuss student response to the draft OCP plan.
See CCSA report and performance report attached.

Brian Duong - VP Finance

Please read my Performance Report and the Compensation Review Report.

F) Committee Reports:

Downtown Eastside - External Commission

- Sam Saini reported on the Downtown Eastside issue, which Council had referred to the External Commission. He noted that there were contentious issues
involved, including the fact that supporting the City of Vancouver’s Four Pillars plan could be construed as giving support to drug-use.

- The police crackdown was another contentious issue. The American group Human Rights Watch has issued a report condemning the police, but Vancouver’s Mayor Campbell has rebutted the report and criticized its research. There have been no formal complaints about police actions, and in this situation of conflicting statements, and without the resources to do independent research, the External Commission did not think the AMS should address the policing issue.

- He suggested encouraging adoption of the complete Four Pillars plan, and said the issue is a lack of resources and funding from provincial and federal sources.

G) Constituency Reports:

Leigh Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Daniel Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Students Society
Jennifer Lo - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Jesse Eckert - Board of Governors

< The BoG retreat was held last week. Discussions on research, the Official Community Plan and access issues.

< Will be writing to Dr. Piper regarding access issues and look forward to Council input.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated May 14, 2003 [SCD 150-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated December 16, 2002 [SCD 151-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 5, 2003 [SCD 152-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 8, 2003 [SCD 153-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 12, 2003 [SCD 154-004]
Minutes of the Assistants Appointments Committee dated June 4, 2003 [SCD 155-004]
Minutes of the Assistants Appointments Committee dated June 5, 2003 [SCD 156-004]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated April 17, 2003 [SCD 157-004]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 6, 2003 [SCD 158-004]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated May 12, 2003 [SCD 159-004]
Minutes of the Alcohol Policy Committee dated March 13, 2003 [SCD 160-004]
Minutes of the Alcohol Policy Committee dated March 20, 2003 [SCD 161-004]
Minutes of the Alcohol Policy Committee dated April 15, 2003 [SCD 162-004]
[SCD 163-004]
Minutes of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee dated May 15, 2003

5. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That motion #7 on the agenda be considered after motion #1.”
... Carried

**Executive Committee Motions:**

6. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:  [SCD 164-004]

"Whereas the AMS Executive has completed negotiations with Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW) to continue the relationship between the AMS and WAVAW in the operation of the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC), located in the SUB; and

Whereas the SASC has offered and will continue to offer support to victims of sexual assault, thereby providing a valuable service to UBC students;

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the final agreement between WAVAW and the Alma Mater Society as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Laura Best said the agreement is the result of months of negotiations and has been through a multitude of AMS levels.
- Ian McKechnie asked if any other groups are guaranteed space in the building in the way WAVAW is under this agreement. Oana Chirila said Yes, the *Ubyssey* and Imagine UBC.

7. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

8. MOVED MARIKO WELCH, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG:  [SCD 165-004]

"That Council approve the budget of the Sexual Assault Support Centre, as recommended by the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee."

... Carried

9. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:  [SCD 166-004]

"Be it resolved that Council approve the exclusivity agreement between the AMS and Daichi Communications dba Cellmart Communications Ltd. as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brian Duong said the agreement with Cellmart was an exclusive sponsorship contract giving the AMS $37,500 and ten cell phones in return for giving Cellmart priority bookings and a presence
at campus events. The exclusivity aspect of the contract meant no other cell phone providers could be in SUB.

- Amina Rai asked what was meant by priority bookings. Brian Duong said it means they have days set out prior to the beginning of the academic year.
- Kate Woznow asked if Cellmart was getting all this just for ten cell phones. Brian Duong said, And $40,000.
- On top of the $40,000 cash, Bernie Peets said the value of the cell phones was estimated by Cellmart to be $11,000, though the value to the AMS was actually less than that: between $6,000 and $7,000.
- Scott Price asked about the length of the contract. Brian Duong said it was for one year.
- Dan Yokom asked if there had been problems with Cellmart under past agreements. Bernie Peets said they paid on time. He said this agreement is much like last year’s, perhaps a bit more in the AMS’s favour.
- Dan Yokom asked if other companies had been approached. Bernie Peets said they had, but Cellmart had been the best fit.

10. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

"Be it resolved that Council approve the exclusivity agreement between the AMS and Daichi Communications dba Cellmart Communications Ltd. as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council approve in principle the Universal Bus Pass Agreement between TransLink, UBC and the AMS as presented, to allow AMS negotiators to conclude negotiations with the other parties."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Tabled

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

13. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG: [SCD 167-004]

“That Council adopt the position rankings and pay scale as recommended by the Compensation Review Committee.”

Note: Alan Warkentin - in favour ... Carried

14. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve the 2003/2004 AMS Budget as presented.”
15. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council appoint Kate Woznow and Jesse Eckert (Council members) to the CiTR Board of Directors for a one year term.”
... Carried

16. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE: [SCD 168-004]

“That Council approve in principle the Universal Bus Pass Agreement between TransLink, UBC and the AMS as presented, to allow AMS negotiators to conclude negotiations with the other parties.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Sam Saini reviewed the history of the U-Pass and presented details of the current proposed agreement.
- Andreea Stefanovic asked why the U-Pass did not cover summer students. Sam Saini said that Council, the former VP External, and the referendum had all approved a plan that excluded the summer.
- Jackie Liu asked if the U-Pass would be valid in December. Sam Saini said Yes.
- Ian McKechnie said the U-Pass presentation should have been e-mailed out to Council members ahead of time. He also asked about getting more bicycles on B-line buses.
- Sam Saini said there was nothing in the proposed contract about additional bicycles per bus, but there would be more buses.
- Kate Woznow asked where the sponsorship advertising referred to in the contract would appear: on the U-Pass card? on buses?
- Bernie Peets said it could be on the card, subject to the approval of UBC and the AMS. Also on the buses. Not in the SUB or on campus.
- Kate Woznow asked about the restrictions on providing information. Bernie Peets said this was mostly to protect individual students. Other information would be shared as openly as possible.
- Ana-Maria Chirila asked if the UBC student card would be used as the bus pass.
- Sam Saini said that for the first month, students would use their UBC card because the U-Pass card will not be ready in time. Starting October 1, 2003 a separate U-Pass card will be used.
- Bernie Peets noted that the final agreement was still to come to Council. Kate Woznow asked if it could be circulated before the next Council meeting. Sam Saini said it would be.

17. MOVED TIM LEUNG:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council approve in principle the Universal Bus Pass Agreement between TransLink, UBC and the AMS as presented, to allow AMS negotiators to conclude negotiations with the other parties.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Spencer Keys - Abstained ... Carried
19. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:  

“That Council appoint Daniel Yokom to represent the AMS on the Advisory Planning Committee for the UBC North Campus Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process.”

“That Council appoint Amina Rai (Council member) to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Param Chauhan and Leigh Anne Martin (members at-large) to the Athletics and Recreational Facilities Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

... Carried

20. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

“Whereas the University is establishing a fund out of which to provide subsidies to individuals who can demonstrate the need for a subsidy as a result of the implementation of the U-Pass program; and

Whereas the University has asked the AMS to manage this fund,

Therefore be it resolved that Council create the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee as a standing committee of Council by amending Section V of the Code of Procedure to include the following article:

**Article 21. U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee**

1. The U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee shall be composed of:
   
   (a) the Vice-President External Affairs, who shall be chair;
   (b) the Vice-President Finance;
   (c) three (3) members of Council; and
   (d) two (2) Students At Large.

2. At the direction of the Chair, a representative of the University’s Trek Program Centre may be invited to attend meetings of the Committee.

3. The Committee shall:
   
   (a) establish eligibility criteria for U-Pass subsidies from the University’s U-Pass subsidy fund;
   (b) develop procedures to determine which applicants qualify for a subsidy; and
   (c) inform the University’s Trek Program Centre which students are to receive subsidies from the University’s subsidy fund.

- Sam Saini said UBC had established a $50,000 subsidy fund for students disenfranchised by the U-Pass program.

21. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That motion #20 be amended by deleting 1(b) and amending 1(c) to read ‘four (4) members of Council’.”
- Spencer Keys said the VP Finance should be removed from the committee, because it was unnecessary to have two Executive members on the committee. He also suggested referring the issue to the Code and Policies Committee.
- Kate Woznow said it was pertinent to have the VP Finance on the committee since it was dealing with financial matters. She added that not all committee creations go to the Code and Policies Committee.
- Sam Saini said the VP Finance is needed because there is a reporting procedure involved and a transfer of funds. The Health and Dental Plan Committee works the same way.

22. MOVED LAURA BEST:
   “That the question be called.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

23. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:
   “That motion #20 be amended by deleting 1(b) and amending 1(c) to read ‘four (4) members of Council’.”
   ... Defeated

- Ian McKechnie said a committee is not needed; this could be done by the External Commission. The AMS was trying to reduce the number of committees, and should not be creating a new one.
- Oana Chirila said it was important that Council members be involved in these U-Pass decisions; they wouldn’t be if the External Commission did the work.
- Laura Best said it was important to have elected Council members involved, not just the appointees on the External Commission.

24. MOVED KATE WOZNOW:
   “That the question be called.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

25. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED LANA RUPP:
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... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated April 8, 2003 [SCD 170-004]
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated April 25, 2003 [SCD 171-004]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated May 9, 2003 [SCD 172-004]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated May 16, 2003 [SCD 173-004]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated May 30, 2003 [SCD 174-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 24, 2003 [SCD 175-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 31, 2003 [SCD 176-004]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

26. MOVED ________________________________
    SECONDED ________________________________
    ______:
    “That Council approve the Universal Bus Pass Agreement between TransLink, UBC and the AMS as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

P) Discussion Period:

Downtown Eastside Police Crackdown - Josh Bowman

- Josh Bowman said he wanted to see if Council thought it relevant to address the Downtown Eastside issue, or were they happy with the External Commission report? He wanted to know what Council generally felt about addressing issues involving neighbouring communities.

- Kate Woznow expressed support for the External Commission report. If the AMS did anything, it should support the implementation of all Four Pillars together. She opposed the police crackdown without the other three pillars.

- Josh Caulkins said he liked the report. He encouraged people to go down to the Downtown Eastside to experience the situation there.
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GAP Lawsuit Update - Oana Chirila [SCD 177-004]
- Alan Warkentin asked if the ruling in the GAP case would be appealed. Oana Chirila said the plaintiffs have 30 days to decide.
- Ian McKechnie asked if the ruling included costs. Bernie Peets said it did not, but said the AMS would be sending the plaintiffs a bill, though not for the full amount of $100,000.
- Brian Duong said that the AMS is asking the Student Legal Fund Society to consider paying some of the costs.

Travel Cuts Lawsuit - Kate Woznow
- Kate Woznow noted that the original Council motion to approve participation in the Travelcuts lawsuit limited expenditures to $20,000. Since the GAP lawsuit cost $100,000, she said the AMS cannot go to court in the Travelcuts case. She suggested that Council direct the Executive to come back to Council with a report on costs and options. Bernie Peets said part of such a report would have to be done in camera.
- Oana Chirila asked if it might be useful to repeat her May report on the history of the case for those Council members who had not seen it.

Q) Submissions:

CASA Policy & Strategy Conference Report - VP External [SCD 178-004]
Report on the CCSA - President [SCD 179-004]
Report on the CCSA - VP Administration [SCD 180-004]
Report on the CCSA - VP Finance [SCD 181-004]
Report on the CCSA - VP Academic [SCD 182-004]
Report on the CCSA - VP External [SCD 183-004]
The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre News [SCD 184-004]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on July 9, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

27. MOVED JACKIE LIU, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.” 
... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Michael Kingsmill (Designer), Jamie Bissell (Bike Kitchen), James Zhuang (Bike Kitchen), Jesse Jackson (Bike Kitchen), Jason Podur, Jeff Burton (Bike Co-op), Melissa Niemeyer (Bike Co-op), Ted Leung (Bike Kitchen), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (Public Relations Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

N) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

J) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

- Bike Co-op - Josh Bowman (VP Administration)/Michael Kingsmill (Designer)
  - Josh summarized the purpose of the proposed Bike Co-op project, and Michael Kingsmill described the proposed renovations in detail.
  - Michael Kingsmill said he was presenting a range of prices to Council. Engineering studies were still to be done, but an outside contractor had already priced the job and extra costs had been added. The renovations would include a new door on the Lower Level of SUB, along with some expansion of SUB.
  - Jesse Jackson of the Bike Co-op said the University had verbally committed to paying half the cost of the project, and written confirmation was expected.

Questions
- Alison Atkinson said extra money had been required for the current Lower Level renovations. She wondered what was being done to avoid the same situation here.
- Michael Kingsmill said there is always an uncertainty factor. He had a preliminary estimate but not the engineering studies. The studies would give us the costs, but they themselves involve an expense. He hoped to come in within the price range. Council would still have a chance to say nay to the project.
- In response to questions from Sameer Wahid, Michael Kingsmill said there was a $23,000 contingency and said the project was basic, without frills.
- Kelsey Blevings asked about user fees for the Bike Co-op. Jesse Jackson said the Bike Co-op’s programs were cost recovery and non-profit; they could charge user fees to bring in more money, but that was not how they saw themselves.

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TravelCuts Update - Oana Chirila (President)

1. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID, CHRIS FENNElL:

   “That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
2. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That motion #6 (Bike Co-op) be considered next.”
... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

3. MOVED ALISON ATKINSON, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“Whereas the University has forced the AMS Bike Co-op to find a new location for its Bike Hub; and

Whereas the Bike Co-op has proposed a Bike Hub Project which would incorporate the old Bike Hub and the SUB Bike Kitchen in a single new facility in the SUB which would create new space for students; and

Whereas this Bike Hub Project has won support from the Executive Committee, the Impacts Committee, and various members of the University community and the student body;

Therefore be it resolved that Council allocate funding not to exceed $137,500 from the CPAC fund for the Bike Hub Project, as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.

Note: the estimated combined project cost is between $220,000 and $275,000, half of which is to be covered by the University. Council is to be informed of the actual cost once tenders are opened.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< There was discussion about the figure in the motion. Jesse Jackson said UBC would guarantee up to $137,500.
< In response to a question, Brian Duong said the CPAC Fund was drained for the next year and there would be only $60,000 left in the following year, but the AMS would borrow to cover; this would result in financing costs.
< Josh Bowman said the Bike Co-op plan was an exciting project and the first time UBC had committed this sort of money.
< Kim Lam said CPAC had already been exhausted; it would not be financially responsible to spend money on the Bike Co-op.
< Sameer Wahid said the money from UBC was a limited time offer. Also, during the U-Pass referendum, bike riders asked what they were going to get. This project sends a message of an intent to bike riders and not just bus riders.
< Daniel Yokom asked what would happen if the project went over budget: where would the extra money come from?
< Sameer Wahid said Council could rescind the motion once the tenders came in and cancel the project.
< Alan Warkentin asked if there were any other big projects upcoming that would have to be funded from CPAC. Bernie Peets said there was nothing major, only minor projects that could be paid for from the SUB Management Fund.
< Alan Warkentin asked about plans to renovate the Norm Theatre. Bernie Peets said the new soundproofing had already been done. The Film Society also wanted to upgrade the seating in the theatre, but would pay for that through fund-raising in the general community.
< Chris Fennell said the AMS was not cash happy and he’d be happier if the Bike Co-op was actively looking for other funding.

4. MOVED OANA CHIRILA: (Friendly)

“That the final resolution be amended to read:

‘Therefore be it resolved that upon receipt of a written guarantee from the university of matching funds of $137,500 Council allocate funding not to exceed $137,500 from the CPAC fund for the Bike Hub Project, as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.’”

... Carried

5. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED SAMEER WAHID:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Kim Lam, Chris Fennell - abstained ... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

Communications Planning Group

Projects for CPG and the PR Manager include the AMS website revision which is going well, in conjunction with setting up e-Commerce (the ability to accept online payments by credit card) which is essential for the success of AMS FirstWeek and AMS Orientations.

Council Composite
With the wonderful new large-scale printer purchased by the PR Department, the Council Composite has been printed and posted on the SUB main level, between the two sets of South entrance doors. Please take a look, and if your photo is not yet up there, see Lisa.

**Inside UBC**

The two editors, Jon Loewen and Chris Dingwall, have done a fantastic job and were ahead of schedule. The theme this year was a superhero theme and the cover and design of the pages, as well as the storyline, all fit together wonderfully. The colour copy proof will be back from the printers next week for a final check by the editors, CPG and the PR Manager.

**AMS Annual Report**

Working on the model of other student societies’ annual reports, and on previous AMS “Year in Review” reports, CPG will be putting together an annual report for the AMS this year, to include financial information and activities and programs information.

**AMS Welcome Letter**

CPG has been working on a “welcome to the AMS” letter to be sent out to all students this summer. We are working out a cost proposal and the feasibility of the mail-out.

**Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook**

The two editors have been hired (Maya Scott and Sameer Wahid) and they have started work on a draft of the handbook. There are also meetings being set up with stakeholders including the VP Students Office and the GSS and SLFS.

**SUDS**

I have been preparing for the conference that the VP External is organizing for next week (July 14 – 18, 2003). SUDS is the Student Union Development Symposium, aimed at Presidents and VP Externals of student societies across Canada. I will be hosting one of the sessions, as well as fully participating in the conference activities.

**Bill 43**

The VP External and the Policy Advisor worked on a letter to Premier Ralph Klein that I signed and sent off, expressing concerns regarding the proposed legislation in Alberta and what it would mean for students societies.

**Health and Dental Plan Committee**

The HDPC has been working on appeal cases that are still outstanding, as well as letters going out to students who are receiving tuition waivers regarding the opt-out deadlines.

**Orientations**

With AMS Orientations, International Student Orientation, and Imagine UBC coming up soon, I have been busy with speech-writing and preparation efforts.

**Tuition**

I have received written confirmation from the VP Students that in response to AMS and GSS lobbying, the tuition consultation process next year will include the tuition presentation going to the Board of Governors in March, instead of January. This will allow more time for consultation with the student body, as the VP Students has promised that this tuition consultation will be needs-driven, not percentage increase-driven.

**Executive Reports:**
Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Student Services

- The services have been working on several promotional initiatives including several outreach items to incoming students through a variety of campus orientations.
- There has also been quite a bit of work put into online payment, with the first two services to use the system being Orientations and Firstweek. Other services such as Tutoring and Joblink will be using the system shortly.
- As part of the Student Services professional development, most of the coordinators and assistant coordinators attended a Positive Space Campaign workshop on Thursday, June 26th.

Hiring

- Sadly, Paul Ambrose Lythgo has resigned as Joblink Assistant Coordinator. We have hired Anthony Woo as the new Joblink Assistant.

Round Up

- I have begun working on Round Up (a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis) for September. The Bookstore will be working with us again this year, as well as the AMS businesses and hopefully Food Services.

Student Leadership Summit

- I have been working on a committee headed up by Chad Hyson to expand last year’s Student Leader Resource Fair into a half day summit for current student leaders, as part of their training for the coming year. The summit will include a resource fair, core workshop, café conversation and keynote address. The summit will take place on Monday, August 25th.

The International Conference on the First Year Experience

- This week I am attending the International Conference on the First Year Experience. I was invited by the VP Students Office in the hopes of gaining some insight into the first year transition process and how orientations at UBC affect this. So far the conference has been quite informative.

VP Students Office

- I met with Janet Teasdale to discuss student affairs issues. We discussed orientations on-campus and the direction they should be heading, a peer training model and how our two offices can be in closer contact, deciding that we would have monthly meetings.
- Along with Jared Wright, I attended a student affairs assessment workshop, hosted by the VP Students Office, which gave us some ideas of how we can better assess our student services.

Laura Best - VP Academic

Campus Development

- AMS’ OCP/University Boulevard website is now up
  - University Town survey is online! 30 responses so far: please fill it out and pass it on to your constituents.
- OCP Working Group has met and is coming up with a proposal for student consultation (run by students, for students) for September
- Sit on University Town Steering Committee

Teaching Excellence Initiative

- Put together proposal and presentation on Teaching Excellence Initiative (Proposal that there be accessible professor information, including teaching evaluations, available on the student services website)
- Met with Brian Sullivan, Brian Silzer, Janet Teasdale, Deanna Delvecchio (student senator-at-large), and Lisa Luscombe in regards to this proposal.
- Follow-up assigned to those present; another meeting to be held next week

Safety Issues
Met with Campus Safety Committee and discussed such issues as ad campaign for orientation, safety basket day and more!

Invited international student rep and First Nations rep to sit as regular guests on this committee.

Meet regularly with Safety Coordinator.

**Housing**

- Attended Housing Advisory Committee meeting where I learned about Innovative Housing Project
  - One of the proposed sites is the bosque of trees by the SUB; building is limited there because of our lease with UBC.
  - Will be meeting with those responsible for this project.
- Worked with Policy Analyst to draft letter in regards to housing loans for new faculty and upper level staff.

**Sexual Assault Support Centre**

- Will be hiring SASC Admin Coordinator this week.
- Met regularly with SASC Coordinator to discuss several issues (interviewing protocol, SASC signage).
- Re-sent SASC Survey to those who have not yet replied.

**University Commission**

- Vice-Chair (Brenda) is back and ready to go!
- Several projects on the go: TEI, Women’s Week, University Boulevard survey.

**Communications Planning Group**

- Looked over Inside UBC drafts.

**Safewalk Funding Proposal**

- Will have university’s response by Friday.
- Independent research on Travel Cuts lawsuit and tuition strategies at other schools

**Josh Bowman - VP Administration**

**Renovations Planning Group**

- Lower Level is right on schedule! We've chosen furniture, and have a decent idea of the timeline we're looking at for finishing up the renovations. We also took a look at Speakeasy's signage, and have recommended that we move some signs to facilitate optimum visibility and service provision.

**SAC**

- We reviewed several constitutions, and constituted a new club (The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of UBC), and sent out a draft of the new office, parking, and locker applications for the upcoming school year to clubs, constituencies, and resource groups. We are also looking into moving the Security Office to the Main Concourse, so that we can have a large space for the First Aid room in the lower level, and space for a club in the old Security Office (all parties involved are amenable to this move, and Renos has been looking into what needs to happen to set up the new spaces).

**Alcohol Policy Review Committee**

- The report is completed, and will be discussed during Committee Reports.

**Walter Gage**

- It went well! We discussed the recent faculty and staff golf tournament to raise money for the fund, and determined our financials for heading into the school year.

**Vandalism Committee** (an informal committee through the university and the AMS)

- We discussed the impacts of hate and bias vandalism, property damage, graffiti and tagging, and other types of vandalism on our campus. We split up into working groups, and are coming up with a long-term strategy for addressing the prevalence of vandalism at UBC.

**Sam Saini - VP External**
U-Pass

We have seen much progress with the U-Pass but we have yet to finalize the agreement. My apologies for the delay but most of the AMS issues have been resolved and the delays have been outside of our control for the most part. I will attempt to get the contract signed quickly such that it will give the council adequate time to review the contract before we sign off on it.

The side agreement has undergone some revisions and Bernie and I have commented on what we feel is a reasonable position for the AMS. Some of the issues outstanding with the side agreement are certain circumstances surrounding Regent College and the handling charge for collecting the U-Pass fee.

Implementation for the U-Pass has begun and the working group to discuss issues surrounding the day-to-day use of the pass and the proper reporting procedures. We have discussed the difficulties surrounding card distribution and there might be the chance that we will have to use the student card proxy for transit privileges past the previously agreed upon deadline of October 1, 2003.

Hopefully the Subsidy Committee will have enough members at the end of council meeting tonight to meet as the criteria that I have initially developed has to be ratified or changed. This is quite crucial as we would like to include the nature and spirit of the criteria within our side agreement.

The U-Pass Advisory Committee has seen its initial terms of reference drafted and will be undergoing some revisions soon. The main people involved in this are me and TREK employee Spencer Keys.

SUDS

Everything looks great and I have exhausted most of my time putting together this conference in the last little while. We now have approximately 42 delegates from many schools across the country and with a number of great speakers. We have finalized all of the speakers and are in the preliminary stages of putting the delegate packages together. We still need some volunteers and I would like to thank those Commissioners and Councilors that have agreed to help. We really do need your assistance so please sign-up if you can make it.

Athletics Facilities

In light of the recent Olympic announcements, there have been movements to construct a new arena facility on campus. Whereas the facility will most likely be a vast improvement over the existing Thunderbird Winter Sport Center, the AMS is concerned over student access in the facility and whether or not increased user fees are palatable.

CASA

We have drafted a letter to Premier Klein of Alberta regarding Bill 43. As mentioned before, some of the key sections of the bill have some effects on the power and necessity of SU’s which are of concern to us.

Brian Duong - VP Finance

AMS Budget Status

We have begun with the creation and elimination of account codes to promote accountability and transparency. Notables include the Sexual Assault Support Fund, and the Sexual Assault Initiatives fund and the movement of the many of the codes from Safety Committee to Safety Coordinator department. However the organization of many codes such as that of First Week are still outstanding.

Business Operations Committee

The BOC continues to discuss progress made in negotiations with Smart Media concerning a possible business arrangement involving the establishment of 2 kiosks in the SUB. More details will be available should the recommendation be made by BOC to Council. BOC meets again on July 10th.
The Honour Roll renovation continues on schedule but may fall behind slightly. We will have a better indication of this in the coming weeks. Honour Roll has also found itself $16,000 below budget in landlord and construction costs.

**Sponsorship/Fundraising**

I gave an orientation to the new member’s at large Brian MacLean and Jason Podur and Council member Chris Fennell discussing the current issues surrounding sponsorship and fundraising, progress thus far, and solicited feedback on how to move forward. The Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Friday, July 18th.

**Walter Gage Committee**

I attended a Walter Gage Committee meeting where we reviewed applications from the UBC Thunderbird Swimming team, the UBC Circle K Volunteers Club, a project called GEERing up!, the UBC Chinese Chess Club, the Thunderbird Women’s Field Hockey Team, the Nursing Undergraduate Society. The respective groups should be getting notification from the committee soon.

**Finance Commission**

Financial Awareness Days is progressing along nicely, as the focus has been contacting the various speakers, campus groups and maintaining regular communication with Joshua Mitchell of the Financial Aid Office.

We continue to be on the process of reviewing and approving submitted budgets. Myself, Stacey Chiu and Peter Fang have been giving treasurer orientations.

A database has been created for joint use between SAC and FinCom which will contain all grant, loan, budget, contract, and executive listing of each club and constituency.

The Finance Commission also looks to promote the Coke Event Sponsorship Fund this year.

FinCom has also granted the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society $200 from the Constituency Aid Fund for a leadership retreat.

**Vacation**

With the budget passed on the 18th, I took a vacation. I was away for 6 working days between June 30th and July 8th.

**F) Committee Reports:**

**G) Constituency Reports:**

- Quinn Omori - Arts Undergraduate Society
- Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
- Beth Moskowitz - Regent College
- Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
- Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Students Society
- Surina Sproul - Commerce Undergraduate Society
- Jessey Minhas - Dentistry Undergraduate Society
- Julia Ridley - Medicine Undergraduate Society

**H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:**

**Amina Rai - Board of Governors**

Went to the Banfield Marine Sciences Research Centre.

The Board of Governors Committee meetings take place tomorrow.

Received information for tuition allocation 2003/04.

**Chris Zappavigna - Senate**

Faculty of Science professor John Hepburn has been promoted to Dean of Science.
Sara Ahadi - Ombudsperson

Mark Hannesson has been hired as the Deputy Ombudsperson. I am very satisfied with his progress thus far. Bijan Ahmadian has also been hired as the Alternative Dispute Resolution Consultant.

Out of the 46 files opened since May 1st and the 7 cases that were carried over from the last fiscal year, 10 have been closed. Out of those 10 files, 5 were able to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement, 3 were referred to the Advocacy Office, 1 was referred to the Law Students’ Legal Advice Program, and 1 was referred to the Provincial Ombudsman.

Only 17 cases had been brought forward this time last year, indicating that the demand for our service has at the least tripled since last year. I believe the increase can be attributed to various promotional endeavors set forth by the Ombuds Office as well as to more effective and better informed referral systems within the AMS in general.

