MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Hywel Tuscano (The Ubyssey), Mike Lin, Duncan McHugh (CiTR), Dan Burritt (CiTR), Heather Pauls (The Ubyssey), Pat Earley (Point Grey Pictures), Melody Chan (Point Grey Pictures), Jennifer Hanrahan (Pacific Spirit Family & Community Services), Raj Mathur, Cal Roekelley (Pacific Spirit Family & Community Services), Sundeeb Chandan (Elections Administrator), Michelle Davies (Elections Committee), 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 6:09 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

A) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

Mid-Year Budget Projections - Brian Duong (VP Finance) [SCD 430-004]

Brian said the Student Government side of the AMS was under budget because of lower legal fees than last year. Student Services were under budget because of money from the agreement with I-Tel for Rentsline. Student Programs and Publications were over budget because in the first year of the PR Department it had been hard to know what budget figures to set.

Looking ahead, he said insurance costs were going to go up. He said he was hoping for at least a $6,000 surplus at the end of the year and if the money in the contingency is not needed, it can be added to the reserve funds to put the AMS in a healthier position.

He said money from Smart Media had not been included in the projections.

Questions
- Andrew Lawrenson asked why the numbers for CiTR were down. Brian Duong said the numbers are whatever CiTR provides.
- David Asgeirsson asked why the reduction in summer revenue, caused by the renovations, had not been planned for. Brian Duong said it had been planned for, but the effect of the renovations had been larger than anticipated; also, UBC had booked fewer conference goers into Gage residence this past summer, and that also reduced revenue.

1. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council adjourn for a five minute recess.”

... Carried

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. [SCD 431-004]

Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services - Jennifer Hanrahan

Established in 1988 by 4 churches in response to lack of services for children and families.
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Their mandate is to provide free clinical services to:
- residents of family housing.
- students of University Hill Elementary and High School and their families.
- all First Nations students attended UBC and their families.

Some of the Services available include:
- child, family, individual or couple counselling.
- special community events.
- summer programs for children.
- Advocacy, referrals and information services.
- The Acadia Toy and Resource Library.

Jennifer said there had been a loss of government funding as of September 30; that funding made up 40% of their total. If they cannot replace it, they will have to close in April. They also lost their space on campus. The final extension to vacate the space is March 2004.

She said what Pacific Spirit does is exactly what UBC says it wants to do through its Trek vision statement, so Pacific Spirit thinks UBC should help them.

D) President’s Remarks:

Financial Aid:

The famous Policy 72 (“no qualified domestic student will be prevented from studying at UBC based on financial need alone”) is out for public consultation – please submit any feedback to the committee.

I have been receiving thank-you letters from students who received a bursary funded by the AMS $12 student bursary fee.

The VP Students office will be presenting to AMS Council at the January 28 Council meeting regarding the considerable increase in UBC students’ financial need this year.

Application Fees:

The AMS was asked for feedback on an increase in application fees in the Faculty of Law, application fees for the Dietetics major in the Faculty of Agriculture, application fees for the Faculty of Music, and a new studio fee for Fine Arts in the Faculty of Arts.

After consultation with the respective constituency presidents, the Faculty of Law, the Dietetics major, and the new studio fee are all going ahead with student support. The Faculty of Music will need to conduct another consultation process if their fee is to make it to the Board meeting in March for approval.

AMS Annual Report:

Work continues on this behemoth of a project.

University Appointments and Re-Appointments:

The two finalists for the VP Academic and Provost search will be on campus next week and will have public forums on Tuesday and Friday. The finalists are Dr. Tony Crook from the University of Sheffield in the UK, and Dr. Lorne Whitehead, from the Faculty of Science at UBC.

Feedback has been requested from the AMS for the re-appointment of Dr. Catherine Quinlan, the University Librarian, and for Brian Sullivan, Vice-President Students. Please forward me any comments.

Food For Fines:

The campaign went amazingly well! Almost 5,000 food items were donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank, through all the UBC Library branches – for a total of about $10,000 of fines waived. The Food Bank had to make a special run out to UBC just to collect the 150+ boxes.

Universitas 21:

The conference went quite well, see my attached report for more details.

Reading Week Service Projects – Trek Program:
The Trek UBC program sent over some posters and information about their Reading Week Service Projects to be distributed to Council members and any interested students.

Questions:
- David Asgeirsson asked if the Executive had met with the UBC Administration as part of tuition consultation.
- Oana Chirila said there have been meetings. The consultation process is behind schedule, but the Administration will be coming to Council on January 28.

E) Executive Reports:

Josh Bowman - VP Administration

Union Negotiations:
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I have been working with Val, Kari, Brian, and Bernie, (as well as a union representative) on union negotiations, which we should see tied up over the next few weeks.

Renovations:
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The bike hub project has been going swimmingly over the holidays (although there was a short break for the workers in December), and the demolition work is basically finished. The focus is now on drainage, concrete work, and any additional millwork or other aspects of the project. As well, the signage project has been briefly stalled, as Jane Barry is currently on vacation, but it will resume as soon as she returns, and we should see results by the end of January. We have also tidied up the newspaper boxes (apologies to Lana et al for the signage on the IFPO boxes! We're working on that...).

Impacts:
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I have been in communication with a representative from Oxfam over a potential purchasing policy.

SAC:
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SAC has met a few times, and organized Clubs Days II. A report on both Clubs Days will be forthcoming, although I will say, preliminarily, that it didn't help that the roof was leaking in the ballroom, the school was closed briefly due to weather conditions, and we had serious email problems that led to a lot of clubs not receiving information about the event! We are organizing a bunch of other lovely events, so hopefully we can keep inter-club activities happening throughout the rest of the term. In addition, we recently constituted an Indigenous Students' club of the AMS (as well as several other cool clubs), which is really, really exciting! This is a big step on the part of the AMS in terms of working with a key, though often marginalized, community on this campus.

Walter Gage:
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We are giving away money like it's going out of style. We recently gave money to several cool Engineering projects!

Executive Procedures Manual:
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Brian Duong and I have been working on an executive procedures manual, and have completed most of a draft document so far.

Events:
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I attended a bunch of holiday events, including CVC's Crystallize, several AMS holiday parties, and a dinner at Martha's! I also attended the December 6th display, a Colour Connected forum, IRSA's Night of 1000 Dinners, and an AIDS vigil which was held at the Goddess of Democracy.

Sam Saini - VP External

CASA:
Work continues on the CESG policy but there have been some stumbling blocks. With the recent shift in Ministry structure at the federal level, the report outlining the successes of the CESG Program has been delayed. Outside of that we have sent out for a record of votes for the Increased, Earmarked Transfer Policy.

**Government Relations:**
- Preparing for a meeting with SSB on January 16th to discuss federal/provincial student financial aid program.

**X-Com:**
- Tuition survey is ready to be sent to our consultant. We have a motion coming forward to Council to support expenditures from the External and University Lobbying Fund.
- Mandated Productivity Increase Policy is coming to Council for approval.
- Renewal of the Third-Party Negotiation Policy to be coming to Council
- Motion to support the CFS February 4th Day of Action.

**SLC:**
- The SLC was a tremendous success. We had 540 delegates show up to the conference including a group of secondary school students from across and outside the GVRD. In total, there was 42 workshops being offered during the two days and ~85% were offered by students. The two fantastic Key notes were Nikki Skuce and Lesra Martin both of which received an incredible reception from those students attending. Finally, Senator Chris Zappavigna was selected as the first recipient of the Nestor Korchinsky Student Leadership Award.

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**Laura Best - VP Academic**

**Campus Development:**
- Participated in GVRD/UBC consultation on consultation process. GVRD has created a process to review and receive feedback on OCP implementation; much of their documentation is based on AMS reports.
- OCP Working Group has been meeting regularly.
- Multi-Stakeholder Committee - created this committee on campus development processes.
  - 2 meetings - well attended by unions (CUPE 2278/116), Pacific Spirit Preservation Society, Wreck Beach and GSS.

**Safety and SASC:**
- Worked on WAVAW on addendum to agreement.
- Anti-violence week.
- Safety Committee have been meeting regularly:
  - Africa Awareness Week.
  - Working with RCMP on issues of sexual assault on campus.

**Pride UBC:**
- Met with Coordinator of Outweek.
- Safety Committee allocated $100 to Outweek.

**Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services:**
- Met with Coordinator, Sue Brown and the GSS.
- Met with Brian Sullivan to discuss location and funding concerns.

**Appointments:**
- Elections Administrator.
- Chief Returning Officer.

**Student Cheating:**
- Met with Allan Reid (Chair of Senate Committee - Appeal on Academic Discipline) to discuss Senate/AMS collaboration on issues of student cheating (both students who cheat and those who solicit).

**Other:**
Spoke at the NDP Rally on tuition.

Follow-up from Daniel Pipes event - attended a meeting to discuss the process.

Montreal Massacre - participated in the December 6th memorial event.

Attended the meeting and dinner for the Housing Advisory Committee.

Attended the meeting of the President’s advisory Committee on Learning Spaces.
- Trek goal of upgrading 10% of learning spaces by 2003, only 5%.

Brian Duong - VP Finance

It was definitely a slow December with much of the Business Office closing down on the December 12th.

Gage Fund met December 16th, and distributed money to several engineering clubs and other worthy projects.

I have been involved in several Union Negotiation meetings with the OPEIU, representing several of the office staff, and along side Josh and Bernie, we make up the management team.

Attended the UBC Christmas Dinner at International House December 23rd, where I was a waiter.

Been in meetings with Josh and Sheldon regarding the Executive Procedures Manual.

Finished Mid Year Budget Projections to be presented to Council.

A business decision was made to limit entrance to students at the Pit on Wednesday and Friday.
- It will not come into effect until next Wednesday, January 21 to allow for communication (i.e. announcement) to take place with our customers.
- Students/UBC Staff and Faculty will be admitted and each will have the opportunity to "sign in up to two guests".

Smart Media machines - confirmed a "hard" installation date by February 13th. The short explanation is Smart Media has signed a national contract (in the last 90 days) with Via Rail and therefore all their resources have been consumed at the national level, unfortunately bumping everything else. As a goodwill gesture, they are processing a January payment to us.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Services Survey:

The survey on the AMS Student Services that I am working on with Volunteer Connections is coming along well. We have confirmed the content of the survey and will be hiring a student market researcher in the next two weeks.

Musical Offices:

Last week Sheldon and I traded offices for a few days to see if the headaches that he was getting would go away if he worked in a different office. Unfortunately, the headaches continued, so we are back in our original offices.

Orientations Steering Committee:

This committee is moving ahead full steam. I met with Parker Johnson and Nestor Korchinsky last Monday to develop our first draft of the mission statement, vision, goals, values and principles that orientations should work under. We also met as a committee and the document is evolving wonderfully.

Involvement Guide Meeting:

I met with Kavie Toor, Steve Ng from Student Development and Ashley Carwithen, Editor of the Point to discuss topics and issues for the upcoming Leadership and Involvement issue of the Point newspaper. Everyone should check it out, and should inform any constituents who are interested in getting involved on or off-campus to pick it up as a resource.

Annual Peer Support Conference:

I have started working on a workshop for the Annual Peer Support Conference that Speakeasy will be hosting this year from January 23-25th. Our workshop will be focused on running a successful student service.
Student Development:
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I met with Nestor Korchinsky to discuss the current initiatives we are working on including an information pipeline to bring students into “the know” and a set of large scale campus celebrations.

Committees:
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I sat on the assistants hiring committee to hire the new Chief Returning Officer for the Elections Committee.

Services:
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Minischool registration has begun for this term. New courses offered include Egyptian Hieroglyphics, Clown College and Thai Massage.

Events:
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Billy Talent has been confirmed for February 5th in the Pit. Good Times!

F) Committee Reports:
[SCD 432-004]
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Executive Compensation Review Committee Report - Alan Warkentin (Chair)

G) Constituency Reports:
Chris Payne - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jessey Minhas - Dentistry Undergraduate Society
Christine Conkin - Vancouver School of Theology
Diana Keng - Education Students’ Association
Leigh-Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Students Society
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Ryan Cunningham - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Trevor Olson - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Jennifer Lo - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Michael Dirk - Music Students Association

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors - Amina Rai
- Met with SFU student BoG reps regarding a joint event on tuition.
- Jesse is working with Oxfam on an ethical purchasing policy.
- Upcoming review of Brian Sullivan.

Ombudsperson - Sara Ahadi
-Received 70 emails over the holiday break.
- Hired another volunteer.
- Majority of cases closed but still plenty to do.

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 433-004]
Minutes of Executive Committee dated November 7, 2003 [SCD 434-004]
Minutes of Executive Committee dated November 17, 2003 [SCD 435-004]
J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG: [SCD 443-004]

“Whereas the Alma Mater Society External Commission has designed a comprehensive tuition survey in consultation with student constituencies as part of its tuition strategy and awareness campaign for the 2003/04 academic year; and

Whereas the tuition survey is designed to assess the impact of the recent tuition increases on the quality and accessibility of education at UBC, as well as gauge student views of affordable and appropriate tuition levels; and

Whereas the survey results will inform internal policy-making decisions and external lobbying efforts at the University and provincial levels; and

Whereas Recommendation 3.1 of the AMS Strategic Plan recommends that the Society conduct surveys to “determine the demographic, political, social and academic opinions of the students of UBC” in order to provide information in a factual manner and to establish external credibility on issues; and

Whereas the AMS External Commission has received a quote from the UBC Applied Research and Evaluation Services to design and conduct a web survey on tuition for $5,956;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council authorize the allocation of $5,956 from the University and External Lobbying Fund to cover the expenses associated with the tuition survey.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Sam Saini said that having the survey done by the UBC Applied Research and Evaluation Services office (ARES) would mean that there will be a survey constructed that will remain in place for subsequent years so that the AMS can continue to gauge student opinion cheaply in years to come. Having an independent group do the survey will also lend credibility to the AMS.

Josh Caulkins asked how this survey differs from the one the University conducted.

Sam Saini said the University’s survey didn’t ask about student satisfaction over the quality of instruction; it just asked students where they wanted the increased revenue from the tuition increases spent. The AMS survey will ask whether students see any positive effect of the tuition increases. It is being done from the student perspective.

Carey Hill asked about the validity of a self-selecting on-line survey, questioned whether it was truly independent if a UBC department was conducting it, and asked why it had not been done earlier.
Sam Saini said ARES is an independent business office and is a well-respected organization. As to on-line surveys, he said Web-based surveys have been accepted in the past; the University uses them, as does the government.

Trevor Olson asked when results would be received. Jared Wright said by the end of January. This would be cutting it close, but the tuition proposal is not going to the Board of Governors until March, so the results should be received before the tuition decision.

Alison Atkinson asked why the survey was not done last fall and why the request for funding was coming to Council.

Sam Saini said Council approval is needed for expenditures from the lobbying fund. As to the timing, he said discussions with the Constituencies about the survey began last summer; lots of factors had to be taken into account. It probably should have been done a couple of years ago, and he apologized for not having it done last September.

Amina Rai said the tuition proposal is going to the Board of Governors in January, so the survey is too late.

Jared Wright said only preliminary proposals are going to the Board in January; the actual proposal will be in March.

Katie Boyes asked if the number of respondents is guaranteed. Sam Saini said the survey would be statistically accurate.

Quinn Omori asked if it would have cost more to do a phone survey.

Sam Saini said it would have cost upwards of $20,000 to do a phone survey and $11,000 to $13,000 to do an in-person survey.

Laura Best asked for details of the difference between the UBC survey and the proposed AMS survey.

Sam Saini said the AMS survey asks about student satisfaction; the UBC survey is about what students would like to see. Some questions are similar, but the AMS survey is broader, including some open-ended questions.

In response to a further question about the number of respondents, Sam Saini explained that ARES will ask respondents for their student numbers to ensure no one answers more than once; they will send out an e-mail to those who have not yet answered, and will seek out more respondents until they have enough for statistically accurate results.

Jesse Eckert said he’d like to see the questions first.

Trevor Olson cautioned about being late; the Engineers last year were too late submitting their proposals.

Jennifer Lo said Council members had been invited to meetings to see the survey. She had gone and seen the survey and found it easy to fill out and better than UBC’s.

Josh Caulkins said it was too late to begin consultations and $6,000 was too much to spend. Also, this is the third year of UBC’s three-year plan to increase tuition; he did not expect further increases after this year, so there would be no need for a survey about tuition.

In response to a question, Brian Duong said the lobbying fund receives $113,000 every year. There is also money left over from the previous year. It is a healthy fund.

Alison Atkinson said that before she heard that report on the fund, she was worried that this survey expenditure would take money away from other campaigns. She was still worried that it would take energy away from other campaigns.

Chris Payne said if the survey is not done now, when will it get done? He said it is Council’s job to survey its constituents. Involvement with constituents was good.

Jessey Minhas said Dentistry tuition has been going up every year and has already leapt from $14,000 to $38,000. The dean had surveyed the dentistry students, but it was important to have a survey done from the students’ perspective.

David Asgeirsson said the survey was a little late, but having such a survey established by the AMS was a good thing. At the same time, he said there should be more lobbying.
Dan Yokom disagreed with the notion that there would be no more tuition increases. He said after discussions with the Dean of Science it seemed clear this would not be the end of the increases.

Brian Duong disagreed with the notion that arranging this survey would take energy away from other campaigns: spending this money would save energy; the AMS will be paying another organization to do the survey for the AMS so that the AMS would not have to do it itself. And the survey will allow the AMS to do more effective lobbying by providing information on what students think.

Scott Price asked how long the information gathered would be usable before becoming out of date.

Sam Saini said usually such information can be used for up to two years; the Millennium Scholarship Foundation refers to figures that old. In any case, this survey’s figures can be updated.

Oana Chirila said Council did not know what students think is an acceptable level of tuition increase. She added that the survey was not too late; it would be ready for the March Board meeting, and the questions had been available for viewing previously.

Dave Tompkins said that if the survey is done, at least students will feel that the AMS is soliciting their opinions. It will make a few students’ lives better because they will think that their opinion matters.

Carey Hill said consultation was more than setting up a website. She suggested a phone survey. She added that the Board would not be changing its mind from January to March.

Quinn Omori said that although it was late, the survey would provide important information and the money was there to do it.

Mike Woodward said ordinary students like himself did not get enough information on what was going on at the upper levels of the AMS, so he thought the survey was a good idea. He also asked about the results of the UBC survey. Sam Saini said the UBC results have not been released.

Amina Rai said the AMS should be disseminating information, not just doing a survey. She also asked for details about the timeline for results and the number of respondents.

Jared Wright said results would come in by the end of January and there would be a full report by February 10. He said there would be 4,000 respondents. He added that the polling group said bias would not be an issue even though the survey was coming out in the midst of tuition consultations.

He added that the overarching purpose is to gather data for the long term about socio-economic status, the quality of education, and affordable levels of tuition. The hope is to gauge socio-economic status to see the effect of tuition increases on accessibility; information on this is needed when presenting to the Board.

Sam Saini said a lot of work has gone into this; other institutions were contacted; an inexpensive survey was obtained, but one that will provide good information: the AMS will get the most information for the least dollars. Council members still do not know what their constituents think, and voting No on this motion would mean silencing those constituents.

3. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

4. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG:
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5. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

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Whereas the University of British Columbia is an autonomous entity in law created under the authority of the University Act; and

Whereas the University of British Columbia engages in discussion and negotiations with third party entities, from time to time, with the intention of creating contractual negotiations; and

Whereas such negotiations are often closed to members of the Society; and

Whereas such negotiations often lead to contracts or agreements that directly or indirectly impact the Alma Mater Society’s activities and its membership;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS encourage the University to include the AMS in all relevant negotiations with third parties where the outcome of said negotiations could directly or indirectly have a significant impact on the activities or membership of the Society.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Sam Saini said third party negotiations for loans are the wave of the future, and the AMS needs representation in such negotiations even if not in favour of such loans.
< David Asgeirsson asked if there was UBC policy on such loans. Oana Chirila said there is supposed to be a Business Relations Committee on this, but it has yet to meet.
< Trevor Olson said the proposed policy is not just about loans, but is more broad-based.
Sam Saini said the most relevant negotiations for the AMS now would be loans, but there are others, for instance insurance policies.

Trevor Olson asked about making the motion more specific.

Sam Saini said the motion as presented does encompass the loans issue and to have a general policy in place like this one would save time in the future for other issues.

Jared Wright noted that this policy is just the renewal of an expiring one.

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7. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

“Be it resolved that the AMS approve in principle, daycare subsidies to AMS Councillors for time spent attending meetings of Council and its committees.