Attended the Workshop on Administrative Justice that was sponsored jointly by the Vice Presidents. This workshop was designed to provide those involved in administrative justice at UBC with a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of decision-makers and tribunal members.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated June 18, 2003 [SCD 185-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 28, 2003 [SCD 186-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 3, 2003 [SCD 187-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 9, 2003 [SCD 188-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 12, 2003 [SCD 189-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 16, 2003 [SCD 190-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 23, 2003 [SCD 191-004]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 10, 2003 [SCD 192-004]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 13, 2003 [SCD 193-004]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 15, 2003 [SCD 194-004]
Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated June 2, 2003 [SCD 195-004]
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated March 27, 2003 [SCD 196-004]
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated April 24, 2003 [SCD 197-004]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated April 25, 2003 [SCD 198-004]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated May 16, 2003 [SCD 199-004]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated May 30, 2003 [SCD 200-004]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council appoint Alison Atkinson to represent the AMS on the UBC Social Space Committee.”

“That Council appoint Spencer Keys to represent the AMS on the UBC Bookstore Advisory Committee.”
“That Council appoint Surina Sproul, Lana Rupp and Beth Moskowitz (Council members) to the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee.”

“That Council appoint Chris Fennell to represent the AMS on the Advisory Planning Committee for the UBC East Campus Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process.”

“That Council appoint Tim Leung to represent the AMS on the Advisory Planning Committee for the UBC South Campus Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process.” ... Carried

7. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS: [SCD 201-04]

“That Council approve the report ‘Code Amendments July 2003’ and amend the Code as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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Spencer Keys explained the proposed Code amendments. There were some housekeeping changes to do with definitions and names.
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Another change would raise the number of nominators needed for candidates in elections from 20 to 50. This would prevent 21 people sitting around in a room from nominating each other.
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Also, the VP Academic had suggested that her position be removed from a couple of committees: Compensation Review and the Communications Planning Group (CPG).
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Laura Best said it would be better to wait for the Code and Policies Committee’s overall look at committee reform and to table the changes to CPG and Compensation Review.
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Spencer Keys said these were minor changes, so he did not approve waiting.
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Oana Chirila said the changes were substantive, especially the changing of who would chair Compensation Review.

8. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“That motion #7 be divided.” ... Carried

9. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve the report ‘Code Amendments July 2003’ and amend the Code as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee excluding Section 5, Article 9 and Section 7, Article 3, 1(c).”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

10. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:
“That Council approve the report ‘Code Amendments July 2003’ and amend the Code as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee excluding Section 5, Article 9 and Section 7, Article 3, 1(c).”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve the report ‘Code Amendments July 2003’ and amend the Code as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee (Section 5, Article 9 and Section 7, Article 3, 1(c).)”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Alan Warkentin questioned the need to delay the committee changes. The Code and Policies Committee (CPC) had already discussed this.

Sameer Wahid asked if something had changed since the discussions at CPC.

Oana Chirila said nothing had changed; just it was illogical to do piecemeal reform if there was going to be overall reform.

Spencer Keys said the VP Academic had been at the CPC meeting discussing these changes and had thought them to be good. In any case, Comp Review would not meet till January, and the change to CPG was simply to replace the VP Academic with the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, which would simply fulfill the original intent of the position on CPG: to have the person in charge of Services on it.

Oana Chirila said CPG had not been informed.

13. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

14. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve the report ‘Code Amendments July 2003’ and amend the Code as recommended by the Code and Policies Committee (Section 5, Article 9 and Section 7, Article 3, 1(c).)”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Sameer Wahid (abstained) ... Defeated

15. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS: [SCD 202-04]

“That Council amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Graduating Class as outlined in the report entitled “Grad Class Constitution and Bylaw Revision” on the recommendation of both the Grad Class Council Executive and the AMS Code and Policies Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Sameer Wahid said the Grad Class Council (GCC) is unable to meet to change its constitution and bylaws, but AMS Council has the power to do this. The GCC bylaws and constitution were out of date and needed changing. The major changes include creating an Executive Committee, removing representatives from faculties that don’t pay the grad class fee (thus ending representation without taxation), and establishing higher monetary limits for the grad class gifts.

In response to a question from Chris Fennell, Sameer Wahid said graduate students do not pay the grad fee: it is paid by undergraduates in their final year.

In response to a question from Josh Bowman, Sameer Wahid said the changes would not affect the duties of the SAC Secretary.

16. MOVED SAMEER WAHID, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Graduating Class as outlined in the report entitled “Grad Class Constitution and Bylaw Revision” on the recommendation of both the Grad Class Council Executive and the AMS Code and Policies Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

17. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED DANIEL YOKOM: [SCD 203-04]

"Whereas the AMS is in the process of developing an alcohol policy affecting many of the Society's activities, and
Whereas this policy will include a training program to be overseen by SAC,
Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the following amendments to Section VIII B, Article 2 of the Code of Procedure:

Article 2. Powers and Duties of SAC

1. In addition to those powers and duties set out in the Bylaws, SAC shall:
...

(m) have such powers and duties in relation to Student Resource Groups as are stipulated in Section XI of the Code; and

(n) establish regulations concerning alcohol consumption in the SUB and publish such regulations in the SAC Policy Handbook;

(o) collaborate with the Food and Beverage Manager, or that Manager’s designate, and the Safety Coordinator in order to work out the details of an alcohol training program for Subsidiary Organizations and Student Resource Groups; and

(np) have such other powers and duties as are assigned by Council or the Executive Committee from time to time.

[Additions are indicated by bold italics. Deletions are indicated by scoring through (like so).]"

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:
The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated May 13, 2003 [SCD 204-004]
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated June 3, 2003 [SCD 205-004]

N) **Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:**

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated May 1, 2003 [SCD 206-004]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated May 12, 2003 [SCD 207-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated May 16, 2003 [SCD 208-004]

O) **Other Business, including Notices of Motion:**

*Alcohol Policy* [SCD 210-04]

Josh Bowman said he had first planned to bring a comprehensive policy to Council to show the overall vision of the AMS on alcohol consumption, but at the latest meeting of the Code and Policies Committee (CPC), it was decided that it would be better to first let SAC start the proposed new training program associated with the policy while CPC reviewed the whole policy. The draft of the policy had been the product of a collaborative effort including staff and students. The policy would be brought back to Council when it was perfect.

He added that it was good to be pro-active in this way, especially in the light of incidents at places like Waterloo, where the Administration had acted with a heavy hand.

P) **Discussion Period:**

Q) **Submissions:**

- Notes of AMS and WAVAW meeting dated May 13, 2003 [SCD 211-004]
- Notes of AMS and WAVAW meeting dated June 14, 2003 [SCD 212-004]
- Notes of meeting re disability issues at UBC dated June 10, 2003 [SCD 213-004]
- Notes of meeting re Wellness at Firstweek dated June 10, 2003 [SCD 214-004]
- Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated May 8, 2003 [SCD 215-004]
- Notes of Teaching Excellence meeting dated July 3, 2003 [SCD 216-004]
- Rationale for Council Agenda motions [SCD 217-004]

R) **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on August 13, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) **Adjournment:**

18. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.”
... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Megan Cassidy, Tyler Bryant (AMS Safewalk), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (Public Relations Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

D) President's Remarks:

CPG:

< The PR Department and the Communications Planning Group have been extremely busy in the past month, with numerous projects being handled at once. Lots of improvements are being made and we are hoping for a very successful start to the academic year!

Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities:

< This project is going well with the two co-editors working wonderfully together. Meetings have been held with Brian Sullivan and Janet Teasdale, who have offered their support, as well as with the GSS and the SLFS.

Inside UBC update:

< The Inside UBC printing was delayed at the printers and the handbooks should be arriving shortly.

AMS Website:

< The online payment system has been in the works for a couple of months and problems have plagued the outside vendor we contracted with.

AMS Welcome Letter:

< The Registrar’s Office has provided the AMS with contact information for registered students who are paying AMS fees. This will allow us to send out a welcome message (most likely by email, to minimize costs.)

Exec:

< The Exec will be putting on a weekly workshop series similar to the GSS Grad Nooners. Topics will vary from week to week and Constituencies are encouraged to participate.

SUDS:

< Congratulations to the VP External for the outstanding SUDS conference he ran from July 14 – 18. The feedback from the delegates both during and after the conference has been excellent. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped out with this huge endeavour. I had the pleasure of presenting on the tuition situation in BC, and the conference had excellent attendance from across the country, including the national chairpersons of both CASA and the CFS.

Bill 43:

< Premier Ralph Klein replied to the letter the AMS sent outlining concerns regarding the proposed Bill 43 legislation in Alberta and what it would mean for students societies.

Orientations:
<b>With AMS Orientations, International Student Orientation, and Imagine UBC coming up soon, I have been busy with speech-writing and preparation efforts.</b>

<b>Food For Fines:</b>

The great news is that the UBC Librarian seems very excited about working with the AMS on a Food For Fines campaign similar to those that are run by other University Libraries across the country.

<b>Presidents Roundtable:</b>

At yesterday President’s Roundtable, attended by Medicine, Commerce, Science and Arts, I had the chance to meet the Constituency Presidents and talk about current issues affecting them and the AMS. A main concern for all Constituencies seems to be online elections, as many run smaller elections at the end of September and beginning of October. Hopefully with the hiring of a new EA, the AMS can help facilitate the process.

<b>GAP Trial:</b>

The judge finalized the judgment and the plaintiffs have agreed not to appeal.

<b>Travelcuts Lawsuit update:</b>

Due to another lawsuit our lawyers are involved in that will be held in Bosnia for approximately 4 months, the Travelcuts court date has been postponed to the spring.

<b>CFS AGM:</b>

For the first time in years, the AMS President, VP External and for some reason the VP Academic have been invited to the CFS BC AGM being held in Victoria from August 21 – 25.

<b>Health and Dental Plan Committee:</b>

The HDPC has been dealing with an ongoing appeal case. The committee has also been discussing our options for a possible referendum to change the plan for 2004/2005. The current thoughts are to run this referendum in January to allow time for gathering feedback and preparing a really good plan during the first semester.

<b>University Issues:</b>

Met with Byron Braley and Michelle Aucoin

The IPF agreement is still in the works.

Discussed the University efforts regarding corporate responsibility and ethical investing through their Business Relations Committee, which the AMS President apparently sits on.

Will be getting copies of the University’s survey of Athletics which was done in preparation for the business plan.

<b>Government Relations:</b>

The VP External and I have been meeting regularly with the Associate VP Government Relations, Allan Tupper to discuss our priorities in lobbying and how we can coordinate with the University.

We are setting up meetings for the end of August and the month of September with the Ministry of Advanced Education and with local MPs and MLAs.

We are also coordinating a mid-October trip to Ottawa to coincide with the CASA conference, and will hopefully be able to meet with the opposition parties then.

<b>UBC Childcare:</b>

I met with Barbara Crocker, the Associate Director at the UBC Awards and Financial Aid office, to discuss the details of the Evelyn Lett Childcare Bursary.

The original set-up of the endowment fund is quite inflexible, but could only be changed if the Awards office absolutely could not administer the bursary. This is not the case.

About 15 – 20 bursaries of up to $2,000 are awarded each year to students who are parents and need assistance with paying for childcare. The bursary does not specify that UBC Childcare has to be used, leaving the choice up to the parent. This would make it very difficult to change the bursary to administration per space instead of per person.

<b>VP Academic Search Committee:</b>
I have continued serving on the advisory committee to Dr. Piper’s search for the new UBC VP Academic and Provost, replacing Barry McBride.

The list of candidates is being finalized and narrowed down to a manageable number for interviews first with the Consultant, and then with the Committee.

Community Development:

I attended a meeting organized by the new Community Development person at Counselling Services. The group that met is looking at ways to address broad campus issues in a community-focused way.

United Way:

Kick-off of the annual campaign is on August 17th.

Tuition Story:

I gave interviews to the media yesterday regarding the report released by StatsCan on tuition increases across the country. The story was picked up by the Globe and Mail and the Vancouver Sun.

And finally, congratulations to Olivia Bateman, AMS Receptionist, who gave birth to a baby girl named Emma Lee!

E) Executive Reports:

Josh Bowman - VP Administration

SAC:

- Council members can apply for parking spaces; should speak with Lynden or Josh.
- Locker/Office/Parking allocations finalized; moving has begun, and will continue into September.
- Several new clubs have been constituted, including: Argentine Tango Club and Spanish Club.
- Clubs have RSVP'd to International Student Orientation Event to happen on the 27th of August.
- Club forum was held with SAC and Finance Commission; very successful. It was held with some of the bigger and more involved clubs on campus.
- Hired sixth commissioner, and we now have hired for every position in SAC. The new Clubs External Commissioner is Sean J. Seiler.

Renovations Planning Group:

- Lower Level Phase 2 is finished, but for inspections and a few extra repairs to be done.
- Michael Kingsmill has begun meeting with engineers regarding the Bike Hub design and costs.
- The sushi bar looks great!

Impacts Committee:

- Working on project to reduce garbage in the SUB; phase one is beginning, starting with one new container in the lower level which will allow students to compost post-consumer waste. Farm Aid: coming up on Sept. 19th; it is an event to support the farm. Contact me for more details.
- Christina Wilmer, our SAC Facilities Commissioner, has created a comprehensive signage project, which has gone through CPG. We will be working on improving signage and on a way-finding system in the building.

Vandalism:

- We have been working in a task force involving different AMS and UBC stakeholders to address vandalism on campus, and have started work on a new marketing strategy based on social norming theory.

Inter-Faculty Publishing Office:
Working out final details on agreement, should be ready to sign shortly.

Safety Theatre:
- Been working with Sarah, the Safety Coordinator, rehearsing for safety theatre project.

Alcohol Policy and Training Program:
- Alcohol policy itself has been referred to Code and Policies.
- Alcohol Training Program has been passed through SAC, and is being designed by a group of staff and students, to be provided as of September.

Cob Farm Project:
- I have been working with Deanna Delvecchio and other students (including Laura Best) on a cob (natural building) project at the UBC farm, which will promote an alternate model for sustainable living.

Laura Best - VP Academic

Campus Development:
- Student Summit: Have been working with the OCP Working Group to plan Student Summit and focus groups on campus development (specifically University Boulevard).
  - met with University to discuss collaboration in this project.
  - Student Feedback form going well.
- Farm: Met with Farm Manager to discuss how to ensure farm is a priority in upcoming developments.
  - put together a preliminary policy (with help from Tim Leung) as directed by the OCP Working Group.

Safety Initiatives:
- Amazing Safety Race: sit on planning committee for this event (a scavenger hunt of safety resources for international students).
  - have been helping organize clues and route, prizes and food.
- Firstweek: There are a number of wellness/safety campaigns in Firstweek that i have been helping the Safety Coordinator and Wellness Commissioner coordinate.
- Safety/Security Audit of SUB: Met with a number of stakeholders to discuss safety and personal security in the SUB.
  - Safety Committee will be working on doing a survey to find out how best to address safety needs in the SUB.
  - Working with Safety Coordinator and Josh to come up with safety/security poster for club and employee offices.
- Went to meeting regarding Crime and Disclosure (between AMS and Campus Security).
- Will be attending follow-up meetings.
- SASC Breakfast taking place on August 27th.

Safewalk Funding:
- We have received $30,000 per year for 3 years from the University for funding for Safewalk ($15,000 for ongoing costs, $15,000 for one time and equipment costs).
  - Met with Dani Bryant, Tyler Bryant and Brian Duong and responded to Brian Sullivan that the allocation of fund in such a manner is not the best for the service; we will be meeting to discuss this in the coming weeks.

Appointments:
- Coordinated appointments of Mini-School Coordinator, SASC Administrative Coordinator, Clubs External Commissioner (SAC), and Tutoring Assistant Coordinator.

Teaching Excellence Initiative:
- Met with stakeholders regarding TEI, got buy-in from UBC (Brian Sullivan and Brian Silzer).
- Will be meeting with associate deans and SISC Advisory Committee in the Fall.
UCom:

- New projects that Vice-Chair and Commissioners are working on include:
  - Speakers Spotlight.
  - Diversity Fairs with SAC involving clubs.
  - Women’s Week.

Other things I did and will do:

- Attended the Teaching Excellence Reception to honour the best professors and TA’s (Dr. Piper’s house).
- Sit on the Policy 72 Committee.
- Edited copy of the Inside UBC.
- Attended Communications Planning Group meetings.
- Attended and chaired Budget Committee meetings regarding Ombudsoffice change in special projects line items.
- Met with the Chair of the Ombuds Advisory Committee
- Attended orientation for AMS Orientation Guides.
- Will be attending the CFS AGM.
- Dinner at Al Poettcker’s house (he is head of UBC Properties Trust).

Brian Duong - VP Finance

Business Operations:

- Was in constant discussion and negotiations with Smart Media Group, and meeting with BOC to ensure that concerns were met.
- Have been discussing the implementation of the “digital doorman” which will ensure the identification of fake id’s, duplicated id’s, and id’s used more than once in a night. This measure will show the AMS’ commitment towards practicing due diligence.
- Sushi Bar will be commencing training as of Monday, samples may be distributed.

Budget Committee:

- Met to discuss issues surrounding the Ombuds office budget, and budget overrun.
- Met with Tyler Bryant, Dani Bryant, and Laura Best to discuss the acceptance and spending surrounding the Safewalk funding offer sent by the University. We felt it was in our best interests to return to the university to ask for more in operational funding and less in asset and equipment funding.

Fundraising and Sponsorship:

- The Committee met July 18th, to discuss issues surrounding fundraising as well as the proposed job description of the fundraiser and structure in relation to the sponsorship aspect of the AMS.
- Met with Kate Woznow to discuss more sources and practices of evaluating ethical standards of companies which my wish to engage in sponsorship relations with the AMS.
- The committee meets again Friday August 15th, to discuss any outstanding issues regarding fundraising and sponsorship.

Finance Commission:

- 150 clubs submitted 90 approved, treasurers continue to be oriented.
- In our meeting with the most influential and largest clubs of UBC, and solicited feedback regarding fundraising opportunities, the online budget process, and possible joint projects.

Other Meetings:

- Along with Bernie, met with Arlene Chan and Byron Braley to discuss issues regarding the Coke deal, and agreed to form a sub-committee to ensure that the university and the AMS can bring back an offer that is of value to the AMS from Coke. I will be sitting on this sub-committee.
- August 11th, Attended a meeting with Byron Braley and Mark Crosby at the University level to discuss the fee assessment for handling the U-Pass monies from the students.
Attended a ceremony honoring outstanding TA’s and teachers at Martha Piper’s Mansion.

Also have been attending Renos, Impacts, and Health and Dental Plan meetings.

FAD:

Planning and promotions are going well. Confirmed spaces at Totem, Vanier and the SUB for the event. Topics of discussion will surround various opportunities they have regarding scholarships, bursaries, the Canada Student Loan Program, and the Canadian Millennium Scholarships. There will also be presentations on financial planning and investing. RRSP and Savings, avoiding credit card debt, and balancing school life with work.

Confirmed speakers include myself, Greg Stoddard from CIBC Wood Gundy, Ian Suter from Illico Investments, Josh Mitchell from the Financial Aid office, Scott Hannah from Credit Counseling of BC.

The seminars happen from the 9th to the 11th. I encourage Council members to help promote the event through their constituencies.

Sam Saini - VP External

U-Pass:

The agreement has been completed and it looks pretty good. We had some final details surrounding the sponsorship details but they have been resolved. I will be going over it in Council tonight such that we can pass a motion to sign the agreement for a 2 year period ending in April 2005.

Implementation for the U-Pass has been discussed with TREK and we will be setting up information booths in key location across campus to really promote the U-pas and its side benefits. As many of you might know we had some miscommunications around the start date of the program. It was initially understood by the AMS and the University that we would be able to start on August 15th. However, all three parties agreed to use the UBC-Card as a proxy for the first month to allow us time to print the U-Pass card and this, in the opinion of TransLink will cause too much fraudulent use of the program to allow for the August 15th start date. Coupled with the fact that TransLink had notified all of its personnel and bus operators of a September 1st start date, we agreed to the September 1st start date for the sake of getting the deal done. Furthermore, card production is being pushed along rapidly as well. The systems personnel designing the card printing operation has near completed the construction of the set-up. We are awaiting the arrival of printers from TransLink to commence printing of the cards, but the timing of their arrival may prevent us from batch printing many cards. These difficulties regarding card production might push the proxy date past the initially agreed upon October 1st date. This depends on how well the printing operation works and whether or not we are in a position to produce these cards by that date. These types of negotiations are being handled in a separate agreement with TransLink and the University.

The side agreement between the AMS and the University is nearing completion as well. We are in discussion with the University with respect to the handling costs of collecting the U-Pass fee through the Universities system. This is a substantial amount of money that we feel should not be paid by the AMS and hopefully we can come to some understanding with the University. We also haven’t resolved the greenhouse gas credits issue and this might give us some bargaining leverage with respect to the handling fee issue.

The U-Pass Subsidy Committee has met and drafted its initial Subsidy criteria and they have been posted on the U-Pass website. We will be meeting shortly to create a detailed version of the subsidy criteria so if you have any input regarding the criteria, please let me know and the committee will take it into account before we publish the procedural aspects of the committee.
The U-Pass Advisory Committee has seen its initial terms of reference drafted and will be undergoing some revisions soon. The focus of this committee will be to direct the non-transit portion of the U-Pass program. This allows for more student input into developing initiatives for transportation alternatives on campus.

The Merchant Discount Program is coming along great. We have had many companies approach us wanting to participate which is great and reassures us that people are becoming aware of this end of U-Pass program. Currently we have some nightclubs, Canadian Tire, Alliance Atlantis Cinemas, and Mountain Equipment Co-Op. The nature of our relationship is being finalized with these partners. Currently the issue rests on how much advertising we can offer these companies on campus and at student events.

I have discussed some safety initiatives with a group of safety providers on campus and with TransLink. We agree that safety information explaining transit safety should be readily available for our students who will now be taking transit regularly. We have discussed potential methods of getting this information out there as well as its delivery method; however, funding for any of these types of initiatives needs to be established.

SUDS:

The External Commission and I did a wonderful job this year organizing and helping with SUDS. This was the largest symposium that we have seen in 2 years and the delegates were very impressed by the number of services that the AMS offers as well as the structure of our organization and how it involves many students. Dr. Piper spoke at the conference and we received great reviews about her perspective on lobbying. We also had Paul Patterson, Associate Director of UBC Public Affairs, give a very interesting presentation about analyzing a news story and how the media attempts to “mold” the presentation of facts to manipulate a persons senses. In addition, I would like to thank our volunteers and staff that helped make this event, especially the PR department that scrambled like mad to get things done and made this such a special event.

Athletics Facilities:

Our committee had a meeting where we discussed principles of Athletic and Recreational facility development which was passed by the OCP Working Group. I am in the process of trying to meet with University personnel to discuss student use of the new ice rink facility and that will be built in the upcoming years. UBC also released news that they have agreed to build a rowing boathouse to house the Varsity Rowing Programs. I am trying to find out more information regarding the financing of this new complex but it does look like private donors have made this happen and we should be sure that student athletic fees aren’t used excessively to maintain the upkeep of this building.

CASA:

We have hired some new staff at the head office. Kim Steele has been hired as the Policy and Research Analyst and Mike Marin is the new Communications Coordinator. Both of these individuals have respectable credibility to field these roles and the membership is excited to have them aboard. Erin Stevenson and Aaron Dougan are leaving the organization and they deserve the appreciation of the AMS for the hard work they have put in improving the quality of education for all Canadians. The policy committee is beginning our discussions on the nature of grants and how they fit into the bigger picture of our vision for student financial aid for the years to come. The three major areas that we want to discuss are grants for social equity, grants for high need, and grants within the conventional loan programs.

Government Relations:

I have begun to review the Ministry of Advanced Educations paper on the roles and mandates of PSE institutions. There is some room for students to have some say in this paper and it would be great discuss this with some of the senior staff from the Ministry of Advanced Education. We currently have some meetings with scheduled to meet these people in late
August and this will be a great opportunity for the AMS to enhance its relationship with that Ministry.
< I have also applied to be on the Standing Committee for Student Financial Aid and the Appeals Committee for Student Financial Assistance. Hopefully my nominations will be accepted as these committees will give the AMS some insight into how the SFA program functions in B.C.
< Jared and I met with the CFS last week to discuss some potential working relationships with that organization. We do have some similar objectives in mind and hopefully we will get more information at the AGM in late August to gauge our level of involvement with certain campaigns.

Student Leadership Conference:
< Had a brief meeting with Chad Hyson from the Student Development Office with regards to this years conference. I will be co-chairing the conference this year and hopefully we will be able to see more club involvement through SAC at the conference as well.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services
< Working on Imagine UBC and Firstweek.
< Colin Jack is the new AMS Mini School Coordinator.
< Working on the Leadership Summit.
< Eliza Weller is the new Street Team Leader.
< AMS Orientations started on Monday.
< Shinerama will run over two days this year.
< Hiring for Safewalk and Speakeasy positions.
< Working on safety initiative.
< Attended meeting regarding the Cold Beverage Sponsorship Fund.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:
Andrew Lawrenson - Law Students’ Association
Quinn Omori - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jennifer Lo - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Joel Atwater - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Students Society
Beth Moskowitz - Regent College
Raj Mathur - Music Students’ Association

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Amina Rai - Board of Governors
< The Board of Governors approved the SUS Social Space.
< Attended Committee meetings.
< Looked at the BoG decision making process.
< Will be meeting with Dr. Piper regarding issues of transparency.
< Laura and I attended a Board of Governors reception.
< Attended SUDS conference.

Chris Ste-Croix - Senate
< Senate does not meet in the summer.
Sara Ahadi - Ombudsperson

Employment:

Chad Trytten has been hired as a Computer Assistant. Chad will be in the office 5 hours per week. He will be entering cases into the computer database, performing general office duties and assisting Bijan Ahmadian with ConRes workshops.

Cases:

Since May 1st we have opened 60 cases, 7 were carried over from the previous fiscal year. We have closed 17 cases at present. This leaves us with 50 open cases.

Miscellaneous:

Sara Ahadi will be away from August 11, 2003 until August 26, 2003. Mark Hannesson (Deputy Ombudsperson) will be handling her case load.

C) Presentations to Council:

U-Pass - Sam Saini (VP External Affairs) [SCD 218-004]

Questions:

- Dan Yokom asked about the reimbursement procedures for students in residence. Sam Saini said that UBC is waiting until mid-September to determine who is in residence and then will credit those students’ accounts.
- Kate Woznow asked whether this had been advertised. Sam Saini said the information is on the website and in the information book, but not on the rave cards because there is more important information that needs to be advertised there.
- Julia Ridley asked how new students will know anything about the U-Pass. Sam Saini said the information is being communicated through the website and by e-mail; also, UBC says the material they send out will include reference to the website.
- Dave Tompkins asked for details about what happened to the plan to provide passes beginning August 15 instead of September 1. Sam Saini said the AMS negotiators had thought the August 15 start date was still on, but Translink said No because they were worried about already graduated students using their UBC card.

Smart Media - Brian Duong (VP Finance) [SCD 258-004]

- Brian Duong said Smart Media (SMG) estimated the AMS would make $245,000 a year through its two machines; the AMS would get a percentage of the advertising revenue and a percentage of the transaction revenue. Smart Media was willing to guarantee $120,000 a year to the AMS.

Questions:

- Alan Warkentin asked why students would choose to do transactions at the machines when that would cost them $1.50. Brian Duong said they would do it for the coupons. But if they didn’t, SMG was still guaranteeing payment of the $120,000.
- Dave Tompkins asked about vandalism. Brian Duong said SMG would be responsible for fixing it.
- Dan Yokom asked if the AMS had looked into other companies. Bernie Peets said the AMS is often approached, but this company has the wherewithal and they have been working at Western and seem to be viable.
- Quinn Omori asked if there was an audio component to the machines which would produce excessive noise on the main concourse. Brian Duong said the sound would only
be heard right at the machines. - Joel Atwater asked about placement of the machines. Brian Duong said the one dispensing cash would be in the South Alcove and the one just displaying ads would be near the Arcade.
- Chris Fennell asked about the price of the coupons from the non-cash dispensing machine. Brian Duong said the coupons from that machine would be free; there would be no $1.50 charge.
- Kate Woznow asked about the sort of advertising Smart Media brought in at other universities. Was it things like Nike or more like ads for campus pubs? Brian Duong said it was corporate advertising.

1. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED JOSH MCNORTON:

“That Council extend question period by ten minutes.”
... Defeated

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated July 9 [SCD 219-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 2, 2003 [SCD 220-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 7, 2003 [SCD 221-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 11, 2003 [SCD 222-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 14, 2003 [SCD 223-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 21, 2003 [SCD 224-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 28, 2003 [SCD 225-004]
Minutes of the AMS Safety Committee dated June 23, 2003 [SCD 231-004]
Minutes of the AMS Safety Committee dated July 21, 2003 [SCD 232-004]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated July 11, 2003 [SCD 233-004]
[SCD 234-004]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated July 23, 2003
Minutes of the U-Pass Subsidy Committee dated July 10, 2003 [SCD 235-004]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN: [SCD 236-004]

“That Council approve the August 11, 2003 draft of the tri-party U-Pass Agreement between the Alma Mater Society of UBC, the University of British Columbia and Translink as presented.”

Note: Spencer Keys - abstained ... Carried

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion: [SCD 237-004]
3. MOVED ________________________________________________________________
   SECONDED ____________________________________________________________
   
   “Whereas at present, for financial and political reasons, it is in the best interest for the AMS to
discontinue its involvement as a plaintiff in the lawsuit over the transfer of assets and liabilities
from the AOSC to CFSS (Travel Cuts lawsuit);

   Be it resolved that the AMS withdraw as a plaintiff in the Travel Cuts lawsuit.”

The Speaker ruled this motion out of order, saying it contradicted the motion passed by Council in 1999
in which Council voted to enter into the Travelcuts lawsuit. He said there could not be two contradictory
motions in place at the same time, but he would entertain a motion to rescind the 1999 motion. He added
that if a motion to rescind came forward now, it would require two-thirds to pass, but if notice were given
for a subsequent meeting, then only 50% plus one would be required.

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

4. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

   "Whereas AMS members voted by referendum in 1999 in favour of implementing the AMS/GSS
Health and Dental Plan and subsequently reinforced this decision by voting in a further
referendum in 2001 to continue to participate in the Plan; and

   Whereas the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan continues to be very popular with students, and
Plan use has consistently been very high; and

   Whereas the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee has concluded its negotiations with
insurance companies; and

   Whereas the result of the bidding process has been that the Health and Dental Plan fee would
have to rise to $215 to maintain the current benefits in the Plan; and

   Whereas according to the 1999 referendum, the Health and Dental Plan fee can rise to $187 this
year to account for inflation,

   Therefore be it resolved that AMS members be assessed $187 for the policy year of September 1,
2003 to August 31, 2004, and that Health and Dental benefits be adjusted as recommended by the
AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee."

   Andrew Lawrenson asked what benefits would change. Oana Chirila said the dental coverage
maximum had been lowered from $750 to $500. This was the lowest impact cut that could be
made. It affected only dental coverage, not the extended medical part of the plan.

5. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

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... Carried

6. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE: [SCD 238-004]

"Whereas on May 14, 2003, Council was advised of ongoing discussions with Smart Media regarding the installation of two Telesmart machines in the Student Union Building; and

Whereas the Business Operations Committee has recommended entering into a contract with Smart Media for the installation of the Telesmart machines;

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the contract between Smart Media Group and the AMS."

- Brian Duong said the agreement would help AMS finances and support AMS services. It would ensure long-term fiscal security. Concerns about oversight for the advertising had been addressed.
- Kate Woznow said the agreement was tempting, since it was such a lot of money, but she cautioned against rushing into another commercialization arrangement. At a time when the AMS is critiquing the University for commercializing the campus, the AMS has to think about its message.
- Andrew Lawrenson said the agreement was a chance to raise a huge amount of money. He said if the advertising is offensive, it can be removed after two years.
- Chris Ste-Croix asked where the money would go. Brian Duong said the Budget Committee will meet to discuss this, but with the Coke deal expiring, the AMS needs to prepare alternative sources of revenue to cushion the blow. In general, the money would go to supporting student projects.
- Alan Warkentin said this was better than the Coke deal because the AMS would have the choice whether to extend it after two years or to pull out. The money would be going to things like Safewalk, making people safer. He said people would put up with gaudy plasma screens because the money from them would support services. And the AMS needs the money.
- Spencer Keys said this would be student-controlled commercialization, which would be different from University-controlled commercialization. The AMS will control what appears in the SUB. Also, the AMS is not in a great financial situation.
- Scott Price asked if Council wanted action or intent. With the Smart Media money, the AMS could go out and help students.
Amina Rai said there were moral principles at issue here concerning commercialization. Students face advertising everywhere. She expressed concern about students becoming zombie-like watching the ads on the machines.

The Speaker said that since the proposed agreement was not political, it did not need a two-thirds vote in favour.

7. MOVED JACKIE LIU, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

8. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

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9. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council omnibus agenda motions 4 - 8.”

... Carried

10. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI;

“That Council appoint Joshua Caulkins to represent the AMS on the Advisory Planning Committee for the UBC North Campus Neighbourhood Plan Planning Process.”

“That Council appoint ________________________________ (Council member) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint ________________________________ (Council member) to the Impacts Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint ________________________________ (Council member) to the Campus Safety Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Jennifer Lo (Council Member) to the Communications Planning Group for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

... Carried

**M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:**

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 26, 2003 [SCD 239-004]
N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated June 2, 2003 [SCD 241-004]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated June 23, 2003 [SCD 242-004]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated July 14, 2003 [SCD 243-004]
Minutes of the External Commission dated April 25, 2003 [SCD 244-004]
Minutes of the External Commission dated May 13, 2003 [SCD 245-004]
Minutes of the External Commission dated May 27, 2003 [SCD 246-004]
Minutes of the External Commission dated June 12, 2003 [SCD 247-004]
Minutes of the External Commission dated June 17, 2003 [SCD 248-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated June 12, 2003 [SCD 249-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated July 11, 2003 [SCD 250-004]

11. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council appoint Sean J. Seiler to the Student Administrative Commission on the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term commencing August 13, 2003 and ending May 1, 2004.”

... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:

< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated June 19, 2003 [SCD 251-004]
< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated July 2, 2003 [SCD 252-004]
< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated July 23, 2003 [SCD 253-004]
< Notes of AMS Safety/Security Audit of SUB dated July 31, 2003 [SCD 254-004]
< Minutes of the Amazing Safety Race Meeting dated July 28, 2003 [SCD 255-004]
[SCD 256-004]
< Notes of the Teaching Excellence Initiative Meeting dated July 29, 2003 [SCD 257-004]
< Appointment of Julia Payson as the Sexual Assault Support Centre Coordinator

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on August 27, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

12. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.”

... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Lynden Wei (SAC Secretary), Brian MacLean (Allies at UBC), Jason Podur (Social Justice Centre), Rhyannon O’Heron (Pride UBC), Kate Hunc (Women’s Centre), Geraldine Pelanno (Colour Connected), Jonathan Hanvelt (Allies at UBC), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (Public Relations Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant), Sameer Wahid (Chair)

O) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

The Chair was passed to Sameer Wahid at 6:15 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

K) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

<Allies at UBC - Jonathan Hanvelt/AMS Resource Groups [SCD 259-004]

- Jon Hanvelt said the proposed new Allies Resource Group will consist of men working against gender violence and inequality and working to deconstruct masculinity. The aim is for members of the dominant group in society to take action against oppression by allying with disempowered groups, particularly women.
- He said the current group stems from the White Ribbon campaign launched four years ago and also from the more recent XY workshops at which men meet to talk about sexual assault.
- He said the proposed new Resource Group hopes to be self-sufficient, raising its own money through such functions as the White Ribbon breakfast.
- He said the new Resource Group would provide a space for men with an anti-violence agenda.
- Representatives from the five current Resource Groups all expressed support for Allies.

Questions:

- Dave Tompkins asked if the group would be predominantly made up of men. Jon Hanvelt said the mandate of the group was men working as allies. Women could be members, but would not serve on the executive.
- Brian Duong asked how many members were currently in the group. Jon Hanvelt said last year there were 12 or 13 active members, along with others who were less active. He said five or six new people had expressed interest.
- Chris Ste-Croix asked about women on the group’s steering committee. Jon Hanvelt said there will be a steering committee that can step in if the group deviates from its mandate, and there is a guarantee that 33% of its members will be women.
- In response to questions about funding, Jon Hanvelt said the Allies group did not think it should be drawing on the fund allocated to the Resource Groups collectively. He said that Allies would not ask for a cut of that fund, though it might ask for money for specific expenses, for instance to purchase a computer.
- Oana Chirila asked if Allies had been a club for two years, as required by Code. Jon Hanvelt said Allies was the evolution of a club called Coalition against Homophobia which had been in existence for two years. He said the point of the two-year rule is to show there has been sustained interest in a group, and there has been that.

D) President’s Remarks:

CPG:

- Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities
  - The two co-editors, Sameer and Maya, have finished writing and we are waiting to meet with the VP Students office to discuss where we go from here.

Inside UBC Update:

- The Inside UBC is here! It looks awesome – great job to the two editors Jon and Chris, and to the amazing help they had from everyone at the AMS!

AMS Website:

- The website content is being inputted and we are hoping to launch for testing shortly, with the new website going up in mid-September.

AMS Welcome Letter:

- This is the most exciting thing all summer! About 35,000 students received our Welcome Letter by email on Friday – hopefully they will better understand what the AMS is and this should clarify the unavoidable questions we get in September.

Executive Committee:

- The Exec and the AMS Staff have been preparing for FirstWeek and the Welcome Back BBQ. Make sure you buy your wristbands for FirstWeek as soon as possible, and come out for free cotton candy and your copy of the Inside UBC on Tuesday September 2nd.

Orientations:

- I have been participating in GSS Orientations, International Student Orientations, and Transfer Student Orientations. Coming up are: Mature Student Orientations, Parent Orientations and Imagine UBC. I also participated in a dinner/roundtable with the Housing Presidents.

Tuition:

- Brian Sullivan and Michelle Aucoin began their consultation tour with the Exec meeting last week. They will be visiting AMS Council on September 10th.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:

- The Committee has been developing a survey for students regarding which benefits are most needed/wanted in preparation for next year’s benefit package negotiations.

University Issues:

- Met with Byron Braley and Michelle Aucoin.

- The IPF agreement is still in the works.

- Discussed the University efforts regarding corporate responsibility and ethical investing through their Business Relations Committee, which the AMS President apparently sits on. Will be getting copies of the University’s survey of Athletics which was done in preparation for the business plan.

- Met with Barbara Crocker from UBC Financial Aid and Awards to discuss some of the challenges here.

Government Relations:

- We are meeting on Friday with representatives from the Ministry of Advanced Education.

United Way:
The Exec participated in the Kick-off Walk/Run on August 17th. Brian Duong and I also played in the annual AMS Staff Softball Game last Friday.

TravelCuts Update:

The lawyers are meeting with the Court on September 19th to set a new court date.

E) Executive Reports:

Josh Bowman - VP Administration

SAC:

We constituted a Formation Dance Sport team as an AMS Club. We have submitted parking space allocations to UBC Parking, but we are trying to hold spaces for September, so if you are still interested in a space, let me know.

Renovations Planning Group:

We have met, and have finished up with the last few discrepancies in the lower level. The membrane replacement which has been happening at the South entrance of the SUB is somewhat complete, and the lower level is much less leaky now! Thanks, Plant Operations! We have also evaluated having a prettier outside aesthetic, and are looking into plants and other ways of improving the look of the SUB. Please let me know if you have any constructive suggestions for how to improve the inside and outside of our building!

SASC Breakfast:

I attended the SASC breakfast. It was informative.

Intramurals:

I have finalized a contract between the AMS and Intramurals in terms of trading space and equipment, and we are looking into ways to partner with Intramurals to benefit both of our organizations equally.

Impacts:

We have discussed options for the lower level composting project, and have had to deal with several recent issues regarding Envirocycle (the company we currently use for our pre-consumer composting) and our communications with the university regarding this project.

Farm Aid:

Several stakeholders have met to discuss Farm Aid, and we have begun working on the promotions and planning for this event. Posters have been made, and we will be booking all of the events shortly.

Minischool:

I met with the coordinator for AMS Minischool, and have sent out an email to inform clubs of ways that they can get involved in teaching or learning for Minischool courses.

Executive Procedures Manual:

I have met with Sheldon regarding the executive procedures manual. We will be creating a document to address some of the more minor procedural issues which are not, and ought not, be covered in Code. Feedback on this process is welcome!

Laura Best - VP Academic

Safety Issues:

Ongoing work with the Amazing Safety Race.

Helped a number of safety providers with Safety Basket Day, delivering baskets with safety resources to departments around campus.

Organized SASC breakfast.

- It was well attended by a number of different stakeholders including the RCMP, Pacific Spirit.

Worked with safety stakeholders on stickers with safety and wellness messaging.

Worked on poster for SUB Safety with other safety providers.
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Housing:
- Attended Housing Advisory Committee
  - Update on the Innovative Housing Project: proposal for housing for faculty, staff and graduate students at West Mall and Memorial Road.
- Organized AMS-Housing Orientation and Roundtable
  - Met with execs and presidents of Residence Councils of Vanier, Fairview, Gage and Totem Park.
  - Discussed collaboration on Firstweek, events, safety, sustainability, campus development.
  - Will be having regular meetings such as this.

Campus Development:
- OCP Working Group/Student Summit
  - Ongoing work on Student Summit and focus groups.
  - Will be doing advertising (including leafleting and postering in first weeks of September).
- Farm Policy:
  - OCP Working Group worked on this as well (special thanks to Tim!)
  - Passed through OCP working group and Impacts.
  - Met with Acting Dean of Agricultural Sciences to discuss farm.
  - Did email consultation on policy including AGUS, farm volunteers and coordinators.

Hirings:
- Coordinated appointment of Volunteer Connections Assistant Coordinator.

CFS BC AGM:
- Attended this meeting as a guest
  - Had opportunity to meet many other BC schools’ student societies: UVic, SFU and many University Colleges and colleges.
  - There are still significant barriers to cooperation between the AMS and these schools.

Other:
- Welcome speech at GSS Orientation.
- Worked on and will be working on fundraiser for students affected by fires in the interior with other people including Jon Hanvelt.
- Attended Student Leadership Summit.
- Present with Brian Duong at Ombuds Advisory Committee.
- Met with UCom a number of times.

Sam Saini - VP External

U-Pass:
- The side agreement between the AMS and the University has been completed and we are currently in the process of completing side agreements for Regent College and VST with respect to the U-Pass program. These smaller agreements with the Colleges are necessary as they are not on the general registration system of the University and all parties need the assurances that the reporting procedures are necessary.
- U-Pass production is working as the library has begun its “soft roll-out” of U-Pass cards. The card in itself will not be used until October 1st but it will be produced and given to students throughout the month of September.

CASA:
- Policy Committee has been working fairly hard as of late trying to get policy discussions completed for the upcoming federal pre-budget submission. We have been working on policy for increasing loan limits, and a fairly creative approach to providing up-front grants for students.
with low-resources. This has been a problem with the traditional student loan program and we hope this has the ability to rectify some of those shortcomings.

Government Relations:
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Have begun some work on the systems review for the Ministry of Advanced Education. They are asking for submissions with respect to how the current PSE operates and how it can altered to better serve the needs of British Columbians. Setting up some meetings with some senior personnel from the Ministry as well to discuss operating grants. Furthermore, I have not heard about the two government appointments that I applied to earlier in August.

CFS AGM:
5. I attended this the CFS 44th Semi-Annual AGM at UVic this last week. Observed some of the process and decision-making procedures within that organization. I did take a variety of notes and I should have a report for Council soon. Overall the conference was a great opportunity to share ideas with some of the other schools in BC and discuss possible working relationships with respect to some of their campaigns.

X-Com:
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Have started to discuss some aspects of the Canada Study Grant program to explore the possibility of expansion. As it stands, the program assists only a small group of people and with more funding the program might serve the needs of more students. Will be commencing discussions surrounding tuition shortly to define a holistic stance that will guide our lobbying effort.

Brian Duong - VP Finance

Business Operations:
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Excited to report that the Honour Roll had soft opening today between 11:30 – 2:00 p.m. and did 568 dollars of business in a 2 and a half hour span.

Fundraising and Sponsorship:
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Met August 27th, to finish the sponsorship and fundraising guidelines. Included is a report to council, encourage feed back. Will go through the necessary processes and changes to code in order to present the final version to Council on the September 10th meeting.

Finance Commission:
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118 Treasurers signed in, 159 budgets submitted, 123 budgets approved.
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FAD is going well finishing the promotions, bookings. September 9th -11th, 2003. “helping students make smart financial decisions.”
<
Did not grant the Commerce Undergraduate Society money for their application to the constituency aid fund.
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Allowed Inter-Fraternity Council a short term loan of 1500.

Other Meetings:
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Met with AMS staff and Executive regarding plans for the Welcome Back BBQ, congratulations as things seem to be in good order.
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Captained the Red team to a dramatic loss of 20 -18 in the AMS Staff softball game.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

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Working on Student Leadership Summit Conference.
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 Signing up for Main Carnival Event.
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Meeting with Janet Teasdale and Nestor Korchinsky.
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Attending transfer student orientation tonight and mature student orientation tomorrow night.

F) Committee Reports:

<Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee [SCD 260-004]
- Brian Duong referred Council members to the committee’s report and asked for input.

**Code and Policies Committee**

- Spencer Keys said the Code and Policies Committee (CPC) has been looking at committee structure with a view to creating one that will last. The goal is to bring the specific reforms to Council in the spring, after Executive transition and far enough in the future so as not to ruin the work of current committees.

- He said the CPC is looking at a twofold division of current committees. The larger ones, dealing with macro issues, would continue to be called committees but would mostly be chaired by members of Council rather than the Executive. There would also be “working groups” chaired usually by Executive members, which would look at smaller, micro-level issues.

- Specific changes being looked at include introducing some professional involvement in making appointments and introducing a standard turnover date of April 1 for all Council members.

**G) Constituency Reports:**

- Chris Fennell - Graduate Students Society
- Ana-Maria Chirila - Human Kinetics
- Katie Boyes - Library & Archival Studies
- Raj Mathur - Music Students Association
- Meaghan Thumath - Nursing Undergraduate Society
- Jackie Liu - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
- Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
- Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
- Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
- Jennifer Lo - Commerce Undergraduate Society
- Joel Atwater - Engineering Undergraduate Society

**H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:**

**Sara Ahadi - Ombudsperson**

Cases:

< Since May 1st we have opened 64 cases, a further 7 were carried over from the previous fiscal year. We have closed 20 cases at present. This represents a caseload approximately 3 times that of last year at this time.

ConRes:

< On August 20 - 21 the Ombudsoffice sponsored Conflict Resolution Workshop. This workshop was open to any interested students but was aimed primarily at student leaders.

**I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- Minutes of Student Council dated August 13, 2003 [SCD 261-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 5, 2003 [SCD 262-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 11, 2003 [SCD 263-004]
- Minutes of Assistants Appointments Committee dated August 8, 2003 [SCD 264-004]
J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

1. MOVED TIM LEUNG, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL: [SCD 271-004]

   “Whereas Allies at UBC has been constituted as a club by SAC, has been in existence for the required minimum of two years as the AMS Coalition to End Homophobia on Campus, and has its finances in good order; and

   Whereas Allies at UBC does not overlap with the purpose of an already existing Resource Group; and

   Whereas the Resource Group Allocation Committee has made a presentation to SAC recommending that Allies at UBC be made a new Student Resource Group; and

   Whereas SAC has recommended by a Two-thirds Resolution that Council make Allies at UBC a Student Resource Group,

   Therefore be it resolved that Council declare Allies at UBC to be a Student Resource Group.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   - Dave Tompkins asked for clarification about the two-year issue. Lynden Wei said the club had been deconstituted because the Positive Space program had come into effect, but the club was reconstituted later and altogether had been in existence for two years. There had also been a name change, but it was pretty much the same group.
   - Laura Best said this was an important group, supporting women’s issues and anti-oppression issues. Institutionalizing it would show the AMS’s commitment to anti-oppression work.
   - Jackie Liu said the name of the group made its role unclear.

2. MOVED JOEL ATWATER:

   “That the question be called.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

3. MOVED TIM LEUNG, SECONDED CHRIS FENNELL
“Whereas Allies at UBC has been constituted as a club by SAC, has been in existence for the required minimum of two years as the AMS Coalition to End Homophobia on Campus, and has its finances in good order; and

Whereas Allies at UBC does not overlap with the purpose of an already existing Resource Group; and

Whereas the Resource Group Allocation Committee has made a presentation to SAC recommending that Allies at UBC be made a new Student Resource Group; and

Whereas SAC has recommended by a Two-thirds Resolution that Council make Allies at UBC a Student Resource Group,

Therefore be it resolved that Council declare Allies at UBC to be a Student Resource Group.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Josh Bowman - abstained ... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

4. MOVED TIM LEUNG, SECONDED MEAGHAN THUMATH: [SCD 272-004]

“Whereas the University of British Columbia (UBC) Farm currently provides a range of research and problem-based learning opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students at UBC; and

Whereas the UBC Farm is a model of sustainability and a key innovative educational tool for the only Agroecology degree program in Canada; and

Whereas the UBC Farm is a component of the food supply chain at UBC, supplying local produce to the Alma Mater Society, UBC Food Services and several colleges on campus; and

Whereas the Farm is a focal point of the South Campus community in which it provides local produce, volunteer opportunities, and activities for students, staff and residents, and retains the potential for expansion in these areas; and

Whereas the South Campus development plan according to the Official Community Plan currently excludes the Farm in its vision of future developments;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS endorse the UBC Farm as an educational and community focused asset of the University;

Be it further resolved that the AMS lobby the University to ensure that the Farm remains an integral learning and community component of the South Campus neighbourhood.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tim Leung said the policy was very important, especially to the Agricultural Sciences faculty. Students in the faculty make field trips to the UBC Farm, which is the last farm in Vancouver.
- Patricia Lau asked about the University’s plans for the area. Laura Best said that planning for the South Campus (where the farm is located) is still very preliminary. There could be a village commercial centre there, but the farm could be integrated into that, and the University is not necessarily averse to that. This policy would simply encourage them to include the farm in their plans.
- Chris Fennell said the farm was an integral part of agricultural education.

5. MOVED CHRIS ZAPPAVIGNA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA: [SCD 273-004]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments: Safety Coordinator and Executive Projects Assistant’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Spencer Keys explained that the amendments would replace two old positions (the Executive Project Officer for Safety and the Student Events Coordinator) with two new positions: the Safety Coordinator and the Executive Projects Assistant. The amendments also outline job descriptions for the two new positions.
8. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Amendments: Safety Coordinator and Executive Projects Assistant’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried Unanimously

9. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council appoint Chris Zappavigna (Council Member) to the AMS Ombuds Advisory Committee.”
... Carried

10. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council appoint Kelsey Blevings (member at-large) to the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee.”

“That Council appoint Jennifer Lo (Council member) to the AMS Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee.”

“That Council appoint Chris Zappavigna (Council member) to the Official Community Plan Working Group.”

“That Council appoint Patricia Lau (Council member) to the AMS Impacts Committee.”
... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 11, 2003 [SCD 274-004]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 25, 2003 [SCD 275-004]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated August 7, 2003 [SCD 276-004]
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated June 11, 2003 [SCD 277-004]
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated July 17, 2003 [SCD 278-004]
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated July 29, 2003 [SCD 279-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated July 25, 2003 [SCD 280-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated August 7, 2003 [SCD 281-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated August 18, 2003 [SCD 282-004]

F) Committee Reports:

11. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED TIM LEUNG: [SCD 283-004]
“Be it resolved that Council approve the AMS Alcohol Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Spencer Keys said the policy had come from Josh Bowman to the Code and Policies Committee and included recognition of SAC’s authority to implement an alcohol training program and also constituted a policy for the AMS and its subsidiaries.
- Joel Atwater said he didn’t think the policy should apply to the constituencies. He said there were enough hoops for the constituencies already; there shouldn’t also be an AMS hoop to jump through to host a beer garden. He added that a lot of Engineering history is based on the consumption of alcohol, so promoting alternatives as called for by the policy went against Engineering traditions.
- Lana Rupp said it was a good thing to take a pro-active stance in the manner of this policy, doing something about future or potential problems and showing the University that students can manage themselves and don’t need the University to step in with rash policies like banning alcohol altogether.
- Chris Fennell said the policy seemed to be overstepping AMS boundaries by going beyond the SUB and also seemed to be taking over the role of the BC government.
- Meaghan Thumath expressed concern about forbidding people to run an event if they haven’t taken the alcohol training program.
- Josh Bowman said the aim was not to do the government’s work, but to provide safety information, logistics, how-to information, and other resources to help groups hold events. It was also to show that there was no need for the University to take draconian measures.
- Scott Price said in Arts there was already an alcohol policy that was strangling them, but said this policy would be all right as long as it wasn’t introducing a new alcohol training program.
- Josh Bowman said it was introducing a training program.
- Dave Tompkins said lots of people were okay with the policy for the clubs, but not for the constituencies. He wondered if SAC could do this for the constituencies.
- Spencer Keys said SAC could do this for the constituencies.
- Oana Chirila said there should not be a double standard for clubs and constituencies. She added that Josh Bowman had taken good steps through this policy to show the University that students are being responsible.
- Laura Best said the AMS is liable for events held by constituencies. It was in the interest of the AMS to make sure events are as safe as possible.
- Patricia Lau asked for clarification about the liability.
- Bernie Peets said that AMS liability insurance would end up covering any claims. He added that the AMS was in the market to get new insurance, and this policy would assist in making sure the insurance cost was not higher than necessary. There were good financial reasons to have this policy in place.
- Josh Bowman said the policy was merely requiring that someone running an event takes the training program.
- Joel Atwater said that the Engineers already need to get approval from their associate dean, UBC’s classroom services, and the police. The AMS was overstepping its bounds by forcing the Engineers to go through more hoops. It was really none of the AMS’s business what goes on in the Cheeze.
- Dave Tompkins expressed concern about the general power the policy would grant to create “any other procedures or regulations as determined by Council or SAC from time to time.”
- Spencer Keys said that though he sympathized with the concern that the AMS was overstepping its bounds, the Engineering Undergraduate Society is still the AMS. The liability of the AMS is present at all times whenever an event is put on by a subsidiary as a body of the AMS.

- Oana Chirila said Council members were present at Council as directors of the AMS. They may represent individual constituencies, but they should vote in the best interests of the Society as a whole.

- Josh Bowman said the policy is saying how the AMS views licensed events. SAC will be creating the specific procedures and guidelines. He was open to suggestions about those procedures and guidelines, and was more than willing to continue discussions about them.

12. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the AMS Alcohol Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Joel Atwater, Rob Cross, Chris Fennell - opposed ... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The minutes of SAC dated August 7, 2003 be referred back to SAC for amending. Sean Seiler was appointed Clubs External Commissioner on August 13, 2003 and should not be moving or seconding motions at the August 7, 2003 SAC meeting.

13. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That SAC minutes dated August 18, 2003 be amended by striking motion #21.”

The Chair ruled SAC motion #21 out of order.

14. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council challenge the Chair’s decision.”

... Defeated due to lack of a seconder

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:

<Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated August 5, 2003 [SCD 284-004]
<tuition Increase Allocations 2003/04 [SCD 285-004]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on September 10, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Deborah Robinson (Student Financial Aid & Awards), Greg Mitchell (Campus & Community Planning), Fred Pritchard (Campus & Community Planning), Joe Stott (Campus & Community Planning), Linda Moore (External Affairs - University Town), Dennis Pavlich (External Affairs), Joe Redmond (UBC Properties), Raj Mathur, Mia Amir (Social Justice Centre), Mike Woodward, Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

P) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

1. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That presentations be extended to allow 15 minutes for OCP and 20 minutes for Tuition and 15 minutes for question time.”

... Carried

[SCD 286-004]

OCP and East Campus Neighbourhood Plan - Joe Redmond (UBC Properties)

The plans include:
- creating 270 new housing units, 70% of them rental, in pursuit of the University’s academic mission
- preserving woodland between the Mather building and Fairview Avenue
- including the fraternities and sororities in the area
- realignment of Thunderbird Boulevard near the Thunderbird Winter Sports arena in preparation for the Olympics
- encouraging slower vehicle speeds on the roads in the area
- enhancing the pedestrian realm
- sustainability provisions (reducing automobile use, creating energy efficient buildings)

He said there would be public consultations with UEL residents and other stakeholders, open houses, and a public meeting, with a view to taking a plan to the Board of Governors in October.