Note: Details around budgeting and management to be handled by the VP Academic and University Affairs and to be presented for Council’s approval at the next Council meeting.”

Laura Best said that Council as a volunteer board of directors expects Council members to give their time at Council and committee meetings, but there are barriers to this sort of involvement which it would be desirable to remove. Council members with children who come to Council incur an opportunity cost because they have to pay money, to a babysitter, to participate as a volunteer on Council. Other volunteer groups and student societies provide daycare subsidies. This would be a progressive step towards inclusivity.

Dan Yokom asked about the lack of specifics. Laura Best said it was because the idea was to see if there was support in principle before working out all the details.

Jennifer Lo asked about reimbursing for transportation costs as well.

Laura Best said if that is a concern, it could also be looked at as a separate issue.

Andrew Lawrenson asked if there were no other day care subsidies.

Laura Best said No. The government provides subsidies to students during school time, and UBC Daycare usually is open from 9 to 5, so it would not cover Council meeting times.
Trevor Olson said providing such a subsidy would make Council into a non-volunteer body. It was important that Council members not be paid; that allowed them to remain objective.

Laura Best said she would rather have people feel able to attend.

Josh McNorton said he attended as a volunteer, giving up time to do homework or to work for money. All Council members could be losing money to attend. It was not fair to allow Council members with children to receive money; it would give them an unfair advantage.

Josh Bowman said Council members with children would not be making money from this; the money would be going to a babysitter. It was apples and oranges to compare it with time off for homework or a job.

Tim Leung said serving on Council was a great experience that should not be denied to someone with children.

David Asgeirsson distinguished between an opportunity cost borne by everyone and expenses borne only by some. Subsidizing Council members with children would simply be evening out a disadvantage.

Friendly amendment by David Asgeirsson to replace ‘daycare’ with ‘childcare’.

8. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED LANA RUPP:

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10. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS: [SCD 445-004]

“Whereas AMS and WAVAW wish to amend the agreement entered into between them on July 10, 2003 in order to more clearly define personnel matters with respect to the Sexual Assault Support Centre;

Therefore be it resolved that AMS Council approve the addendum to the Agreement as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Laura Best said that it was unclear in the original agreement to run the SASC who would deal with personnel issues. SASC is a partnership between the AMS and WAVAW; the two groups have worked together on an ad hoc basis up to now to decide personnel issues. The problem with this approach is that there are two people deciding the issues and there is the possibility of a tie. To deal with the problem, WAVAW’s lawyer proposed this addition to the original contract and it has been agreed to by the AMS Executive. It provides for a neutral chair of a new committee
for personnel issues. It was thought inappropriate to have the AMS SASC committee handle personnel because it has a large membership.

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Tim Leung asked how the AMS representative on the new committee would be chosen.

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Laura Best said that was not in the proposed addition because putting it in the contract would tie Council’s hands. It would be up to the AMS to decide how to choose its representative; that was a separate issue for later, but she imagined Council would appoint the person. A Code amendment could be passed later. She added that WAVAW had agreed to the proposed changes.

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

12. MOVED ANDREW LAWRENSON, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“Whereas Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services Society (PSFCSS) is a valuable and necessary organization with a unique service model for families, children and first nation members of the UBC community, and;

Whereas the AMS recognizes that many students work for and are served by PSFCSS;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS call upon the University Administration to find suitable space allocation and core funding for PSFCSS.”

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Andrew Lawrenson said Pacific Spirit was a valuable service, and they were not asking for a financial contribution.

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In response to a question from Oana Chirila, Laura Best said there may be a community solution to the funding problem. It may not be UBC that foots the bill; UBC will look for funding elsewhere. That’s what Brian Sullivan seemed to be suggesting.

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David Asgeirsson said the service was important because the campus was going to have lots of non-student families in the next few years.

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Andrew Lawrenson said students could do practicums at Pacific Spirit, so it will give back to the student body.

13. MOVED LANA RUPP, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED ANDREW LAWRENSON, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:
“Whereas Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services Society (PSFCSS) is a valuable and necessary organization with a unique service model for families, children and first nation members of the UBC community, and;

Whereas the AMS recognizes that many students work for and are served by PSFCSS;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS call upon the University Administration to find suitable space allocation and core funding for PSFCSS.”

... Carried

15. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council confirm the Primary Appointment Committee’s appointment of Sundeep Chandan as the AMS Elections Administrator for a term commencing January 1, 2004 and ending April 30, 2004.”

16. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS, LAURA BEST:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

17. MOVED JOSH MCNORTON:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

18. MOVED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

19. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council confirm the Primary Appointment Committee’s appointment of Sundeep Chandan as the AMS Elections Administrator for a term commencing January 1, 2004 and ending April 30, 2004.”

... Tabled

20. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the meeting be extended until 12:00 a.m. “

... Carried

21. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council adjourn for a five minute recess.”

... Carried

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 p.m.

22. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:
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23. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS, JOSH MCNORTON:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

24. MOVED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

25. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

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... Tabled

26. MOVED DANIEL YOKOM, SECONDED JOSH McNORTON:

“Be it resolved that the Executive Compensation Review Committee recommend to Council a salary adjustment to $20,931 per annum for the Executive and a salary adjustment of $18,668 for the Executive Coordinator of Student Services.”

Oana Chirila - Friendly amendment - insert ‘effective at the next turnover’.

27. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council take a roll call vote.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

28. MOVED DANIEL YOKOM, SECONDED JOSH McNORTON:

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In Favour: Ana-Maria Chirila, Carey Hill, Daniel Yokom, David Asgeirsson, Dave Tompkins, Diana Keng, Helen Ma, Jessey Minhas, Jennifer Lo, Josh McNorton, Joshua Caulkins, Katie Boyes, Michael Dirk, Lana Rupp, Leigh-Anne Martin, Patricia Lau, Ryan Cunningham, Tim Leung, Trevor Olson

Abstentions: Jesse Eckert, Laura Best, Sam Saini, Oana Chirila

... Carried
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the University Commission dated September 30, 2003 [SCD 446-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 20, 2003 [SCD 447-004]

29. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“Whereas the University of British Columbia currently offers a limited number of courses focusing on Africa and lacks an African Studies Program; and

Whereas there are currently no African Studies Programs available to students at any British Columbia university; and

Whereas the inclusion of Africa-themed course is important for representing the diversity of interests on campus and facilitating the creation of a well-rounded global curriculum at the University; and

Whereas several campus groups support the expansion of African studies at UBC, including the UBC Africa Network, Students Against Global AIDS, and the Caribbean and African Association;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society encourage the University to expand the number of Africa-themed courses and investigate the possibility of creating an African Studies Program at UBC.”

Laura Best said there are very few African courses at UBC. Africa is sorely missing from the UBC curriculum. Some courses may touch on Africa among other things, but very few are solely on Africa. It was important to have courses on Africa in order to deal with globalization. UBC offers courses on Europe, Asia, and the Americas: everyone else but Africa.

Dan Yokom asked about Australia. Laura Best said Australia is just one country.

Spencer Keys asked if the Student Senate Caucus had looked at this proposal. Laura Best said she had talked to student members of the Senate Curriculum Committee.

Oana Chirila asked how much extra tuition money this would cost. She wondered how this proposal would fit with UBC’s declared intention to focus on what it does best.

Trevor Olson asked if a survey had been done to gauge the demand. Laura Best said there had been no survey, but she had heard from the clubs mentioned in the motion and other clubs.

Chris Payne said the Dean of Arts would be supportive, but when she tried to start a U.S. Studies program, it was hard to get it off the ground because of funding issues.

30. MOVED LANA RUPP, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

31. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:
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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

32. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED DAVID ASGEIRSSON: [SCD 448-004]

“Whereas the provincial government has previously mandated increases in full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment at British Columbia universities without increases in core operating grants; and

Whereas mandated productivity increases are the equivalent of cuts in core funding as they reduce the level of funding dollars available per student; and

Whereas the provincial government has mandated an increase of 751 FTEs at the University of British Columbia for the 2004/05 year while simultaneously reducing the University’s operating grant by $10.6 million for the same year; and

Whereas the operating shortfall and the mandated productivity increase at UBC will force the University to make decisions pertaining to enrollment based on financial pressures instead of for legitimate academic reasons; and

Whereas the operating shortfall and the mandated productivity increase will place pressure on the University to increase tuition levels to maintain the quality of education at UBC;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS oppose any mandated increases in enrollment at UBC unless they are fully funded by the Province; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS join the University in actively lobbying the Province to ensure that the quality and accessibility of education at UBC is maintained through provincial increases to the core operating grant.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Trevor Olson asked if it had been confirmed that UBC’s grant was being reduced by $10.6 million. Jared Wright said those were preliminary figures which were expected to be confirmed in February.
< Carey Hill asked what “mandated” meant. Jared said in effect it meant “forced.”
< David Asgeirsson asked if UBC enrolls more students than are funded. Oana Chirila said recently UBC has been admitting between 750 and 1500 more undergraduate students than there is funding for.
< Trevor Olson said forcing in more students is a bad idea; classes are overcrowded already; he had to sit on the floor in some classes.

33. MOVED DIANA KENG, SECONDED TREVOR OLSON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

34. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED DAVID ASGEIRSSON:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

35. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED ALISON ATKINSON:

“Whereas the Alma Mater Society has called on the provincial and federal governments to increase funding to post-secondary education; and

Whereas the February 4th National Day of Action is an annual event that gives students across Canada an opportunity to draw attention to student issues; and
Whereas tuition fee increases and funding to post-secondary education have been the most prominent student issues in Canada in recent years;

Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society endorse the National Day of Action”.

1. Quinn Omori said the Day of Action was an annual CFS event meant to call attention to tuition levels and transfer payments. The motion was not asking for money, just for an endorsement. Council had endorsed this event in two previous years: 1996 and 2000. He added that the Social Justice Centre and the Graduate Student Society were involved.

< David Asgeirsson noted that there were some associated events at UBC on February 3, with the CFS rally on the 4th.

36. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That motion #35 be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society support the National Day of Action’.”

< Oana Chirila said she was not sure Council knew the aims of the activity. She was not comfortable with endorsing if she did not know the aims.

< Josh Caulkins said the activity would be noisy but benign.

< Oana Chirila said she was referring to the message promoted by the activity; there was a problem endorsing an event when there was no AMS policy supporting the message of the event.

< Carey Hill said she did not necessarily support everything the CFS does, but the event deserved support because of its opposition to increased tuition.

< Dave Tompkins said that CFS events in the past, though supposed to be friendly, sometimes got out of hand. If it goes bad and the AMS has endorsed it ...

< Sam Saini said CASA has been trying to develop common goals with the CFS and to work with the CFS, but the CFS just recently voted not to work with CASA. He would personally attend the event, but for the AMS to endorse would be a violation of its principles.

< Josh Caulkins said that just because the CFS was acting snotty and elitist was no reason for the AMS to do the same.

37. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That the amendment be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society support the National Day of Action and the February 3rd on-campus events’.

... Carried

38. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED TREVOR OLSON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

39. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That motion # 35 be amended to read:
40. MOVED DIANE KENG, SECONDED TREVOR OLSON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

41. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED ALISON ATKINSON:

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Whereas tuition fee increases and funding to post-secondary education have been the most prominent student issues in Canada in recent years;

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... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

42. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS, QUINN OMORI:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

43. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

44. MOVED AMINA RAI:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Q) Submissions:

< SASC Report [SCD 449-004]
< Universitas 21 Student Network Conference Report [SCD 450-004]

L) Committee Motions:
45. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council confirm the Primary Appointment Committee’s appointment of Sundeep Chandan as the AMS Elections Administrator for a term commencing January 1, 2004 and ending April 30, 2004.”

46. MOVED CHRIS PAYNE, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE, OANA CHIRILA:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

47. MOVED DIANE KENG:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

48. MOVED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

49. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council confirm the Primary Appointment Committee’s appointment of Sundeep Chandan as the AMS Elections Administrator for a term commencing January 1, 2004 and ending April 30, 2004.”

... Defeated

50. MOVED TIM LEUNG, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council appoint, on the recommendation of the Assistant Appointments Committee Peter Marsh as the Chief Returning Officer for a term commencing January 14, 2004 and ending April 30, 2004.”

... Carried

51. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED CHRIS PAYNE:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Anthony Waldron as the Elections Administrator for a term commencing January 14, 2003 and ending March 31, 2004.”

... Tabled

52. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the meeting be extended till 12:30 a.m. ... Carried

53. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED CHRIS PAYNE:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Anthony Waldron as the Elections Administrator for a term commencing January 14, 2004 and ending March 31, 2004.”

54. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KATIE BOYES, PATRICIA LAU:
“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

55. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

56. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

57. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED DIANE KENG:

“That Council vote by secret ballot.” ... Carried

58. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED CHRIS PAYNE:

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Conflict of Interest Noted:
Daniel Yokom, Laura Best, Carey Hill, Alison Atkinson, Jesse Eckert, Scott Price, Spencer Keys, Quinn Omori, Sam Saini, Josh Bowman, Oana Chirila, Lana Rupp, Patricia Lau, Amina Rai ... Carried

59. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“Be it further resolved that Council refer the matter of compensation of the Elections Committee to the Compensation Review Committee.”

... Carried

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on January 28, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

60. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED CHRIS PAYNE:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 12:35 a.m.”

... Carried

T) Social Activity:
The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

B) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Safewalk - Tyler Bryant

- Three new coordinators this year.
- Increasing visibility of Safewalkers on campus.
- New radio trunking system.
- Installation of three new direct phone lines paid for by Campus Planning and Development.
- On average 26 walks per evening compared to 29 last year. The number of walks to parkades has decreased due to the U-Pass.
- Last year shuttle comprised 25% of walks compared to 35% this year.
- Looking to expand summer service.
- Working with Safe Together @UBC to implement transit safety initiatives.
- Working with UBC Parking to implement safer towing protocol.
- Working with Residences for more visibility.
- Working with the AUS for an effective Arts County Fair delivery model.

Questions
- Amina Rai asked if expanding summer shifts would affect finances. Tyler Bryant said it was a good idea to run Safewalk all year round, including July and August, the aim would be to work this expansion so that it didn’t affect finances.

Student Financial Support Update - Brian Sullivan

- There had been a 72% increase in bursaries, causing the Administration to overspend by $2.4 million.
- The sources of student financial support are
  - 52% from government loans and grants
- 25% from external grants managed by UBC
- 9% from external grants not managed by UBC
- 14% from UBC’s own discretionary income.

< The average undergraduate award had gone up from $1900 to $2600, and the number of awards had more than doubled.
< A student survey had shown that only 4.1% of students would quit if tuition went up (a decline from 4.6% in a previous survey).
< A survey of postal codes had shown that there was no shift in the socio-economic profile of students.
< The University is looking into commercial loan programs in which the University would assist students to connect with potential lenders.
< The University is hoping the government will review loan limits.
< Policy 72 will go to the Board of Governors in March.
< Possible changes in the Canada Student Loan Program may raise the age of parental contribution from 21 to 25.
< There will likely be a tuition increase.

Questions
- Andrew Lawrenson asked if the commercial loan programs would involve high interest loans or lines of credit.
- Brian Sullivan said the word “commercial” may be ill-advised; “institutionally negotiated loans” might be better. The University was not seeking to arrange high interest rates or difficult repayment provisions for students.
- Spencer Keys asked for a breakdown by year of the percentage of students receiving financial assistance. Brian Sullivan said he would try to get that.
- Spencer Keys wanted to know the percentage of money going to scholarships versus the percentage for bursaries. He expressed concern that scholarships were not addressing need.
- Brian Sullivan said $51 million of financial awards are merit-based, while $86 million were needs based. The $86 million included student loans. The figure excluding student loans was $18 million.
- Spencer Keys said he would like to see those numbers change.
- Brian Sullivan said that looking only at the amounts under UBC’s control, $9.4 million were needs based, while $12.5 million were merit-based. He said one problem was that donors found it more appealing to give money for merit-based awards.

1. MOVED OANA CHIRILA:

“That Council extend question period by ten minutes.” ... Carried

- Julia Ridley asked about ceilings for commercial loans. She said the incoming class in Medicine would be paying $65,500 over four years just for tuition. Even their tuition will not be covered by student loans.
- Brian Sullivan said the Policy 72 committee will have to look at that.
- Lana Rupp asked how many students receive the maximum bursary amount.
- Brian Sullivan said those with unmet need at the maximum get the maximum. It would not be an easy calculation to determine how many were in this situation, but he could try to get the information.
- Trevor Olson noted that it was hard for students in Engineering to take on Work-Study positions and thus they could not receive as much money as other students.
- Brian Sullivan said he could understand the problem if some students did not have access to the same resources as others. He said the Engineers would probably be invited to present their views.
- Carey Hill said it looked like about half of the financial support money was coming from the federal government.
- Brian Sullivan said he was not sure and asked if she was suggesting that UBC was not putting enough money in.
- Carey Hill said she was suggesting that the provincial government was not putting enough in.
- Tyler Bryant asked about using postal codes to determine socio-economic status.
- Brian Sullivan said it could be questioned, but it was a standard approach taken by Statistics Canada.
- Amina Rai said there needs to be a clearer definition of commercial loans.
- Brian Sullivan agreed, saying there had been a lot of consultation about that. He encouraged Council to look at the issue.

**Policy 72 - Brian Sullivan**  
[SCD 456-004, 457-004]

Student feedback had encouraged the Administration to look at the longer term.

The student contribution would be going up to 25 or 30% of the cost of instruction, which was historically what students have tended to pay at publicly funded institutions, though in recent years at UBC during the tuition freeze the proportion dropped to 18%.

UBC had lost $10 million in funding this year and its other costs (new unfunded students, salary settlements, graduate student tuition waiver, student financial support, etc.) would put it $31.2 million behind.

The Operational Efficiencies report, which will focus more on the University’s long-term framework this year, is not yet available.

2. MOVED QUINN OMORI:

“That Council extend the presentation by ten minutes.” ... Carried

UBC tuition fees in Arts are lower than those at SFU, UVic, and U of T.

UBC is seeking $18 million more from the province.

A 2% tuition increase would leave UBC short of meeting its needs.

An 11% increase would just barely meet the currently known needs, but would not leave anything for the pending faculty salary settlement.

A 15% increase would make $4 million available for investment.

There could also be a 23% increase.

UBC will be pursuing student consultation through a survey, e-mail feedback, visits to the councils of the AMS, the GSS, and other Constituencies, open forums if AMS Council thinks them useful, and the website.

Questions
- Oana Chirila said she was disappointed not to see the Operational Efficiencies Report.
- Brian Sullivan said it would be ready in less than two weeks, along with a tuition proposal.
- David Asgeirsson said that if there is a tuition increase, then UBC’s tuition level will rise to be the same as U of T’s.
- Brian Sullivan said that depended on how much growth there was in Ontario’s tuition levels, but it was fair to say UBC would be closing in on other universities’ tuition levels if there is a tuition increase.
- David Asgeirsson asked if that would enable UBC to improve its Maclean’s ranking.
- Brian Sullivan said that how that translates to Maclean’s is difficult to tell. A lot of the ranking was based on class size. He said he’d like to think that a tuition increase would improve UBC’s ranking by allowing for smaller classes and more tenured faculty.
- Olivier Plessis said that a student contribution of 25 to 30% was a huge increase from 18%.
- Alison Atkinson said she had hoped for more consultation before the tuition proposal, which seemed to be coming next week. She asked what assessment of need had been done.
- Brian Sullivan said he was sharing with Council what the assessment of need was, though he added that it may not be as compelling as Council would like.
- Kelsey Blevings said that owing to differential tuition Commerce students taking PoliSci electives had to pay more for the same course than other students did.
- Brian Sullivan said the observation was correct. He knew the AMS had opposed this, but the Commerce Undergraduate Society had supported differential fees as long as the money came back for services in Commerce. Commerce students may be paying more for the same courses, but the money is coming back to enrich the Commerce program.
- Spencer Keys asked how many students were at UBC this year. Brian Sullivan said 34,000 (full-time equivalents). Spencer Keys said this was clearly in excess of the amount of provincial funding and asked for justification.
- Brian Sullivan said first UBC had a commitment to accessibility. Also, graduate students were never funded properly. And the only way to restrict numbers was to raise the entrance rate for grades for new students, which was already very high; and even if that was done, there would be an unknown number of returning students. He said UBC was making a case to the government to obtain another $10.2 million for unfunded students.
- Laura Best said there was talk of longer-term goals, but she had not seen the goals.
- Brian Sullivan referred to the University’s proposed new framework, outlined in the handout describing the breakdown of the General Purpose Operating Fund. He said the first goal was not to let the student/faculty ratio deteriorate. He added there was a need for broader institutional decisions on where UBC was headed. There is a framework within which to discuss long-term goals, but not everything had been filled in; it was not all figured out yet.
- Brenda Ogembo asked if international students had been consulted about their fees and also asked what percentage of the student contribution is from them.
- Brian Sullivan said the International Students Association and the AMS International Student Affairs commissioner had been consulted.
- Trevor Olson asked if money from differential fees would be coming back to the faculties or staying in general revenues.
- Brian Sullivan said a lot would be decided by each faculty.
- Brian Duong said it looked as if a tuition increase would merely make things stay the same.
- Brian Sullivan said that would be an improvement.

D) President’s Remarks:
Congratulations to all the candidates in this year’s AMS, SLFS and UPS elections!
IPF Committee:
< Will be meeting soon.
Communications Planning Group:
< The PR Department is still working on the new AMS website.
< Working on the AMS Annual Report.
Health & Dental Plan Committee:
< Dealing with an outstanding complaint.
< Looking at claims experience so far for next year’s projections.
< Privacy legislation changes.
Concordia “Discordia” Documentary:
< Have been approached by producers to screen this at UBC, working to schedule a date this semester if possible.
AMS Annual Report:
< Work continues on this behemoth of a project.
University Appointments and Re-Appointments:
The two finalists for the VP Academic and Provost search were on campus last week for forums and meetings with various campus folks. The finalists are Dr. Tony Crook from the University of Sheffield in the UK, and Dr. Lorne Whitehead, from the Faculty of Science at UBC. The final decision will be made shortly by the committee.

**Insurance Issues:**

AMS received notification over a year ago that the CURIE (Canadian Universities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange) Board had decided to discontinue insurance coverage for student societies nationally, in order to focus on insuring the universities and their core academic aspects.

In conjunction with the UBC Risk and Insurance Manager, John Welch, the AMS (led by our Treasurer/Controller, Henry Chen) has been looking for a new insurance company.

The market for insurance has been very tough (partly as a result of 9-11 and terrorism, and also because of recent high awards in the courts for liability and host liquor liability claims.)

We knew from the outset our premiums would increase significantly, and would increase especially since we were obtaining a new policy versus a renewal, and since we had some recent claims history (1-Pit; 1-ACF; and two flood damage claims). The sheer size of our organization and the operations added to this difficulty.

18 insurance companies were approached through 7 different brokers. Only one decided to provide a quotation, and only for general liability (i.e. no Host Liquor liability.)

As the deadline for the expiry of the CURIE coverage loomed closer (December 31, 2003), UBC, through Vice-President Terry Sumner, was able to appeal to the CURIE board to extend the AMS’s coverage until March 31st, 2004.

Working through Campus Advantage and the HUB Insurance Group, we have been able to place coverage effective March 1, 2004 for General Liability, Host Liquor Liability, Property insurance and Directors and Officers Insurance. The coverage applies only to events that are held in the SUB in areas so designated, and to events on and off campus for clubs and constituencies where alcohol is not involved. Even with this reduction in coverage, our insurance costs have increased close to 4 times over what was previously paid. We are still awaiting the quotation on the Slander and Defamation insurance for CiTR.

The insurer did not want to include events serving alcohol held on or off campus in the master policy; however they are willing to insure those events on an individual basis. We are awaiting the quotation on what those costs will be, and are working on the procedures and paperwork that will be necessary to ensure the smooth functioning of these events.

**E) Executive Reports:**

**Sam Saini - VP External**

**CASA:**

The Hon. Paul Bonwick has been appointed as the new Parliamentary Secretary to the Canada Student Loans Program and is tasked to give the new cabinet a full review of SFA in Canada. CASA has met with Bonwick and is preparing for CASA conference call to discuss alternative student aid models as well as our CESG policy recommendations. We are looking at the Australian HECS Model and seeing where a best practices model can be implemented.

James Kusie’s term in office has been renewed for one more year by a majority vote of the membership.

**Government Relations:**

Met with Alison Bridges from the SSB to discuss the future of student financial aid in BC. She mentioned that financial aid resources might be taking more of a targeted approach to aid distribution rather than the more traditional universal funding approach. This will have a result on the policies we adopt and the lobbying direction we choose to take in the future.
Also discussed the Millennium Scholarship program and its affects in BC. Ms. Bridges likes the current model but believes that more funding should be given to the provinces from the program.

**X-Com:**

Tuition survey is going out on Thursday and we should be seeing some results in the next little while.

The Tuition Debate has been set for Feb 10th at 12:30pm in the Norm Theatre and we have speakers coming from the Fraser Institute and the Canadian Federation of Students. This should be a fairly informative event for our students and I hope that every one of you attends.

**Other:**

Working on gathering information on youth voting initiatives. I have been in contact with some people who are trying to make a concerted effort to increase voter turn-out in elections.

Policy 72 call for comments has been issued and our post-bacc constituents have raised significant displeasure with the current policy. We have been working on a response policy and we will be consulting with the concerned constituents before bringing it to council.

**Josh Bowman - VP Administration**

**SAC:**

We've been looking into bookings line-up, and it will have a similar format as per last semester. It will be in two weeks, and an email will be sent out shortly.

A draft of the Clubs Days Report has been completed, and will be edited and submitted to Council in the future.

**Renovations Planning Group:**

We are looking into getting a new floor above the Archives, to prevent possible future flooding damage.

We have fixed the disability access washroom on the upper level in the SUB.

**VP Academic and Provost:**

I interviewed Lorne Whitehead, one of the candidates for the position, last week. I also had lunch with Barry McBride, the outgoing VP Academic, and we discussed various student issues.

**Walter Gage:**

We discussed the set-up of the committee, now that there are going to be changes going on with the Alumni Association and the University.

We gave out money for many student projects (including several engineering projects, and African Awareness Week).

**Laura Best - VP Academic**

**Campus Development:**

Farm petition — working with Yona to get faculty support for teaching and research at the UBC Farm.

February 7th workshop — ongoing planning.

Eye on Development newsletter — 1st edition created sent out.

Busloop — meetings and letter sent on plans for busloop.

Working on website — content is ready, waiting for website design.

OCP Working Group met.

**Africa Awareness:**

Volunteered and attended events.

**Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services:**

Work to find funding and space is ongoing.

Attended PCSCSS Board meeting, ongoing communications with GSS and Brian Sullivan.
Campus Safety Committee:
- Met and discussed issues such as accessibility of Translink.

Transition:
- Preparing transition report and timeline with incoming executive, Brenda Ogembo.

Other Business:
- Attended Housing Advisory Committee.
- Just Desserts being planned with Wellness Commissioner, Erin Kelly.
- Speakeasy Assistant Coordinator — coordinated hiring.
- Met candidate for VP Academic and Provost (UBC) hiring.
- Anti-violence week planning with SASC.
- Met with Graduate Magazine about campus development.
- Attended CPG meetings.

Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

3rd Annual Peer Support Conference:
- AMS Speakeasy hosted the 3rd annual peer support conference from January 23rd-25th. The conference was a huge success thanks to all of Tasha and her committee’s hard work. Bernie and I ran a session on how to run a successful student service which went very well. Thanks to Brian for his last minute help with the budgeting portion of the session. All of the delegates found the information at the conference very helpful. Good work Speakeasy!

Appointments Committee:
- I would like to congratulate and welcome Tara Azimi to the Student Services team. She will be taking on the role of Speakeasy assistant coordinator for the rest of the academic term. We are also hiring an assistant coordinator for Tutoring Services, with the position closing on February 10th.

Mature and Transfer Student Orientation:
- Margot Bell, Parker Johnson and I are in the midst of finalizing the agreement for the university to take on more of a role in Mature and Transfer Student Orientation, which will start this coming year.

Faculty Food Fight:
- Volunteer Connections will be running a Faculty Food Fight from February 9-13th at the niche (next to Blue Chip in the SUB) to raise food and funds for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society. The faculty that donates the most will be named the Best Faculty at UBC and will be recognized with a banner outside the SUB.

Events:
- The Billy Talent concert in the Pit has been changed to March 2nd. The Vagina Monologues are coming along well, Eran has been working very hard. Keep your eyes peeled for information on the many fundraisers during February and March.

Leadership Workshop Series:
- I have been working on a “Best of the SLC 2004” workshop series with Steve Ng from Student Development which will take place February 9-13th.

Food Bank:
- I have been in contact with a representative from the Faculty Women’s Club about setting up a student food bank. The club is very excited about the project and is hoping to donate annually to the project.

Exam Database:
- With Counseling Services moving in Brock Hall, they no longer had room to store the exams that they kept for student use. They have asked the AMS to take on the project, so the PR department and Tutoring will be extra busy over the next few months inputting the exams into our exam database.
Brian Duong - VP Finance

Business Operations Committee:
< Met on January 16th to discuss Pit security issues, new business issues, as well as taking a critical look at November and December business results.

Health & Dental Plan Committee:
< Attended the Health & Dental Plan Committee meeting on January 16th.

Finance Commission:
< The Finance Commission met on January 15th and heard presentations from the Skateboard Club, the Croquet Society, the Ubyssey and evaluated a proposal from the Model UN Group.
< Granted a Student Initiative Fund for the Model UN Group as well as Iva Cheung from the Ubyssey to help fund a trip for a conference hosted by the Canadian University Press.

National Peer Support Conference:
< Made a presentation at the National Peer Support Conference on proper and responsible budgeting.

Gala Dinner:
< Included in your Council packages is an invitation to the Gala Dinner taking place on February 5th. All Council members are encouraged to attend.
< Also attended a meeting of the OCP Working Group on January 27th.

Transition:
< Preparing a transition document and looking forward to working with the incoming VP Finance.
< Left for Toronto between January 21st - 26th for Investment Banking interviews.

F) Committee Reports:

2004 Elections Report - Anthony Waldron [SCD 458-004]

3. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

"That Council extend the presentation to twenty minutes and the question period to fifteen minutes."

... Carried
< He was appointed at the last minute because of resignations.
< The electronic voting system (Web Vote) was not ready until the day before the voting and was not tested beforehand.
< There were many complaints about Web Vote:
  - 32 students said they couldn’t get in to vote, which probably means there were hundreds who couldn’t;
  - the voter interface was not user friendly;
  - the whole system was down for a day.
< Security issue: a second password was around, potentially enabling a number of people to get into the system.
< Many minor complaints: he would like a Code provision enabling the Elections Committee to ignore trivial complaints or even sanction those making them.
< It was improper, and a form of bribery, for candidates to promise to donate portions of their salary if elected.
< Hiring of the Elections Committee should not be done by a member of the Executive because executives tend to be members of slates.
The members of the Elections Committee would like job descriptions.

A Code provision is needed to give the Elections Committee the power to control handbilling in SUB.

Information about the “state of the race” was known ahead of time during voting by various candidates and could have affected the results.

All the Executive and Senate elections were valid because it was the losing candidates who probably had knowledge of the state of the race, and/or the results were not close.

The election of the Board of Governors representatives was so close, and prior knowledge may have been available to the slate of one of the winning candidates, that the Elections Administrator was declaring that election invalid.

4. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS, JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

5. MOVED QUINN OMORI:

“That Council move out of camera.” ... Carried

6. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ALAN SPENCER:

“That Council adjourn for a five minute recess.” ... Carried

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 p.m.

7. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council suspend the part of the Code of Procedure that require the full Elections Committee to decide on the validity of an election and bestow this power on the Elections Administrator for the January 2004 election.”

... Carried

8. MOVED KELSEY BELVINGS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That Council thank the Elections Administrator for all his work on the 2004 election.”

... Carried

G) Constituency Reports:

Michael Dirk - Music Students Association
Leigh-Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Julia Ridley - Medicine Undergraduate Society
Diana Keng - Education Students’ Association
Megan Kalaman - Arts Undergraduate Society
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association
David Asgeirsson - Graduate Students Society
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Ryan Cunningham - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Trevor Olson - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors - Jesse Eckert
- Sat on the OCP Working Group.
- Working with Oxfam on an ethical purchasing policy.

Senate - Chris Ste.Croix
- Discussed the proposed OUC Campus of BC presented by Barry McBride.
- Sat on the Provost Hiring Committee. Decision to be made shortly.

Ombudsperson - Sara Ahadi
- Attended the National Peer Support Conference which was extremely successful.
- The Ombuds Advisory Committee met. Resolved many issues and needs of the Ombuds Office.

9. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED TREVOR OLSON:

“That the meeting be extended by thirty minutes until 10:40 p.m.”  
... Carried

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated January 14, 2004 [SCD 459-004]  
Minutes of Executive Committee dated November 24, 2003 [SCD 460-004]  
Minutes of Executive Committee dated December 15, 2003 [SCD 461-004]  
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 8, 2004 [SCD 462-004]  
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 12, 2004 [SCD 463-004]  
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated September 15, 2003 [SCD 464-004]  
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated September 30, 2003 [SCD 465-004]  
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated September 30, 2003 [SCD 467-004]  
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated October 28, 2003 [SCD 466-004]  
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated November 7, 2003 [SCD 467-004]  
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated November 4, 2003 [SCD 468-004]  
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated November 18, 2003 [SCD 469-004]  
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated November 25, 2003 [SCD 470-004]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

10. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held at 12 noon on Friday, February 27, 2004 (venue to be advised).”  
... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

11. MOVED CHRIS ZAPPAVIGNA, SECONDED TREVOR OLSON: [SCD 471-004]

“Whereas exams often constitute up to 50% or more of a student’s final course grade; and
Whereas there are increasing pressures on students to achieve higher grades to compete for future opportunities; and

Whereas densely clustered exams can be an impediment to student achievement, especially when required course exams are grouped together; and

Whereas amending the definition of ‘exam hardship’ to be three or more examinations scheduled within a 36-hour period and moving to a system of program influenced exam scheduling will alleviate some of the aforementioned impediments to student success;

That AMS Council support (in principle) the Student Senate Caucus in its initiatives for exam schedule and policy reform as proposed in the Proposal For Academic Policy Reform on Exam Hardships recently submitted to Senate.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Alan Warkentin - in favour ... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated November 6, 2003 [SCD 472-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 24, 2003 [SCD 473-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 12, 2004 [SCD 474-004]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

12. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED MELISSA PARKER:

“Whereas unforeseen circumstances required significant external assistance to allow for the proper functioning of the 2004 AMS General Elections; and

Whereas former Elections Administrator Christopher Eaton gave 2 days of his time to assist the Elections Committee;

Be it resolved that Council direct the Compensation Review Committee to decide on an appropriate compensation to reflect the work done by Mr. Eaton, taking into account the last-minute nature of his assistance;

Be it further resolved that Council thank Mr. Eaton for his time and effort.”

13. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:
“That motion #12 be amended by deleting ‘2 days’ and inserting ‘a significant amount of his time’.”

.. Carried

14. MOVED KELSEY BLEVINGS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That motion #12 be amended by deleting ‘compensation’ and replacing it with ‘honorarium’.”

... Carried

15. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED MELISSA PARKER:

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Whereas former Elections Administrator Christopher Eaton gave a significant amount of his time to assist the Elections Committee;

Be it resolved that Council direct the Compensation Review Committee to decide on an appropriate honorarium to reflect the work done by Mr. Eaton, taking into account the last-minute nature of his assistance;

Be it further resolved that Council thank Mr. Eaton for his time and effort.”

... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

AMS Insurance

Dave Tompkins said it would be irresponsible not to obtain insurance for events organized by AMS groups outside the SUB or off campus.

Oana Chirila said insurance would be obtained, but separately for each event. Risk would be assessed in each individual case.

Bernie Peets said the aim for the new insurer is to have experience with the AMS, to get to know how many alcohol events and special occasion permits there are. The AMS was lucky to get what it did (coverage within the SUB); other schools are still scrambling to find any insurance.

Alan Warkentin asked if there were many incidents that led to this.

Oana Chirila said that CURIE, the insurer for Canadian universities, decided to drop all student societies from its coverage.

Alan Warkentin asked if the new policy will cover Whistler Lodge.

Bernie Peets said people can drink privately at the lodge, but alcohol cannot be sold there.

Alan Warkentin asked who would pay for off-campus events and events outside the SUB: the AMS or the Constituencies?

Oana Chirila said that had not yet been decided, but it was not in the AMS Budget for this year to pay for individual event insurance.

BoG Elections

Spencer Keys asked about the rules for dealing with an invalidated Board of Governors election. He wondered if nominations would be reopened and whether there would be a full campaign period for a new election. He was concerned about candidates having to run a second time.

Sheldon Goldfarb said that in 1999 a similar situation arose, when the Senate Elections Committee overturned a Board of Governors election. There was a rerun of the election for one of the two student positions. There was a five-day campaign, followed by a two-day voting period. Only candidates who had run originally were allowed to run again. Six hundred votes were cast. The Code gives the Elections Committee the power to decide how to run a special election like this.
Jason Loxton wanted it made clear that there was no positive evidence that anyone did anything wrong or benefited from anything improper. Council might want to explain that there is no taint of scandal.

Bernie Peets suggested that Council set a date for a new election and leave the running of it to the Elections Administrator.

Dani Bryant said it was important to make any new election fair. Also, if there was nothing wrong in receiving information, why was the original election invalid?

Spencer Keys said it was because there was still an advantage to the person who received the information.

16. MOVED KATIE BOYES, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the meeting be extended by ten minutes until 10:50 p.m.” ... Carried

Q) Submissions:
< Just Desserts - Nomination Forms [SCD 475-004]
< Invitation to the Gala Dinner [SCD 476-004]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on February 11, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

17. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 p.m.”
... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Jon Woodward (The Ubyssey), Dan Burritt (CiTR), Hywel Tuscano (The Ubyssey), Seamus Sullivan, Raj Mathur, Holly Foxcroft (VP External - elect), Lyle McMahon (VP Administration - elect), Brenda Ogembo (VP Academic - elect), Tyler Bryant (Safewalk), Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Michelle Aucoin (VP Students), Tasha Ptasinski (AMS Speakeasy), Tara Azimi (AMS Speakeasy), Rose Atkins (AMS Speakeasy), Anisa Mottahed (AMS Speakeasy), Maya Scott (AMS Advocacy), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (PR Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

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:

C) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

Tuition Update - Brian Sullivan [SCD 477-004]

Other than Deans who met yesterday, AMS Student Council is the first to see this proposal.

Will be presented to the March 18th Board of Governors meeting.

In 2003/04 tuition makes up 25 - 26% of the total cost of education. Next year’s target is 25 - 30%.

Framework target:
- maintain faculty/staff ratio.
- do not enroll unfunded students.

Approximately $33 million extra is required. UBC has secured $2 million from elsewhere (royalties, licensing fees).

The commitment is to provide $2.5 million extra towards student aid. The average award went up by $700 this year

The Prime Minister announced the re-introduction of grants and the expansion of the CSLP to cover additional costs of computers, living expenses, etc.

On average students are taking heavier course loads and course enrolment has increased beyond the enrolment increase.

There has been a slight decrease in class sizes for 1st and 2nd year courses and a slight increase in 3rd and 4th year courses.

The university has just released a report on the survey conducted on students in BC. A total of 5,250 respondents from UBC.

It is hard to figure out the average debt load because of the way question on parental contribution was worded. Didn’t ask about room/board etc.

4.1% of those surveyed would drop out if faced with more increases (down from 4.6% last year).

1. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That Council extend the presentation by five minutes.” ... Carried

For Arts, the increase would be $519 per year.

Commerce still in discussions about their increase.

Post - Baccalaureate Programs have been approved already for next year in last year’s negotiations.

Increase in ancillary/mandatory fees.
- Athletics 4%
- Co-op 33%

Questions:
- Dave Tompkins asked if the $10 million provincial cut is only temporary for one year and wouldn’t it be prudent to have a small increase this year. Brian Sullivan said yes, but very vague on the $10 million being restored. In the same letter there is mention of the possibility of unfunded students.
- Trevor Olson said the 33% increase in Co-op fees may deter students from participating in the program. Brian said the Co-op program makes participants more competitive with other institutions/co-op programs.
- Holly Foxcroft asked how longer-term goals are framed and the time-line. Brian said the longer-term goals are framed year to year but the issue has received criticism. One goal is to increase graduate/undergraduate ratio.
- Carey Hill asked if the university plans on taking extra students. Brian said more funding had been applied for but have told the government will not be taking unfunded students. The goal is to keep levels as they are right now. Carey asked if graduate students would be capped. Brian said no.
- Brenda Ogembo asked if international students had been consulted on the increase to fees
- Brian Sullivan said an email was sent out to all international students and the consultation process happened in fall 2003 for the October 1st Board of Governors meeting.