Questions:
- Alan Warkentin asked about traffic through Acadia. Joe Redmond said one road there is being closed, but others are being opened.
- Dan Yokom asked if the housing is for students, faculty, and staff. Joe Redmond said No. Dan Yokom asked if it was for anyone in the general public. Joe Redmond said it could be, but the
idea was for it to be used by people studying, working, and living in the area. He said some would be for faculty and staff. The housing would all be owned and operated by the University.

- Kate Woznow said that since this was already a student residence area, why not build additional student residences there, especially given the current shortage of places for students?
- Joe Redmond said the University is adding more student housing on West Mall; 2000 new units are expected to be ready by August 2005.
- Kate Woznow asked about the time frame for the East Campus development. Joe Redmond said the fraternities’ new buildings are almost built, the sororities’ are ready to go, and the balance, it was hoped, could be completed by spring and summer next year after Board of Governors approval next month.
- Alison Atkinson asked about pricing to make the housing accessible to students and staff who can’t afford the expensive nearby neighbourhoods.
- Joe Redmond mentioned staff and faculty housing on West Mall near the stadium which is at below market cost as an incentive to attract new faculty. He said the East Campus development was a small one: only 193 units in two buildings. He said if students shared one of the new units, each student might pay $600 a month, which was comparable to the $500 they would pay in residence.
- Alison Atkinson said the $500 in residence includes meals.
- In response to questions from Amina Rai, Joe Redmond described plans to build a new house for visiting professors working at the Triumf facility. It will be something like a hostel or boarding house containing 35 rooms where professors from elsewhere can stay for one to three weeks.
- Quinn Omori asked how, if the new housing is open to the general public, it is supporting UBC’s academic mission.
- Joe Redmond said if the housing is owned by UBC and the revenues go to the University’s endowment funds, then it will create quite a bit of wealth for the University.
- Quinn Omori said he thought the development was supposed to be revenue neutral.
- Joe Redmond said No, that was the plan for the University Boulevard development, but the East Campus development is supposed to make money.
- Kate Woznow spoke of family housing and said it would be difficult for some families to afford the $1400 rent in the new development.
- Joe Redmond said there were different parts to the development; there would be some family housing.

[SCD 287-004]

Student Financial Aid - Deborah Robinson (Student Admissions & Awards)

- Deborah Robinson of the Assistance and Awards department of UBC Enrolment Services reported on recent developments concerning student financial support, including the amount of money provided by the government and the amount by UBC.
- She noted that there had been a larger increase in the number of applications for support than in the number of awards, owing to there being no change in the provincial government’s eligibility criteria.
- She said the University’s priorities included:
  - focusing the Work Study program on those with the largest loans because they are eligible for more hours.
  - developing clearer guidelines
  - exploring third-party financing
  - developing a comprehensive awards policy (with an emphasis on giving larger awards)
  - improving accessibility, transparency, and accountability
  - developing a post-secondary financing guide
Questions:
- Kate Woznow asked if UBC is lobbying the government about eligibility rules.
- Deborah Robinson said her department had a direct line to the government ministry and had been lobbying for a while at both the federal and provincial level. She noted that the federal government had introduced new rules allowing students to earn a certain amount of employment income; the provincial government does not yet allow this.
- Sam Saini asked if the provincial government would be doing what the federal government had done. Deborah Robinson said she hoped they would soon; the reason they hadn’t was that the provincial government had already prepared its budget and didn’t have the money now, but next year or perhaps sooner they would be able to.
- Oana Chirila asked whether there would be an increase in the maximum award. Deborah Robinson said this would be addressed by the Board of Governors’ new policy on access, which would remove limits altogether.
- Jesse Eckert said it might be useful to have another meeting after Council members digested the numbers. Deborah Robinson suggested a lunch meeting.
- Sam Saini asked about third-party financing. Deborah Robinson said an example was in Dentistry, which already has an agreement with Scotiabank under which the bank makes loans to students without asking for the sort of collateral and credit checks it would on normal bank loans. She said these loans would mostly be in professional programs.

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Tuition Consultation Schedule - Brian Sullivan (VP Students)  [SCD 288-004]
- Brian Sullivan, UBC’s VP Students, went over some of the numbers in the tuition allocation booklet, especially the numbers for one-time funding.
- He noted that this year the tuition proposal is scheduled to go to the Board of Governors in March instead of January, which would allow for the consultation process to be less backward than Council members had described it last time.
- He said the next steps included:
  - Key Performance Indicators (the Administration would like help in determining what those should be).
  - Financial Assistance.
  - Constituency consultations (he recommended that the Constituencies go after their deans and associate deans to let them know their needs).

Questions:
- Joel Atwater said the Engineering Undergraduate Society had taken part in consultations last year with their dean, but the dean had not carried out the agreement the EUS thought they had reached: tuition went up 40% instead of 35%. He wondered about the relevance of taking part in such consultations.
- Brian Sullivan said he would look into the 40-35 discrepancy. He said the consultations should be more about where the money is going. He said the deans tend to be happy to talk with students about their needs because they can then come to the central Administration and say the students need this or that.
- Alison Atkinson said she was not ready for consultation about the upcoming tuition proposal; she still had a lot of questions about where the money from last year went.
- Brian Sullivan said his main interest now is in the process and in the Key Performance Indicators (KPI).
- Kate Woznow asked what was being done to get the Board of Governors involved in lobbying the government.
- Brian Sullivan said a lot is going on. A difficult funding situation is coming up for 2004-05: the provincial government is cutting funding from $342 million to $332 million and at the same time is expecting UBC to accept more students. There has been a lot of publicity lately originating with the universities. A lot depends on timing; you have to know the right time to speak.
- Julia Ridley said there had been a big increase in her faculty (Medicine) and yet now the faculty had an unallocated surplus and was seeking advice from the students on how to spend it. She said the faculty should have determined its needs first before asking for more money from the students.

- Brian Sullivan said Medicine actually runs a deficit and is not a rich faculty. They are just wanting to consult to see how to spend the money; they do need the money. But he said he would be happy to follow up.

- Josh Caulkins asked about options and alternatives to a tuition increase.

- Brian Sullivan said the first thing is not to take the government’s planned cut lying down. UBC needs to say it needs the money and that the government should not cut post-secondary funding. Second is more efficiencies, operational efficiencies. Third is fund-raising, market housing, private donations. A fourth option would be to cut back on what UBC offers.

- Laura Best said there were a lot of numbers but not enough context in the tuition allocation booklet. She referred specifically to the amount of money Arts students pay and noted that some costs benefit everyone (e.g., spending on the library), but others go to specific faculties. She asked if there was a percentage formula and wondered if certain faculties were getting more or contributing less.

- Brian Sullivan said there is no precise formula. You cannot say that out of every dollar an Arts student pays, 40 cents goes to the central administration, 50 cents goes to Arts, and 10 cents goes to pay off the debt. But roughly, the faculties with more students get more. There is some rough weighting, but there is also cross-subsidizing of education, the same as the AMS policy against differentiation of tuition.

- Amina Rai asked about evaluating whether last year’s tuition increase helped students, saying this went together with the issue of whether an increase was necessary. She suggested a survey of students to find out what benefits there had been. She also suggested using the Board of Governors’ connections with the government.

- Brian Sullivan said there would be a role for the Board of Governors.

- Alan Warkentin asked how the figures had been arrived at. Brian Sullivan said they were based on proposals by the deans vetted by the Vice-President Academic.

- Alan Warkentin asked about the large private grant made to the Sauder School of Business. Brian Sullivan said the gift had not been confirmed when the budget was drawn up.

- Dave Tompkins said UBC’s approach in past lobbying with the government has been to tie funding to increasing access. He suggested that the focus now should be solely on funding.

- Brian Sullivan said he would take this suggestion back to his team.

- Josh Bowman asked about other sources of revenue, such as catering and food services.

- Brian Sullivan said those ancillaries, as well as Parking and the Bookstore, do make a contribution to University revenue, and information on them is public. He could make their business plans available.

- Quinn Omori said that if the province is not giving money, why is the University meeting its demands?

- Brian Sullivan said the government has made convincing cases that societally some things were necessary, and they did provide some money. But he said it was true that in some cases what was happening was simply moving money from one place to another.

2. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council extend question period by ten minutes.” ... Carried

- Kate Woznow asked what the next tuition increase was going to be.

- Brian Sullivan said he didn’t know. There would not even necessarily be another increase. Nothing was pre-ordained. But he expected there to be an increase.
3. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED ALLISON ATKINSON:

“That Council extend question period by five minutes.” ... Carried

- Sam Saini said Joe Redmond had mentioned that money goes to the endowment from developments. How much came from that?
- Brian Sullivan said there was a number and he would find it out. He said it would be a sizable number if the University can proceed with its plans.
- Michelle Aucoin said there is a University website explaining the endowment.

D) President's Remarks: [SCD 289-004]

< Apologies for the Executive Quarterly Reports not being included with the agenda when it was sent out on Monday, as we were super-busy with FirstWeek and could only finish them in time for tonight's meeting.
< Maclean's magazine publishes a Campus Confidential section in their Guide to Canadian Universities, which includes a "What's Hot/What's Not" section. They have invited the AMS to send them comments by October 1. If Council members would like to comment, the online bulletin boards have a topic open under the title "What's Hot/What's Not at UBC" - all comments will be compiled and sent in by me.
< Council passed the five-year AMS Strategic Plan in February 2002 and has revisited it at times. I am planning a more formal review process in October 2003 - look out for details coming to you soon.
< Last Council meeting, the Nursing representative had asked about representation for the newly created Midwifery program students. Sheldon has researched it and it looks like it is a division of a department within the Faculty of Medicine, so these students should be represented through the Medicine Undergraduate Society.
< The very exciting 20th Annual AMS Welcome Back BBQ is happening on Friday, September 12 on MacInnes Field from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilors should all come out - it's a great time for just $3, with amazing bands such as Theory of a Deadman playing, and excellent food available at the BBQ.

E) Executive Reports:

Laura Best - VP Academic [SCD 290-004]
< Teaching Excellence Initiative going well. The VP Students and Registrar’s Office have pledged their support.
< Fundraiser for students affected by fires in the interior being held on September 16 in the Pit Pub.

Brian Duong - VP Finance [SCD 291-004]

Josh Bowman - VP Administration [SCD 292-004]
< Club Executive orientations were held last week. 160 clubs attended.
< Clubs/Resource Group Days being held next week.

Sam Saini - VP External [SCD 293-004]
< 18,000 U-Pass cards have been produced to date.
< Have been selected to serve on the Standing Committee for Financial Aid.
< Will be attending a student forum on September 16 with Shirley Bond.
Working with Jared on a paper on the roles and mandates of PSE institutions.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services [SCD 294-004]

Passed around new rack cards.

Firtweek went really well. Full report to follow.

Joblink has begun charging for postings. The office made $320 in the first week.

Been meeting with Nestor Korchinsky on orientation and transition at UBC.

Roundup is running again in conjunction with the Bookstore to raise funds for Shinerama.

F) Committee Reports:

OCP Working Group - Laura Best (VP Academic)

- Laura Best reported that UBC’s draft plan for University Boulevard is going to the Board of Governors in October. It includes putting the bus loop underground and replacing the grassy knoll with a shopping and services complex. There are concerns about replacing student open space, commercialization, competition with AMS businesses, and housing developments that won’t be affordable for students.

- There are also extensive housing development plans for South Campus, including a community centre and a mall. There will be consultation soon.

- She urged Council members to stay involved because the University’s plans were going to change the way the campus looks and feels. She said one problem with the University’s consultation process is that students are consulted only at the end, not at the beginning. Student needs are not consulted to begin with.

- She did point to some wins on the University Boulevard development:
  - the scrapping of the planned through-road of University Boulevard.
  - the high rises to be only five storeys high instead of 18, and not right in front of the SUB.
  - there will be fewer shops.
  - all housing will be rental.
  - consultation has been extended into October instead of ending in July when most students were away.
  - revision of the plans to make them more understandable.
  - a promise to look into student needs first for South Campus.

G) Constituency Reports:

Leigh Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Jackie Liu - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Julia Ridley - Medicine Undergraduate Society
Quinn Omori - Arts Undergraduate Society
Joel Atwater - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Students Society
Katie Boyes - Library & Archival Studies
Christine Conkin - VST

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:
**Jesse Eckert - Board of Governors**
- OCP is on the agenda for the September 25 Board Committee meeting.
- Working on a tuition paper.

**Chris Zappavigna - Senate**
- Senate meeting cancelled due to lack of business.
- No Senate wine and cheese this year.
- Senate Admissions Committee met today.

**Sara Ahadi - Ombudsperson**

**Cases:**
- We opened case number 75 this afternoon.

**Internal Operations:**
- Our computer assistant has begun assessing our computer needs and overhauling our database system in order to reduce our reliance on paper.

**Meetings:**
- Met with the Ombuds Advisory Committee in order to discuss ConRes, and we are scheduled to meet again very shortly in order bring the matter to a mutually satisfactory resolution.
- Attended a CPG meeting in order to become more familiarized with the group’s internal workings.

**Other:**
- Mark attended the SASC breakfast, and the Ombuds Office also had a booth at the GSS Orientation Fair.

**I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- Minutes of Student Council dated August 27, 2003 [SCD 295-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 18, 2003 [SCD 296-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 25, 2003 [SCD 297-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 3, 2003 [SCD 298-004]
- Minutes of the Code and Policies Committee dated July 7, 2003 [SCD 299-004]

**J) Executive Committee Motions:**

**K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:**

**L) Committee Motions:**

4. **MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:**

   “That Council appoint Jesse Eckert (Council member) to the AMS Safety Committee.”

   “That Council appoint Chris Zappavigna (Council member) to the AMS Code and Policies Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

   ... Tabled
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated August 12, 2003  [SCD 300-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated July 28, 2003  [SCD 301-004]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

< United Way Campaign - Oana Chirila (President)
- Campaign kicks-off on Wednesday, September 24 in the SUB South Plaza.

< Tuition - Kate Woznow
- Kate Woznow said the AMS needs to act now about tuition by setting up an ad hoc committee on tuition, with representatives from the Executive and the Constituencies.
- Spencer Keys said a committee might not be needed; the individual Constituency representatives could simply go back to their councils, come up with priorities, and then come back for discussion.
- Sam Saini said that Council members at the Whistler Orientation Weekend said that this issue should be taken care of by the External Commission, and it had been. This is why there is an External Commission. People can come see the Commission or see him.
- Alan Warkentin said a committee sounded appealing, but would it report to Council? Would it deal directly with UBC?
- Kate Woznow said the idea was not to step on Excom’s toes, but this was a big issue and there was a need to incorporate more than just appointees in the process. The elected representatives should be involved.
- Alison Atkinson said the proposed committee could be a hub for the other groups (Excom, the Constituencies), helping come up with a plan.
- Sam Saini said there should be one AMS voice on this issue. There is already a plan and lobbying. He did not want to start again from square one.
- Chris Zappavigna said it was important to respect boundaries and not set precedents for the future.
- Josh Caulkins said the proposed committee was simply an excellent way to get together informally.

5. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That Council form an ad-hoc committee on tuition.” ... Withdrawn

- The Speaker referred the motion to the Chair of the Code and Policies Committee.
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- Mia Taghizadeh said the more people involved in tuition discussions, the better. She said there should be one articulate voice at the end, but first there should be as much input as possible.
- Amina Rai said the idea was to diversify, not separate.
- Dani Bryant suggested that Sam Saini should report to Council on what the External Commission is doing on this issue, and Council could go on from there.
- Kate Woznow said the idea was not only to get information from Excom, but to provide it to Excom. The idea was to share information and to work as a team.
- Josh Bowman said he thought the question had been referred to the Chair of the Code and Policies Committee.
- Jason Loxton said the Chair and his committee would look into it.
- Josh Caulkins asked if Sam Saini was comfortable with Excom receiving visitors.
- Sam Saini said he was comfortable. He said he would have to check with the Commission for the date of the next meeting.
- Laura Best said it was important to have a tuition policy that everyone was on the same page with.

6. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That Council appoint Jesse Eckert (Council member) to the AMS Safety Committee.”

“That Council appoint Chris Zappavigna (Council member) to the AMS Code and Policies Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

... Carried

Q) Submissions:

< VP External’s Report of the CFS 44th Semi-Annual AGM [SCD 304-004]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on September 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

7. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.”

... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best  
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
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Guests: Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Raj Mathur, Kristin Foster (Studentcare.net), John Zaritsky (College Kids), Natarie Bootsma, Scott Price, Andrew Salcedo, Kristin Lyons, Lisa Luscombe (PR Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

Q) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:
The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

L) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks:

< Happy Belated Birthday to Jason Loxton!
< If you would like to order AMS hoodies, a sign-up sheet is being passed around.

CPG:
< The Council email list has been moved to our Electronic Newsletter Program, or ENP. You can email council@ams.ubc.ca and your email will be forwarded to everyone on the email list. You have also received with your package tonight an email directory of your fellow Councilors – an updated version of it will be maintained on the AMS website.

Inside UBC Update:
< CPG is setting up our next meeting as an Inside UBC post-mortem, to examine what went wrong, what went right, and how things could be better done next year. It will be held on October 6. If you are interested in participating and giving your feedback, please email me.

AMS Website:
< As you will see later in tonight’s presentation, the website has become quite a job. Over the summer, the PR Department worked on various improvements and new features, as well as a complete overhaul.

Exec:
< Since the last Council meeting, much has happened, starting with the AMS Welcome Back BBQ which I hope you were all able to attend and enjoy. This year’s BBQ had wonderful weather, awesome bands, and was packed by enthusiastic beer-drinking, burger-eating people. Thank you to all the AMS staff and Council volunteers who helped out.
< I participated in Campus Craze in Totem Park, providing information about AMS Services. I also attended the Debate Society Open House last night, which was very entertaining.
< I have also done an interview with CiTR and one with the Ubyssey and one with the Gateway at the University of Alberta.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:
< The Committee has been developing a survey for students regarding which benefits are most needed/wanted in preparation for next year’s benefit package negotiations. I have paper copies of the survey for you to take with you to your Constituencies – they can be returned to the
main AMS front desk. The survey will also be available online, and there will be a draw for prizes. We are also organizing a focus group for Councilors, Commissioners, etc.

**IPF Committee:**
- I have been working on last year’s IPF applications, which all owe the committee an interim report for the funding they received. The applications for this year are being revised and will be available later in October, with a due date at the end of November. Three Council members need to be appointed to the committee later tonight as well.

**University Issues:**
- Met with Byron Braley and Michelle Aucoin.
- Have been sitting on the VP Academic Search Committee, meeting regularly for three hours at a time to discuss potential candidates for the VP Academic and Provost position, to start on July 1, 2004.
- Spoke at the VP Admin & Finance breakfast about student issues and the AMS.

**United Way:**
- The Kick-Off BBQ was hosted by the AMS today. The United Way campaign at UBC is aiming to raise $500,000 and will be having a breakfast in October as well. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Liz King. The AMS is helping the UBC United Way Campaign reach their goal by donating to Shinerama through the United Way.

**TravelCuts Update:**
- The lawyers and the court met last week to set a new trial date. Due to scheduling conflicts, the earliest they could set a court date is November 2004. This will give us ample time to negotiate a settlement.

**Safety:**
- I have asked for a glass window to be cut into my office door, as there have recently been unsafe situations in which I felt isolated and threatened in my office.

**Exec Pancake Breakfast:**
- Councilors and all students are invited to a free pancake breakfast on Friday morning in the SUB Partyroom. Donations to Shinerama will be accepted.

**Staff Appreciation Day – Movie Night:**
- Councilors and Commissioners are invited to a free Movie Night on Tuesday September 30th at 7:30 pm in the Norm Theatre. The Princess Bride will be showing, and the exec will be making popcorn – all for free!

**E) Executive Reports:**

**Laura Best - VP Academic**

**Campus Development:**
- Student Summit
  - attended facilitator training (paid for by UBC) previous to Student Summit.
  - Student Summit was held this past Monday. Great turnout - about 60 students. Lots of great ideas from Focus Groups. Will provide a report from the Student Summit to University Town Steering Committee, BoG and make public.
  - University Town Steering Committee - attended again.

**Safety:**
- Safety Race
  - held on September 20. About 200 international students and peer program leaders attended.
  - went around to safety providers.
  - safety theatre afterwards.

**SASC**
- met with SASS Fund Committee to look over new budget.
Parking
- met with Parking today to discuss issues around safety, towing and access to parkades in the evening.

Safety Committee
- met and discussed issues including campus construction and the position of Safety Coordinator.

Attended the safety meet and greet.

TEI:
- Meeting of Systems Committee (presentation).
- Meeting of Associate Deans.
- Meeting of Teaching & Learning Committee of Senate.

Fire Fundraiser:
- Went well. Thanks to Jon Hanvelt, Sue Brown, Judith from Disaster Planning. Raised over $600

Elections Administrator:
- Facilitated hiring of new Elections Administrator, Christine Tai.

Other:
- Met with ISA and I-House to discuss international student rep in AMS.
- Met with Wellness Centre and other stakeholders to discuss wellness issues in UNC and the AMS.
- Attended United Way BBQ, Farm Aid and the Debating Open House.
- Met with Campus Security about lost and found flea markets.

Josh Bowman - VP Administration

SAC:
- Clubs Days and Resource Group Days were the biggest ever, with 173 clubs participating. We are getting club feedback on the event and will be putting together a report. We also constituted several new clubs, including the Croquet Society, Moustache Club, and Cancer Society. I joined, among other clubs, Ski and Board Club.

Impacts Committee:
- Microwaves are fully installed in the SUB; there are three microwaves, which are all being used frequently. Farm Aid was great, and there were at least 200 estimated attendees. The event cost well under $1000. Thanks to everybody who helped out on that one.

Renovations Planning Group:
- We have been discussing and finishing up our minor renovations and office moves. We are looking into making an empty planter on the South Plaza area into a new BBQ space, for safety and accessibility reasons.

AMS/GSS/UBC Alcohol Meeting:
- I met with campus stakeholders to report back on our alcohol policy and training program, and to discuss campus issues which are relevant to licensed events.

IFPO Letters of Understanding and Intramurals Letter of Understanding:
- All contracts have been signed and approved by SAC. IFPO is almost ready to begin publishing.

UBC/AMS Meeting:
- Oana, Bernie, and I met with Michelle Aucoin and Byron Braley to discuss issues of relevance, including renovations in the SUB.

Walter H. Gage Committee:
- I went to the meeting and we approved two projects, tabled one.

Other:
I attended Tompson Highway's lecture, the Fire Fundraiser, FAD, an International Students Association meeting, the Safety Race, United Way BBQ, Debating Open House, VP Administration & Finance Breakfast, Volunteer Fair.

Sam Saini - VP External

**U-Pass:**
- There have been ~26,500 cards issued and the line-ups for the cards have dwindled significantly. Obviously, our attention has focused on service provisions for our students as there have been complaints on some specific routes. I am scheduling a U-pass forum, with individuals from TransLink to attend, to hear the service complaints for the U-Pass. It is planned for October 2 at 12 noon in the SUB Conversation Pit.

*CASA:*
- I have the copy of the Pre-budget submission available. I must say it is impressive and I hope that it will have an impact on how the Paul Martin Government will think about education.

**Government Relations:**
- Attended the Student Forum held by the Ministry of Advanced Education at the Great Northern Way Campus. Great opportunity to meet with the Minister and get some points across regarding the efficiency of institutions and how we could improve upon those efficiencies with a tuition cap.
- Went to my first meeting of the standing committee on Student Financial Aid and made some points regarding the off-setting of the scholarship and in-study income exemption that are in development right now. Also, introduced some ideas about re-working the grant delivery model.

*XCom:*
- Met with AUS and GSS councilors and our BoG reps to talk about tuition. We discussed ideas about the stance that our students want us to take and how this could affect our approach this year. We are developing some poster campaigns to develop awareness and will hopefully have some forums to discuss some these issues directly. In addition, we want to develop a survey to issue to students to solicit more feedback from the general student population. Also, Deborah Robinson will be attending the next XCom Meeting to discuss some SFA issue. The meeting is Friday at 2:00 pm in 266J.

**General:**
- Attended E-Strategy Meeting; Director of Career Services interviews; Campus Craze Residence Resource Fair.

Brian Duong - VP Finance

**Opt Outs:**
- Opt outs for WinterSession ended Tuesday September 16.
- September Opt-outs down 9%. That is great news financially, and perhaps students are seeing more value from their AMS fees.

**Business Operations:**
- Met with Jane, Bernie, met with a Sauder School of Business marketing group who have offered to do a market research of outpost for their class project. Hopefully we can benefit. Also, this might lead to an arrangement where Sauder groups will do research for the AMS at no cost.
- Smart Media Kiosks will not be installed until October, however we will still be receiving the appropriate rental and guaranteed revenue.

**Fundraising and Sponsorship:**
- We conducted interviews to hire a potential Development Officer for AMS.
- Met with Sheldon and Jared to discuss the necessary adjustments to be made in Code and guidelines regarding the fundraising and sponsorship guidelines. Much of the guidelines will be included in the Executive Procedures Manual.

**Finance Commission:**
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< FinCom approved $450 to Pre-Law Society to contribute towards the purchasing of LSAT books and prep session.

< Discussed the investigation of clubs that are suspected of holding outside accounts.

Other Meetings:
< Attended Welcome Back BBQ, Safety Race, Farm Aid (took pictures), Clubs Days, AMS Kindness Days (paid for parking).

FAD:
< This year’s Financial Awareness Days attracted more than 150 people throughout the 3 days. Banking and credit cards sessions were among the favourite sessions held. I did the presentation on budgeting and financing.

F) Committee Reports:

< Proposed Committee Reform - Spencer Keys [SCD 305-004]

< AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee - Oana Chirila/Kristin Foster

- Kristin Foster of Studentcare Networks, the broker for the health and dental plan, said it was time to re-evaluate the priorities for the plan. She noted that the plan is highly used, which is good in that students are benefiting from it, but bad in that the insurance carriers are losing money on it, leading to an increase in premium rates.

- The original referendum limited increases in what students pay to increases in CPI. CPI currently increases only two or three percent annually, far from enough to cover the proposed new premium prices each year and far from the real increases in health and dental costs across Canada. The solution in the past has been to reduce benefits, but students have complained about these reductions.

- As well, there have been changes in what the provincial health care system covers, and this affects the AMS/GSS plan. Because of these developments, and because most of the students who voted for the plan in 1999 are no longer here, it is a good time to re-evaluate, and the Health and Dental Plan Committee has devised a survey to see what students actually want from their plan. The survey is going out this week.

C) Presentations to Council:

< AMS Website - Oana Chirila/Lisa Luscombe [SCD 306-004]

- In 1996 AMS Council allocated $8,755 for the creation of a new website to be developed in-house by the Systems Department in consultation with the Communications Coordinator.

- In 1998 Council allocated up to $15,400 for the purpose of creating and expanding the website by and outside company (the Millennium Design Group).

- A summer student webmaster was hired in June 1999 to maintain and update the website.

- The IPF Committee allocated $18,000 in September 1999 for a web server expansion project and to relocate SUBtitles and Rentsline on an external server.

- In April 2000 the AMS hired another student to redesign the website. Several designs were proposed but no decision was reached.

- By Fall 2000 the site needed a complete overhaul to deal with the non-working pages, outdated materials and incorrect information. The design and development was bought in-house and this was a joint project of the AMS
The sight was launched in September 2001.
- Currently in the process of upgrading the site again as we have reached the limit of growth on the current site.
- The current site outdated and/or irrelevant, is difficult and time consuming to updated in its present form and no longer meets the organisational needs.
- The new site will be easier to navigate and will accurately reflect the image of the society.
- Summer 2003 hired a student to create the backend of the new website.
- Numerous problems were encountered with the e-commerce system which is anticipated to take another month. There is a fully functional shopping cart system which will be adopted in several areas of the new site.
- The new site should be launched by the end of October and will include a fully searchable events calendar, searchable contact list for Council members, constituencies, staff, a clubs database, a tutor registry for AMS Tutoring, searchable online database for Volunteer Connections, online database for AMS Safewalk, Press Release database, archived minute database and a news database.