AMS Advocacy Office - Maya Scott

The services offered by the Advocacy Office include:
- assisting students navigate university processes.
- advising students about their options within the university system.
- recommending specific courses of action.
- representing students at university hearing and appeal committees.

So far have dealt with 15 extra discipline cases as a result of being included in the UBC cover letter. Anticipating another 15 - 20 cases in the next two months.

Goals & Initiatives:
- promote student awareness of the AMS Advocacy Office.
- educate students about academic misconduct and its potential consequences.
- work towards a more transparent student discipline process whereby the university is more accountable for its actions.

Created the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

Increased involvement in the area of student discipline.

Refined student internship program.

Will continue to promote student rights and work towards more efficient and effective representation of students.
The challenges facing the Advocacy Office include increasing case loads, funding and maintaining current initiatives.

Questions:
- Carey Hill congratulated the Advocacy Office on its efforts and asked how many discipline actions are undertaken each year. Maya said last year 75 cases went before the Committee. Of those 75 managed to secure 30 but that was before the Advocacy Office was included in the UBC cover letter. Anticipating more cases this year.
- Josh Bowman asked whether Maya had any recommendations for handling the extra case loads. Maya said there needs to be an increase in staff/interns and have the office determine what is priority.

AMS Speakeasy - Tasha Ptasinski/Tara Azimi [SCD 479-004]

Speakeasy provides information, peer counseling and referrals to UBC students.

This year Speakeasy has 52 volunteers: 15 returning and 37 new. 5 team leaders and 9 non-counseling volunteers as well as an Assistant Coordinator and Coordinator.

Information statistics for 2003 - 2004 - an average of 160 questions answered each day by Speakeasy volunteers.

Peer Support statistics - monthly average is 21 calls/drop-ins. The top three issues are depression, anxiety and relationships.

Some of the challenges facing Speakeasy include:
- repeat caller on our support line.
- promotion of the service.
- retention of volunteers.
- criminal record checks.

Have managed to stay on target with the budget.

New initiatives include:
- development of an on-line database for statistics.
- organization and participation in the 1st Annual Peer Education Fair in October.
- new training procedure for volunteers - videotaped mock peer support sessions.
- developed relationship with the Vancouver Crisis Centre and UBC Counseling Services.

Successfully hosted the 3rd Annual National Peer Support Conference. The conference was a huge success thanks to funding from the Walter Gage Memorial Fund, the UBC/AMS Event Sponsorship Fund, Campus Security and the Personal Safety Coordinator.

Questions:
- Leigh Anne Martin asked how many drop-ins get referred. Tasha said all calls get referred either to UBC Counseling or off campus organizations.

D) President’s Remarks:

Maclean’s Scandal:

The media picked up a story by Sarah Schmidt in the National Post on Saturday January 31st and ran with it for the next 5 days. I did interviews with the National Post, the Vancouver Sun, the Vancouver Province, the Ottawa Citizen, Sing Tao Daily, Ming Pao Daily, the Ubyssey and many other CUP newspapers, CSML Radio, CKNW Radio, Global TV, the Rafe Mair Show on 600 AM, Vancouver Island Television, Fairchild Television, CBC Television, and CBC Radio Canada regarding this issue, and Paul Martin’s throne speech. The Exec met with Dr. Barry McBride, Brian Sullivan, and Dr. Martha Piper regarding this issue, and Dr. Piper wrote a letter to the editor of the Ubyssey addressing the student body regarding these allegations. Attached to the Council package tonight is the press release we sent out last week, as well as the letter we addressed to Dr. Piper.

Throne Speeches:
Since the last Council meeting, both the provincial and federal governments have had throne speeches. Both will be followed by budget speeches shortly, which should indicate more clearly where the government is following through on their commitments.

**Tuition:**

The Executive met with Brian Sullivan and Michelle Aucoin on Monday as part of the tuition consultation process. Despite promises that the Operational Efficiencies Report would be ready by last week, we have yet to receive it. We also asked for a copy of the report on the TUPC survey done last semester, which we received tonight at the start of the Council meeting.

**IPF Committee:**

Met last week and reviewed about half of the 80 proposals, and met yesterday to look over the rest. The committee has made final decisions and letters will be going out to the successful and unsuccessful applicants shortly. Over $50,000 was given out to 21 successful applicants.

**CPG:**

The PR department is still working on the new AMS website. I am continuing work on the AMS Annual Report. CPG has also adopted two new policies – an AMS Email Policy, and a Protocol for External Advertising in AMS Space (to address advertising by Zoom Media and future advertising from SmartMedia.) Also working on a new identity for the AMS and a business card policy.

**HDPC:**

Still dealing with an outstanding complaint from last year. The committee is reviewing a confidentiality agreement form for members of the committee to sign. We are also in the beginning stages of renewal with the insurance company for next year. Hopefully the plan will stay close to balance, so few or no benefits will be cut for next year.

**Aquatic Centre Management Committee:**

Met last week to review the financial status of the Aquatic Centre to date, as well as the proposed budget for next year.

**VP Academic and Provost Appointment (replacing Dr. Barry McBride):**

The committee met after the public process and made a final decision, to go to the BoG in March.

**Insurance Issues:**

Thanks to Henry’s tireless work, the AMS has secured blanket insurance for AMS subsidiaries holding licensed events on campus! With the exception of Arts County Fair, which has secured separate insurance. This means there will not be additional insurance premiums for those of you planning events in March or thereafter on campus, but outside the SUB. Off-campus events will still need separate coverage.

**Corpus Christi and St. Mark’s College:**

Discussed AMS membership with them.

**VP Students Re-appointment:**

I presented the AMS’s feedback at the President’s Advisory Committee on the reappointment of Brian Sullivan yesterday – thank you to all Council members who responded.

**Sigma Tau Chi Dinner:**

Last Thursday, I attended the fundraising gala dinner organized by Brian Duong and his Finance Commission. Good times were had by all, especially the Ubyssey news editors who don’t kiss & tell.

**Transition:**

Transition is proceeding nicely, with the President-elect shadowing me at committee meetings and meeting separately to go over the Presidential portfolio. I anticipate the transition report to be completed shortly, and will be organizing an Exec retreat during Reading Week.

**E) Executive Reports:**
Sam Saini - VP External

CASA:

CASA (head office) met with Paul Martin to discuss the new priorities set forth in the Throne Speech. There is a strong sense that parental contribution review of the CSLP will be addressed and that there should be a re-work of the CESG program as well. However, while commitments have been made, we have been asked for recommendations to improve these two programs and that is where our policy development priorities have shifted for the time being. The discussion on developing the Pan-Canadian agreement, although important, will be moved back in order for us to better address the concerns of the new government. In addition, it was made apparent in this meeting with Martin that an ear-marked transfer to PSE will not be a priority of the new government as well.

With that being said, we are awaiting the review of the CESG program which is to be released, hopefully, in the next two weeks to commence discussions on improvements to this program to better suit the needs of middle-class families.

Policy 72:

Met with concerned councilors and constituency reps to discuss the merits and shortcomings of the current policy. We had agreement that the Policy is in principle a good thing and that we should support the statements made within it. However, there was significant disapproval of the administration process of the financial aid that the policy recommends and we have forwarded our concerns onto University Council to weigh these considerations.

I have a draft response policy to Policy 72 that we are working on and I have sent it out to that same group to discuss the official AMS position on this response.

X-Com:

Our tuition survey has been sent out to students on two different occasions and we have received the final numbers of respondents. In total, 9,950 students responded to the web-survey and we have a lot of comments attached to the survey as well. I will be working with ARES in the next little while to provide them with whatever resources such that we can get the final report out as quick as possible. I do not want to prematurely release any information as we need to clear up errors before we report on the information collected. I would also like to thank X-Com and Jared for their work on this, it has been a long process but we are satisfied that its finally done and has been successful process.

The Tuition Debate was on Feb 10th at 12:30pm in the Norm Theatre and the speakers from the Canadian Federation of Students and the Fraser Institute were exceptional. It was a fairly low turnout once again which was disappointing and perhaps might hint at a different type of process to engage students. The survey was indirect but it was more helpful in gauging student opinion and this might indicate a better process for consulting with students.

Other:

I have forwarded information to other schools regarding youth voting initiatives and have been in contact with Ian Black, the individual trying to organize campus groups. If any of you are interested in working on voting strategies, Ian is interested in recruiting volunteers for a UBC chapter to open up. Please contact me if you need more information.

I went to the CFS Day of Action downtown and it was a very well attended by students in the GVRD. I would like to thank to all of the councilors and students who got involved and backed the AMS resolution to support this event.

Laura Best - VP Academic

Campus Development Issues:

OCP Working Group — recommendations on structural changes to be coming to Council on the institutionalization of this committee.

GVRD Workshop on OCP Implementation.
- Sat on committee that helped organize this event.
- Much of the workbook which guided the process and recommendations for this event was based on previous AMS submissions to the University.
- Attended this all-day event.

**Africa Awareness:**
- Attended many events around Africa Awareness.
- Working with UBC Africa Network to collect signatures for petition to lobby for more courses on Africa.
- Worked with Jared to draft letter to Administration on African curriculum issues.

**Safety Committee:**
- Drafted letter to Ubyssey Editors and Board of Directors in response to the article on the Pit (in collaboration with Safewalk and other safety providers).
- Drafted letter to be printed in Page Friday edition of Ubyssey.
- Made recommendations for the Strategic Plan.

**SASC:**
- Working on anti-violence week preparations (last week in February).

**Ucom:**
- Working on Just Desserts, academic policies, information compilation around University Town and student involvement.

**Transition:**
- Working with incoming VP Academic on transition issues.

**Tuition Issues:**
- Flipped pancakes, attended CFS Day of Action, volunteered at tuition carnival.
- Met with Brian Sullivan and Michelle Aucoin (with other executives) about this issue.
- Policy 72 meetings.

**Other Business:**
- Attended Sigma Tau Chai fundraising dinner.
- Attended Oxfam Sweat-Free Event.

**Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**

**Faculty Food Fight:**
- Volunteer Connections’ food drive is proving to be a great success. With one day left, they have collected $550 worth of food. Make sure to donate on behalf of your faculty to be named the best faculty at UBC.

**Student Development:**
- I have met regularly with Nestor Korchinsky regarding the Orientations Steering Committee, Information Pipeline our community celebrations. We are making great strides in all areas.

**Safewalk:**
- This week Safewalk received a cheque for $30,000 from the university. I would again like to thank everyone who was involved in the funding process including Sue Brown, Liz King, Chris Lythgo, Behshad Darvish, Jared Wright, Laura Best, Tyler Bryant, and of course Brian Sullivan.

**Leadership Workshops:**
- I have been working with Steve Ng on a leadership workshop series, the Best of the SLC taking place this week in the SUB and Gage Residence.

**Services:**
- We had a services staff dinner last week to celebrate our achievements so far this year. The event was a huge success.

**Services Survey:**
The ground work has been laid for the Services Survey. We are in the midst of hiring a market researcher who will work with Volunteer Connections for the implementation of the survey.

**Events:**

Upcoming events include Erotic Bingo tomorrow night, and a coffee house on February 26th; both fundraisers for the Vagina Monologues in the Gallery. Also, Friday is the deadline for Battle of the Bands and Read My Lips contest entries.

**Josh Bowman - VP Administration**

I've been transitioning Lyle for the past two weeks, and he did my job for two hours a few days ago!

**Renovations Planning Group:**

We approved the renovation of the planter on the Southside of the SUB, such that it can be used by Food and Beverage for a BBQ Pit. The cost is estimated at $4500, to be amortized over 3 years.

The Bike Co-op renovations are going well, and the concrete should be poured shortly.

We approved renovations to the floor above the archives. The cost is estimated at $6500, and should prevent further leaking.

**SAC:**

Bookings Line-up was very successful (it was held on Tuesday).

We are organizing a clubs conference for the 3rd weekend in March.

We have provided contingency space for Pacific Spirit Family and Community Counseling. They will be provided with two offices in the SUB as per an AMS club on a one-year term basis if the university is unable to provide space this year.

**Impacts Committee:**

The university will have built an in-vessel composter by September (it should be up and running by then as well). When this occurs, we hope to be re-evaluating waste management in the SUB, and new composting options.

I attended the Oxfam conference, and have been working on a draft of an AMS purchasing policy.

**Access:**

We have prices for building renovations related to accessibility.

We are working with the university towards these renovations, and may be able to received funding from the university for this purpose.

**AMS/UBC:**

We met, discussed insurance and accessibility.

Also, Happy Outweek!

**F) Committee Reports:**

**G) Constituency Reports:**

Leigh-Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Students Society
Chris Payne - Arts Undergraduate Society
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Michael Yung - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Sarah Saddler - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Ana-Maria Chirila - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society
Jennifer Lo - Commerce Undergraduate Society
H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Senate - Michael Yung
- There will be a meeting of the Senate Sub Committee on Elections during Reading Week.

Ombudsperson - Sara Ahadi
- The Ombudsoffice website has been updated.
- Thanks to Dani for organizing the Services Dinner.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated January 28, 2004 [SCD 480-004]
Minutes of Executive Committee dated January 26, 2004 [SCD 481-004]
Minutes of Assistant Appointments Committee dated January 23, 2004 [SCD 482-004]
Minutes of Compensation Review Committee dated January 28, 2004 [SCD 483-004]
Minutes of Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee dated July 16, 2003
Minutes of Safety Committee dated March 13, 2003 [SCD 485-004]
Minutes of Safety Committee dated June 9, 2003 [SCD 486-004]
Minutes of Safety Committee dated July 7, 2003 [SCD 487-004]
Minutes of Safety Committee dated December 2, 2003 [SCD 488-004]
Minutes of Safety Committee dated January 13, 2004 [SCD 489-004]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED ALISON ATKINSON: [SCD 490-004]

"Be it resolved that Council amend Code and Procedures to include the following Article:

Section II: Council, Council Members and Others

Article 13. Child Care Provision

1. Childcare subsidies will be provided to AMS Councilors for time spent attending meetings of the Council and its committees.

2. Procedures for the provision of childcare subsidies are managed by the Executive Committee and will be included in the Executive Procedures Manual."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< David Asgeirsson asked how the level of subsidy was determined as it seemed a little low. Laura Best said most babysitters are at rates lower than the provincial rate and lower than other schools.

< Richard Davis asked for clarification on immediate family. Laura said this would be defined for clarity.
Spencer Keys asked why this issue fell under the mandate of the Executive Committee and where funds would be allocated from. Laura said this issue comes under the mandate of the Secretary of Council who has the power to look after issues related to Council. Funds will be allocated from the Council budget.

Spencer Keys asked if financial procedures would be going into the Code of Procedure at anytime. Laura said the specifics could be incorporated into Code if Council wants it more formalized, but the proposed procedures will be going into the Executive Procedures Manual.

Kelsey Blevings asked if issues of student financial need could be looked into. Laura said this could be looked into.

Trevor Olson said he would be opposing this motion in principle because this is a direct subsidy to certain Council members. He said that for the most part, having a child and being on Council is a choice. This is a movement towards “paying” people who have effectively volunteered for this organization.

Lana Rupp felt that the subsidy provision should be extended to all members at-large who attend Committee meetings and wish to attend Council. Laura said the policy could be amended accordingly.

Carey Hill said this is just a subsidy and a cost that students with children incur. This is an issue that for the most part affects women and could be seen as discriminating against women.

Allison Atkinson agreed with Carey’s comments and felt that this initiative will increase representation for students who are parents. This would be a big progressive step for this Council to take.

Allison Atkinson said this subsidy might increase representation of students who have children. She has problems with comparing childcare to being on a team or having a job. People who are being subsidized are not getting paid – the money is going directly to the child-care provider.

Spencer Keys didn’t feel there was an urgency to pass this motion. Due process had not been followed. The issue needs to go through the Code and Policies Committee and the Compensation Review Committee in a rational and proper manner. The policy needs review by the people who it affects. If we fail this motion, it’s not saying that anyone here hates babies, it just means that we need to review the process in more detail.

David Asgeirsson asked what percentage of UBC students have dependants.

Lana Rupp felt that the issue had not been properly thought through and should be reviewed again.

3. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That motion #2 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.”

Josh Bowman said procedurally Council has already passed this motion in principle and Laura went away with Council’s decision and furthered this issue.

Laura said Council directed her to work out the details around budgeting and management and this is what she has done. If Council had referred the issue to the Code and Policies Committee it would have saved her time and Council’s time.

Spencer Keys said Council works best not in creating ideas in a vacuum – but in refining ideas. This should apply to any motion that comes to Council that it feels requires refinement.

4. MOVED SAM SAINI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
5. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:
   “That motion #2 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.”
   ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

I) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:
   “That Council omnibus the following motions.”
   ... Carried

7. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:
   “That Council appoint Melissa Parker (Council member) to the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee for a term ending April 30, 2004.”
   “That Council appoint Richard Davis to represent the AMS on the Gage Neighbourhood Advisory Planning Committee.”
   “That Council appoint Lana Rupp (Council member) to represent the AMS on the Board of Directors of CTR (the Student Radio Society) for a term ending June 18, 2004.”
   ... Carried

8. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:
   “That Council appoint
   to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing February 12, 2004 until the 2005 Annual General Meeting.
   Note: Open to any UBC student.”
   ... Tabled

9. MOVED MELISSA PARKER, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:
   “Be it resolved that Council approve the recommendations (listed below) of the Compensation Review Committee in regards to changes in the total compensation of members of the Elections Committee, and

   Be it further resolved that Council approve the recommendations of the Compensation Review Committee in regards to the honorarium for Chris Eaton.

   Anthony Waldron (current Elections Administrator) - $2000
   Paula Martz (member-at-large) - $1200
   Michelle Davies (member-at-large) - $1350
   Arunima Sharma (member-at-large) - $1350
   Peter Marsh (current Chief Returning Officer) - $750
   Sundeep Chandan (former Elections Administrator) - $600
   Chris Eaton - $250.”

10. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:
    “That motion #9 be amended by striking:
‘Anthony Waldron (current Elections Administrator) - $2000’.”

11. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED LANA RUPP, TREVOR OLSON:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED JOSH MCNORTON, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That Council move out of camera.” ... Carried

13. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That motion #9 be amended by striking:

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Chris Eaton - $250.” ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated November 3, 2003 [SCD 491-004]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated December 11, 2003 [SCD 492-004]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated January 15, 2004 [SCD 493-004]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 21, 2004 [SCD 494-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 28, 2004 [SCD 495-004]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:
P) Discussion Period:

AMS Etiquette

Laura Best said a recent article in the Ubyssey had a tone that talked about sexual assault as an acceptable and inevitable activity at the Pit Pub. She reminded Council members that it is appropriate for them to conduct themselves in a manner that is in line with the Campus Safety Vision statement both within and outside Council.

Richard Davis said he was included in the article and will resign from Council if asked.

Jon Woodward said the Ubyssey will stand by the article but anyone with concerns can write to the editor.

David Asgeirsson encouraged the Executive to write a letter to the Ubyssey reiterating the Safety Vision of the AMS.

Laura said she will be addressing this issue with the Ubyssey and there was no reason for anyone to resign.

Pacific Spirit Family & Community Services

Oana asked Josh to clarify the agreement that had been struck with Pacific Spirit Place. She understood that AMS Council had directed the Executive Committee to lobby the University. SAC was in complete violation of SAC’s internal policy and AMS Code. Oana asked if any clubs had been dis-placed as a result of this decision? SAC allocating space to outside groups sets a bad precedent. PSFSC are a worthy group but this is shameful violation of SAC procedure and of AMS Code.

Josh Bowman said SAC was able to accommodate all the clubs that required space due to renovations. Regarding allocation of space for this organization – there are two offices (upstairs/downstairs) rooms – that were available and appropriate for the group. Council had shown support for this group and felt that the university was responding too slowly to the groups demands. This is a one-year contract to be reviewed which gives the VP Academic time to review the situation.

Oana asked to see the contract that had been drawn up between the Alma Mater Society and Pacific Spirit Place?

Laura said no contract has been drawn up yet. SAC allocating this space was meant as a last resort if the university didn’t come through with space in time for the group to “save themselves”.

Spencer Keys said this was a violation of our policies. It shows a lack of respect of the existing power structure of the Society. Council gave direction to fight for the group but not to provide them with space. If this was repeated behaviour it would be grounds for impeachment. Council determined that it would not be giving space to an outside body – and that trust has been violated. This is a serious violation and needs to be addressed.