Questions
- Chris Ste-Croix asked if the Senate list on the website would be updated. Lisa Luscombe said it was up to people to supply this sort of information to her department. Chris Ste-Croix asked if she could seek out such information. Lisa Luscombe said she does seek this information out, but she is not a full-time webmaster. She invited everyone who sees a problem on the site to let her know about it.
- Kate Woznow asked how much traffic the site gets. Lisa Luscombe said the site receives 1200 to 1500 hits a day; the clubs pages are the most popular.

G) Constituency Reports:

Meaghan Thumath - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Quinn Omori - Arts Undergraduate Society
Karen Ward - Graduate Students Society
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
- Science was having problems with its on-line elections and suggested other constituencies watch out for similar problems with the UBC office doing the technical work for Constituency elections. The problems included difficulties resulting from the large number of candidates running in the Science elections.

Michael Yung - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Ryan Cunningham - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Jackie Liu - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Jennifer Lo - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Katie Boyes - Library & Archival Studies
Beth Moskowitz - Regent College
Christine Conkin - VST

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Amina Rai - Board of Governors
- The Board of Governors was meeting tomorrow to discuss the University Boulevard development. Met with Faculty representatives regarding their concerns for University
The recent Student Summit showed that students were not ready to implement the overall process.

- Attended the External Commission meeting regarding tuition.

**Chris Ste-Croix - Senate**
- The September Senate meeting was cancelled.
- Sitting on the VP Academic Search Committee.

**Sara Ahadi - Ombudsperson**
- We opened case number 81 this week.
- I attended Campus Craze in Totem Park in order to promote the services offered by the AMS.
- I attended the Speakeasy training to speak about the sort of service the AMS Ombuds and Advocacy Office provide, and attended the Amazing Safety Race for that exact same purpose, which was also a great success.
- I attended the Student Summit on campus development, and would like to thank everyone who helped organize that.
- With the help of other AMS staff, we gave out free parking tickets to promote Volunteer Connections and the Volunteer Fair. I sat at the AMS Internships booth to help publicize the general program and the positions currently posted, as well as to explain how students can utilize this program to gain valuable experience within the AMS.

I) **Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated September 24, 2003 [SCD 307-004]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated August 6, 2003 [SCD 308-004]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated August 22, 2003 [SCD 309-004]
Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated September 19, 2003 [SCD 310-004]
Minutes of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee dated September 12, 2003 [SCD 311-004]

J) **Executive Committee Motions:**

1. **MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:**

   “That Council consider the following motion first:

   ‘Whereas at present, for financial reasons, it is in the best interest of the AMS to discontinue its involvement as a plaintiff in the lawsuit over the transfer of assets and liabilities from the AOSC to CFSS (Travel Cuts Lawsuit);

   Be it resolved that the AMS terminate its participation in the lawsuit and pursue further legal advice as to how the AMS can extricate itself from further indemnity’.”

   ... Defeated

2. **MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED LANA RUPP:**
“Whereas AMS Council passed a resolution in 1999 to join other schools as a Plaintiff in the litigation launched by USC of the University of Western Ontario, and

Whereas Council authorized an expenditure of up to $20,000 to proceed with the litigation, and

Whereas the $20,000 figure was based on an expectation that 10 Student Societies would participate in the litigation and that limiting the figure would also ensure that timely communication to future Councils on the progress of the litigation was maintained and the goal of transparency in our financial commitment was upheld, and

Whereas the AMS entered into an agreement to assume responsibility for 25% of legal costs in conjunction with the USC of the University of Western Ontario, the SU of the University of Alberta, and the AMS of Queen's University, and

Whereas as a result of receiving the most recent invoice from McKenzieLake, the $20,000 limit has now been reached,

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the expenditure of up to $1,000 of additional legal fees in this matter in order to fulfill our obligations as required under the agreement.

Abst: Kate Woznow, Amina Rai, Paul Hommerson, Laura Best, Allison Atkinson, Josh Bowman, Karen Ward.

... Carried

3. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

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Be it resolved that the AMS terminate its participation in the lawsuit and pursue further legal advice as to how the AMS can extricate itself from further indemnity.”

4. MOVED KATE WOZNOW, SECONDED PAUL HOMMERSON, JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

5. MOVED JACKIE LIU:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

6. MOVED KELSEY BLEVINGS, SECONDED JACKIE LIU:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

7. MOVED ALISON ATKINSON, SECONDED CAREY HILL, KATE WOZNOW:
“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

8. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

9. MOVED MEAGHAN THUMATH, SECONDED PAUL HOMMERSON:

“That motion #3 be postponed until the next Council meeting and there be a presentation from both sides.”

10. MOVED KATIE BOYES:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED MEAGHAN THUMATH, SECONDED PAUL HOMMERSON:

“That motion #3 be postponed until the next Council meeting and there be a presentation from both sides.”

... Defeated

12. MOVED JENNIFER LO, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS, LANA RUPP:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

13. MOVED LANA RUPP:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

14. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

15. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That the meeting be extended until 11:00 p.m. ... Carried

16. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council adjourn for a five minute recess.” ... Carried
The meeting was called to order at 10:19 p.m.

17. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW, DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED SAM SAINI:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

19. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

20. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“Whereas at present, for financial reasons, it is in the best interest of the AMS to discontinue its involvement as a plaintiff in the lawsuit over the transfer of assets and liabilities from the AOSC to CFSS (Travel Cuts Lawsuit);

Be it resolved that the AMS terminate its participation in the lawsuit and pursue further legal advice as to how the AMS can extricate itself from further indemnity.”

For: Alison Atkinson, Amina Rai, Josh Bowman, Karen Ward, Kate Woznow, Laura Best, Carey Hill

Against: Alan Warkentin, Ana-Maria Chirila, Chris Ste-Croix, Chris Zappavigna, Daniel Yokom, Jackie Liu, Jennifer Lo, Josh McNorton, Katie Boyes, Lana Rupp, Mariko Welch, Oana Chirila, Patricia Lau, Ryan Cunningham, Sam Saini, Spencer Keys, Kelsey Blevings, Tim Leung, Trevor Olson

Abst: Jesse Eckert, Quinn Omori

... Defeated

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

21. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“Whereas the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) encountered unforeseen costs during the summer;
Whereas such costs arose during the first year of the SASC operating under the new partnership agreement between the AMS and Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW);

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the revised 2003/04 budget for the Sexual Assault Support Centre which transfers money from the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund to the SASC as presented.”

- Oana asked how much was left in the budget, about SAIF and why SASC need a budget increase.

22. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

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Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the revised 2003/04 budget for the Sexual Assault Support Centre which transfers money from the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund to the SASC as presented.”

... Carried

23. MOVED LAURA BEST:

“That the meeting be extended until 11:15 p.m.

... Carried

24. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

“That Council appoint Dan MacDonald (member at-large) to the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee.”

“That Council appoint Dan Yokom, Ana-Maria Chirila and Trevor Olson (Council members) to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee.”

“That Council appoint Trevor Olson (Council member) to the Business Operations Committee.”

“That Council appoint Christine Tai to the position of Elections Administrator for a term commencing September 24, 2003 and ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Katie Boyes (Council member) to the Renovations Planning Group.”

... Carried

25. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS: [SCD 323-004]

“That Council adopt the report of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee entitled ‘Sponsorship and Fundraising: Code Amendments’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated August 22, 2003 [SCD 312-004]
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated August 20, 2003 [SCD 313-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated August 25, 2003 [SCD 314-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated June 27, 2003 [SCD 315-004]
Minutes of the External Commission dated July 28, 2003 [SCD 316-004]
Minutes of the University Commission dated April 2, 2003 [SCD 317-004]
Minutes of the University Commission dated April 29, 2003 [SCD 318-004]
Minutes of the University Commission dated July 10, 2003 [SCD 319-004]
Minutes of the University Commission dated July 23, 2003 [SCD 320-004]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

< UBC Policy #120:
- Josh Bowman passed along a warning from the University not to put posters on metal poles. Sam Saini asked who had been doing this. Josh Bowman said it was probably clubs.

< Amanda Araban Ocran Memorial Fund:
- Kate Woznow said the Resource Groups had asked for a presentation on this award. The Resource Groups had already agreed to donate $1000 towards this award. There were questions about whether Council was the right body to hear the request for a donation, but she hoped the issue could come to Council as a presentation.
- Oana Chirila said there were concerns about people coming all the time to Council. There is nothing in Code on how to hand out money. Some research has now been done on how donations were made in the past and on what procedures other schools use. She suggested that the Code and Policies Committee look into this.
- Spencer Keys agreed with referring the issue to the Code and Policies Committee.
- Quinn Omori said that because this request came from the Resource Groups it was different from just any group coming to Council.
- Laura Best said a general procedure is needed, but since this particular request has already been made, it should either come to Council or be referred to the Executive.
- Kate Woznow said the current request is time-sensitive. A certain amount of money must be pledged so that the proposal can go to Senate.
- Sam Saini said community outreach is a mandated part of the External Commission’s responsibilities.
- Oana Chirila said the Executive Committee can do this.
- Carey Hill said it should come to Council.

26. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JOSH MCNORTON:

“That the meeting be extended until 11:30 p.m. ... Carried

Voting Systems: [SCD 321-004]
- Spencer Keys reported on three new voting methods that could be used in AMS executive elections: preferential voting, approval voting, and Condorcet voting.
- Carey Hill wondered if introducing a complicated voting system would cause turnout problems.
- Laura Best said ordinary students should be consulted and asked if the proposed systems seem too complicated before thousands of dollars are spent on overhauling the current voting system.
- Spencer Keys noted a flaw in the preferential voting system.
- Scott Price suggested showing the proposed systems in action to make them clearer.
- Spencer Keys passed on an idea from the former Code and Policies Committee chair, Sameer Wahid, who suggested that nominators be allowed to sign only one candidate’s nomination form. This would avoid the situation that arose last year when the members of the Afternoon Tea Society all signed each other’s forms, so that over 20 of their members were nominated for AMS President.
- Laura Best expressed concern about such an idea, saying it would force people to vote before voting. They would have to decide on only one person to nominate.

Q) Submissions:

< College Kids Documentary [SCD 322-004]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on October 15, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
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Guests: Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Hywel Tuscano (The Ubyssey), Heather Pauls (The Ubyssey), Michael Lin, Laura Blue, Raj Mathur, Kristin Foster (Studentcare.net/works), Graham Senft (Studentcare.net/works), Lev Bukhman (Studentcare.net/works), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

R) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

M) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

< AMS Orientations - Natasha Jay [SCD 324-004]
- Worked in conjunction with Student Recruitment.
- Numbers were up by 300 from last year.
- The Firstweek Coordinator helped out with school visits as an Assistant Coordinator was not hired until June.
- Continuing discussions with Student Development regarding the placement of mature student orientations. Should this responsibility lie with the AMS or UBC?

Questions:
- Kate Woznow asked which schools Orientations had gone to. Natasha Jay said it was more suburban schools than ones in Vancouver.
- Dan Yokom asked if there were statistics on where students come from for Orientations, whether mostly from the Lower Mainland or from elsewhere. Natasha Jay said there were no statistics, but her experience was that mostly students were from the Lower Mainland, though a larger number of students from beyond the Lower Mainland showed up at the end of the Orientations period.
- Mia Taghizadeh asked about day conflicts between residence tours and faculty tours. Natasha Jay said residence tours could not be offered on dates other than the first week of orientations due to the Residence Life schedule for August.
- Diana Keng asked how out-of-province students were informed of the Orientations program. Natasha Jay said there were mail-outs and also an e-mail newsletter.

[SCD 325-004]

< AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan - Oana Chirila, Lev Bukhman [SCD 326-004]
- Lev Bukhman, of Studentcare Networks, the broker for the health and dental plan, recommended looking ahead and being pro-active in order to create flexibility in the health and dental plan for the AMS.
He said that on the medical side of the plan, the vast majority of claims were for prescription drugs. On the dental side, check-ups, fillings, and periodontics were about equal as the source of claims.

He noted that the major current problem is the high use of the plan by students. This is good for the students in the short run, but in the long term it means the insurance companies will want to raise their rates to avoid losses.

He said that in the past the problem has been dealt with by raising fees (through CPI increases allowed by the referendum), by reducing benefits, and by reducing administrative costs associated with the plan to make it more efficient. However, there is still a deficit, which has been made worse by cuts to the provincial MSP, Pharmacare changes, and health care inflation. He added that there were no more administrative cuts that can be made, and the health plan committee has been stuck with very limited revenue increases (2-3 percent through CPI) while facing 10-20 percent cost increases.

He said the health plan committee wants to take a long-range view and has embarked on extensive consultation with AMS members.

Oana Chirila reported on the results of the consultation, which included surveys and focus groups. There had been 29 students in focus groups and 450 who filled out survey forms. The students responding to the surveys were strongly in support of increased coverage, but the price they were willing to pay would not have supported that amount of coverage. Out of the focus groups, three additional areas of coverage emerged as ones the students wanted added to the current plan: vision care (eyeglasses), paramedical services (e.g., chiropractic, physiotherapy), and orthotics.

The Health Plan Committee is therefore planning to ask Council to call a referendum to raise the health plan fee by $53 per student in order to add the three new areas of coverage, and also to maintain current benefits and create a reserve fund: $12 of the $53 would go to the reserve fund, which would provide a cushion in case of unexpected costs.

Questions:

Quinn Omori asked if the referendum question had to be Yes-No. Oana said that it did because of the AMS bylaws. Lev Bukhman said this was one of the problems here; at other universities it was possible to give a range of choices in the question. That is why the committee here, through its research into student views, has narrowed things down to create a single question.

Dave Tompkins said he had heard that the two major claims in the plan were for Prozac and birth control pills. Lev Bukhman said Yes, the top two were oral contraceptives and anti-depressants.

Kate Woznow asked what would happen to the cushion if the political climate improved and provincial cuts were restored. Could the rate be reduced then?

Oana Chirila said that if the government restored items that had been cut, then the committee could reduce the fee paid by students. The referendum question would be asking for the ability to charge up to $53 more, but the committee could charge less.

Carey Hill asked if the reserve fund would not simply be a hidden tax on students. Oana Chirila said it was not a hidden tax; it was meant to absorb or cushion any increase next year. If the insurance company says the AMS is over, if the AMS predicted wrong, then the AMS would have to eat into the reserve fund. The health plan committee had debated whether to ask for a percentage increase, but thought that a specific amount would be more transparent.

Dan Yokom wondered whether students would over-use the plan again, since the new areas to be added are precisely those that students said they wanted. Lev Bukhman said
the pricing has been based on previous utilization for vision care, which used to be in the plan; for the other two new areas, all that can be done is to make a best guess based on the experience of other schools. He said there is a risk, but added that he thought the numbers were realistic.

- Lev Bukhman added that students have demonstrated their support for the plan twice through referendums and also through their heavy use of it. He said this showed that the health plan was here to stay and therefore it was a good idea to plan for at least the medium term.

- He added that the insurance company is Sun Life. Studentcare represents the AMS in negotiations with Sun Life. Also, it is Sun Life, not the AMS nor Studentcare that has suffered the deficit.

- Alan Warkentin asked whether it could be ensured that the $12 fee for the reserve fund would not be spent if it is not needed. Oana Chirila said the point of a reserve fund is to have it ahead of time. Lev Bukhman said the money would not go to the insurance company, but would remain with the AMS as a nest egg.

- Melissa Parker asked if the penalty fee for permanently opting out would be going up too. Lev Bukhman said there will be flexibility about that. Melissa asked if the referendum could reverse that fee. Oana Chirila said the penalty fee was not set by the referendum, but by the Health Plan Committee.

- Laura Best asked if there were policies in the past about the use of the reserve fund as a cushion only. Oana Chirila said that is the policy.

- Alan Warkentin asked whether the point of improving the plan was to make sure that students cannot opt out by saying they already have a better plan. Oana Chirila said that was never the motivation.

- Kristin Foster said 30 percent of the students opt out, and that figure has been steady since the plan began. Oana Chirila said that the reduction in benefits had not affected the opt-out rate.

D) **President’s Remarks:**

- Council meetings for next semester are scheduled for January 14 and 28, February 11 and 25, and March 10 and 24.

- The Globe and Mail published its University report card today, it can be accessed online at [www.universityreportcard.com](http://www.universityreportcard.com) – there are some serious problems with the methodology of the survey they did, and UBC ranked 34 out of 38 universities, 1 spot above U of T.

- Most of my time in the past three weeks has been dedicated to working on the Health and Dental Plan, on executive events, and on meeting with the University Administration.

- Congratulations to the AMS Events Department on hosting a successful MuchMusic VJ Search and the MTV Canada Campus Invasion Tour with Gob and Kazzer!

- The President of Acadia Students Union visited last week and we had a chance to chat about our student societies.

- Sam and I also met with the executives of the Kwantlen Student Association yesterday.

- I also completed the Positive Space Campaign training session today.

**CPG - Inside UBC Update:**

- The Inside UBC post-mortem happened last Monday, and the feedback from the process was compiled into the report submitted to Council yesterday.

**Banners:**

- CPG is looking into purchasing permanent banners that say “Brought to you by the AMS” to display at our events, forums, etc.

**Zoom Ads:**

- Upon recently receiving a complaint about one of the Zoom ads, the committee has been discussing the process for dealing with such complaints.
Health and Dental Plan Committee:

The committee has collected over 400 surveys from students, and I organized three focus group sessions to gather feedback directly from students on the Plan’s present and future. There was a prize draw for those who submitted their email addresses along with their surveys – thank you to those who provided prizes! I have met with the Elections Administrator to discuss details of a possible referendum.

Exec:

The Exec ran a pancake breakfast and a staff appreciation day (lunch + movie night.) Thank you to those who came out to enjoy the yummy pancakes, and the Princess Bride movie!

The Exec and the AMS staff also conducted a Welcome Back BBQ post-mortem and a FirstWeek post-mortem.

The Exec have also been splitting up the AMS Strategic Plan which was passed by Council a year and a half ago, and looking over their particular sections to assess our progress. We look forward to having Councilor input on this.

Tuition:

I attended an XCom meeting and have scheduled further meetings with University Admin to discuss the needs assessment process and quality indicators for any potential future tuition increases.

University Issues:

Met with Byron Braley and Michelle Aucoin in our regular monthly meeting.

have been sitting on the VP Academic Search Committee, which is in its final stages of narrowing down candidates (we just had a conference call yesterday) for interviews in the next two weeks.

The Exec met with Dr. Martha Piper to discuss student issues this year.

Sam and I are attending a lunch with John Manley tomorrow.

Constituency Presidents Roundtable:

This was held yesterday to discuss tuition and quality indicators, the Health and Dental Plan changes, changes to voting systems, event planning, and Class Act.

Just a reminder that Sam and I will be away next week in Ottawa for the CASA Partnerships Conference.

Now for the fun part:

88 years ago today, on October 15, 1915, a gathering was held in the Arts Building on the old Fairview campus at 12th and Oak Street for the student body of the new University of British Columbia. The change from McGill College of BC to the University of British Columbia in 1915 meant that students (all 400 of them attending at the time) could for the first time obtain a university degree in the province of British Columbia.

Presided over by Dr. Wesbrook, the University President, and Prof. Robinson, the Registrar and former Principal of McGill College BC, the assembly of students adopted a constitution and bylaws on a one-year trial basis and set dates for their nomination and election of candidates for the position of president. A week later, Sherwood Lett was elected president, serving for a short time before going off to fight in World War I. After marrying Evelyn Story, one of the students who helped draft the AMS’s first constitution and bylaws, he went on to become Chancellor of UBC and Chief Justice of British Columbia. Today, the AMS childcare bursary is named after Evelyn Story Lett.

Three years later, on October 17, 1918, the Ubyssey published its first issue – this newspaper is turning 85 on Friday! On October 18, 1918 the Ubyssey published its first criticism of the AMS…. Just kidding!

The AMS went on to a glorious history.

In 1924, Student Council passed motions forbidding students to talk in the library, loiter in the halls, gamble at cards, or write on the walls.
In 1998, Council passed a motion proposed by Dave Tompkins to support the use of profanities in the Inside UBC handbook.

In 1948, the AMS Code prohibited drinking on campus or at any AMS function off campus.

Today the AMS sells beer in the Pit, the Gallery, the Pendulum and at numerous beer gardens.

In the 1940s and 1950s, the AMS had a club called Mamooks, a poster and sign-painting club responsible for announcing student activities. Now we have a professional PR Department.

In the 1950s, the AMS published a directory of student telephone numbers called Bird Calls. Nowadays, the Privacy Act prohibits that sort of thing.

In the 1920s, the AMS Executive included a position called Yell King, who was responsible for promoting school spirit and organizing demonstrations by leading the cheerleaders or yell leaders, who were mostly male at the time.

The AMS has had its share of funny and famous candidates and elections.

In 1964, Kim Campbell won her election to the Student Council with the slogan “Kim is Cuddlier.” Campbell later became Prime Minister in 1993.

In 1949, “Chick” Turner was described as the Student Council funnyman. As John Turner, he later became Prime Minister in 1984.

Pierre Trudeau’s father-in-law, James Sinclair, sat on AMS Council in 1927.

In the early 1950s, Ubyssey editor and columnist Alan Fotheringham was repeatedly kidnapped by the Engineers and once chained to the Birks clock downtown. Fotheringham later became a renowned columnist for Maclean’s.

On January 31, 1940, the first official UBC student union building, nowadays known as Brock Hall, opened, paid for largely by funds raised by the AMS. On September 26, 1968, the building we are currently in opened, followed shortly by a “pub-in” protest by students upset by the lack of a student pub. Their drunken cries were heard, as the Pit opened two months later on November 28, 1968, at a temporary location on the second floor of the SUB.

E) Executive Reports:

Sam Saini - VP External

U-Pass:

The October 2nd U-Pass forum was a relative success with ~60 people in attendance. Some of the speakers raised some key issues regarding the service levels. Reps. from TransLink and CMBC acknowledged that there have been pass-ups and that they have placed a significant number of extra buses on the road. They also stated that their internal procedures limit them in making substantial changes due to demand until November.

The U-Pass Card Production station has changed. It is no longer at Koerner Library but is now the Trek Office that is located at 2210 West Mall.

I met with Rob Tierney (Dean of Education) and the Office of External Programs to discuss the situation that Master of Education students face with respect U-Pass implementation. I will follow-up to see what kinds of solutions we can implement for these students.

We have reviewed U-Pass subsidy applications and have given out subsidies according to the criteria that the committee set a while ago. Unsuccessful applicants have already filed appeals and the work of the committee is not over. I would however like to thank the committee for the progress that we have made. We have a sound process and these people do deserve praise.

CASA:

The Wall of Debt Campaign is here!!! Everybody who has an expected debt load upon graduation needs to sign a brick. We will be unveiling this Wall at Parliament Hill on October 22nd and it should provide some media coverage for PSE issues. I am preparing for the upcoming
CASA Partnerships conference in Ottawa by undertaking some policy discussion with respect to our main goals and objectives.

XCom:
< We have set-up a couple of meetings between councilors, constituency presidents, and the admin to discuss tuition consultation and tuition increases. I am working on addressing individual constituency concerns with respect to consultation and creating a policy to mandate Deans to consult with the SA of their faculty.

SLC:
< We have selected the SLC Planning Committee. We are meeting weekly to discuss themes, potential speakers and overall logistics. Currently, we are taking proposals from individuals who would like to create or perform in a workshop at the conference.

General:
< Attended E-Strategy Meeting; Director of Career Services interviews; meeting with KSA execs to discuss lobbying priorities and how we can work together on student related government issues; Presidents Roundtable discussion with a couple of constituents to discuss tuition process; Discussing election reform at our public CPC meeting. Only one person from the public attended; Met with Dr. Piper to discuss some of our priorities for the year, she was impressed by some of the work that the exec has done through SUDS and other lobby related events; Met with the Dean of Arts office to discuss the new Dean’s Advisory Board; Addressed some of our concerns regarding athletics facilities and fee increases. Bob Philip verified that student money would not be going to support the new rowing facility.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Hunger Issues:
< I am in the midst of organizing the Annual AMS Halloween Food Drive scheduled for October 31st from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. I am working in conjunction with several clubs including World Vision, Circle K and Masala UBC to make the event a success.
< I met with the Greater Vancouver Food Bank to discuss our opportunities for collaboration for a student food bank.
< I met with Scott Courtice, the Programmes Manager for Meal Exchange about the placement of Meal Exchange at UBC.

Campus Outreach:
< I attended Campus Craze for Totem Park and Place Vanier to promote the AMS Services.
< I distributed rack cards to a variety of offices and departments of the university

Other:
< I have been in contact with reps from several universities discussing Orientation models as Nestor and I are reviewing our current programs.
< I sat on the AMS/UBC Events Sponsorship Committee where we allocated funds for the second semester.

Services:
< Speakeasy is busy organizing the National Peer Support Conference.
< Volunteer Connections has several Internship opportunities available within the AMS, they are a great way to get involved.
< Volunteer Connections also held their Volunteer Fair at the end of September, the reception to AMS Kindness especially was wonderful.
< Safewalk had a record number or walks for a Thursday night last week of 47 walks.
< Minischool classes have started or are starting next week. Friday is the last day to register.

Events:
< Last week, the Events Department ran two successful events: MTV Campus Invasion Tour featuring Gob, Kazzer and Jersey and the Much Music VJ Search.
The Candlelight Sessions Series is starting tomorrow night with Craig Cartiff and Paula Tolito in the Gallery Lounge. The next Candlelight Session will feature Tegan and Sara on November 15th.

Eran and Justin have also begun pub programming every Wednesday in the Pit.

Laura Best - VP Academic

Safety Issues:

Firstweek/Welcome Back BBQ
- Extensively went over reports of safety/wellness issues at those events.
- Safety Committee made a number of recommendations to be implemented regarding safety at these large events
  - I.E. - Safety checklist for all licensed events sponsored by the AMS with more than 500 people.

Safety Audit of the SUB
- Worked with Safety Committee to develop list of questions to be asked regarding safety in and around the SUB.
- Will be partnering with Paul Wong on data compilation.

Vandalism
- Wrote letter to Ubyssey regarding recent vandalism.

Campus Development:

Board of Governors passed the University Boulevard draft Neighbourhood Plan even though AMS submitted letter asking them not to pass it due to lack of clear process moving forward
- BoG included two amendments to their motion to pass it:
  - University will strike a committee with students to overlook the design competition for the area.
  - AMS will be consulted on buildings that comprise shops or services
- These processes are still unclear.

Working with OCP WG on creating report on ‘how students should be consulted’.
- Compiling results from student summit, past student surveys, expert opinions (we will have guests at our committee meetings).
- Will be running more student consultation on ‘how students should be consulted’ and hopefully report to the Board in November.
- SCARP class has taken this on as class project – will be working closely with them.

Wrote report on Student Summit.

Students who are parents:

Doing preliminary work on setting up a drop-in day care.
- Will be working to hopefully implement through the Aquatic Centre.
- If that doesn’t work, perhaps apply to IPF for money for AMS trial program.

Wellness commissioner is compiling resources to hopefully be put on AMS Website.

Safewalk Funding:

Worked with Safewalk and GM to write up MOU for University regarding this funding.
Currently with VP Students Office.

SASC/WAVA W:

Met with WAVA W – there are certain issues that are not covered in the agreement.
Will be drafting a supplement to the original agreement.

Speakers Series:

Had one on September 30, on Conflict in West Africa
- Well organized, small turnout.
Will be organizing more throughout the year – SEC is partnering with UCom to offer one on the Working Forest legislation.

**Student Directed Seminars:**

Sit on and met with the University Committee which oversees this project.

- Made recommendations on which proposals should be allowed to continue

**Human Resources on the Government Side:**

As mentioned in Code presentation, we are looking at the ways we hire, train, compensate as well as general management on the student side.

Putting together preliminary report regarding concerns in these areas.

Met with all senior managers (Bernie, Nancy, Jane, Henry) to discuss concerns, possible solutions and proposals.

Will be meeting with a number of hiring committees, Code and Policies, Exec Committee and other stakeholders regarding these issues.

**Other responsibilities:**

Sit on CPG – Inside UBC post-mortem.

Attended Welcome Back BBQ post-mortem.

Attended XCom meeting regarding tuition.

Attended staff lunch.

Was on High Noon with Aaron Strate and Ari – talked about campus development, Smart Media.

 Been having weekly office hours in the SUB concourse.

**Committee Reports:**

**Constituency Reports:**

Ana-Maria Chirila - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society
Julia Ridley - Medicine Undergraduate Society
Diana Keng - Education Students Association
Chris Payne - Arts Undergraduate Society
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Trevor Olson - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Students Society
Kevin Wong - Music Students Association
Jackie Liu - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Katie Boyes - Library & Archival Studies

**Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:**

**Jesse Eckert - Board of Governors**

- The Board of Governors met on October 2, 2003 and approved the University Boulevard and East Campus plan. Thanks to all Councillors who attended the meeting.
- The UBC Wireless project was completed on September 30, 2003.
- The UBC AGM will be held on October 28, 2003.

**Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated September 24, 2003 [SCD 327-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 15, 2003 [SCD 328-004]
J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

   “Be it resolved that Council authorize the expenditure of another $20,000 for the Travel Cuts lawsuit to cover legal costs up to September 15, 2004.

   Note: Ongoing costs will be reported to Council regularly.”

   - Oana Chirila said that following the decision of the previous Council meeting, the Executive Committee decided that instead of coming back to Council with every little bill for the Travel Cuts case, it would ask for enough to cover future costs so as to avoid micro-managing by Council.
   - Quinn Omori said the $20,000 figure seemed arbitrary, especially since the AMS would have to pay the costs whatever they are.
   - Dan Yokom said it was better to have a set amount than to let the Executive spend whatever without telling Council.
   - Laura Best recommended that the Executive tell Council every two months what had been paid so that there would be a system in place.
   - Carey Hill asked if the VP Finance would have to report in any case. Bernie Peets said the VP would not have to report if the amount was already in the budget.
   - Kate Woznow said it was important not to mislead future Councils by suggesting that they will have a choice whether to pay or not. It should be clear that the Executive will just be coming back with updates.
   - Carey Hill said it was strange to vote on this motion since the AMS had to pay in any case.
   - Bernie Peets said the limit had been set at $20,000 in 1999; the AMS would not be able to pay more now without passing this motion.
   - Kate Woznow said that she thought that since it was in the contract, the AMS had to pay.
   - Oana Chirila said the point was whether to pay bit by bit or to set aside a large sum once.
   - Alison Atkinson said she wanted to impress on Council that the motion was meaningless because the AMS had to pay. The decision had been made for Council.

2. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED JESSE ECKERT:

   “That motion #1 be amended to read:

   Be it resolved that Council authorize ongoing expenditures for the Travel Cuts lawsuit to cover legal costs.

   Note: Ongoing costs will be reported to Council regularly.”
3. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That motion #2 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that Council authorize ongoing expenditures for the Travel Cuts lawsuit to cover legal costs.

Note: Ongoing costs will be reported to Council every two months by the President.”

4. MOVED OANA CHIRILA:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

5. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That motion #2 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that Council authorize ongoing expenditures for the Travel Cuts lawsuit to cover legal costs.

Note: Ongoing costs will be reported to Council every two months by the President.”

... Carried

6. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

“Be it resolved that Council authorize ongoing expenditures for the Travel Cuts lawsuit to cover legal costs.

Note: Ongoing costs will be reported to Council every two months by the President.”

... Carried

7. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

"That in accordance with Code Section VI, Article 1(1), Council strike an ad hoc Executive Remuneration Committee to review the remuneration of the AMS Executive and the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, this committee to consist of three (3) non-Executive Council members, two (2) students-at-large, the General Manager (or his designate), and the Policy Adviser."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Oana Chirila said Executive remuneration had not been reviewed in a long time.
- Dave Tompkins asked why a special committee was needed instead of using the Compensation Review Committee. Laura Best said there were executives on Comp Review.
- Carey Hill asked if any pay adjustments would be retroactive. Oana Chirila said they would only take effect for next year’s Executive.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED MIA TAGHIZADEH:

"That Council appoint Josh McNorton, Alan Warkentin and Dave Tompkins (Council members) and Christopher Eaton (student at-large) to the Executive Remuneration Committee."

"Be it resolved that Student Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Julia Low Ah Kee as the Student Senate Representative for the Faculty of Medicine and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision."

"That Council appoint Ashfan Ramji (member at-large) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004."

"That Council appoint Peter Sun (member at-large) to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004."

"That Council appoint Melissa Parker (Council member) to the Assistants Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004." ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of Communications Planning Group dated September 8, 2003 [SCD 336-004]
Minutes of Communications Planning Group dated September 22, 2003 [SCD 337-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 8, 2003 [SCD 338-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 15, 2003
Minutes of the External Commission dated August 28, 2003 [SCD 340-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated July 21, 2003 [SCD 341-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated August 8, 2003 [SCD 342-004]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

< Health Dental Plan
- Oana Chirila said the Health & Dental Plan Committee wanted Council to call the referendum at its next meeting, so wanted to make sure everyone was comfortable now with what was being proposed.

- Josh Caulkins asked how the figure of $12 had been settled on for the reserve fund. Kristin Foster said the aim had been to keep it as low as possible and yet reasonable. It had been based on cost evaluations.

- Alan Warkentin asked how much it cost to run a referendum. Oana Chirila said $3,000 was budgeted, not including $1,000 each for the Yes and No sides.

- Julia Ridley asked what cuts would be made if students voted No. Oana Chirila said she could not answer that question; the committee would have to look at the situation next spring; it would be a tough decision.

- Quinn Omori asked if it was possible to ask if students wanted the plan at all. Oana said the committee decided against that; the surveys showed overwhelming support for the plan.

6. Summer U-Pass
- Sam Saini said the UBC Trek Office had done a survey about a summer U-Pass which showed support for it. It would be a 4-month program: anyone who registered in the summer would pay $80 and receive a 4-month pass. He went through the pros and cons of such a plan.

- The pros are that it has support and is available to the AMS from Translink now. There are 17,000 students in the summer who could use the pass, and if the AMS waits, the price could go up.

- On the con side: there are service issues. The transit experience since U-Pass began in September includes full buses and pass-ups. Since Translink is not able to accommodate demand now, perhaps now is not the time to go forward with an additional plan.

- Trevor Olson asked about co-op students. Sam Saini said that co-op students do not pay AMS fees, under a decision made by the AMS four years ago. Many of the co-op students are outside the GVRD and do not want to pay AMS fees.

- Trevor Olson said a significant number of co-op students are in the Lower Mainland. Sam Saini said the issue for them is pro-rated fees in general.

- Oana Chirila said the Trek survey was done before the U-Pass began. She wanted to see what next summer’s students would say. She also noted that the summer students are different people from those in winter session, and it would be strange for winter session students to vote on a U-Pass for summer students.

- Carey Hill said the U-Pass is a big issue for graduate students. She said everyone in graduate studies loves the U-Pass and would want it in the summer.

- Dave Tompkins said it wasn’t Council that decided against a summer U-Pass; it was a top-down decision. If Council needed a test group for the summer, it could be the graduate students.

- Diana Keng said Education students are here for 12 months and are definitely in favour of a summer U-Pass.

- Sam Saini said that a majority of the applicants for subsidies for the U-Pass have been graduate students who don’t want to pay for it on the grounds that they are away writing their theses. He said Master’s of Education students are upset with the U-Pass because they are out of town. He added that it would be a hardship on someone taking a three-week summer course to have to pay the $80 for a four-month pass.
Laura Best said that what is needed is another survey and focus groups to find out what students want. If students want a summer U-Pass, the AMS should not be bound by a decision made when it didn’t know what the students wanted.

Quinn Omori asked if non-summer students could opt in to get the summer U-Pass. Sam Saini said Translink was not keen on opting in because those who would opt in are those who would be using public transit anyway, so why would Translink want to let them pay $20 a month when they’re now paying $63 or more?

Dani Bryant said it was wrong for winter students to decide for summer students. It was necessary to look at what summer students wanted.

Tim Leung said even a student taking a three-week course would benefit from a summer U-Pass. He would love to have a cheap pass for the whole summer.

Sam Saini said that a Burnaby driver who doesn’t take transit might not want to pay $80 just because they have signed up for a two-week course.

Quinn Omori asked if the FastTrax program would be available. Sam Saini said No.

Laura Best said that since Translink had initiated the discussions of a summer U-Pass, the AMS could ask for opt-ins.

Sam Saini said he could take the opt-in issue to the table as a negotiating point. He added that for a summer U-Pass to take effect next year, a referendum would be needed this November. It was a tight timeline, and a matter of priorities. The health and dental plan referendum is coming up soon.

Dan Yokom said the feeling in residence is mixed about the U-Pass for winter session, but he thought there would be a lot stronger support there for a summer U-Pass.

Carey Hill said the U-Pass is fantastic and students relate it to the AMS; it casts the AMS in a good light. She said the U-Pass is also about sustainability; it changes the way people come to school. She also asked if a referendum on a summer U-Pass could be held together with the referendum on the health and dental plan.

Oana Chirila said she doubted whether the AMS could get a deal in place with Translink and the University in time to go to a referendum.

Sam Saini said he did not want to take hasty action. He wanted to get the facts and negotiate a deal with UBC. He did not think this could be done within two months.

Diana Keng asked if the current U-Pass cards could be reprogrammed to work in the summer. Sam Saini said No.

Q) Submissions:

< Inside UBC Post-Mortem report [SCD 343-004]
< Notes of meeting with Campus Security held September 17, 2003 [SCD 344-004] [SCD 345-004]
< Minutes of Student Summit Focus Group Meeting dated September 18, 2003 [SCD 346-004]
< Notes of meeting with UBC Parking Services dated September 24, 2003
< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated August 20, 2003 [SCD 347-004]
< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated August 27, 2003 [SCD 348-004]
< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated October 1, 2003 [SCD 349-004]

R) Next Meeting:
The next meeting of Student Council will be held on October 29, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

10. MOVED TIM LEUNG, SECONDED TREVOR OLSON:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.”
... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Raj Mathur, Lynden Wei (SAC Secretary), Lev Bukhman (Studentcare.net/works), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (PR Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks:

CASA:

< I was away last week in Ottawa at the CASA conference. Some of the highlights include:
- very successful Wall Of Debt/Generation Debt media stunt with the foam debt-load bricks.
- having our luggage and bricks lost by Air Canada upon arrival in Ottawa.
- meeting with Paul Martin to discuss the prominence of Post-Secondary Education in his leadership and election platform.
- meeting with David Lynch, Deputy Minister of Finance to discuss the feasibility of splitting a PSE Transfer from the current CST/CHT arrangement.
- meeting with the Liberal Caucus on PSE; PSE and Generation Debt was mentioned by 3 different MPs in the House of Commons during the week.
- 3-day partnerships conference with other provincial and federal student lobby groups.

Tuition:

< Met with Michelle Aucoin, Dana Merritt and Neil regarding Key Performance Indicators included in the University’s Benchmark Analysis Report.
< Will be doing a written submission containing our concerns with this report.

CPG:

< Email address standardization.
< Permanent banners.
< Zoom ads – the frames containing the Good Time/Life Time ads were vandalized. This is a very lowly way of dealing with dissatisfaction.
< AMS website.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:

< Presented to AMS Council and GSS Council.
< On the agenda tonight is a motion to call a referendum with the same provisions as was discussed previously.

VP Academic Interviews:

< Have been serving on the committee with Chris Ste. Croix to select the new VP Academic and Provost.
Food For Fines:
<br>The dates for Food For Fines have been confirmed – between November 24 and 28, students will be able to have their library fines waived in exchange for donations to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. More details to come.
<br>Also working on the AMS Strategic Plan.
<br>AMS Hoodies are coming.
<br>Please come visit…. My office has a new door.

Other:
<br>Also attended a luncheon presented by the Vancouver Board of Trade with Minister of Finance John Manley as the keynote speaker on October 16.

E) Executive Reports:

Sam Saini - VP External

U-Pass:
<br>I have begun to assess the situation with respect Co-Op students and their inclusion within the U-Pass program. This would mean that Co-Op students would once again have to pay for all other AMS fees and this will be the major focus of the consultation procedure.
<br>Preliminary information about summer U-Pass feedback is in and I will be discussing this with the Trek department soon to see what type of deal we have on the table.
<br>The first scheduled Service and Review Monitoring Committee will be taking place in early November to address our satisfaction with the program. I will keep you posted.

CASA:
<br>The Wall of Debt Campaign is over!!! The Ottawa conference was a tremendous success and we received some incredible media coverage for our little stunt. I will have a more detailed report for you for next council meeting as I have not had time to compile all the details at this time.

Government Relations:
<br>I am finishing off some of the proposals for the provincial committee on SFA. I hope that this will provide a great opportunity to further some of the developments that we have seen on the in-study income and scholarship exemption level. In addition, I am in the process of scheduling meetings with members of the federal Liberal PSE Caucus to discuss issues surrounding dedicated transfer payments for PSE.

XCom:
<br>XCom has started to develop posters for the tuition campaign with consultation from our interested councilors and the PR Department. We have started to discuss the details of our letter writing-campaign and how we need to target specific avenues to get much needed student involvement. We developed a new consultation policy for the admin to consider which we will address later.

SLC:
<br>The SLC Planning Committee is up and running. We are accepting proposals for workshops currently and we hope that we will be able to target some of the workshops to a student’s specific level of involvement. However, I have been away for the past week and I need to debrief on some of the developments.

General:
<br>I have been working on a KPI submission with Oana and Jared. I attended the Board 72 meetings discussing the Universities policy on access. Went to the UBC AGM at Robson square; they had some interesting speeches regarding global citizenship. I attended the First-Week post-mortem as well.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services
AMS Halloween Food Drive:
< I have been really busy planning the food drive as well as doing promo and contacting on-campus groups to be involved.
< Last night, we went into the Point Grey and Kitsilano communities to inform them of the food drive with informational door hangers.

Interviews:
< I sat on Appointments Committees for the Volunteer Connections Assistant and the International Student Issues Commissioner positions.
< I took part in the search process for the new director of Career Services. Her name is Linda Alexander and she comes from Toombs KWA Outplacement where she was VP and GM and established the Vancouver office and oversaw career transition services to clients. She also holds a master of arts in counseling psychology from UBC.

HR Issues:
< Laura and I have been looking at our several processes on the government and services side of the AMS to make the more efficient.

Firstweek Post-Mortem:
< We completed the Firstweek post-mortem this morning, I will submit a report for the next Council meeting.

Committees:
< Attended the UBC Alcohol Committee meeting.
< Communications Planning Group.
< Safety Committee.

Other:
< Budgeting issues.
< Reallocation of offices and computers within the Services.
< Met with Nestor Korchinsky about campus events and orientations.
< Developed outreach for intellectual wellness for Wellness Fair.

Services:
Advocacy:
< Maya returned from the Canadian Conference on Student Judicial Affairs and found it very useful.
Joblink:
< 325 students have signed up for the custom emailing program so far this year, which is awesome!
< They have started to organize the summer job fair (they are starting early this year to make it even better than the last one).
< Harry Black, the con man is back, if you hear of students complaining please have them contact Joblink or Career Services.
Speakeasy:
< Has just received a new display rack for pamphlets, much more effective than previous displays.
Tutoring:
< In the first month, have helped students 1537 times.
< 91% of students strongly agree that AMS Tutoring helped them better understand their courses.
< We have been looking at budgeting for the service in the future.

Laura Best - VP Academic

Wesbrook & Premier Undergraduate Scholarship Committee:
< Sitting on this committee to determine the recipients of these awards.
< Short-listed and interviewed candidates for these awards.
This committee has been a significant time commitment.

**Appointments Committee:**
- Co-ordinated hiring of new International Student Issues Commissioner and Volunteer Connections Assistant Coordinator.

**Compensation Review Committee:**
- Met to determine compensation for Elections Committee members (other than the Elections Administrator).

**OCP Working Group:**
- Continuing to work on the report on how students should be consulted.
- The Committee met with Tony Dorcey (head of SCARP) at the last meeting.

**Safety Committee and Safety Audit:**
- Safety Audit is being run this week - online and in person on the SUB Concourse. Results will inform future educational campaigns, light priorities (in conjunction with David Greig) future safety and renovation initiatives.
- Emailed out the link to a large number of campus groups.

**Teaching Excellence Initiative:**
- Met with stakeholders regarding this initiative - moving forward well.
  - possible pilot project with Arts for June 2004.
  - Michelle Aucoin is looking to create a website for this initiative.
  - will be presenting this to Council later on in more detail.

**Academic Roundtable:**
- Met with representatives from Senate, Commerce and Pharmacy to discuss TEI and Community Service learning.

**Sustainability Advisory Committee:**
- Sit on this committee. At the last meeting we discussed Sustainability Circles and the topic for the next one will be sustainable food systems and how to create one at UBC.

**Human Resources on the Government/Services Side:**
- Met with Dani to discuss constructive solutions to some of the issues we have identified.

**Speakers Series:**
- UCom partnered with Student Environment Centre to run panel discussion on Working Forest Legislation on October 21st, well organized and good turnout.
- Next Tuesday there will be a panel discussion on the new ‘Access and Diversity Unit’.

**Fire Alarms and Midterms:**
- Discussed with Economics Professor innovative ways to try to prevent fire alarms from being pulled during midterms.
- Will be attending meeting in November for this issue.

**Meetings Attended:**
- Communications Planning Group.
- Firstweek post mortem.
- SAC Wine and Cheese.

**Brian Duong - VP Finance**
- Apologies for missing the last meeting, I was invigilating an exam, and will include last meeting’s executive report in the next minutes.
- That being said, I hope everyone survived midterm alright!

**Budget Committee:**
- Met with Dani and Brooke to discuss future plans tutoring service’s operations, to prepare for the possibility that the TLEF funding may no longer be offered by the university and the adjustments which may need to be made.

**Compensation Review:**
< Attended compensation review committee, where the remunerations of the elections committee was determined, effective immediately.

Fundraising and Sponsorship:

< Myself and Bernie, completed interviews and have recommended the hiring of a development officer, and are currently working out the details of her contract.
< She will be introduced at an upcoming fundraising and sponsorship meeting.

Finance Commission:

< Finance Commission is organizing an AMS Fundraising dinner which will involve AMS Execs and leaders of students past, where we will potentially launch a fundraising campaign, and offer a history of how the AMS has changed over the years.
< We have compiled a list of over 400 people, and are sending out invitations shortly. We will also sell tickets and invite current student leaders.

Other Meetings:

< Attended Firstweek post mortem.

Questions:

- Kate Woznow asked if the agreement with Smart Media was being re-evaluated. Brian Duong said there had been a delay in installing the Smart Media machines. They were supposed to arrive in September, then in early October, but they were not in yet.

Josh Bowman - VP Administration

Renovations Planning Group:

< We’ve been working on the Bike Project, and bids have gone to tender for a final price. We will come back and report to council with the final price and drawings. We have also finished facilitating staff office moves, and are doing club office audits (through SAC Facilities Commissioner and Jane Barry). The signage project is also well underway, and we’re looking at installing building directories shortly. We are looking into ways to make the building more accessible.

Business Operations Committee:

< We met, and discussed marketing for our businesses. We have seen remarkable success for the Honour Roll…keep it up!

Impacts Committee:

< We have met several times, and have decided to postpone meetings until we have a big project to work on. We did a Farm Aid wrap-up (it went well!), and discussed possibilities around creating a purchasing policy for the AMS.

Aquatics Centre Management Committee:

< Last year the Aquatic Centre made record revenues (over a million dollars!), and we discussed some of the programming for the upcoming year. We also discussed issues around access, now that University Boulevard is shut down for all vehicles besides buses.

RCMP/Alcohol Policy:

< After several meetings with the RCMP, we changed licensed event times back to 4-8, 6-10, and (by special request) 8-12. An Alcohol Committee, involving the RCMP, AMS, GSS, and University has been meeting to discuss ways to encourage responsible and safe licensed events. Also, another Alcohol Training Session has been held, and we plan to hold another one shortly. Thanks to all who attended and are helping maintain a proactive approach to alcohol on campus!

SAC:

< SAC Wyne and Cheese was lots of fun! It had a good turn-out, and there was much socializing, eating, and networking, as well as safe and moderate consumption of wyne. SAC has been busy as can be, and has held several club forums, updating old constitutions, and looking for as much bookable space in the building as possible. We have also helped facilitate office moves in the building, and have been working on a wrap-up for Clubs Days.

Minischool/Classroom Services:
We have been working with Classroom Services to help find space for several Minischool courses, to help take some pressure off the SUB in terms of booking space. Classroom Services has been quite receptive, and we should have some space freed up into November.

**UBC/AMS:**

We have been meeting and discussing insurance, the IPF, and renovations in the building, as well as the mandate of the committee.

**UBC AGM:**

I went, ate, asked a question, and had a generally good time. UBC is looking at addressing their deferred maintenance issues within the next few years, and likes “global citizenship”. If you missed it, there should be a video made which you can view. Check the UBC website for details.

**Walter Gage:**

We met and doled out some money to the Walking Robot Club, a student going to a sustainability conference, and a fuel-efficient car contest, among other student projects. We are about halfway through the budgeted year, and are doing pretty well financially.

**Other:**

Oxfam had a no-sweat fashion show, which was great. I have been attending the Speaker Series’ and High Noon with Aaron Strate and Ari Lazer shows, and both have been wonderful and informative!

**F) Committee Reports:**

**G) Constituency Reports:**

Quinn Omori - Arts Undergraduate Society
Diana Keng - Education Students Association - said she was consulting with Education students about the U-Pass.
Norman Sippert - Planning Students Association
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society - said the Science social space plan was going to stage 2 of the five-stage Board of Governors process. He also reported that the Science Undergraduate Society had received conflicting information about tuition allocations from the Dean of Science and UBC’s VP Students.
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society - reported that there had been a break-in at the offices of the Agricultural Undergraduate Society.
Ryan Cunningham - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Jackie Liu - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Jeff Tung - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Kevin Wong - Music Students Association
Leigh-Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Julia Ridley - Medicine Undergraduate Society
Beth Moskovitz - Regent College
Dave Tompkins - Graduate Students Society - reported that the Graduate Student Society had passed a new policy opposing further tuition increases.
Jennifer Lo - Commerce Undergraduate Society

**H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:**

**Board of Governors - Jesse Eckert**
- Met with the OCP Working Group last week and will meet again tomorrow.
- Meeting with BoG members regarding University Boulevard.
Senate - Chris Ste-Croix
- Senate had passed a new policy on the ringing of fire alarms during exams.

Ombudsperson - Sara Ahadi
- The Ombuds office just opened case number 108 this week. This is approximately the same number of cases as were opened all of last year.
- We are implementing a new set of office procedures. Chad presented the draft copy of the new and improved Ombuds database which will ultimately enable us to transfer our case documents onto the computer and will reduce our reliance on paper.
- Due to budget issues, the ConRes program has been terminated. We would like to express our gratitude to the executives of the Graduate Student’s Society for continuing this important program.
- Attended the Positive Space workshop run by the Equity Office. I highly recommend it to those who haven’t taken part in it yet.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated October 15, 2003 [SCD 350-004]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 6, 2003 [SCD 351-004] [SCD 352-004]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated October 3, 2003 [SCD 353-004]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated October 10, 2003
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated March 19, 2003 [SCD 354-004]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated April 16, 2003 [SCD 355-004]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated May 7, 2003 [SCD 356-004]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated June 19, 2003 [SCD 357-004]
Minutes of Assistants Appointments Committee dated October 17, 2003 [SCD 358-004]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED CHRIS STE-CROIX, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"Be it resolved that in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(a) and Code Section IX A, Article 13, Council direct the President to call a referendum, such referendum to be conducted electronically from November 15 through November 21 inclusive."

< David Asgeirsson said the GSS had voted overwhelmingly in favour of raising the health and dental plan fee, but since then he had heard negative comments about the increase from students he had spoken to.

< Oana Chirila said she had also heard from students who wanted the plan to be “cheap, cheap, cheap,” but it can’t be. There had been negative comments last year about the U-Pass, but it passed overwhelmingly. If there is no increase in the health plan fee, the only option would be to cut benefits. She said students have the right to choose for themselves on this issue.

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...Carried

3. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED JACKIE LIU:

"Be it resolved that the first question in the referendum read as follows:

Do you support an increase of up to $53 in the fee for the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan to ensure plan stability, maintain current benefits, and provide additional benefits, including vision care (glasses or contact lenses), orthotics, and paramedical services (e.g. physiotherapists, psychologists, and massage therapists)?

Note: The current fee is $187 per year. The proposed changes would come into effect September 1, 2004."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Oana Chirila said the question had to be abbreviated to fit within the very restrictive limit on the number of characters imposed by Brock Hall. But it will be possible to have buttons students can click on for more information.

< Quinn Omori said the Arts caucus would like a non-binding question added asking students if they want a plan at all. The concern was that if the referendum question failed and the only option was to cut benefits, the result would be a bad plan which students might not be in favour of.

< Oana Chirila said the Health and Dental Committee had discussed this and decided it was not the time to ask that question. If the question about raising the fee fails, then there could be a separate question about whether to continue the health plan at all. The Committee did not want to cloud the issue now by asking the second question.

< Quinn Omori said that’s why the suggestion was to make the second question non-binding.

< Dave Tompkins asked if the same time limits existed for non-binding plebiscites as for referendums.

< Sheldon Goldfarb said there are no provisions for plebiscites in the AMS Bylaws.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:
5. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council accept SAC’s recommendation to discontinue the appointment of Sean Seiler from the position of SAC Clubs External Commissioner effective October 29, 2003.

Note: Mr. Seiler will receive the proportionate honourarium for time served in the position.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

6. MOVED DAN YOKOM, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN, LAURA BEST:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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9. MOVED BRIAN DUONG:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

“That Council omnibus motions 4 - 8 on the agenda.”
... Carried

12. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

“That Council appoint Diana Keng (Council member) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

“That Council appoint Katie Boyes (Council member) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

Note: Alan Warkentin - in favour ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of Communications Planning Group dated September 29, 2003 [SCD 359-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 22, 2003 [SCD 360-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 29, 2003 [SCD 361-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 6, 2003 [SCD 362-004]
Minutes of the External Commission dated September 11, 2003 [SCD 363-004]
Minutes of the External Commission dated September 18, 2003 [SCD 364-004]
Minutes of the External Commission dated September 26, 2003 [SCD 365-004]
Minutes of the University Commission dated August 15, 2003 [SCD 367-004]
Minutes of the University Commission dated August 28, 2003 [SCD 368-004]

13. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“Whereas the TREK 2000 vision statement of the University of British Columbia states that the University ‘recognizes that it must be accountable to those who use [its] services, participate in [its] processes, share in [its] governance, and provide [its] revenues’; and

Whereas students contribute a significant proportion of the University’s revenues through tuition fees;

Whereas the University’s Policy 71 on consultation acknowledges that the student leadership should be given the reasons for tuition fee adjustments; and
Whereas the faculty deans play a significant role in shaping tuition proposals, levels and allocations; and

Whereas the faculty student associations communicate with, and represent the interests of students on tuition-based issues;

Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call on the University to further its commitment to tuition fee consultation and fee policy development by:

a) mandating the Dean of each faculty to meaningfully consult with the student association of that faculty on tuition increases and allocations;

b) mandating the Dean of each faculty to provide a rationale and detailed description to the respective student associations on how tuition dollars are allocated in their faculty;

c) ensuring that the Dean of each faculty can demonstrate improvements in the quality of education should any review of tuition take place.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Sam Saini said the purpose of this policy statement was to improve relations between Faculty Deans and the student associations in their faculties. Some faculties have adequate relations, but in some, such as Science and Engineering, there is a lack of consultation between Deans and students.

< Dan Yokom said the policy statement seemed vague. He suggested strengthening it to ensure that the Deans would be accountable.

< Sam Saini said vagueness is what is wanted in this case. Being too specific could hinder getting things done.

< Alison Atkinson asked if the policy was mandating the Deans to meet regularly with students. This is what is happening in Arts, she said, and it is rad.

< David Asgeirsson said he didn’t understand the motivation for the motion. He said it was his understanding that the University Provost told the Deans how much money they could have in their budgets and not vice versa. He thought it wrong to let the UBC Administration pass the buck to the Deans in this way.