Dan Yokom said this situation was not handled properly and is a serious violation of our regulations.

Dani Bryant asked if Pacific Spirit had been notified whether the space had been allocated to them?

Laura said yes with the preamble that it would be dependant on Council accepting the minutes of SAC.

David Asgeirsson asked who would be willing to go on record for refusing space to the group and does the Executive committee have the power to grant space.

Spencer Keys said the question would be germaine as Council had already refused to allocate space for this organization – instead we had agreed to lobby the university for them to supply space and funding.
Sam Saini said the issue here seems to be one of procedure. He felt uncomfortable making a decision without details on the agreement.

Allison Atkinson asked if this was a time-sensitive issue?

Laura Best said SAC felt it was acting on the interests of Council. Believes there is probably some misunderstanding about the situation. It is important that as Council members they believe that the Executive are following the direction of Council and in the best interests of the student body. There was no intention to violate Council direction nor recognition of violation of Code of Procedures - apologize for that. This was meant to be a last resort effort for a service that may be in danger of closure.

Lana Rupp reiterated the seriousness of this issue. This is not simple matter of misinterpretation – never went to the Executive Committee. Believes that SUB space is allocated for things directly beneficial to the Society and if space was available there might be other groups who would like to take advantage of the space.

Allison Atkinson said not everyone feels violated. The actions of SAC were not out to get anyone but rather trying to do something beneficial and valuable.

Joshua Caulkins said he did not feel violated. Pacific Spirit Family Services serves students with families and native students. It is not an essential service but a well-attended service. Joshua said he was looking forward to what the AMS Executive will bring forward on this.

Dani Bryant said it was explicitly said at the last Council meeting that we would not be using AMS Resources for Pacific Spirit Place. She said she has been talking to Josh for months about space for a Food Bank and has been stalled to the end of the term. The Food Bank may be taking space from student clubs while Pacific Spirit Place takes up other space.

Michael Yung said he feels very violated. Dragon Seed Connection, one of the largest clubs on campus with 550 members is sharing office space with another club. The AMS should be looking out for its own groups first before taking on the interests of other groups.

Carey Hill said it could be strategically good to provide space in terms of lobbying the university – but could also backfire on us if the university feels that we will take care of them. - In terms of what the AMS does provide – we should focus on having our own services.

Laura Best said it was her understanding that this discussion was about a procedural violation and should not be about allocation of space – that is the exclusive right of SAC and any concerns about that should be brought up with SAC.

Sam Saini said this was a discussion of details – if we are going to give space – we need to take into account who needs and could use this space. Please refer this issue to the Executive Committee. Sam didn’t feel that SAC acted in bad faith.

Laura Best said the next meeting of the Executive Committee could be open to all Council members and any concerns regarding club space could be forwarded to SAC.

Josh Bowman said SAC often makes decision that clubs and other groups are uncomfortable with. He apologized for the misunderstanding but felt that he was acting in the mandate of Council. Will look into other groups/projects that require space like the Food Bank. Don’t want to violate the intentions of Council and did not intend to mislead Council.

Oana Chirila said Council has already passed the minutes of SAC allocating the space.

The Speaker said Council cannot pass minutes that allocated this space as SAC was acting outside of what’s allowed in Code.

Josh Bowman said the minutes that allocate the space have not yet come to Council. The meeting took place in February and minutes will be submitted to the next Council meeting.

**Student Court**

Spencer Keys said he submitted a complaint to Student Court in mid-November – since that time Court has ruled on another case. The Chief Justice has no knowledge of the case.
Laura Best said there is no Clerk of Court. The position has been posted for several months with no applicants. Her understanding is that Jared Wright was acting as the Clerk of Court – was not aware that the issue had not been passed.

Spencer Keys said he would like to get an understanding of the case from the court before he closes his term as Code and Policies Chair.

AMS Insurance

Trevor Olson asked how long the blanket coverage is for. Oana said coverage runs for one year from March 1st, 2004.

Q) Submissions:

Letter to Dr. Piper - Maclean’s University Rankings [SCD 497-004]
Press Release - Wednesday, February 4, 2004 [SCD 498-004]
Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated July 16, 2003 [SCD 499-004]
Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated November 6, 2003 [SCD 500-004]
Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated November 13, 2003 [SCD 501-004]
Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated November 20, 2003 [SCD 502-004]
Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated November 27, 2003 [SCD 503-004]
Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated January 6, 2004 [SCD 504-004]
[SCD 505-004]
The AMS Election Appeals Committee Decision re: 2004 BoG Election Results

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on February 25, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

15. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m."
... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Jon Woodward (The Ubyssey), Bryan Candberg (The Ubyssey), Dan Burritt (CiTR), Sarah Bourdon (The Ubyssey), Paul Evans (The Ubyssey), Mark Mauchline (Point Grey Pictures), Doug Kerr (Point Grey Pictures), Patrick Brereton (Point Grey Pictures), Carter Bryant, Caitlin McCreary-Burke (AMS Joblink), Anthony Woo (AMS Joblink), Natasha Norbjerg (AMS Joblink), Dirk Diggler, Colin Jack (AMS Minischool), Fernando De La Mora, Susan Scott, Michelle Hassan, Raj Mathur, Holly Foxcroft (VP External - elect), Lyle McMahon (VP Administration - elect), Brenda Ogembo (VP Academic - elect), Stacey Chiu (VP Finance - elect), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (PR Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

D) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

D) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Minischool - Colin Jack [SCD 506-004]

AMS Minischool offers non-credit courses for UBC students to build and enhance their life experiences at UBC.

The goal this year was to:
- increase the Minischool exposure at UBC.
- increase the course selection.
- attempt to employ UBC students as instructors.
- offer courses for personal growth and professional development.
- provide students with safe social opportunities at UBC.

8 new courses were introduced this year with a 49% increase in participation.

Minischool is 100% self funded. Gross revenue was $6,933.25 generating a profit of $2,000 - $3,000. Profits were generated this year because instructors were paid at a slightly lower rate.

Some suggestions for next year:
- include Minischool as a full AMS Service.
- flexible registration hours to meet student needs.
- equipment purchases to include a ghetto blaster, photo printer and a digital camera.
- on-line registration.
- on-line credit card payment.
- real time registration updates.
- increase the exposure of Minischool by working to strengthen the relationship with the Promotions Department and other AMS Services.
- Minischool Photo Gallery on the AMS website.
- have all courses, promotions and instructors in place before the start of classes.
Questions:
- David Asgeirsson asked what will happen to the profit generated this year. Colin said all profits go back into AMS General Operating Account. Dani Bryant said the goal of the program is cost recovery.

**AMS Joblink - Natasha Norbjerg**

AMS Joblink is an on-line part-time job posting service. This service is free for UBC departments, and other on-campus employers.

Joblink also provides a free resume and cover-letter service.

1464 postings since May 2003. There has been a decrease in the number of job postings because Joblink is now charging to post positions on the Careers online site.

55 resume consultations since May 2003.

Joblink’s total budget is $27,810 - currently at $16,181.14. The service will be under budget this year.

One of the initiatives undertaken this year is the Outreach Brochure. This was a joint collaboration with UBC Career Services to inform campus offices of our services and to increase the amount of on-campus job postings.

Last summer started a monthly e-newsletter to inform students of both on and off-campus career related events. Currently 706 people have signed up.

Custom emailing was introduced after numerous requests from individuals to inform students of specific job postings on our site. Currently, 466 people have signed up.

As of September 1, 2003, Joblink started charging $15 to post a position on the Careers online site through Joblink. As the software belongs to UBC Career Services, $5 of every paid invoice goes to Career Services. UBC students and campus employers are not charged for this service. To date the service has made $3492

Harry Black, scam artist was back at UBC trying to gain money and free labour from students. As soon as Joblink received complaints, the posting was pulled.

Upcoming events include a summer job fair in SUB, Joblink workshops and a new online job posting system.

Some suggestions for next year are the implementation of an online credit card payment system, more promotions on and off campus and working towards a more dynamic relationship between the Executive and Services.

Questions:
- Joshua Caulkins asked if Joblink made attempts to screen employers. Natasha said that Joblink does not have the resources to screen employers but as soon as someone complains of a bogus employer, the posting is taken down immediately.

**AMS Tuition Survey Results - Sam Saini**

This survey was done in conjunction with the External Commission and UBC Applied Research and Evaluation Services.

9,950 students responded - 20%. Overall the survey proved very successful in gauging student opinion on tuition.

The average age of respondents was 23.3 years.

Of those responding 69% said the past two years’ tuition increases affected them. For those responding yes, 37.9% indicated that they worked more hours during the summer and 33.6% indicated that they worked more hours during the school year and 25.6% indicated that they took a larger student loan.

26.9% were dissatisfied with government based financial aid.
Questions:
- Dave Tompkins asked if it would be possible to obtain a copy of the raw data. Sam said yes and he would try and get this.
- Mike Bruce asked if the CFS conducted a poll as opposed to a voluntary survey. Sam said as far as he was aware, the CFS did a survey and 95% of respondents thought tuition was too high.
- David Asgeirsson asked if Sam had met with Brian Sullivan regarding the survey results. Sam said he had not met with Brian Sullivan because he wanted to present the results to Council first.
- David Asgeirsson asked what the AMS was proposing to do with this data. Sam said this information can be used as a lobbying tool at future Board presentations and only helps to strengthens our position.

D) President’s Remarks:

Federal and Provincial news:

Since the last Council meeting, much has happened on the federal and provincial fronts. Following a speech from the throne, the provincial budget was released on Tuesday, February 17th. The federal throne speech will be followed by a budget on Wednesday, March 24th.

The news on the provincial front has created serious concern among students, with the complete cancellation of the grant program and a redirection of funding towards increased student loans. The increased core operating grant for the University was welcome. The AMS issued a press release and I did interviews with the Province and on CBC Radio.

Tuition:

The VP Students Office continues to consult with constituencies about tuition. The recent provincial news may affect the 15 – 19% tuition increase proposal, which is going to the Board of Governors on March 11th. I received a first draft of the Operational Efficiencies Report, with many, many blanks and irrelevant information. Without commenting on the appropriateness of the indicators used in the Report, more than a quarter of the report is blank, and the VP Students has indicated that the updated final report being submitted to the Board of Governors will be even shorter.

CPG:

Attached to the Council agenda tonight are copies of the newly-adopted AMS Email Policy and the Protocol on External Advertising in AMS Space. CPG is also finalizing an AMS Business Card Policy. The AMS website is going through final revisions and will hopefully be up next week.

HDPC:

The committee now requires all members to sign confidentiality agreements, and all applicants to sign disclosure forms when submitting exceptional opt-out or opt-in requests. The HDPC continues to deal with ongoing requests, as well as the Studentcare survey, and the renewal of the plan for next year.

VP Academic and Provost Appointment (replacing Dr. Barry McBride):

The Board of Governors approved the appointment of Dr. Lorne Whitehead as of July 1, 2004. Dr. Whitehead was the internal candidate (from the Faculty of Science) and was the unanimous choice of the committee.

Student Legal Fund Society:

Bernie and I met today with the President of the SLFS to discuss renewing our agreement. Once an agreement on the agreement is reached, we will be bringing the contract to Council for approval.

Transition:

Transition is proceeding nicely, with the President-elect shadowing me at committee meetings and meeting separately to go over the Presidential portfolio. My transition report was completed last week, and the incoming exec attended a mini-Exec retreat during Reading Week.

Leaders of Tomorrow:
The Vancouver Board of Trade puts on a Leaders of Tomorrow program each year, inviting graduating students to participate in their functions with a mentor in their chosen career field. If you will be graduating next year (in 2005) you might want to attend their information forum tomorrow, Thursday, February 26 at 1 pm – 2 pm in the David Lam Forum.

E) Executive Reports:

Sam Saini - VP External

CASA:

At the current moment we have been working on establishing policy recommendations in the area of CESG and parental contribution review. I have included my year-end report on CASA and some recommendations contained in it for council to vote on.

Great Trekker:

The Great Trekker is tomorrow for all of those that would like to come out to the party. This year we are honouring Gail Davidson for her continued work in the community and for her role in founding Lawyer’s Rights Watch Canada. She is a very impressive woman and if you would like to come, please let me know.

Tuition Survey:

The tuition survey is complete, the results are fairly conclusive in terms of students opinions regarding the tuition increases and this will provide a firm backbone for the new executive to draft policy to lobby the university and provincial government.

Policy 72:

The AMS response to Policy 72 has been drafted and is coming forward to Council for approval. The actual UBC Policy has seen significant disapproval from our post-baccalaureate faculties and will be revised by the UBC committee. Furthermore, it will not be going to the March Board of Governors meeting for approval.

Institutionally Negotiated Loan Programs:

Discussions around this component of Policy 72 have begun. I will be bringing back more details for Council in future meetings regarding how these loans will be implemented.

Josh Bowman - VP Administration

SAC:

We met and discussed the clubs conference, as well as general SAC business.

Transitioning:

I have been transitioning Lyle, and this week, he has been chairing meetings. We had several long transition days during Reading Week as well.

Grad Class Council:

The Grad Fee Rebate forms are available from Val. Hand them in soon, because the deadline is coming up!

Gift proposal forms for the 2004 Grad gift are available from Val. The deadline is next Wednesday, the 3rd of March. Up to $18 000 is available!!!

Goodbye:

Well, it’s been a long year. Goodbye everybody. Thanks to all the wonderful staff and students I have worked with, and I wish you the best in the future.

Laura Best - VP Academic

Transitioning:

Been transitioning Brenda. Preparing reports and attending meetings.

Safety Committee:

Met with the Ubyssey regarding the Pit article.

University Commission:
Recommended structure changes to the Code and Policies Committee.

Ucom is working on the annual Just Desserts Award.

**Relations with VP Students:**

Met with Brian Sullivan regarding Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services and Safewalk funding issue.

**Global Citizenship Project:**

Training re focus group facilitation.

Attended Policy 72 meeting.

**Dani Bryant - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**

**Transition:**

The past two weeks I have been very busy tying up loose ends and transitioning, which has been extremely difficult due to the nature of the position (dealing with HR issues etc) and because the incoming ECSS has not yet been hired.

**Services survey:**

We have hired the market research position to run the services survey. The researcher will work with the Volunteer Connections office to run the survey and analyze the results. The survey will be completed by the end of March.

**Orientations Steering Committee:**

The committee is going extremely well, we have already started to accomplish our goals for the coming year and I am excited by the direction orientation and transition will be taking here over the next few years.

**IPF Funding:**

The services have received IPF funding for several projects including the Food Bank, Student Rights Handbook, a new database for Volunteer Connections (as well as two events organized by the celebrations committee).

**Food Bank:**

The Greater Vancouver Food Bank is very interested in working with the AMS to provide a food bank to the campus community. I am still in discussions with them and will hopefully be invited back to council to make a presentation about the final format of the service in the coming weeks.

**Thank you:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the service coordinators, assistants, staff and interns for all of their hard work, ideas creativity and new initiatives. The services have taken huge strides this year to provide meaningful services and programs for students and the services staff should be congratulated on an amazing year.

As well, Council – this has been a great place with great people to spend my Wednesday evenings.

To Lisa, Jared, Sheldon, Paramjit and Val for all of their help and support with every project the services have taken on this year.

I would like to thank Bernie for all of his advice, listening and always making time when I need to talk.

**Brian Duong - VP Finance**

**Transitioning:**

Been transitioning Stacey.

**Business Operations Committee:**

BOC will be meeting this week to look at the Food and Beverage marketing plan.

**Health & Dental Plan Committee:**

Attended the Health & Dental Plan Committee meeting on February 13th.

**Finance Commission:**
The Finance Commission has been meeting regularly.

Questions:
- Quinn Omori asked if Smart Media were ever coming to campus. Brian said there were outstanding issues that needed to be worked out.

F) Committee Reports:

OCP Working Group Update - Laura Best [SCD 509-004]

The AMS has had minimal involvement since 1997.

Two AMS policies in place:
- University Boulevard
- Farm

University Boulevard Neighbourhood Plan obtained final approval.

UBC is running an international architectural design competition to determine ‘the look and feel’ of the area. Students will vote on their favourite look.

Issues outstanding include the bus loop and the UBC Farm.

Multi-Stakeholder Committee designed based on student feedback.

Future directions include:
- potential for University Boulevard
- Farm designation
- lobbying to institutionalize improved process

Questions:
- Trevor asked if any thought had been given to putting a pub on South Campus. Laura said there are plans for a community centre but no pub as yet. However, things have not been finalized.
- David Asgeirsson asked if anyone from the AMS had attended GVRD meetings. Laura said no-one from the AMS attended but SCARP students were in contact with the GVRD.

G) Constituency Reports:

Julia Ridley - Medicine Undergraduate Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Leigh-Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Diana Keng - Education Students Association
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Student Society
David Asgeirsson - Graduate Student Society
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Surina Sproul - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Trevor Olson - Engineering Undergraduate Society

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors - Amina Rai/Jesse Eckert
- Review of VP Students is ongoing.
- Working on tuition.
- Finished TLEF meetings.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:
The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated February 11, 2004 [SCD 510-004]
Minutes of Executive Committee dated January 21, 2004 [SCD 511-004]
Minutes of Business Operations Committee dated November 14, 2003 [SCD 512-004]
Minutes of Innovative Projects Fund Committee dated February 6, 2004 [SCD 513-004]
Minutes of Innovative Projects Fund Committee dated February 10, 2004 [SCD 514-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated November 14, 2003 [SCD 515-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated November 21, 2003 [SCD 516-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated January 16, 2004 [SCD 517-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated February 5, 2004 [SCD 518-004]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated February 13, 2004 [SCD 519-004]
Minutes of Code and Policies Committee dated February 12, 2004 [SCD 520-004]

L) Committee Motions:

1. MOVED LAURA BEST, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

   “That Council appoint Luiza Nudelman and Michelle Huang (Members at-large) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2004.”

   ... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

2. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED OANA CHIRILA: [SCD 521-004]

   “Whereas the Human Security Conference is an initiative run solely by UBC students to create a policy recommendation report for the Canadian Government, the international diplomatic community and a wide variety of national and international NGOs; and

   Whereas the Human Security Conference is an opportunity to showcase UBC student talent, strengthen UBC's reputation in the field of human security, and enhance student linkages to the diplomatic community; and

   Whereas any funds provided to the Human Security Conference by the AMS will be used to purchase AMS goods and services; and

   Whereas the External Commission passed a motion supporting the allocation of funds from the University and External Lobbying Fund to support the Human Security Conference;

   Be it resolved that the AMS allocate $1,500 from the External and University Lobbying Fund to assist the Human Security Conference.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
The Human Security Conference aims to bring 100 youth to campus to discuss current issues in Human Security and Canadian Foreign Policy.

The conference will educate youth on humanitarian issues and enable them to interact and gain a deeper understanding of the complexities facing Canadian Foreign Policy.

The conference will engage students, academia, NGO’s and government in dialogue.

The conference will provide a comprehensive report that will provide policy alternatives to be submitted to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade as well as other institutions in civil society and academia.

Seeking $1500 from the External and University Lobbying Fund. All funds will be spent at AMS businesses.

Questions:
- Richard Davis asked who the keynote speakers would be. Michelle said the speakers include Dr. Lloyd Axworthy (former Foreign Affairs Minister, current Director and CEO of the Liu Institute for Global Issues) and Major-General Guy Tousignant (former Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda and the former Director of CARE International, a non-profit humanitarian relief organization.
- Trevor Olson said this conference would be a good use of the funds.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

4. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-Hoc Executive Review Committee to review Executive duties and accountability measures and procedures. The Committee shall be composed of three (3) Council members and two (2) members at-large.”

... Carried

5. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED AMINA RAI:
“Whereas the University administration has developed a tuition proposal advocating significant tuition increases for the 2004/05 academic year for submission to the Board of Governors in March 2004; and

Whereas said proposal was devised without adherence to the University’s 2004/05 tuition and ancillary fee consultation process timeline; and

Whereas the University failed to adequately explore or discuss alternative funding options prior to drafting a tuition proposal; and

Whereas the tuition proposal was devised prior to the University drafting an Operational Efficiencies Report, and sharing such a report for review and comment by the Alma Mater Society; and

Whereas the tuition proposal is being submitted before the University has adopted access guidelines (Policy 72) that would guarantee that no qualified domestic student is unable to attend UBC for financial reasons alone.

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS call upon the Board of Governors to postpone any tuition decision until adequate consultation with, and review by, the AMS and the student community has been conducted.”

Mike Bruce said that the AMS needs to rethink its participation in this process. He felt that consultation was a completely unsubstantive process.

Scott Price said that SFU did boycott the consultation process and their increase ended up being higher than ours.

Oana Chirila encouraged next year’s Executive to continue with the consultation process and make their concerns heard earlier to the Board of Governors.

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decision until adequate consultation with, and review by, the AMS and the student community
has been conducted.”
... Carried
7. MOVED CHRIS PAYNE, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council appoint ________________ (Council
members) and ________________ and __________
(members at-large) to the Ad-Hoc Executive Review Committee.”

8. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIES:

“That motion #7 be postponed until the next Council meeting.”
... Defeated
9. MOVED CHRIS PAYNE, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“That Council appoint Dave Tompkins, Dave Sidhu and Sarah Saddler (Council members) and
Scott Price and Jack Garton (members at-large) to the Ad-Hoc Executive Review Committee.”
... Carried
K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

10. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED GERALD DEO: [SCD 522-004]

"Be it resolved that Council accept the report "Code Changes February 2004: Slates" and amend
the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.

< Spencer Keys said that removing slates made elections more accessible to independents. Slates
stifle competition and cause otherwise qualified independents to choose not to run which actually
reduces choice. Slates create an artificial divide amongst the Executive. Independents are better
able to deal with that divide. The concept of year to year branding enables you to shape the
election and you are biasing the electorate as a whole. Removing slates does not reduce choice
but should make the Society more accessible to students and bring the elections back to the
electorate.

< Richard Davis expressed concern with Subsection 11 and said the word ‘apparent’ would be
really difficult to define.

< Mike Bruce asked what the voter turnout was this year and if statistics were available to show if
voter turnout would go up or down if slates were abolished.

< Spencer Keys said the voter turnout this year was 4700. With the removal of slates, there will be
more candidates and more voters engaged in the electoral process.

< Mike Bruce said elections show that voter turnout plummets without slates because voters do not
know their candidates. You will be asking too much of students to investigate candidates. There
will be even less democratic legitimacy and more of a popularity contest.

< Lana Rupp said it was important to make a distinction between federal, provincial and student
elections. Once AMS elections are over, the Executive do not represent a particular group,
therefore voter turnout should not plummet.
Sam Saini said that running on common policies and principles does not make it easier but is something to be taken into account. The electorate can vote for a candidate and not the whole slate. Slates should stay.

Amina Rai said she would vote in favour of this motion. Independents are overshadowed by slates and the slate system is open to abuse. Hopefully in the future there will be more diversity in candidates.

Oana Chirila said small measures have not worked for the AMS. The AMS has seen many great people in the last few years who have all run on slates. Your choice is not limited, you can vote for anyone.

Trevor Olson said he was in favour of this motion and felt that by banning slates, voter turnout might increase because the onus would be on students to go out and get informed.

Quinn Omori said apathy is not due to the electoral system but instead because people are disconnected from the AMS.

Dave Tompkins said the AMS has on many occasions banned slates and then brought them back. 90% of the day to day decisions at the AMS have nothing to do with political affiliation.

Richard Davis said independents bring fresh ideas to the forefront.

Laura Best said the slate system can work but it is important to look at the current political environment at UBC. While slates can work, so far they haven’t. Would like to see a report which documents the AMS experience on the pros and cons of slates. Slates do create artificial divide and artificial loyalties.

Brenda Ogembo felt that there needs to be more awareness around AMS elections year round.

Mike Bruce said that if this motion passes, Council needs to do something constructive about voter turnout on this campus.

Spencer Keys said he was impressed, everyone had constructive things to say. To be an effective candidate you have to do something different from the rest of the pack.

Brian Duong thanked Spencer for all his work on bringing this issue to the table.

11. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

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

12. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council take a roll call vote.” ... Carried

13. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED GERALD DEO:

"Be it resolved that Council accept the report "Code Changes February 2004: Slates" and amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds.

For: Alison Atkinson, Amina Rai, Brian Duong, Chris Payne, Daniel Yokom, Dave Sidhu, Dave Tompkins, Diana Keng, Jesse Eckert, Josh Bowman, Lana Rupp, Laura Best, Gerald Deo, Scott Price, Quinn Omori, Patricia Lau, Richard Davis, Sarah Saddler, Spencer Keys, Tim Leung, Trevor Olson.

Against: Mike Bruce, David Asgeirsson, Helen Ma, Joshua Caulkins, Julia Ridley, Leigh Anne Martin, Oana Chirila, Sam Saini, Surina Sproul
14. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the meeting be extended until 11:00 p.m. ... Defeated

15. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED CHRIS PAYNE:

“That Council appoint Dave Sidhu to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing February 26, 2004 until the 2005 Annual General Meeting.

Note: Open to any UBC student.” ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated January 26, 2004 [SCD 523-004]
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated February 2, 2004 [SCD 524-004]

16. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED LAURA BEST:

“That Council approve the allocation of $7,500 from the AMS SUB Management Reserve Fund on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group for the supply and installation of flooring compound to the East Stairwell vestibule to assist in the reduction of potential water seepage and damage to the AMS Archives.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the University Commission dated October 21, 2003 [SCD 525-004]
Minutes of the University Commission dated November 18, 2003 [SCD 526-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 4, 2004 [SCD 527-004]
[SCD 528-004]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 11, 2004 as amended
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 23, 2003 [SCD 529-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 30, 2003 [SCD 530-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 6, 2003 [SCD 531-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 13, 2003 [SCD 532-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 20, 2003 [SCD 533-004]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 27, 2003 [SCD 534-004]

17. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS: [SCD 535-004]

"Whereas the VP External has worked with CASA in many capacities during the course of this year and has mandated that a review of CASA be issued to AMS Council;
Be it resolved that AMS Council adopt the report entitled "CASA: 2003 Year End Review" and approve the recommendations contained therein."

Sam Saini said that following the Internal Review Conference in March 2003, the recommendation was made to Council that the AMS should work closely with CASA on issues related to post-secondary education. CASA has lobbied on many issues that directly affect our students. As a member school we have access to key players such as federal MP’s, key officials and the Prime Minister. CASA is the only group that can lobby on Parliament Hill. CASA has been able to deliver results that have led to positive change for students across Canada. Our federal representation is important and therefore recommend that the AMS remain in CASA for the upcoming year.

Laura Best asked if an open meeting was called to discuss this year end review. Sam said an open meeting was held and a few councilors did attend and voice their opinions.

18. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“That motion #17 be tabled until the next meeting.”

Sam Saini said he was against tabling this motion. He explained that over the course of the year he had attended three CASA conferences and was also the Policy Committee Chair. He worked more closely with this organisation than anyone else at Council and feels that nothing is going to change by waiting two weeks.

Oana Chirila said she was also opposed to this amendment. Council needs to consider a year’s experience vs a month’s experience.

19. MOVED DIANA KENG, SECONDED JOSH BOWMAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds .. Carried

20. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“That motion #17 be tabled until the next meeting.” ... Defeated

21. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED DIANA KENG:

“That motion #17 be amended by striking ‘approve’ and replacing it with ‘receive’.”

David Asgeirsson said he was opposed to this amendment. He said he was at the Council meeting when the National Director made his presentation and recommended staying in CASA.

Trevor Olson said he was also opposed to this amendment. Sam has worked hard on this review and Council should accept his recommendations.

Josh Bowman asked if CASA fees for this year had already been paid. Dave Tompkins felt we should deal with what was on the table.

Laura Best said this motion was basically tying the hands of the new Executive. She expressed concerns about staying in the organisation for another year and also why this report was being circulated now.

22. MOVED LANA RUPP, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:
23. MOVED LANA RUPP, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

24. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED DIANA KENG:

"That motion #17 be amended by striking ‘approve’ and replacing it with ‘receive’.”

... Defeated

< David Asgeirsson said CASA is a good organisation and Council should approve Sam’s recommendations.
< Holly Foxcroft said she appreciated Sam putting so much effort into this report but she had concerns that it isn’t really objective. It is hard to be objective when you are immersed in an organisation.
< Quinn Omori said membership in CASA as a waste of money but membership in CFS would be an even bigger waste of money. We should remain in CASA because we are not in any position to be without a lobby group and there is no other option out there for us.
< Lana Rupp felt that CASA had done a tremendous job for us. We should vote in favour of Sam’s recommendations because we have no other alternative at the moment.
< Brian Duong thanked Sam for an excellent job on providing this report and not just a motion to remain in CASA. Sam made several attempts to work with other lobby groups and just because he wasn’t successful doesn’t mean he didn’t work hard.

25. MOVED CHRIS PAYNE, SECONDED TREvor OLSON:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

26. MOVED OANA CHIRILA, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

"Whereas the VP External has worked with CASA in many capacities during the course of this year and has mandated that a review of CASA be issued to AMS Council;

Be it resolved that AMS Council adopt the report entitled "CASA: 2003 Year End Review" and approve the recommendations contained therein."

... Carried

27. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG:

"That Council approve the allocation of $14,000 from the Art Gallery Acquisition Reserve Fund on the recommendation of SAC towards the purchase of a painting by Lawrence-Paul Yuxweluptun."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

28. MOVED DIANA KENG, SECONDED BRAD PYKE:
“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

29. MOVED JOSH BOWMAN, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG:

“That Council approve the allocation of $14,000 from the Art Gallery Acquisition Reserve Fund on the recommendation of SAC towards the purchase of a painting by Lawrence-Paul Yuxweluptun.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

30. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED DAVID ASGEIRSSON:

“Whereas the Alma Mater Society has policy calling on the University to develop a new accessibility policy that enshrines the principle that no qualified domestic student shall be denied the opportunity to attend the University solely for financial reasons; and

Whereas University officials have developed a policy for the UBC Board of Governors regarding accessibility and student financial aid; and

Whereas the policy contains provisions which place an onerous responsibility on post-baccalaureate students to primarily fund their education through commercial and institutionally-negotiated loans prior to receiving UBC financial aid; and

Whereas said provisions may force students to incur massive debt loads, thereby dissuading potentially qualified individuals from pursuing post-baccalaureate studies; and

Whereas the policy does not universally promote accessibility amongst all University programs and potentially precludes post-baccalaureate students from accessing bursaries and employment-based learning.

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS encourage the university to allocate a greater percentage of any above base tuition increase for post-baccalaureate programs to program-based financial aid; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon the University to primarily fund unmet need for all students through the provision of bursaries and employment-based learning options, and only rely on institutionally negotiated loans to address any remaining unmet need.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Sam Saini said this was the AMS response. The UBC Policy met with significant disapproval the post-baccalaureate faculties and will be revised by the UBC committee. It is unfair that individuals pursuing post-baccalaureate studies should be treated differently and forced to take on extra debt. The Policy will not be going to the March Board of Governors meeting for approval.

< Quinn Omori said this was an excellent motion but the situation has not changed and Council should wait for the revised policy before voting on this.

31. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED DIANA KENG:
“That motion #30 be tabled until the next meeting.” ... Carried

32. MOVED SAM SAINI, SECONDED DAVID ASGEIRSSON:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Tabled

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

33. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED LAURA BEST:

“Whereas Section 6, Article 3 (iii)(c) of the Code requires that the Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services be hired prior to the Annual General Meeting; and

Whereas an internal review of the Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services position is currently being conducted; and

Whereas the ongoing review logistically prevents the hiring of a new Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services prior to the next Annual General Meeting on February 27, 2004; and

Whereas any proposed structural changes to the Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services position that might arise from the position review will be submitted to the Code and Policies Committee;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council suspend Section 6, Article 3 (iii)(c) of the Code to permit the ongoing review of the Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services position.”
Amina Rai explained that Code is being suspended because the Executive Coordinator, Student Services position should be hired before the AMS AGM. However, a review is being conducted of this position and surveys were sent out a couple of weeks ago asking for feedback.

David Asgeirsson asked if it will be a period of time before someone is appointed to this position.

Bernie Peets said that unless there are fundamental changes to the position, the interview process can still go ahead.

Dani Bryant said she was under the impression that if there were substantial changes, the position would have to be re-advertised.

Quinn Omori said that even for minor changes, Code still has to be suspended.

34. MOVED LANA RUPP, SECONDED DIANA KENG:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

35. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED LAURA BEST:

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Whereas any proposed structural changes to the Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services position that might arise from the position review will be submitted to the Code and Policies Committee;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council suspend Section 6, Article 3(iii)(c) of the Code to permit the ongoing review of the Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services position.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Q) Submissions:

< AMS Email Policy [SCD 536-004]
< Protocol for External Advertising in AMS Space [SCD 537-004]
< AMS Strategic Plan Progress Report [SCD 538-004]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on March 10, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:
35. MOVED DIANA KENG, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 p.m.”
... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Laura Best
VP Academic & University Affairs

LB:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Sarah Bourdon (The Ubyssey), Jonathan Woodward (The Ubyssey), Robert Cross (EUS), Alexander Rova, Aviv Keshet (EUS), Jordan Yau, Christine Boyle (AgSci), Raj Mathur (Music), Paul Sutton, Amanda Klein (AMS Volunteer Connections), Emily Sufrin (AMS Tutoring Services), Kimberley Jones (AMS Tutoring Services), Anthony Woo (AMS Joblink), Gina Eom (SUS), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (PR Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

E) 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:

E) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Tutoring Services - Kimberley Jones/Emily Sufrin  [SCD 004-005]

- free drop-in tutoring for first year courses
- appointment tutoring - drop in and also one-on-one tutoring
- on-line tutor registry
- tutoring skills workshops
- on-line resource centre
- on-line exam database

Some of the improvements made this year include:
- increased employable hours for drop-in from 80 hours to 138 hours each week.
- AMS Tutoring increased number of employees to 32 students.
- adapted to new home in SUB South Alcove.
- made AMS Tutoring appointments available during daytime hours.
- stayed within budget.

Potential loss of TLEF funding.

Need to establish a more permanent source of funding.

Stronger focus on promotions.

Expand Appointment Tutoring.

Promote and improve the Tutor Registry.

Questions:
- Dan Yokom asked if there were plans to increase course offerings. Kimberley Jones said this is being looked at, but there are funding issues: some offerings actually had to be cut this year. She said seven courses are offered this year.
- Trevor Olson asked if the exam database is only for those courses. Kimberley Jones said No, there are all sorts of exams.
Carey Hill asked if there had been complaints about gaps in the course offerings. Kimberley Jones said there had been requests for tutoring for engineering classes; those people had been referred to the Tutor Registry. She said ideally Tutoring would like to offer its services for more courses.

Dan Yokom asked if history checks were done on the tutors on the Tutor Registry. Kimberley Jones said no checks were done, but a warning notice to that effect was posted, and there had been no negative feedback.

AMS Volunteer Connections - Amanda Klein [SCD 005-005]

< Volunteer Connections matches volunteer and internship opportunities with students’ specific interests.
< Currently 100 local postings.
< 125 member organizations.
< Over 250 new members for the VeX program.
< Successfully filled seven internship postings within the AMS.
< Introduced the Volunteer Connections newsletter.
< Hold two volunteer fairs per year.
< Working with the PR department on a custom based database. Secured $3,000 for this project from the Innovative Projects Fund.
< Working on implementing a Services Survey to determine the present reach and effectiveness of the AMS Student Services as a whole. Data gathered will be used to determine the future direction of the AMS Services.

Questions:
- Spencer Keys asked if there was any data available to determine whether the same people were getting involved everywhere. Amanda said no effort had been made to determine this.

D) President’s Remarks:
Learning about my position:
< Much of this week and last week has been about learning the process of AMS system and my position. I have been meeting a lot of people from the different organizations on campus and learning about the things that are going on.

International Womens’ Day Celebration:
< March 8th marked the International Women’s Day Celebration. I was invited by Begum Verdee to attend the celebration at City Hall on Monday morning. Lisa and Julia from SASC were also in attendance. Begum, Julia and I had the opportunity to speak with the city councilors, members of the school board and parks board in regards to creating stronger networks of mentorship and internships with younger women. Also, the concerned issue of the closing of women’s centers was also discussed as we urged councilors to lobby the provincial government for funding to allow the centers to remain open.

Tuition:
< I have been meeting with Jared, Holly, GSS and Jesse in regards to the AMS and GSS tuition presentation at the BoG Committee meeting. Also, the tuition proposal has been set for 16% and Michelle Aucoin had sent us the AMS executives the tuition proposal which Holly will be talking about in her remarks.

HDPC:
< The executives had the opportunity to meet with Lev Buckman regarding Student Care and we will soon be meeting with Graham and Kristen in renegotiating the contract.

IAC, JSA, MSA:
< Last week a partial amount of my time had been spent in mediating between the JSA, IAC and MSA in regards to the visit of the Israeli Ambassador and author Irshad Manji. Currently Lyle
and I are addressing concerns from both organizations in regards to sponsored lectures and events, including that of Noam Chomsky’s appearance on March 21st, 2004

ECSS:
< We are currently interviewing candidates for the ECSS position; we are hoping to have successfully hired for the positions by early next week. There were two interviews this morning that I could not attend because of a exam but there will be more scheduled during the week and potential follow up interviews as well

E) Executive Reports:

Holly Foxcroft - VP External
Meetings:
< Met with UNA Barn Committee.
< Met with Trek to discuss summer U-Pass.
< Met with the institutionally negotiated loans committee (2).
Presentations:
< Have been preparing for the Financial Committee of the BoG (March 11) with the GSS..
< Planning and strategizing for the BoG meeting (March 18).
Events:
< Planning Executive open house.

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration
SAC:
< Clubs Dinner to be held March 20, 2004.
< Contract with
Renovations Planning Group:
< Bike Co-op project to be completed very shortly.
< Food Co-op space renovations are in the preliminary stages.
Grad Class Council:
< Grad Class Council gift announced:
  - Geering Up - $10,000
  - UBC Farm - $8,000
  - Food Co-op - $4,000
< The Grad Class AGM will be held on Tuesday, March 16 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Legacy Games:
< The Executive met with Legacy Games.
< Looking to continue partnerships in holding events and discussing lobbying efforts.
OPEIU Negotiations:
< Internal Union negotiations being held next Friday.
Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services:
< Have been co-ordinating details concerning Pacific Spirit, which you will all hear about shortly.

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance
< Glad to be here as VP Finance after working in Fincom for two years.
Finance Commission:
< The Finance Commission Vice-Chair position has been officially vacant since March 1st and will not be rehired until the hiring of commissioners later this month. I am continuing to do most of the tasks involved such ad addressing club concerns with their financial statuses.
< Fincom met last week and awarded two Club Benefit Funds:
  - UBC Student Against Global Aids in support of an awareness rally for $120
- IRSA Model Nato Delegation for $450

Tax Clinic:
< The Student Run Tax Clinic is up and running from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the SUB South Alcove. There are also sessions in the I-house. Check out www.ubctacs.org for more info. I recommend all of you who haven not filed to do so as you are entitled to sales tax credit, GST credit, and tuition credits. You can also retroactively file till up to 1985.

Smart Media:
< I sent a letter to Smart Media early last week to touch base with them, with a deadline to respond by next Friday.

Cold Beverage Agreement:
< Had a meeting with Henry, Bernie, and Nancy to get started thinking about the value of the Coke deal to the Society and we are contacting the University to discuss with them as well.

AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee:
< Met with Studentcare. Lev, the Director, was in town so I had the opportunity to meet him. Studentcare briefed the Health & Dental Plan Committee on some claim numbers for the year to date & the loss ratio for negotiation.

Brenda Ogembo - VP Academic
Teaching Excellence Initiative Meeting with Science – February 27th 2004:
< I met with Paul Harrison the Associate Dean of Science to talk about the possibilities of the Faculty of Science coming on board with the TEI that the Arts Faculty is already on Board with.
< He mentioned that Science was interested in seeing how the project looked at with Arts, but were overall quite receptive to the idea.

AMS Tutoring Hiring – February 27th 2004:
< As this was on the first day of my turnover, the interviews were spearheaded by the outgoing VP Academic, Laura Best.
< Emily Suffrin was hired as Assistant Tutoring Coordinator and is already working with the current Tutoring Coordinator.

Millennium Breakfast – March 2nd 2004:
< I attended the Millennium Scholarship fundraising breakfast put out by the UBC Thunderbird Athletics Council and intramurals bright and early on March 2nd.
< It was a great event with a large turn out of sponsors.

Safety Committee Meeting – March 4th 2004:
< Introduced the new volunteer Safety Coordinator Veronica Fynn.
< Discussed safety at Arts County Fair as well as Safe together at UBC.