< Sam Saini said in practice the UBC Administration does not put forward its tuition proposal without the proposals from the Deans. The system doesn’t work top down; it very much comes from the Deans and works its way up, then comes down as an Administration decision. This motion is encouraging an improvement in feedback at the Deans’ level before proposals go to the Administration.

< Josh Bowman said he was not sure Council was the best place to fine-tune the wording of the motion, given that it had been drawn up by the VP External and the AMS Policy Adviser after consultation with the various stakeholders.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

University Commission Report - Teaching Excellence Initiative - Laura Best [SCD 369-004]

Laura Best reported on the progress of the Teaching Excellence Initiative and summarized the history behind it, including the Yardstick that the AMS used to produce, and whose name was thought to be too judgemental. In the past, some of the large faculties supplied their teaching evaluations, but several of the smaller faculties never complied and the AMS had no authority to enforce compliance.

Now plans were moving ahead very successfully, with rare agreement from Senate, the Administration, and the AMS on a new system that would combine information drawn from teaching evaluations with other information about professors.

Questions:
- Andrew Lawrenson asked what problems there were. Laura Best said some faculty members were concerned about job performance reviews going public and some faculties didn’t want to pay for someone to manage the new system. She was hoping to get some money for this.
- Alan Warkentin asked if the program would still go ahead if faculties besides Arts and Science did not agree. Laura Best said the plan was to start with a pilot program in Arts in 2004. The hope was that if the bigger faculties start doing it, the others will follow.
- Dan Yokom asked about ensuring that professors’ names are made available early enough for students to know which professor is teaching which course. Laura Best said this is being looked at.
- Norman Sippert asked if individual faculty members would have a say in whether their information goes up. Laura Best said the aim was to get everyone’s information, but some faculties may not comply unless individual professors have the right to opt out.
- Diana Keng asked if sessional lecturers were included. Laura Best said different faculties and departments handled this differently, but if UBC evaluations are available for sessional lecturers, then they would be entered into the system.
- Diana Keng asked about TA’s. Laura Best said that because of high turnover, recording information for TA’s was hard.
- J ason Loxton asked if the information would all be statistical or would there be qualitative comments. Laura Best said the Yardstick had been all statistical, but under the new system, the information would be managed by each faculty or department, so it would be up to them.

- Laura Best added that the point was to make sure that departments could showcase their professors. She also said that Graduate Studies was sort of on board, but not really, and it would be an added benefit if they were so that graduate students could have more information in choosing an adviser.

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

< AMS Health & Dental Plan Referendum - Quinn Omori
- Quinn Omori said that if the referendum fails and benefits have to be decreased, it would be helpful to have a non-binding question to establish whether students still want the health plan at all.
- Amina Rai said that since referendums cost a lot of money, it would be a good idea to use this opportunity to ask a second question.
- Oana Chirila said surveys had been done showing 90+ percent support for the health plan. She added that it would confuse the issue to ask a second question now; it would be better to keep things simple and straightforward. Possibly the second question could be tagged onto the elections in January.
- Brian Duong said surveys were better than Yes-No referendum questions for finding out the details of people’s views.
- Dave Tompkins asked about linking from the referendum page to a survey. Quinn Omori called that a brilliant idea.

< Campus Security - Laura Best
- Laura Best said there had been changes in the work schedules for UBC security personnel, but UBC has said that this will not affect security levels; there will be layoffs, but no service reduction.
- Amina Rai said she had heard a slightly different story from the union, which said there will be a shortage of service. Also, the changes will cause hardships for union members. She also was concerned that there had been an increase in the number of assaults on campus.
- Laura Best said this had been discussed several times at Safety Committee and anyone interested could attend Safety Committee meetings. She added that until there was an actual reduction in service, it was not the role of the AMS to get involved in labour negotiations between UBC and its unions.
- David Asgeirsson asked about guarantees that there would be no service reduction. Laura Best said she had it in writing.

< Summer U-Pass - Norman Sippert
- Norman Sippert asked for an update. Sam Saini said he was meeting with UBC Trek the next day. He noted that there had been some support for a summer U-Pass at the last AMS Council meeting, but there were unanswered questions and there would have to be negotiations and polling.
Dave Tompkins said it was being said that lots of graduate students are opting out of the current U-Pass, but he’d heard lots of positive responses from graduate students. He wondered if the Graduate Student Society could hold its own referendum.

Sam Saini said it was an economy of scale issue. There was no real incentive for Translink to offer the discounted pass to a group that was already committed to riding the bus.

Andrew Lawrenson announced that the Student Legal Fund Society had been reinstated as a society in good standing.

Q) Submissions:

Final Report - AMS Student Summit on Campus Development [SCD 370-004]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on November 12, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

15. MOVED TIM LEUNG, SECONDED DIANA KENG:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.”

... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs
LB:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Raj Mathur, Robert Cross (EUS), Alex Rova (AUS), Jordie Yow (Afternoon Tea Society), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (PR Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

S) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

N) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

Firstweek - Chris Payne [SCD 370-004]
[SCD 371-004]

- The goal of Firstweek is to welcome and orient, new and returning students to UBC.
- Implementation of the week was flawless.
- Over 12,000 students registered.
- Account codes were restructured to allow for a transparent budget.
- Communications between Bookings, Public Relations and the Events Department need to be improved.
- There needs to be a clear and structured registration system.
- The role of the FirstWeek Coordinator needs to be better defined.
- Recommended the creation of an advisory board.

Questions

- Carey Hill asked about reducing the number of events because of attendance problems.
- Chris Payne said that was a possible option which an advisory board might look at.
- Kate Woznow asked about the budget and safety concerns. Chris Payne said some expenses are still coming in. He said there will be a final report including the final budget and a safety report.
- Spencer Keys asked if there was a lack of support for the FirstWeek Coordinator. Chris Payne said the proposed advisory board would provide support. Dani Bryant said the board would meet once or twice at the beginning of the FirstWeek Coordinator’s term of office. The board would include representatives from residences, constituencies, resource groups, and so forth so that there would be a larger number of people who could contribute ideas about what FirstWeek should include.
- Joshua Caulkins asked about freebie trucks. Chris Payne said that was a sponsorship issue handled through the Events Department.
Kate Woznow asked about feedback forms. Chris Payne said work had been done on a survey or assessment form. Dani Bryant said all the Student Services were going to be creating assessment forms which would go on line.

Bike Co-op Renovations Update - Josh Bowman/Michael Kingsmill

Josh Bowman said there was good news about the Bike Co-op Project. UBC Trek had put their promise to pay half the cost in writing. Also there were good results from the tendering process.

Michael Kingsmill described the renovations work to be done for the project and noted that there had been some modifications to keep within budget. He said five bids had been received, all around $150,000. The one accepted was for $155,943. Adding in internal costs and a $20,000 contingency, the total would be $227,213.

There would also be some other work associated with the Bike project: the space vacated by the Bike Co-op will be taken over by the Varsity Outdoors Club (VOC). There will also be a place for AMS storage space.

Josh Bowman said the costs were at the bottom end of what had been expected.

Questions

Kate Woznow asked about sustainable materials and other sustainability measures.

Michael Kingsmill said there was not much in the project that lent itself to sustainability measures because the material being used is mostly concrete.

Carey Hill asked about the cost of the tunnel which had been originally planned for but which was being abandoned. Michael Kingsmill said there had been a $40,000 estimate for the tunnel, and there were concerns about contingent expenses that might have been incurred if the tunnel had been built, so the decision had been against the tunnel.

Carey Hill asked about the employment of UBC architectural students on the project.

Michael Kingsmill said there were none hired directly, but his work-study assistant, who is working on the project, is in Architecture. He said there was not a lot of architectural design work involved in the project.

Dan Yokom asked where the money was coming from for the VOC and the storage space.

Josh Bowman said it would come from CPAC. He said the work for the VOC would cost between $8,000 and $10,000.

President's Remarks:

Reminder that the AMS Holidays Party is on Saturday November 29th. Tickets are $11, with $10 being refunded at the door and $1 going to the Stocking Fund. You must RSVP by Thursday November 20th at the latest.

Many thanks to Sheldon for his work on getting the Archives flood under control, following the fire in the SUB last week. His assistants Daphne and Christina put in a lot of hours to make sure the materials stored in the Archives are safe from any damage. A report on the flood has been attached as a submission to the Council agenda.

Food For Fines is coming up November 24 - 28, more information is available at www.ams.ubc.ca/foodforfines - in exchange for a donation of non-perishable food brought to any of the 14 branches of the UBC Library, $2 of your fines will be waived, to a maximum of $20 per borrower.

The referendum preparations are under way and voting will begin on Friday at midnight. Please help by distributing posters and spreading the word.

AMS hoodies will be ordered on Friday - you must have your cash or cheque in to my office by Thursday.
The University is conducting consultation on the TREK 2010 document, an update to the previous visionary TREK 2000. They would like informal and formal student feedback by mid-December

Thank you and congratulations to SUS!

E) Executive Reports:

Josh Bowman - VP Administration

The Annual White Ribbon Pancake Breakfast will be held on Thursday, November 27 from 7:30 am - 11:00 am

Laura Best - VP Academic

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

The Halloween Food Drive was a huge success. Thanks to Sam for helping move the food.

Tegan and Sara will be in the Pit on Saturday, November 15, 2003 organized by AMS Events.

Brian Duong - VP Finance

Sam Saini - VP Finance

F) Committee Reports:

OCP Working Group

Chris Zappavigna asked how the OCP Working Group proposed to fix the problem of governance. Laura Best said there is a need to be cognizant of the structures and challenges, and to come up with a community involvement policy that addresses those structures and challenges. The Working Group wants there to be more transparency and accountability.

G) Constituency Reports:

Leigh-Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Jackie Liu - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Diana Keng - Education Students’ Association
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Chris Payne - Arts Undergraduate Society - reported for Arts that a tuition allocation committee had been created and discussions were going well with the Dean of Arts in working out where students want the money to go.
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Students Society
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society - said there was a donor for the proposed Science social space who had agreed to donate $750,000. He added that tuition allocation consultation was not going as well in Science as in Arts. SUS is trying to meet with the new Dean of Science to get some communication going.
Jennifer Lo - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Michael Yung - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Kevin Wong - Music Students Association
Andrew Lawrenson - Law Students’ Association
H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors - Amina Rai
- Working with the OCP Working Group.
- Looking into ethical purchasing policies at UBC.
- Friday is the first meeting on Brian Sullivan (VP Student) evaluation.
- Board Committee meeting tomorrow to discuss the SUS Social Space issue.

Senate - Chris Zappavigna
- The Senate committee on disciplinary appeals is seeking to have the UBC President explain her reasons for the punishments she metes out to make it easier to carry out the appeals procedure.

Ombudsperson - Sara Ahadi
- The Ombudsperson’s office met with the Graduate Students Society about creating a GSS Ombudsperson.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- Minutes of Student Council dated October 15, 2003 as amended [SCD 378-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 10, 2003 [SCD 379-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 17, 2003 [SCD 380-004]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 27, 2003 [SCD 381-004]
- Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated October 17, 2003 [SCD 382-004]
- Minutes of Commissioners Appointments Committee dated May 14, 2003 [SCD 383-004]
- Minutes of Assistants Appointments Committee dated November 6, 2003 [SCD 384-004]
- Minutes of Assistants Appointments Committee dated November 7, 2003 [SCD 385-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

1. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS: [SCD 386-004]

"Whereas the Mobilization against War and Occupation (MAWO) and Students and Youth Committee Against the War (SYCAW) are seeking to mobilize students against the wars of occupation in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine and Canada: and

Whereas the MAWO and SYCAW will be holding an anti-war and anti-occupation rally on November 22nd and conference on November 29th; and

Whereas the Alma Mater Society believes that discussing such issues can contribute to the learning experience on campus, and therefore pertains to the AMS mission statement of promoting high-quality learning;

Be it resolved that the AMS Council supports, in principle, students discussing global issues of war and injustice in a critical, objective and balanced manner."

< Representatives from Mobilization against War and Occupation (MAWO) and Students and Youth Committee against the War (SYCAW) said organizing was going on at ten
campuses against war and occupation in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine and about self-
determination for indigenous peoples in Canada, as well as about ending attacks on
immigrants and refugees in Canada. They said there was an upcoming rally and
conference and asked the AMS to endorse these events in the spirit of the Council motion
of February 23 which condemned the US-led use of force in Iraq.

Spencer Keys noted that the actual motion before Council did not endorse the events. He
asked if the groups were comfortable with the motion.

Ivan Drury, one of the groups’ representatives, said they originally asked for endorsement
when they approached the AMS External Commission.

Kate Woznow said there was confusion in the motion between its whereas clauses and the
actual resolution.

Sam Saini said that rather than endorsing one side or another, the External Commission
wanted to encourage balanced academic discussion and hearing both sides.

Carey Hill said she was confused by the term occupation, as if occupation is always bad. She
said humanitarian intervention can be good.

Alan Warkentin said the resolution part of the motion was fine; that was in fact the AMS
mandate, to encourage balanced debate. But the whereas were not balanced; they took
away from the possibility of balanced discussion. And he did not think there was
occupation in Canada.

The Speaker noted that whereas clauses do not really matter except in the historical
record; only the resolution part of a motion has force.

David Asgeirsson said the AMS already passively endorses positions by allowing groups
to advocate in the SUB and on Democracy Plaza. He said Jewish organizations and other
politically motivated groups have had tables. He added that there was nothing wrong
with the AMS supporting one side; the AMS didn’t have to be neutral.

Amina Rai asked about occupation in Canada and wondered whether it was appropriate
for the AMS not to be neutral when it had so many clubs promoting their points of view. She
did think the AMS could support students making an issue apparent.

Sam Saini said occupation in Canada is something the group brought up. The motion
was trying to determine what occupation is. The External Commission didn’t know; it
wanted a balanced discussion on the issue.

Lana Rupp said the AMS represents many diverse groups and shouldn’t take sides.

Ivan Drury said that occupation in Canada refers to indigenous people in Canada within a
colonialist and imperialist country that is Canada. He said the same applied to Palestine. He
said the groups were not talking about occupation in philosophical terms but about
specific occupations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine. He added that the Council
motion in February took a stance and not passing this motion would also be taking a
stance.

Spencer Keys said that the idea that not taking a stand was the same as taking one was
ridiculous. He said the AMS has no foreign affairs power and also that the presenters
were not objective or balanced. He added that the whereas clauses, even if not the heart
of the motion, were what would be used in years down the road to understand what the
motion was about. He said there was a danger of the AMS being added to the list of
those endorsing the events.

Josh Bowman said clubs express their own viewpoints and it is not fair to say the AMS
tacitly supports those viewpoints. He wondered if Holocaust Awareness Week was what
was being referred to in the comment about Jewish organizations and politically
motivated groups. He added that the AMS does take stances, but Council should think
whether this stance is one it wanted to take.
Mia Taghizadeh said she was ashamed of a motion (the February motion) in which half the people abstained. She wouldn’t want someone looking at the whereas clauses years from now.

2. MOVED DANIEL YOKOM, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That motion #1 be amended by deleting the first two whereas clauses and the word ‘such’ in the third clause.”

Diana Keng said striking the first two paragraphs would take the focus away.

Laura Best said she did not get a sense that the presenters were happy with the motion. Perhaps Council should ask them.

Lana Rupp said that dropping the two clauses created a vague motion but at least it would be more fair.

Spencer Keys said the point of motions like this was to take stands on controversial issues. He disagreed with the original slant, but there should be a slant.

Kate Woznow asked that the presenters be treated with respect. She also spoke against striking the clauses, saying the opening clauses explain why the discussion is coming up.

Dan Yokom said removing the two paragraphs would alleviate the confusion over occupation and also remove the contradiction between the anti-war whereases and the call for balanced discussion in the resolution. And there was still a focus, even if it was a general focus.

Leah McKenzie Brown from the presenting groups said they had hoped for endorsement of the anti-war movement. This was not only within the mandate of the AMS, but was its responsibility.

Amina Rai said the AMS does advocate for student rights; UBC President Martha Piper had called on students to take up their responsibilities as global citizens. The AMS shouldn’t have to be neutral, apolitical, or balanced.

3. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

4. MOVED DANIEL YOKOM, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That motion #1 be amended by deleting the first two whereas clauses and the word ‘such’ in the third clause.”

... Defeated

5. MOVED JACKIE LIU, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

Diana Keng said the resolution part of the motion needs to be revised to make sure the AMS is not endorsing MAWO and SYCAW, but endorsing their right to speak to their goals. She said there should be an amendment to refer specifically to the groups.
< Oana Chirila said if Council votes Yes on this motion, the AMS name will be added to the list of supporters on the groups’ flyers. She said she had concerns about the groups’ references to immigrants and refugees, and was not sure she wanted the AMS name behind these references. She said the AMS had both pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian groups, and she said the last time the AMS took a stand it resulted in a $110,000 lawsuit against the AMS by GAP.

< Laura Best said some people are saying the motion is too watered down while others think it too strong because it has an action angle. She said she was confused about where Council was going with this.

< Ivan Drury said that if he could he would propose an amendment to endorse.

< The Speaker criticized the motion for trying to do two contradictory things. He said the material in the whereases should have been in the body of the resolution.

< There was discussion over whether voting for the present resolution meant that the AMS name would go on the list of supporters. The conclusion seemed to be that it would not mean that.

< Alison Atkinson suggested referring the motion to the External Commission so that Council could discuss a motion that made sense.

< Reka Pataky said Council could not say No to discussion, but if it said Yes, it would sound like an endorsement of the groups.

< Ivan Drury said the focus now was on education. He said the motion did not imply endorsement of MAWO and SYCAW, but it did endorse activity about peace and war. What is implied is support of the conference. If people have divergent views, he said they could go to the conference and participate in debate.

< Brian Duong said it didn’t sound like anyone was satisfied with the motion. And if even Council members were confused about what it meant, what would ordinary students think?

6. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

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Whereas the MAWO and SYCAW will be holding an anti-war and anti-occupation rally on November 22nd and conference on November 29th; and

Whereas the Alma Mater Society believes that discussing such issues can contribute to the learning experience on campus, and therefore pertains to the AMS mission statement of promoting high-quality learning;

Be it resolved that the AMS Council supports, in principle, students discussing global issues of war and injustice in a critical, objective and balanced manner."

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. for a five minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 8:28 p.m.

7. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That motion #6 be amended to read:
‘Be it resolved that the AMS Council endorses the SYCAW Conference of November 29, 2003.’”

David Asgeirsson said the amendment made clear that the motion was endorsing the conference.

8. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED KATE WOZNOW:

“That motion #6 be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that the AMS Council endorses the SYCAW Conference of November 29, 2003.’”
... Carried

9. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

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Be it resolved that the AMS Council endorses the SYCAW Conference of November 29, 2003.”
... Defeated

L) Committee Motions:

10. MOVED TIM LEUNG, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint the following members to the Elections Committee on the recommendation of the Assistants Appointments Committee for a term commencing November 12, 2003 and ending April 30, 2004:

   Sundeep Chandan - Chief Returning Officer
   Paula Martz - Member at-large
   Michelle Davies - Member at-large
   Arunima Sharma - Member at-large.”
... Carried

11. MOVED DANIEL YOKOM, SECONDED ANDREW LAWRENSON:

“Be it resolved that the Elections Committee conduct the Executive elections held in January 2004 by electronic means; and

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Elections Administrator to conduct the election over a seven (7) day period commencing on January 17, 2004.”
... Carried
12. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED ANDREW LAWRENSON: [SCD 387-004]

"Whereas the AMS and the broader student community have consistently voiced concerns over public involvement in community planning during UBC’s past and current planning processes; and

Whereas the processes described in University planning agreements (such as the OCP and MOU) and University policy (including Trek 2000 and “A Legacy and a Promise”) calls for active and ongoing collaboration between community stakeholders; and

Whereas the University and the Board of Governors has re-confirmed its commitment to public involvement in community planning at UBC at the October 2003 Board of Governors meeting;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council endorse the report of the OCP Working Group entitled "Working Together for a Better Community" and the recommendations contained therein, including:

(1) Working collaboratively with the University Administration and other stakeholders to establish a committee that would direct the creation of University policy and procedures for public involvement in planning;

(2) Committing to this process of policy development that will be based on principles in existing University policies (as outlined in the report), student feedback and any other principles agreed to by the committee;

Be it further resolved that the AMS call on the University to endorse these recommendations and to begin work on this process in collaboration with the AMS."

13. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council approve a five minute discussion period.”

... Carried

< In response to a question, Laura Best said the two recommendations from the OCP report in the motion are general recommendations summarizing the main points of the report; the report itself simply contains more detail.

< Carey Hill asked about getting the University to pay for the consultation. Laura Best said the Working Group is saying to the University that this is the process they should follow. She was not sure where the financial burden would lie.

< David Asgeirsson ironically said good luck about presenting this proposal to the Board of Governors.

< Chris Zappavigna asked which individuals or groups would go into the stakeholders group. Laura Best said students, faculty, and staff would be stakeholders, also representatives of the University Town and the Board of Governors. She added that it was important that those people come together to identify other stakeholders. She also mentioned the University Neighbourhood Association.

< Kate Woznow said that 80 percent of those on the current UBC committee dealing with this issue report to the UBC Vice-President Administration and Finance. That’s why there was a need for a more representative process.
<Jesse Eckert said it was important to take a strong stand on this. Students had been referred to as a minority interest group in a University document.

14. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED ANDREW LAWRENSON:

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Be it further resolved that the AMS call on the University to endorse these recommendations and to begin work on this process in collaboration with the AMS."

... Carried Unanimously

15. MOVED CHRIS STE-CROIX, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

"Whereas the AMS Council directed the AMS Code and Policies Committee to make recommendations concerning slates, slate financing, and nicknames on the ballot;

Whereas the Code and Policies Committee has debated these concerns extensively;

Whereas the precise amendments to the Code of Procedures will be submitted for approval at the next meeting of Council;

Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments, in principle, proposed by the Code and Policies Committee."

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Electoral Reform  [SCD 388-004]

Spencer Keys explained the recommendations from the Code and Policies Committee (CPC) on electoral reform.

He said the recommendation to make candidates report their keys was meant to help enforce the Code provision forbidding the use of AMS resources by candidates in an election.

He said the provision of 60 free election posters was meant to equalize the playing field, especially for independent candidates.

He said the AUS had already brought in a provision limiting the size of posters in classrooms. This would increase the number of posters that could be put up, which would benefit independents. Classroom posters did not need to be very big since they were closer to the viewers.

Making the electronic ballot the default ballot would mean Council would not have to vote each time to hold elections electronically.

The slate finance reform would extend last year’s reform and remove the incentive to add extra candidates to a slate just to get financial benefits.

He said that the recommendation on giving control of the election website to the Elections Committee would actually be going to the Communications Planning Group (CPG) for further input.

About the election website, Laura Best asked if it would be part of the AMS website or separate. Spencer Keys said this was one of the points on which CPG input was needed, but ideally the Elections Committee would have total control.

Laura Best asked if this was a special provision for the Elections Committee, or would it apply to other autonomous officers like the Ombudsperson?

Spencer Keys said the CPC did not look at other officers or groups.

Laura Best suggested that the AMS Bylaw giving control over PR to the President contradicts the website recommendation.

Oana Chirila asked how far this notion of control would go. If the Elections Committee wanted a separate off-campus office or a separate printer, would they get that too?

Spencer Keys said there would be budget restrictions. Also, Council could remove an Elections Administrator who went too far.

Oana Chirila asked if the concern here was the current Elections Administrator’s or last year’s?

Spencer Keys said it was very much last year’s. Last year’s Elections Administrator felt there had been undue influence from the Executive concerning how he ran the election. CPC felt there needed to be some clarification of the roles and thought this was a reasonable way of addressing the issue, maintaining an arm’s-length approach.

Brian Duong asked what the significance of the motion to approve these changes in principle was.

Spencer Keys said the CPC wanted to involve Council before time was spent drafting actual Code amendments. Here were some simple statements of the spirit of the proposed changes.
David Asgeirsson said he didn’t think Council could approve the proposals without seeing the specific wording of the Code amendments.

Kate Woznow said that Recommendation 6 on slate finances would encourage smaller slates, which is not what was wanted. The idea was to encourage more participation in the democratic process.

Oana Chirila supported Recommendation 1 and said it should even go further: candidates should turn in their keys. For Recommendation 2, she asked if candidates could get 60 free posters if they ran for Senate.

Spencer Keys said No, it was only for the Executive elections.

Josh Bowman said that while it was important to encourage discussion, the AMS has committees for discussion. Council is not the place for long discussions on logistical issues. He said he would like to see actual Code amendments.

Speaking on Recommendation 7, concerning control of the election website, Laura Best said clear guidelines were needed to mitigate undue Executive influence. Instead of giving control to the Elections Committee, there should be clear guidelines in place. This was important, she said, because in effect the VP Academic hired the Elections Committee.

Laura Best also wondered how the 60 free posters particularly helped independents.

Spencer Keys said anything that reduces the financial burden helps independent candidates.

Alan Warkentin said it was good that CPC came to Council at this point. It received feedback so that the final motion will be what Council wants.

Michael Yung asked why free posters would not be given to Senate candidates. Spencer Keys said it was because there were so many of them.

Tim Leung suggested that discussions like this one belonged in Discussion Period so as not to bog down motions.

Kate Woznow asked how many posters candidates currently get. Spencer Keys said they don’t get any for free. Kate Woznow said she could see why getting 60 posters would be a benefit to someone with zero posters.

Sam Saini said he was glad the motion came forward as a motion in principle. There had been open CPC meetings that no one had attended.

17. MOVED DANIEL YOKOM, SECONDED DAVID ASGEIRSSON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED CHRIS STE-CROIX, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

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Whereas the Code and Policies Committee has debated these concerns extensively;

Whereas the precise amendments to the Code of Procedures will be submitted for approval at the next meeting of Council;

Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments, in principle, proposed by the Code and Policies Committee."

... Carried
J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

- Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated October 6, 2003 [SCD 389-004]
- Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated October 27, 2003 [SCD 390-004]
- Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated September 11, 2003 [SCD 391-004]
- Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated September 24, 2003 [SCD 392-004]
- Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated October 9, 2003 [SCD 393-004]
- Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated October 22, 2003 [SCD 394-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 9, 2003 [SCD 395-004]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 20, 2003 [SCD 396-004]
- Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 27, 2003 [SCD 397-004]
- Minutes of the External Commission dated October 2, 2003 [SCD 398-004]
- Minutes of the External Commission dated October 6, 2003 [SCD 399-004]
- Minutes of the External Commission dated October 16, 2003 [SCD 400-004]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 8, 2003 [SCD 401-004]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 18, 2003 [SCD 402-004]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 2, 2003 [SCD 403-004]
- Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 9, 2003 [SCD 404-004]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

CUPE 116 Grievance

Dani Bryant reported on a grievance lodged by CUPE 116 against the University on behalf of security personnel. The grievance was against the University using non-union personnel, i.e. students, to transport people around campus and to patrol campus. In effect, CUPE 116 has grieved Safewalk, specifically the Safe Shuttle and the use of Safewalkers as patrollers.

She said the grievance was first lodged in November 2002. The AMS was first informed in July. The AMS is a third party in this dispute. The dispute is about Safewalk, but the AMS is not the employer. The grievance is against UBC as the employer.

She added that the AMS could seek interested party status or observer status in the arbitration that is scheduled to take place sometime in the New Year.

Tim Leung asked what CUPE 116 wanted. Bernie Peets said the AMS only knows its own view; it would be speculation to state what CUPE wants; and it might be better to discuss this further in camera.

Kate Woznow asked if the AMS had met with Campus Security, the union and UBC.
Bernie Peets said the AMS had not been grieved. The AMS had met with UBC and their counsel. The AMS had not met with CUPE. CUPE has not asked for a meeting. There was a meeting scheduled that CUPE declined to attend.

19. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED TIM LEUNG, ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

20. MOVED DAN YOKOM, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED MICHAEL YUNG, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council approve to extend the meeting by fifteen minutes.”