Pacific Spirit Family and Counseling Services – March 5th 2004:
< Met with Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Cal Roskelley (Board Member of PSFSS) and representatives from University and UBC Counseling Services.
< Learned that the University has secured $15,000 which is six-months long funding.
< The University is also working to get some space for PSFSS in the Dentistry Building or in the University Boulevard plans.

ECSS Hiring – March 10th 2004:
< We have been interviewing for the position, and had 2 interviews today, March 10th 2004. We will be going on with interviews throughout the week, and should have an ECSS by early next week.

Compensation Review Committee:
< The group tried to meet a number of times during the week, but without success. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th March, 2004.

Just Desserts Award Ceremony – March 16th 2004:
< This is being organized within University Commission by the Wellness Commissioner in conjunction with Paramjit. The event is on Tuesday March 16th 2004 at 7pm Cecil Green. Councilors are invited.

< Two AMS Staff workers are being recognized at the event.

< Please RSVP by noon tomorrow March 11th, as they need know the numbers for especially for the catering aspect of the event.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Julia Ridley - Medicine Undergraduate Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Michael Dirk - Music Students Association
Leigh-Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Karen Ward - Graduate Student Society
Quinn Omori - Arts Undergraduate Society
Diana Keng - Education Students Association
Dan Yokom - Science Undergraduate Society
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association
Sarah Saddler - Forestry Undergraduate Society - Forestry students had met with Brian Sullivan about tuition, especially about skyrocketing co-op fees.
Tim Leung - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Kelsey Blevins - Commerce Undergraduate Society - Commerce students had met with Brian Sullivan with their dean and associate dean present to respond to Brian Sullivan’s attempts to blame the faculty over tuition issues. The result was that Brian Sullivan agreed to look at the numbers again. Also, the Senate has now officially changed the name of the Faculty of Commerce to the Sauder School of Business, but the school will retain its privileges as a faculty. An attempt to rename the Commerce Undergraduate Society the Business Undergraduate Society had failed in a referendum.
Trevor Olson - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Katie Boyes - Library & Archival Studies

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors - Jesse Eckert
- If you wish to attend the March BoG meeting, please call Nina Robinson for tickets.

Senate - Michael Yung
- Sauder School of Business name approved by Senate.
- Senate dealt with a couple of academic discipline hearings.

OmbudsOffice - Sara Ahadi
- Students can now file grievances on-line.
- Met with Mia Taghizadeh (Ombuds Advisory Committee)

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:
Minutes of Student Council dated February 25, 2004 [SCD 006-005]
Minutes of the AMS Annual General Meeting dated February 27, 2004 [SCD 007-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 2, 2004 [SCD 008-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 9, 2004 [SCD 009-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 23, 2004 [SCD 010-005]
Minutes of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan dated February 23, 2004 [SCD 011-005]
Minutes of Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee dated July 18, 2003 [SCD 012-005]
Minutes of Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee dated August 20, 2003 [SCD 013-005]
Minutes of the AMS Safety Committee dated April 3, 2003 [SCD 014-005]
Minutes of the AMS Safety Committee dated January 23, 2004 [SCD 015-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO: [SCD 016-005]

“Whereas on January 14, 2004, Council passed a motion calling on the University Administration to find suitable space and core funding for the Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services Society (PSFCSS); and

Whereas the University Administration is currently unable to provide suitable space and funding for PSFCSS but may be able to obtain space and funding for PCFCSS at some future date; and

Whereas the PSFCSS has an immediate need for space which could be met through the allocation of two offices in the Student Union Building; and

Whereas the PSFCSS has provided a written guarantee that it would vacate the offices within one year; and

Whereas, AMS Council referred the matter to the Executive Committee for resolution and recommendation and the Executive Committee is in support of the provision of temporary space for a period not exceeding one year;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS agree in principle to provide space to the PSFCSS in the Student Union Building on a temporary basis for a period of no more than one year, with the understanding that the AMS will not contribute any funding for either the office expenses of the space or the operational expenses of PSFCSS.

Note: A final agreement between the AMS and the PSFCSS will be brought to Council for its approval.”

- Lyle McMahon apologized for the delay in bringing this issue back to Council, but said the delay had actually been fortunate because it had allowed progress to be made on an agreement and had also provided time to address previously raised concerns.

- He said the Pacific Spirit counselling service had been on campus for 15 years. Now that they have lost their space, UBC has promised to find a new home for them, but so far has come up with nothing adequate: only two dilapidated huts without proper facilities (e.g., running water, computer access).

- He said it would be possible to offer Pacific Spirit rooms 119A and 119B on the east side of the SUB on an interim basis.
- As to previously raised concerns, he said that on the question of whether Pacific Spirit affects students, actually 75% of their client base consists of students and their immediate families. Also, no clubs will be displaced because two other offices in the SUB are also opening up.
- As to whether providing space would decrease the University’s incentive to help, he said that on the contrary, the AMS’s willingness to help out had improved the negotiating position with the University, as evidenced by the written commitment of $15,000 received from them.
- He added that the Executive had put this motion on the agenda pending receipt of written guarantees from Pacific Spirit and from UBC; these guarantees have been received.
- In response to a question, Lyle McMahon explained that Pacific Spirit would reassess its situation after six months and would vacate within a year, either to move to a new location or to shut down.
- Dan Yokom said that though no clubs had been displaced, he wondered if the new space had been offered to other clubs that might want it.
- Lyle McMahon said space was certainly in demand, but given the circumstances, the new Executive thought it appropriate to recommend allocating these two offices to Pacific Spirit for a year. They would be available to clubs at the end of the year.
- Spencer Keys asked when Pacific Spirit would move in.
- Lyle McMahon said it would not be appropriate to determine that before the final contract. He said the final contract should come to Council at its next meeting, and thus he expected the move to be made soon.
- Brenda Ogembo said Pacific Spirit can stay in its current location for another month or so, but not beyond April.
- Spencer Keys asked why it was necessary to give them space for a full year. If they were going to determine their situation within six months, why would it take a further six months to vacate?
- Alison Atkinson said it would take a long time to terminate relationships with clients.
- Josh McNorton or Richard Davis] asked how many clubs had been denied space in the SUB.
- Stacey Chiu said no club that had applied for office space by the deadline had been denied space.
- Dan Yokom said it was not appropriate to give space to a non-AMS group. The space is for AMS use, and there is high, high demand for it. There are lots of worthy groups out there, but it is not the job of AMS Council to solve all these groups’ problems. Where would it stop? It was important to consider the needs of AMS clubs first.
- Carey Hill said the UBC VP Students Office has agreed to give Pacific Spirit $15,000. It seems like the community is coming together on this, so it would send the wrong message to say No at this point.
- Spencer Keys said it would be more appropriate to give Pacific Spirit the space till the end of the summer. Few clubs are around in the summer. But it is legitimate to question the use of the SUB after that.
- Brenda Ogembo said that politically this motion would be a powerful lobbying tool. It was imperative that Council go through with this because backing down now would discourage the University from supporting other things the AMS might ask for.
- Melissa Parker said that although she supported this motion, she didn’t think Council should pass it because they were afraid to look bad. Nothing should be done for that reason. Things should be done because they were right. And the priority should be serving the students.
- Quinn Omori said there was a general consensus that Pacific Spirit is a worthwhile endeavour. Clubs are important, but a club that doesn’t get office space will not cease to exist. Pacific Spirit will cease to exist without this space.

2. MOVED LYLE McMATHON, SECONDED BREnda OGEMBO:
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... Carried

3. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council appoint Stacey Chiu (VP Finance), Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo (VP Academic) and Lyle McMahon (VP Administration) as Signing Officers for the Society as per Bylaw 8(1) for the period February 28, 2004 until the 2005 Annual General Meeting.”

... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated February 15, 2004 [SCD 017-005]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 15, 2004 [SCD 018-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 22, 2004 [SCD 019-005]
4. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED LEIGH-ANNE MARTIN:

“Whereas the Alma Mater Society has policy calling on the University to develop a new accessibility policy that enshrines the principle that no qualified domestic student shall be denied the opportunity to attend the University solely for financial reasons; and

Whereas University officials have developed a policy for the UBC Board of Governors regarding accessibility and student financial aid; and

Whereas the policy contains provisions which place an onerous responsibility on post-baccalaureate students to primarily fund their education through commercial and institutionally-negotiated loans prior to receiving UBC financial aid; and

Whereas said provisions may force students to incur massive debt loads, thereby dissuading potentially qualified individuals from pursuing post-baccalaureate studies; and

Whereas the policy does not universally promote accessibility amongst all University programs and potentially precludes post-baccalaureate students from accessing bursaries and employment-based learning.

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS encourage the university to allocate a greater percentage of any above base tuition increase for post-baccalaureate programs to program-based financial aid; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon the University to primarily fund unmet need for all students through the provision of bursaries and employment-based learning options, and only rely on institutionally negotiated loans to address any remaining unmet need.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Holly Foxcroft said this policy motion was in response to UBC’s proposed new Policy 72 on tuition, which there are problems with. After a year and a half of consultation on revising Policy 72, there is still no significant commitment from UBC on loans for graduate students. The proposal currently would require graduate students to max out institutional loans before getting other funding.

Friendly Amendment: The first resolution be amended to read:

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS encourage the university to allocate a greater than currently allocated percentage of any above base tuition increase for post-baccalaureate programs to program-based financial aid; and

5. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That motion #4 be tabled until the next Council meeting.”

- Carey Hill asked if the policy motion would inform the consultation process.
- Holly Foxcroft said it would. If Council passes this motion, the Executive can tell the University not to make graduate students max out institutional loans.
- Quinn Omori said the motion on the agenda relates to an old UBC proposal which may be replaced by a better proposal. He didn’t want Council to sell itself short.
- David Asgeirsson said if this motion is tabled, the AMS may not get a chance to respond to the Policy 72 proposal.
- Amina Rai said the new Policy 72 needs to go to the Board of Governors, and will not be going this month, so there is time. Council could still pass a motion at its March 31 meeting.

6. MOVED CAREY HILL, SECONDED DIANA KENG:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That motion #4 be tabled until the next Council meeting.” ... Carried

8. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED LEIGH-ANNE MARTIN:

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O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

Q) Submissions:

< Letter from Pacific Spirit Family & Community Services [SCD 020-005]
[SCD 021-005]
Letter from Brian Sullivan re Pacific Spirit Family & Community Services

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on March 31, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

9. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED TIM LEUNG:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.”

... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Megan Thomas (The Ubyssey), Jordan Yau, Gerald Deo, Alex Rova, Robert Cross, Bijan Ahmadian, Doug Skinner, Reka Pataky (SUS), Courtney Campbell (SUS), Justine Chan (SUS), Joel Atwater (EUS), Yuko Watar, James Boak, Raj Mathur (Music), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Lisa Luscombe (PR Manager), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

F) 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:

F) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks:
Just Desserts Awards Ceremony:
< I was the MC for the Just Desserts Awards Ceremony that was held on March 16th, and it was a great success. There were many members of UBC that were awarded Just Desserts including Margery Fee (Dean of Arts), Jeff Kroeker (Stacey’s Accounting professor) and AMS’s very own Henry Chen, AMS Controller, Tom Coleman (Assistant Food and Beverage), and John Welch (the insurance guy).

Let Them Eat Cake:
< We managed to use the leftovers that were donated from Just Desserts to the event that the executive had put on March 17th which Holly will be speaking more about. In general I think the even was a great success as it was an opportunity for students to meet the executives. I’d like thank all of the councilors that came out to help that day, particularly Dave Tompkins whose DJing was fantastic. Thank you Dave!

Board of Governors Meeting:
< I attended the BoG meeting on the 18th, as it was my last meeting as member of Board of Governors. The motion to raise tuition by 16% had been voted on and passed. There were 3 votes against the motion that included Jesse Eckert and Ben Pong and myself who is the staff member on BoG.

ECSS Hiring:
< I was involved in the hiring process for the ECSS. We had many strong candidates and the decision was definitely a difficult one to make. But I am proud to announce that we have hired Lynden Wei as our new Executive Coordinator of Student Services. Lynden brings a wealth of experience to this position as he previously was SAC Vice Chair. Welcome Lynden!

Meeting with GSS President, Carrey regarding the announcement of the Federal Budget:
< Met with Carrey and Karen Ward to issue a joint press release on behalf of the AMS and GSS in regards to the release of the Federal Budget. The Federal Budget announced a reduction in the maximum parental contribution for middle-income families, a weekly loan increase from $165 to $210 and a new grant program for first year students from low-income backgrounds. Ultimately, the AMS and GSS were pleased to see the steps taken by the Federal government in the new grant
programs issued for first year students, but felt that the level of support should be for students throughout their programs.

Attended the Safety Committee Meeting:
< Met with ACF organizers, Safewalk, Sue Brown (Campus Security Student Liaison Officer), ECSS, VP Academic to discuss ACF safety initiatives. We will be conducting a safety audit of ACF and will be meeting with the parties tomorrow to determine the structure of the committee. Today I had met with Vanessa, who is the Safety Coordinator of ACF and will be bringing forth her recommendations to the meeting tomorrow as she cannot personally make it.

Attended and moderated Noam Chomsky’s Presentation:
< I moderated the Noam Chomsky presentation, which was a great experience. Previous to that I had addressed concerns brought forth by the Jewish Students’ Association, and Israeli Advocacy Committee and we are continuing our dialogue between both organizations.

OUCSA-K and AMS
< I held a meeting between OUCSA-K and the AMS on Monday, March 29th to discuss the future direction for both organizations. We discussed how we can use our efforts to lobby the government and UBC administration in ensuring a fair process of transition and increased representation on the Board of Governors. The meeting was very positive, and we intend to continue the dialogue.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:
< The Health and Dental Plan Committee met to discuss case situations regarding opt in and opt outs. Through that meeting it was determined that the members of the executive need more comprehensive understanding of the committee. Therefore, tomorrow I will be meeting with Student Care reps with Stacey for a transition session.

Communications Planning Group:
< Considering the turn over of council, the CPG committee has had low attendance, but hopefully that will be solved tonight. I met with Lisa Luscombe and Graham Hicks, who is the webmaster for the new AMS website and discussed the look of the new website. The executives will be providing feedback to Graham within the next week for the look of the website. We will also be working on a new design for business cards and letter heads.

Meetings with students:
< I’ve been meeting with students who have emailed me and called me to request finding out information about jobs within the AMS and how the AMS operates, the meetings have been great and there has been mutual sharing of feedback in regards to the direction of the AMS and the job positions that are available.

WOW
< Whistler Orientation Weekend has been scheduled for May 7th/May 8th and May 9th. This orientation is for councilors, commissioners, and service coordinators to understand the AMS system. Things are going to be done a little differently this year as we will be holding workshops in the SUB prior to traveling up to Whistler based on the invaluable advice of our predecessors. So, I will be passing around two sheets of paper with two options of meeting. One is Wednesday, May 5th from 5:00pm to 9:30pm or Friday, May 7th from 11:00am to 3:30pm. Please indicate your availability.

Questions:
- Spencer Keys asked about plans for a structural review of the AMS. Amina Rai said there are discussions underway concerning an internal structural review and by next Council meeting a proposal should be brought forth on how to do the review.

E) Executive Reports:

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance
Attended HR Training all day today.

Finance Commission
< Revised Job Descriptions
< Next year’s Fincom will not include a Fundraising Commissioner. In place of it, a student will be hired over the summer to work on a comprehensive Fundraising handbook for clubs.
< There will be an Ethics Commissioner, as was determined in the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee in the fall.
< The Sigma Tao Chi Dinner in February broke even more or less.
< Peter Fang, Clubs & Constituencies Commissioner, revised the Treasurer’s Handbook for the 2004-2005 year, which will be ready for treasurers to pick up by the end of the week.
< Approved $450 from the Club Benefit Fund to GOS A for the International Health Project in Guatemala. Approved the last student initiative fund to Megan Doherty to participate in Volunteer Abroad in Nepal.
< Olivia Bateman, receptionist on maternity leave, is back.

Meeting with Constituency VP Finances
AUS:
< Anne Mafeti submitted a loan application to the Finance Commission. This was approved with permission for the AUS to go into a deficit of $200,000 if necessary to primarily cover for ACF. Being on loan status will ensure there was an adequate cushion so that all ACF transactions and bills could be processed smoothly in a timely fashion.
< Discuss what could be done to work with the AUS to enhance their finances. Created a separate ACF account since it is quite large with numerous transactions. This will assist in being able to see the status of the account on the business office side and the AUS.

CUS
< Provided an orientation to the business office and discussed financials for next year, with the possibility of also going on loan status until the end of the summer.
< Have been involved with AMS Union Negotiations.

Budget
< Have met with all the services to discuss the current coordinators’ thoughts about this year’s budgets and next. This is to get the ideas behind the numbers and the input of the current coordinators before turnover. Currently, they are working on submitting numbers for next year, which are due April 5th.

BOC
< Reviewed a presentation by Coinworld, a company which sells refillable ink cartridges in vending machines. That’s still up for discussion as many committee members were not present.
< Sent on a registered letter to Smart Media on March 29th as stated in the contract terms with written notice of default of payment provisions. Required to reply by April 30th, 2004.

Health & Dental Plan Meeting
< Will be having an orientation on Thursday.

Campus Advisory Board on Student Development (CABSD) Meeting
< Met with Brian Sullivan, Nestor Korchinsky, and Paul Harrison to determine this year’s award recipients.
< Did an interview for the Carleton Campus Newspaper in regards to the Pit as they are having problems with their campus pub.
< Attended the following events: Le Club Francais Wine and Cheese, CUS Awards Night, the Vagina Monologues, Just Desserts, and Noam Chomsky.

Brenda Ogembo - VP Academic
Compensation Review Meeting:
< March 12th Compensation Review Committee met and determined the pay for the Elections Administrator as well as resolving some issues.
Old Exec/New Exec Dinner:
< Met with Brian Sullivan and old and new execs on the 16th March for lunch.

Just Desserts 2004:
< March 16th Just Desserts awards ceremony at Cecil green hosted by Amina and opening and closing remarks were done by myself.
< The event was a huge success. Kudos to Erin Kelly, Paramjit UBC Alumni Association and Faculty Women’s Club and to all the recipients.

ECSS Interviewing Process:
< ECSS Interviewing process was concluded on the 17th of March.
< Lynden Wei was the successful applicant for this position.

South Campus Working Group:
< I have been attending the South Campus Working Group meetings which coincidentally fall on Wednesday nights. We are looking for a permanent proxy for this role, as we have Council every other Wednesday. Norman Sippert is currently filling the role of proxy for the AMS in this working group.
< The group is supposed to be working out the neighbourhood plan for South Campus; the group is generally frustrated with the process as they do not feel that their input has been sought.
< The group continues to meet and Jim Moodie promises that the groups input will be incorporated, once the backgrounder stage of the process is complete.

University Town Steering Committee:
< Met with the University Town Steering Committee, at which we got presentations on the University Square in the University Boulevard.

Big Block Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner:
< Attended the Big Block Hall of fame inductee dinner on Thursday 25th March - huge success.
< I got a chance to congratulate various students for their involvements.

Safety Committee:
< Safety Committee Met on Wednesday 24th March and discussed among other things ACF and the importance of Safewalk’s presence at the event.
< Recommendations that came from that meeting include a comprehensive safety audit that is to be performed by Safety stakeholders. As a follow up to this we met with the ACF organizers including Chris Dingwall and members of safety. Although we did not come to a consensus about Safewalk at the event, everyone was receptive to the idea of the safety audit and it will be performed by safety providers including ACF reps.

Code and policies Meeting:
< Met with them to discuss the change of OCP Working Group to Campus Planning and Development Committee. You’ll hear more about this later from Spencer Keys.

Lost and Found Sale:
< Discussing with Steven Bohen, who is with Community Relations at Campus Security about hosting a Lost and Found sale and to use the money gained to support safety initiatives. 90 days after stuff gained.

Hiring:
< Posted all the jobs up for coordinator positions that closed today. Government positions also went up and are due on the 12th of April. Assistant coordinators soon to go up.

HR Training March 31st 2004:
< Attended a full day HR training workshop at UBC with the other executives and the ECSS and support staff in preparation for the hiring avalanche. The session was hosted by Advanced Corporate Training.
< There will be a training session on Saturday April 3rd 2004 at the SUB either in the Council chambers or in Rm 211. I will confirm this. The training is for all those who sit on Appointments Committees ie Councilors, Members at Large, be they outgoing coordinators or anyone else.
The workshop will provide invaluable training in hiring and interviewing processes and I highly encourage you all to attend, so as to make for an equitable and just hiring process.