... Carried

Q) Submissions:

< President's CASA Conference Report - October 2003 [SCD 405-004]
< VP External's CASA Conference Report - October 2003 [SCD 406-004]
< Invitation to the AMS Staff Dinner and Dance [SCD 407-004]
< Invitation to the 2003 Visionary Seminar [SCD 408-004]
< Flood in Archives - Preliminary Report. [SCD 409-004]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on November 26, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

22. MOVED JACKIE LIU, SECONDED DIANA KENG:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 p.m.”

... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
The Alma Mater Society of UBC  
November 26, 2003  
Minutes of Student Council

The Alma Mater Society of UBC  November 26, 2003

MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Raj Mathur, James Kusie (CASA National Director), Tyler Bryant (Safewalk), Holly Foxcroft, Carter Bryant, Graham Senft (Studentcare.net/works), Kristin Foster (Studentcare.net/works), Christine Tai (Elections Administrator), Sundeep Chandan (Chief Returning Officer), Laura Blue, Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (PR Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

T) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

O) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

CASA - James Kusie

James Kusie, the National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), made a presentation describing what CASA is, what its achievements have been, and what its focus will be in the upcoming year.

He referred to wins in the last federal budget, with CASA getting the government to provide more student loan remission and an increased income exemption for loans. He noted, however, that federal funding has decreased significantly since 1993 and tuition has gone up. He also pointed to the problem of parental contribution, that is, non-supportive parents who do not provide the funding the Canada Student Loan Program expects them to. CASA is seeking exemptions for students in this situation.

He also noted the capacity problem at Canadian universities and CASA’s concern over the commercialization of research.

He said UBC has the highest tuition differential in the country for international students, adding that CASA is working to develop policy on this issue.

Another issue he mentioned was that of mature part-time students and lifelong learning.

He said CASA’s focus this year would be on financial aid and federal transfer payments to the provinces. CASA is seeking to have a portion of the transfer payments dedicated to post-secondary education, as is done for health.

He said CASA has been seeking strategic partnerships with other groups, including the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), and provincial lobby groups.

He said CASA has the ear of several MP’s, including Paul Martin, the prime minister to be. He said CASA is an effective and affordable voice for the AMS.

He also noted that CASA has just added a new member, St. Francis Xavier University, and is pursuing other potential members.

Questions
Kate Woznow asked about core funding. She noted that Paul Martin had been responsible for the cuts to core funding for education in 1993 and wondered what CASA was doing on this issue aside from meeting with him.

James Kusie said several groups, not CASA alone, have been talking to the Liberals about dedicated funding for post-secondary education. He was not defending what Paul Martin did in 1993, but noted that now that Martin has the money, the situation is different.

Alison Atkinson asked about plans for provincial lobbying.

James Kusie said CASA is focused federally; it might branch out provincially at some point, but he did not see it happening soon. However, he was in favour of strategic partnerships at the provincial level with groups such as CFS-BC.

Carey Hill asked how many years CASA had been focusing on core funding and wondered about the impasse there seemed to be.

James Kusie said the two levels of government have never sat down together; CASA’s goal is to get them to do so; that would be a big victory.

Mitchell Lockhart asked about the interest rate on student loans after graduation.

James Kusie said CASA was trying to get them lowered to prime (from 7% down to 4% or so). However, this would cost the government $600 to $700 million, and there was a question whether student leaders want that amount devoted to this or to something else.

Amina Rai asked how AMS Council can get involved.

James Kusie recommended meeting with local MP’s and MLA’s, writing letters, and getting issues in the paper. He said the CASA national office can only do so much and as the student society at the biggest institution in the province, the AMS carries clout.

Josh Bowman asked about CASA policy on corporatization.

James Kusie said the CASA policy committee is rehashing this policy; the old policy was against corporations determining what was to be researched. He said he had no problem with corporations donating money to universities, but he was very much opposed to them controlling what research gets done.

Kate Woznow asked if James Kusie could convince AMS Council that it was preferable to belong to a federal rather than a provincial lobby group.

James Kusie said there was nothing stopping the AMS from pursuing strategic partnerships with BC groups, but there are important things at the federal level, for instance student loans. Provincially, though, he encouraged the AMS to form alliances with other BC groups; nothing prohibits the AMS from doing that, he said.

Laura Best asked about the FTAA and other general trade agreements. She asked if Paul Martin’s stated opposition to including education in such agreements was Liberal policy.

James Kusie said Yes, it is on the Liberals’ website. The problem is that the federal government has not defined education. CASA has asked them to do so.

Laura asked how CASA is lobbying on this issue.

James Kusie said it is not a priority this year. CASA may still go to consultations, but the agreements are very far from being done. At the moment, the appropriate action for CASA to take is to monitor developments. The Quebec student federation did invite CASA to attend a campaign against the international trade agreements and CASA was ready to take part, but the CFS objected. There was a WTO meeting during a recent CASA conference, and CASA rearranged its conference schedule to go to it.

Dave Tompkins asked about graduate students making contributions to RSP’s.

James Kusie said if details were e-mailed to him, CASA could get going on the issue. He said there are some policies on it already. He added that in general if there are other issues Council members think CASA should be involved in, they should talk to Oana Chirila or Sam Saini so that their ideas could be passed on to CASA.
- Michael Yung asked if increases to funding for SSHRCC for arts and social science research would be coming at the expense of funding for science and engineering.
- James Kusie said No, the increase that CASA had lobbied for meant an increase in the pot as a whole.

D) President’s Remarks:
- I have decided to move to the capital city of the new OanaChirila territory of Canada, and will be doing so on March 1st. Until then, work continues at the AMS.

CASA
- Thank you to Mr. James Kusie, the National Director of CASA, who is here tonight as part of the ND tour.

CPG
- Inclusiveness of language used by the AMS around the holidays.
- AMS Intranet.
- Recommendations to CPC regarding elections changes.
- AMS Strategic Plan evaluation.

Health and Dental Plan Committee
- You may have noticed the referendum and its results, which were submitted to Council tonight by the Elections Committee. Thank you to all those who helped out throughout the referendum – especially the members of the Health and Dental Plan committee, the Execs, the PR Manager, and especially the staff of the studentcare office.
- A post-mortem for the referendum will be held soon.
- Dealing with ongoing late opt-out or opt-in requests.
- Decided on the allocation of bursaries based on assessed need.
- Discussed how the new Privacy legislation, coming into effect on January 1, 2004 will affect the Plan.

Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee
- Met last week, met Coreen Douglas.

UBC VP Academic Interviews
- We are in the final stages of the selection process, and will be having public meetings with the final candidates in January.

Food For Fines
- The campaign is happening this week! It’s been going quite well – please encourage your friends to have their library fines waived by donating food to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank, through any branch of the UBC Library.

U21
- Last weekend was the U21 Managers’ meeting here at UBC, and I had the chance to meet them at a dinner.
- Have been preparing for the conference next week.
- Will be back on December 10th.

Other Business
- AMS Hoodies are here, you can pick them up Thursday or Friday from my office.
- I attended the UBC/AMS meeting last Friday, and the President’s Circle dinner on Monday.
- I have also received 2 invitations for Council members – one for the consultation process surrounding the re-design and renovations of Brock Hall, and one for nominations for the 2003/2004 Graduate Teaching Assistant Teaching Awards.

Questions:
- Patricia Lau asked about the upgrade to the AMS website which had been promised for October. Oana Chirila said it was being worked on; there had been a problem with databases, but hopefully the new site would be up soon.
- David Asgeirsson asked if the AMS was going to try another referendum on the student health and dental plan in the wake of the failure of the recent one. Oana Chirila said the Health and Dental Plan Committee would be meeting to discuss this.

E) Executive Reports:

Josh Bowman - VP Administration

Renovations Planning Group
< We’ve been too busy. We’ve been working on the Bike project (construction starting very soon), a huge signage project, looking at more storage opportunities, and looking into possible access renovations as well.

SAC
< We hired a new Clubs External Commissioner, yay! SAC is doing some exciting organizing around the office and we’re working on a fundraiser with some clubs to get more practice mirrors, as well as cleaning up the newspaper boxes, constituting new clubs (including a motorcycling club, vroom vroom!), and getting ready for an exciting 2nd term! We also had some great art gallery shows, including a pottery club show, and the art gallery commission is up and sprinting, which will be great for the gallery. How fun! Plus, all the usual run of the mill SAC business.

UBC/AMS Meeting
< We met and had a rousing discussion about insurance and licensed events on campus. More to follow!

Open Code and Policies Meeting
< I went to the CPC meeting and had my voice heard. Also, I ate some sushi.

Amnesty Event
< Just before the CPC meeting, I went to an Amnesty event involving a professor from Korea who was talking about state-sponsored terrorism; it was quite enlightening and very powerful!

Aids Awareness
< This week is AIDS Awareness. Kudos to Laura Best and the University Commission for a great week so far! I went to the speaker on Tuesday, a woman named Minneh Kamau. She is an amazing woman, doing a lot of work around AIDS issues.

BOC
< We have met and discussed several ways to keep promoting our food outlets to make sure we have a successful business year. I mentioned a particular type of organic licorice which is quite the hit with the kids.

Wastefree UBC
< We met, and have discussed the Happy Hour Program for next semester. We are also looking at ways to promote sustainable eating and the use of Tupperware.

Pace Award
< I went to the PACE award ceremonies. Apparently, Engineering is receiving a large amount of money through the PACE program. I understand there was quite the hullaballoo outside the Asian Centre as well. Quite an eventful event!

Other
< Please come on down to the White Ribbon Pancake Breakfast tomorrow morning, from 7:30 am – 11:00 am in the SUB Partyroom! It’s a great cause and there are lots of good pancakes!
Laura Best - VP Academic

Campus Development

< Board of Governors
- Presented at the Board of Governors Property and Planning Committee.
- The Board discussed the proposal at the full Board meeting on the 20th.
- Got a commitment from Dr. Piper that Jim Moodie’s (consultant for South Campus) job description will be expanded to include principles and criteria for community involvement in planning; he could bring his ideas back to the Board in January.
- Jim Moodie will continue the process of meeting with stakeholders separately; as stated in the report, we feel that this process is divisive, so…

< OCP Working Group is striking a multi-stakeholder committee on community involvement in campus planning to include reps from faculty, UEL, UNA, staff, students (AMS and GSS).

< Attended University Town Steering Committee meeting; they added a UNA representative.

< Consultation Workshop with SCARP on Monday – well attended (students and administration), lots of work done; report will be coming in January

Teaching Excellence Initiative

< Met with Michelle Aucoin and TAG again.
- Met with Gina (VP Internal) for SUS.
- Will be meeting with Science soon.

Safety

< Attended sexual assault disclosures training.
- RCMP and other campus groups made significant commitment to working together.

< Safety Committee has been meeting regularly.

Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services

< Funding has been cut by Ministry.
- Will be working with Safety Committee to lobby University to support the services that PS offers.

Academic Policies

< Working with Sheldon, Julia (Academic Issues Commissioner) and Student Senators to review AMS academic policies.

< Met with members of UCom and UBC Africa Network to discuss creation of AMS policy on Africa in the curriculum.

Primary Appointments Committee

< Met and made recommendation to Council re: Elections Administrator.

Commissioners Appointments Committee

< Met and hired Celine Asril as SAC External Clubs Commissioner.

AIDS Awareness Week this week – by Wellness Centre and UCom

Sam Saini - VP External

U-Pass

< Summer U-Pass discussion continues with the potential of having a Grad student only program extension. Preliminary discussions have not been fruitful but we are pursuing this closely with the hopes that this comes around in time to run a GSS referendum.

CASA
Our discussion surrounding our Pan-Can Agreement is progressing. We have removed Pan-Can Agreement references to our increased transfers policy and have reinforced earmarked transfers into our Pan-Can policy. We are pursuing discussion on unsubsidized loans to see where potential benefits may exist. As it stands we are not in favour of unsubsidized loan policy as it is not an effective debt reduction measure. Furthermore, we are looking at the CESG information, parental contribution, and loan limits. These are all fairly big-ticket items that we have placed priority on and we hope to move forward on policy development soon.

CASA ND Tour is upon us and James Kusie is here to do a presentation. Some other schools have shown some interest in meeting with James and I am trying to schedule meetings with them.

Government Relations

Met with the SFA provincial committee and discussed the granting proposal and the offset of in-study income exemptions with scholarship exemptions proposal. This idea was particularly well received and I was invited to discuss the idea with some staff members from the SSB from the Ministry.

External Commission

Tuition consultation and process is developing. I have received a confirmation from the VP Students office that tuition proposals should be in around the end of January. Also, we will be reviewing our survey in accordance with the survey that the administration just put out. Some of our constituencies have expressed interest in doing tuition allocation surveys and we are considering a joint survey effort to capture a larger base.

SLC

The SLC promotional run has now begun. Most of you will have seen the posters that are being put up. We are in the process of confirming keynote speakers and they do look exciting. If you or anybody you know would like to volunteer or get involved in some capacity, please let me know and I will see what I can do.

I attended the Alumni Achievement Dinner this past Thursday and saw Erfan Kazemi, former AMS President, capture outstanding student award. The KPI submission has been sent and we should be seeing a response now. Attended a BUG meeting to try and garner some interest in our U-Pass Advisory committee. We hope to develop a central meeting body that would report alternative transportation initiatives to the administration. Met with a consultant to discuss the advantages of night bus service to students. Had another constituency meeting to discuss the degree navigator system and to update on the faculty level tuition consultation to date.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Innovative Projects Fund

I have been working on applications for the IPF with several projects that are currently in the works including funding for student access terminals in the Student Services area, as the current computers are too slow to be used effectively by students; as well as funding for a student food bank, campus celebrations and some initiatives from the student services.

Leadership Workshop Series

I have been working on a Leadership Workshop Series based on feedback from the Student Leadership Summit in August with Chad Hyson and Steve Ng from Student Development – Leadership that have taken place this and last week. The series has turned out to be very successful.
John Andru, Assistant Coordinator of Volunteer Connections has done a project on the AMS Student Services where his group has developed a survey of the awareness and satisfaction level that students have towards the services. I have helped his group in their research and attended their presentation this week. The results from their initial sampling are quite interesting, and I am looking forward to implementing the survey next term. Amanda Klein, Coordinator of Volunteer Connections will be overseeing the project.

**Campus Celebrations**

I met with Nestor and the Events Department to discuss a series of campus celebrations we are hoping to start next year. Our goal is to have a celebratory event every 4-6 weeks that students will look forward to and anticipate every year. So far UBC has a few of these annual celebrations such as the Welcome Back BBQ, Storm the Wall and Arts County Fair.

**Mature and Transfer Student Orientation**

I met with Nestor Korchinsky, Margot Bell and Parker Johnson with regards to Mature and Transfer Student Orientations that the AMS runs. For the past few years, these groups have been the only demographics that the university has not provided a free orientation option for. The university is willing to take on the costs of running this program so that these students have the same opportunities that all other students have. The program will remain a joint project of the AMS and UBC, but will mainly be financed by the university.

**Services Seasonal Party**

I have been busy organizing the Services Seasonal Party taking place on December 4th, which everyone is looking forward to. All of the staff, volunteers and interns that work in the services department are invited to the party and as a thank you for all of their hard work, I am trying to collect enough prizes for each student to take one away. If your constituencies have any items that you are willing to donate, please contact me – the services would be very appreciative!

**National Peer Support Conference**

I am organizing a session on budgeting, forecasting for the future and program development for the National Peer Support Conference, which will be hosted by Speakeasy in January.

**Committees**

I sat on the Commissioners Appointments Committee, CPG and Safety Committee.

**Services**

The Services will have reduced office hours during the exam period.

Joblink has made over $1000 for the year so far with their job postings.

Minischool has made a profit of approx $2500 for the first term. This is wonderful because usually at this point in the year, we are behind.

**Events**

I want to congratulate the Events Department for their wonderful work with the Tegan and Sara show held in the Pit on November 15th. This is the first show that we have sold out in advanced ticket sales; Justin and Eran did an amazing job!

**Brian Duong - VP Finance**

**Fundraising and Sponsorship**

Met with Coreen Douglas to set out initial plans and goals for this year’s fundraising targets, and then held a fundraising and sponsorship committee meeting on Friday November 21st, where our Development Officer was introduced in addition to
discussing issues related to the Ethical Commissioner. This new position will be a part of the Finance Commission.

**Business Operations**

< Met with a Sauder Business group to compare the PIT to other Vancouver bars and clubs.
   Discussed staffing, alcohol sales, safety precautions, and margins.
< Business Operations Committee met on the 14th to discuss food and beverage marketing, October results, the role of market research interns, and provided more input to various other business procedures.

**Finance Commission**

< The fundraising dinner for former and current UBC student leaders has been postponed until February 5th.

**Budget**

< Been working and completing the mid-year budget projections for the student side of the budget. A presentation will be made at the next Council meeting.

**F) Committee Reports:**

[SCD 410-004]  
*Health & Dental Plan Referendum Results - Christine Tai (Elections Administrator)*

**Questions**

- Carey Hill wondered if the placement of No first on the electronic ballot affected the result.
- In response to another question, the Elections Administrator (Christine Tai) said approximately 2000 votes had been cast in the additional voting period after the referendum was extended.
- Kate Woznow asked what the next step would be now that the referendum had failed.
- Oana Chirila said this was up to the Health and Dental Plan Committee, and she asked for Council direction on whether to run this referendum again or run a different referendum.
- Carey Hill asked for a breakdown of votes by department and faculty to help in mobilizing voters next time.
- Christine Tai said that information was not yet available.
- Quinn Omori suggested that extending the referendum as was done to attempt to achieve quorum, in other words to get more Yes votes, was improper. He didn’t think the AMS should be taking sides in that way.
- Kate Woznow asked what Student Care’s response was; had they had discussions with the insurance company?
- Kristin Foster of Student Care said they have not yet consulted with the insurance company and they are waiting for direction from Council and the Health and Dental Plan Committee. She said a clearer decision with more students voting would have been better. She added that more analysis was needed of what the vote meant.

**G) Constituency Reports:**

Diana Keng - Education Students’ Association  
Kate Woznow - Arts Undergraduate Society  
Dave Asgeirsson - Graduate Students Society - said the Graduate Student Society had voted to take out a one-year trial membership in GSAC, a graduate student lobbying group much like CASA.  
Norman Sippert - Planning Students Association  
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society - said Board 2 approval had been granted for the Science social space.  
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Trevor Olson - Engineering Undergraduate Society  
Kevin Wong - Music Students Association  
Julia Ridley - Medicine Undergraduate Society  
Leigh-Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society  
Beth Moskowitz - Regent College

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors - Amina Rai  
- Will be meeting with SFU students regarding tuition consultation.  
- Jesse will be attending a meeting on ethical purchases.  
- Attending Convocation ceremonies.

Ombudsperson - Sara Ahadi  
- We have opened case number 124. Although I have recruited an intern to help ease our case load, it will take some time before he can take on individual cases independently and will mostly be doing administrative work for the time being. The Ombuds Office is currently receiving an unprecedented number of grievances, yet has not adequate resources at hand to thoroughly deal with all of them. Furthermore, the Ombuds Advisory Committee has not prepared an annual review of our office due to factors which will be examined in further detail during Discussion Period.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated November 12, 2003 as amended [SCD 411-004]  
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 3, 2003 [SCD 412-004]  
Minutes of the Campus Safety Committee dated October 7, 2003 [SCD 413-004]  
Minutes of the Compensation Review Committee dated October 27, 2003 [SCD 414-004]  
[SCD 415-004]  
Minutes of the Executive Compensation Review Committee dated November 13, 2003 [SCD 416-004]  
Minutes of the Commissioners Appointments Committee dated November 21, 2003 [SCD 417-004]  
Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated November 25, 2003

J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

   “Whereas an application has been submitted for a matter to be considered by Student Court; and  
   Whereas the Prima Facie Committee cannot meet;

Therefore be it resolved that Council send this matter directly to Student Court.”

   ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:
2. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED LAURA BEST:

“That Council appoint, on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee, Jae Won Choi as a student at-large on the Code and Policies Committee.”
... Carried

3. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG: [SCD 418-004]


Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Spencer Keys said that Council had asked the Code and Policies Committee to create a donations procedure. The Committee had looked at various models and had gone with the most fluid model, combining benchmarks and accountability.
- David Asgeirsson asked for a reading of the AMS Mission Statement or the list of objects in the AMS constitution. Oana Chirila read out the Mission Statement.

4. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG:


Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

5. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED TIM LEUNG: [SCD 419-004]


Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Spencer Keys reported that there had been a successful open meeting of the Code and Policies Committee to discuss the proposed electoral changes. There had been concerns about two issues—the proposal to provide 60 free posters to each Executive candidate and the proposal to give exclusive control of the elections website to the Elections Committee—but the five other points had won unanimous approval.
- Carey Hill asked for the rationale for the proposal to have candidates report their keys; she wondered about checking up in this way and also wondered why all University buildings and not just the SUB were included.
- Carey Hill also questioned the proposal to change slate financing so that the bigger the slate the less each slate member could spend on it.
- Carey Hill also questioned making electronic voting the default position for AMS elections and referenda, noting the difficulty in reaching quorum in the recent referendum.
- Spencer Keys said the original proposal on keys was to turn them in as well as reporting them. He noted that there are club and constituency offices around campus, not just the SUB, and that is why the amendment refers to University buildings. The idea is that the Elections Committee will know what rooms the candidates have access to, and the
candidates will know that the Elections Committee knows. The implicit message is that access to these rooms will be less likely to be abused.

- On slate financing, Spencer Keys said that slates currently can abuse the Senate elections by putting up lots of Senate candidates to increase the funding for their slate. The new amendment will reduce the incentive to add slate members in order to get money.

- On electronic voting, Spencer Keys said the system had been shown to work, and the AMS budgeting process in effect makes the decision anyway, allowing less money for elections now, on the assumption that they will be run electronically. There is still the option to return to paper ballots; the rules for paper ballot elections are still in place in the Code.

- Amina Rai said she thought the new slate financing rule was based on the assumption that slates add members to increase funding; she said that was an insulting assumption.

- Spencer Keys said that new proposal means that whatever the size of the slate, it will get the same amount of money; slate money is not being reduced.

- Oana Chirila said the reason for the keys rule is that ordinary students don’t have offices on campus that they can use or rest in during a campaign, unlike Executives who choose to run. She was thus in favour of the stronger proposal, adopted at some universities, to force Executives to turn in their keys and take a two-week vacation from their Executive duties while running for election.

- On slate financing, Oana Chirila said that if the Code and Policies Committee wants to restrict BoG and Senate candidates, maybe it should just propose Executive-only slates.

- Quinn Omori said it is potentially legitimate to run Senate candidates as part of a slate, and this proposal will make sure that this is being done for a good reason, not to get extra funding.

- Oana Chirila suggested making the financing rule 1/5 instead of 1/x.

- Spencer Keys said that would still provide a mathematical incentive for adding members to a slate.

- Michael Yung said there are some keys that a candidate might have access to without them actually being in their possession.

6. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Section IX A, Article 2 (8)(b) be amended to read:

‘To facilitate enforcement of this provision, candidates shall report to the Elections Committee all privileged access they have to University Buildings’.”

... Carried

7. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:


Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

8. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“Be it resolved that Council authorize the Primary Appointments Committee to appoint an Elections Administrator until such time as Council can officially do so at the next meeting.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Laura Best explained that usually the Primary Appointments Committee recommends a candidate for Elections Administrator to Council and Council does the actual appointing, but the next Council meeting is not till January, and an Elections Administrator will be needed before then.
- Sundeep Chandan asked if current members of the Elections Committee can apply.
- Laura Best said Yes, applications will be open for a week and interviews held late next week.
- Dan Yokom asked how the position will be promoted.
- Laura Best said through JobLink and the AMS website.

9. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“Be it resolved that Council authorize the Primary Appointments Committee to appoint an Elections Administrator until such time as Council can officially do so at the next meeting.”  

Note: Requires 2/3rds  
... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 3, 2003 [SCD 420-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 13, 2003 [SCD 421-004]

10. MOVED DANIEL YOKOM, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council appoint, on the recommendation of the Commissioner’s Appointments Committee, Celine Asril as Clubs External Commissioner on the Student Administrative Commission for a term commencing November 26, 2003 and ending April 30, 2004.”  
... Carried

11. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED MELISSA PARKER: [SCD 422-004]

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Whereas the AMS has been actively promoting awareness of campus development issues, as well as lobbying the University for a more inclusive, focused and comprehensive approach to planning on campus; and

Whereas the physical development of the campus has profound implications for the academic mission of the University;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council allocate $2500 from the University and External Lobbying Fund to the University Commission to support the promotion of campus development issues at UBC.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Laura Best said the money would be used solely for lobbying efforts.
- Dan Yokom asked about previous expenditures and asked what the new money will do.
- Laura Best said slightly over $1000 had been contributed so far from her VP Academic budget and from the Executive’s Special Projects budget. The new money would be used to run and advertise new events.
- Patricia Lau asked about the timeline for using the money.
- Laura Best said it would be till the end of the fiscal year; any not spent by then would remain in the fund.
- Mitchell Lockhart asked about the AMS policy on campus development.
- Laura Best said there are two specific policies, one supporting the UBC Farm and one calling for student-focused development of University Boulevard. At the last Council meeting, a general policy was passed calling for comprehensive community involvement in planning.

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O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

Ombuds Office Review

- Oana Chirila asked what was happening with the scheduled review of the Ombudsperson by the Ombuds Advisory Committee.
- Amina Rai said she sits on the committee and there had been some difficulties on it which need to be addressed, for instance the short notice given for meetings. The committee hadn’t actually met, and she thought the Ombudsperson deserved a committee that meets.
- Patricia Lau said the committee did meet to discuss some issues, but not to hold the regular review. She said the chair would give very short notice of proposed meetings.
- Sara Ahadi, the Ombudsperson, said she needs to meet with the Ombuds Advisory Committee.
13. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU, DANIEL YOKOM:

“That Council move into camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED ANDREW ROTHBERT, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

15. MOVED MICHAEL YUNG, SECONDED LAURA BEST:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Referendum
- Mitchell Lockhart criticized the AMS information campaign during the referendum. He said students needed to be told that if there was no increase, there would be cuts in benefits. Instead, it seemed that the referendum was simply about paying more money for getting a few additional benefits.
- Oana Chirila said the aim had been to be as fair as possible and not take sides, and it is not clear even now that there will have to be cuts; the AMS has to go through the negotiation process first.
- Michael Yung said the question itself was fine, but there was insufficient supporting information. He understood not taking sides, but information was needed.
- Carey Hill said there were technical difficulties blocking people from voting on certain computers, for instance in the SUB and at other locations.
- Mitchell Lockhart said what was needed was a clear statement that a No vote meant there would be cuts. If that is not known for sure yet, then perhaps a referendum should not be held until it is known.
- Quinn Omori said he thought there was going to be a survey attached to the referendum to sound out options.
- David Asgeirsson asked about changing the structure of the plan so that a referendum would not be needed to pass a specific dollar amount. Oana Chirila said she didn’t think that could be done.
- Laura Best recommended an open Health and Dental Plan meeting at which options could be put forward and then brought to Council.
- Oana Chirila said she was hoping for suggestions now from Council: did they want a referendum in January? Should they wait a year? She added that based on the questions she’d received from students, obviously the information that was disseminated was misleading.
- Carey Hill recommended holding the referendum with the January elections and asked about the cost. She also suggested that the question should ask for an increase to offset the increase in premiums and to prevent the reduction of benefits, that is, to stabilize the plan.
Laura Best said the Elections Committee gets paid $2000 extra for extra referendums, and there would also be the cost of promotional material, but that would come out of the Elections Committee budget as decided by the Elections Committee.

Dani Bryant said one concern is that the referendum would become an election issue.

David Asgeirsson said he thought it was fine to combine the referendum and the election. He suggested asking two questions: first a request for $10 to $15 to maintain the plan, and second a request for $40 to add new benefits.

Oana Chirila asked what would happen if the first question failed and the second passed.

Q) Submissions:

< Speaking - General Rules [SCD 423-004]
< Letter of resignation from the AMS Elections Administrator [SCD 424-004]
< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated October 8, 2003 [SCD 425-004]
< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated October 16, 2003 [SCD 426-004]
< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated October 23, 2003 [SCD 427-004]
< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated October 30, 2003 [SCD 428-004]
< Minutes of the Teaching Excellence Initiative dated October 24, 2003 [SCD 429-004]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on January 14, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

16. MOVED TIM LEUNG, SECONDED MITCHELL LOCKHART:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.”
... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

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