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

SAC:
< Commissioner job postings are up and close of April 12th.
< Applications can be submitted to Brenda.
< We have re-structured the Commission:
  - Special Projects Commission will be replaced by Cultural Commissioner.
  - Constituencies amalgamated into Clubs Commissioner to become Subsidiaries Commissioner.
< These changes will go to the Executive Committee next week.

Impacts Committee:
< Have been working on implementing the ethical purchasing policy, installing cabinet type receptacles for recyclables and organic refuse at Vanier.

Renovations Planning Group:
< Will be coming to the next Council meeting to present the VOC proposal.
< Bike Co-op is more or less finished. Opening party is this Friday.
< Access Renovations Sub-Committee met. The $60,000 from the University will be used to improve accessibility and appearance of elevator. Also installing motion sensor doors on both north and south entrances.

Thunderbird Pole Committee Meeting:
< The pole is to be installed during homecoming weekend next fall. More details to follow.

UBC Revised Strategic Plan:
< The University is holding a public input meeting tomorrow at 12:30 pm in the Woodward Building regarding their revised Strategic Plan and Trek 2010. Come out and express your concerns about the plan.

CUPE/UBC Mediation:
< Attended the CUPE/University mediation yesterday morning to offer background information on the service and to represent the viewpoint of Safewalk.
< We were not asked to come back to subsequent mediation meetings tomorrow.

Holly Foxcroft - VP External

Tuition:
< Carey Hill (GSS President) and I presented to the BoG Financial Committee on March 11, 2004 re: tuition.
< We urged the Committee not to implement the 16% increase.
< As a follow-up the AMS and GSS circulated supplementary information to urge the committee members from voting in favour of the motion.
< On March 18, 2004 I attended the BoG meeting where the decision was made to implement the 16% tuition increase for undergrads in May 2004 but graduate students would not have to face the increase until September 2004.
< A small victory but one that benefitted 3200/7600 students.

Let Them Eat Cake:
< On Wednesday, March 17, 2004 we held the Let Them Eat Cake event on the south side of SUB from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
< The intent was to raise awareness amongst students about the proposed tuition increase.
< At the event we had CASA petitions which corresponded to the national petition campaign which calls on the federal government to create a dedicated education transfer to the provinces. We received almost 500 signatures from the event.

CASA:
From March 21 - 28, 2004 Jared Wright and I attended the CASA Conference in Ottawa.

CASA has been enveloped in instability this year with a complete staff turnover which has proved challenging for the organization as a whole.

The purpose of the conference was to set a new path for CASA through discussion, revision and approval of the strategic plan.

The strategic plan seeks to rework many of the criticisms that CASA had come under from its members and the PSE community at large.

I will be presenting a comprehensive report on CASA at the next Council meeting because at the conference there was a vote in support of a CASA fee increase.

Currently UBC’s fee increase is under negotiations which is why I cannot present my report at this time.

Institutionally Negotiated Loans:
- Meeting to be held on March 14, 2004.
- Progress.

U-Pass Monitoring and Service Review Committee Meeting:
- To be held March 16, 2004.
- I brought forward concerns from students taking the 99 B-line from the Sasamat bustop who have had trouble boarding the bus.
- I also inquired about the feasibility of extending the night-owl bus service to/from UBC on Wednesday evenings. They said at the time it was not feasible.
- I am happy to report that the Translink Board voted on March 23 to reinstate 16 night owl buses 7 days a week.

Policy 72 Meeting:
- Meeting to be held Friday, April 2, 2004.

External Commission:
- Commission positions have been posted.

Other Meetings:
- UBC and OUCSAK student meeting to be held on March 29, 2004

F) Committee Reports:

Code and Policies Committee - Spencer Keys (Chair)

Spencer Keys summarized what the Committee had done during the past year. He noted that the electoral reform proposal to replace first-past-the-post elections had not gone through, but he hoped his successor would carry on with it.

He also noted that committee reform had suffered from “significant stagnation” and hoped that the structural review mentioned by the President would look into it.

He listed some of the Committee’s successes, including the alcohol policy, the donations procedure, and banning slates, and said what was needed now was some way of enforcing some of the reforms. To this end, he recommended expanding the powers of the Speaker. He also recommended workshops for Council members on their legal liabilities as Directors of the AMS.

1. MOVED MICHAEL YUNG, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That Council call for a five minute recess so that the Engineers could tank Spencer Keys in the Courtyard fountain on the occasion of his last Council meeting.”

... Carried

E) Executive Reports Continued:

Lynden Wei - Executive Coordinator, Student Services
Transition:
< Finishing off my SAC duties at the end of April.
< Meeting with all the Services over the next week - met with Safewalk.

Meeting:
< Attended meeting regarding safety at Arts County Fair.

HR Training:
< Attended all day training session.

G) Constituency Reports:

Trevor Olson - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Julia Ridley - Medicine Undergraduate Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Michael Dirk - Music Students Association
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Carey Hill - Graduate Student Society - said the main concern in the Graduate Student Society currently is over reports of a proposed division of the Faculty of Graduate Studies; reports are that some or all of the professional programs will be removed from the Faculty.
Diana Keng - Education Students Association
Spencer Keys - Arts Undergraduate Society
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Melissa Parker - Arts Undergraduate Society - reported on the plans to discontinue the section of the Number 41 bus route that goes to Totem Park. Apparently, this is being done at the request of residents who don’t want to hear bus noise, but there is a safety issue involved for students in residence.
Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Sarah Saddler - Forestry Undergraduate Society
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Senate - Christopher Zappavigna
- Most Senators had expressed support for the takeover of Okanagan University College by UBC, seeing it as an expansion of the University into an institution serving more of the province. He reported that UBC’s outgoing VP Academic, Barry McBride, would be taking over as the person in charge of the new Okanagan campus.
- He added that the students’ exam hardship issue had been addressed informally at the last Senate meeting, and there was a firm commitment now to address the issue.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated March 10, 2004 [SCD 022-005]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated August 12, 2003 [SCD 023-005]
[SCD 024-005]
Minutes of the Commissioners Appointments Committee dated October 27, 2003
Minutes of the Compensation Review Committee dated March 12, 2004 [SCD 025-005]
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated February 10, 2004 [SCD 026-005]
Minutes of Grad Class Council dated January 30, 2004 [SCD 027-005]
J) **Executive Committee Motions:**

2. **MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:**

"Whereas Council at its last meeting agreed in principle to provide space in the Student Union Building to the Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services Society for a period of no more than one year, with the understanding that a final agreement between the AMS and Pacific Spirit would be brought to Council for approval; and

Whereas that final agreement has now been completed,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the final agreement as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Lyle McMahon said the proposed agreement with Pacific Spirit was based on the template used for the agreement with WAVAW for the Sexual Assault Support Centre.

He explained why the proposed agreement was for a period of longer than a year despite the previous motion passed by Council saying that Pacific Spirit would be allowed to stay in the SUB for no more than a year. He said space would not be available for Pacific Spirit in the new Dentistry building until the end of August 2005, and Pacific Spirit needs a space to move into on April 1, 2004.

Richard Davis said he had heard from four clubs that were being asked to vacate on very short notice. He wanted to know if they would receive preferential treatment for office space next year.

Lyle McMahon said their willingness to comply with the request to move out would be taken into account next year.

Dan Yokom asked why these clubs were being asked to vacate when Council had been assured that no clubs would be displaced.

Lyle McMahon said these clubs had been reallocated space. They had not had to leave the SUB; they had simply been moved within the SUB and they will get privileged access next year.

Dan Yokom asked what space they had been moved into. Lynden Wei said it would be in the 125 area in offices close to the same size as those they had vacated. These temporary new offices were dormant ones not being used by the clubs they had been assigned to. New office allocations were set for May; then everyone will be in.

Spencer Keys asked who initiated the extension of the agreement beyond one year. Pacific Spirit or the AMS?

Lyle McMahon said it was done in collaboration. He felt bad about what had happened, but it would not do justice to Pacific Spirit to give them space for only part of the time they need it for, and the extra time would not be during the school year.

Michael Yung asked if it is SAC policy to take away space if dormant. Lynden Wei said SAC had only moved the reallocated clubs temporarily.

Spencer Keys said he generally supported the principle of counselling services like Pacific Spirit, but he was offended at the coming to Council to ask for guidelines and then violating those guidelines. What was the point of the previous motion if the negotiations were going to violate it? This agreement was almost in bad faith, because it fell outside the guidelines. Council deserved to be treated better.

Dave Tompkins asked what would happen if Council did not approve the proposed agreement.
Spencer Keys asked if the agreement was in order, given Council’s previous motion saying the agreement should be for no longer than a year.

Lyle McMahon said that approving the agreement would supersede the previous motion. The Speaker said he was inclined to agree.

Richard Davis asked if the reallocated clubs would be notified that they will have preferential status in next year’s office allocations. Lyle McMahon said he would do that.

Lana Rupp said the AMS mandate was to take care of its clubs, not other groups.

Amina Rai said the extension of the agreement is not during the school year, but in the summer when there is less demand for office space. She said Pacific Spirit is beneficial for UBC students, and it is important that the AMS support it.

Joshua Caulkins said the AMS should not be closed-minded about this, even though UBC students do not make-up 100% of Pacific Spirit’s clients. Children and native students were at stake.

Lana Rupp said the proposal had been approved in spirit, so she didn’t see what the debate was about now. On the other hand, the concern last time was that no clubs be displaced, and now it turns out some clubs have had to move. Also, the time period is not what was promised.

Carey Hill said Pacific Spirit needs space immediately, April 1. If this proposal fails, there will be no Pacific Spirit.

3. MOVED DANIEL YOKOM, SECONDED JEFF POTTER:

“That motion #2 be tabled until the next Council meeting.”

Dan Yokom said the proposal had been approved in spirit last time, but more information was needed; specifically he wanted to see the number of club applications for next year’s office space.

Lyle McMahon opposed waiting; it would leave Pacific Spirit hanging.

4. MOVED LANA RUPP, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

5. MOVED DANIEL YOKOM, SECONDED JEFF POTTER:

“That motion #2 be tabled until the next Council meeting.”

... Defeated

Lyle McMahon said he felt terrible having to come to Council with a contract with discrepancies with the original motion, but after much consultation he had decided to draft the agreement in this form. He said it had not been his intention to manipulate Council by saying one thing at one meeting and coming back with something else. He would not have accepted extending Pacific Spirit’s stay into another school year, but he said Council’s biggest concern had been taking away space needed by clubs; in summer, clubs were less active and there was less demand for space.

Alan Warkentin asked who Pacific Spirit’s clients are.

David Asgeirsson said that unlike UBC Counselling, Pacific Spirit served the children and spouses of UBC students as well as UBC students.

Scott Price asked why Pacific Spirit had not been put in the dormant space. Lyle McMahon said it had not seemed logical to put them in one space temporarily and then move them.

Trevor Olson asked if clubs will know that the Pacific Spirit space will come open in September 2005.
Lyle McMahon said it will not be necessary to inform them because clubs don’t apply for specific space.

Alan Warkentin said he saw the proposal as being in conflict with his obligations as a Director of the Society.

6. MOVED DIANA KENG, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED LYLE McMANNON, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

"Whereas Council at its last meeting agreed in principle to provide space in the Student Union Building to the Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services Society for a period of no more than one year, with the understanding that a final agreement between the AMS and Pacific Spirit would be brought to Council for approval; and

Whereas that final agreement has now been completed,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the final agreement as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Opposed - Spencer Keys, Lana Rupp, Alan Warkentin, Richard Davis
... Defeated

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

I) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED MICHAEL DIRK:

“That Council appoint Dave Sidhu, Marissa Adams, Quinn Omori and Reka Pataky (Council members) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That on the recommendation of the Code and Policies Committee, Council appoint Jae Won Choi as a student-at-large for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Quinn Omori as Chair of the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Scott Price, Jeff Potter and Reka Pataky (Council members) and Lana Rupp and Alan Warkentin (members at-large) to the Budget Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Patricia Lau, Richard Davis, Carey Hill, Sarah Saddler and Scott Price (Council members) and Bijan Ahmadian (member at-large) to the Primary Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”
“That Council appoint Courtney Campbell, Richard Davis and Sarah Saddler (Council members) and Alison Atkinson (member at-large) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Mike Long (Council member) and Michael Dirk (member at-large) to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Helen Ma (Council member) and Michael Yung (member at-large) to the Assistant Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Scott Price, Mike Long and Marissa Adams (Council members) and Michael Yung (member at-large) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Christine Boyle and Patricia Lau (Council members) to the Impacts Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Scott Price, Courtney Campbell, Tyler Bryant and Helen Ma (Council member) to the Campus Safety Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council suspend Code to allow four Council members and two of them being from Arts to sit on the Campus Safety Committee.”

...Carried

“That Council appoint Joshua Caulkins, Naomi Garrish and Justine Chan (Council members) to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Carey Hill, Jeff Potter, Patricia Lau and Scott Price (Council members) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

“That Council suspend Code to allow Scott Price to sit on six committees for the remainder of this year.”

MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED TREvor OLSON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:
“That Council suspend Code to allow Scott Price to sit on six committees for the remainder of this year.”
... Carried

“That Council appoint David Asgeirsson and Dave Sidhu (Council members) to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Marissa Adams, Mike Long and Scott Price (Council members) and Melissa Parker (member at-large) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Christine Boyle, Tyler Bryant and Joshua Caulkins (Council members) to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Scott Price, Marissa Adams and Helen Ma (Council members) to the Renovations Planning Group for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Justine Chan (Council member) to the Communications Planning Group for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”
... Carried

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

9. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED LYLE MCMANON:

“Whereas Council has already approved in principle that Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services Society (PSFCSS) be temporarily allocated space in the Student Union Building;

Be it resolved that Council approve that PSFCSS move in for April 1, 2004 pending the Council approval.

Be it further resolved that the agreement between the AMS and PSFCSS be brought back to Council for approval.”

< Carey Hill said Pacific Spirit had been given every indication that they could move in on April 1 and now they were not going to be able to unless this new motion passed.

10. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED LYLE MCMANON:

“Whereas Council has already approved in principle that Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services Society (PSFCSS) be temporarily allocated space in the Student Union Building;

Be it resolved that Council approve that PSFCSS move in for April 1, 2004 pending the Council approval.

Be it further resolved that the agreement between the AMS and PSFCSS be brought back to Council for approval.”
... Carried
J) Executive Committee Motions Continued:

11. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

“Whereas the Alma Mater Society External Commission is seeking to strengthen its base of tuition data; and

Whereas Statistics Canada can provide a comprehensive set of tuition data that would allow comparisons of departmental tuition levels, ancillary fees, and living expenses across all Canadian institutions; and

Whereas the tuition data could inform internal policy-making decisions and external lobbying efforts at the University, as well as provincial and federal levels on matters pertaining to tuition and financial aid; and

Whereas the AMS External Commission has received a quote from Statistics Canada to provide the tuition data covering a span of five years for $800.

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council authorize the allocation of $800 from the University and External Lobbying Fund to purchase the said tuition data.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

2. Holly Foxcroft said the information from Statistics Canada would be invaluable. It would include data for the period 1998-2003 and would enable the AMS to independently verify information provided by UBC. It would increase the credibility of the AMS.

12. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

“Whereas the Alma Mater Society External Commission is seeking to strengthen its base of tuition data; and

Whereas Statistics Canada can provide a comprehensive set of tuition data that would allow comparisons of departmental tuition levels, ancillary fees, and living expenses across all Canadian institutions; and

Whereas the tuition data could inform internal policy-making decisions and external lobbying efforts at the University, as well as provincial and federal levels on matters pertaining to tuition and financial aid; and

Whereas the AMS External Commission has received a quote from Statistics Canada to provide the tuition data covering a span of five years for $800.

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council authorize the allocation of $800 from the University and External Lobbying Fund to purchase the said tuition data.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

13. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED TREVOR OLSON:
“Whereas the Alma Mater Society has policy calling on the University to develop a new accessibility policy that enshrines the principle that no qualified domestic student shall be denied the opportunity to attend the University solely for financial reasons; and

Whereas University officials have developed a policy for the UBC Board of Governors regarding accessibility and student financial aid; and

Whereas the policy contains provisions which place an onerous responsibility on post-baccalaureate students to primarily fund their education through commercial and University-subsidized loans prior to receiving UBC financial aid; and

Whereas said provisions may force students to incur massive debt loads, thereby dissuading potentially qualified individuals from pursuing post-baccalaureate studies; and

Whereas the policy does not universally promote accessibility amongst all University programs and potentially precludes post-baccalaureate students from accessing bursaries and employment-based learning.

Be it resolved that the AMS call upon the university to allocate a greater percentage of any above base tuition increase than is currently allocated for post-baccalaureate programs to program-based financial aid; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon the University to fund unmet need for all students through the provision of bursaries and employment-based learning options, and oppose the use of commercial and institutionally negotiated loans to meet unmet need.

Be it further resolved that the AMS actively lobby the provincial government with the University to develop additional bursary programs that target unmet need for post-baccalaureate students.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Holly Foxcroft said this policy statement had been previously presented and withdrawn, but was now coming forward with some additions. They were a bit last-minute, but she thought it was important that the AMS have something solid for the upcoming University meeting on the issue. She added that the University had received more provincial money than expected and therefore there should be more of a focus on grants. The province had stripped the provincial grants system, so this was something to consider.

< She added that the proposed policy would eliminate one source of funding for students (institutional loans), but there was concern about students’ debt levels, which such loans would increase.

< David Asgeirsson said this proposal had been tabled before in order to wait for the University’s final proposal. Has the University made a final proposal? Holly Foxcroft said it was important for the AMS to have something in place.

< Amina Rai said the previous thinking was that if the University had not produced a final proposal, the AMS could not comment on it. This is a different approach; it was decided it would be good to have a motion passed to create a stance.

14. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED TREVOR OLSON:
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Whereas the policy contains provisions which place an onerous responsibility on post-baccalaureate students to primarily fund their education through commercial and University-subsidized loans prior to receiving UBC financial aid; and

Whereas said provisions may force students to incur massive debt loads, thereby dissuading potentially qualified individuals from pursuing post-baccalaureate studies; and

Whereas the policy does not universally promote accessibility amongst all University programs and potentially precludes post-baccalaureate students from accessing bursaries and employment-based learning.

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Be it further resolved that the AMS actively lobby the provincial government with the University to develop additional bursary programs that target unmet need for post-baccalaureate students.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

15. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN: [SCD 032-005]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled "Code Amendment: Making the ad hoc OCP Committee permanent" and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Spencer Keys explained that though many of the OCP plans had been implemented already, there were still going to be campus development issues for the next 10 or 20 years or so, and part of the point of this motion was to broaden the mandate of the old OCP ad hoc committee. Another point was to make it permanent rather than ad hoc and to change its membership because the old membership was now out of date.

16. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:
"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled "Code Amendment: Making the ad hoc OCP Committee permanent" and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

17. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED MELISSA PARKER: [SCD 033-005]

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled "Child Care Code Amendment" and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Spencer Keys said that when the proposal last came to Council, some were not comfortable with the details being left to the Executive Procedures Manual, which does not even exist yet, so the details have now been incorporated into the actual Code amendment.

Lana Rupp said there had been some discussion in the Code and Policies Committee about expanding eligibility beyond Council members to anyone attending a Council meeting, but it was decided that such an extension would violate the spirit of the motion in principle approved by Council.

Richard Davis asked about referring to the minimum wage rather than the training wage. Spencer Keys said the AMS has policy against the training wage.

Richard Davis asked if the term spouse would include someone living common law. Spencer Keys said strictly speaking a spouse did not include common law partners, but after a number of years the law tends to recognize such partners as spouses.

18. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED MELISSA PARKER:

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled "Child Care Code Amendment' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

19. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED MELISSA PARKER:

“That Council appoint Quinn Omori, Joshua Caulkins (Council members) and Mariko Welch, Trevor Olson and Melissa Parker (members at-large) to the Campus Planning and Development Committee.”

... Carried

20. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Note:  Opposed - Alan Warkentin ... Defeated

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated February 26, 2004  [SCD 034-005]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:
The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 12, 2004 [SCD 035-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 26, 2004 [SCD 036-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 4, 2004 [SCD 037-005]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

21. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“Whereas students enjoy alcohol,

Whereas beer is not the "alcool du jour" of many students,

Whereas Strongbow, England's #1 Dry Cider, is an appropriate compromise,

Whereas Koerner's Pub, operated by the Graduate Students' Society, is the only establishment on campus that serves this liquid ambrosia, and

Whereas a little healthy competition (nay, severe price undercutting), never hurt anybody,

Be it resolved that Council direct the Food and Beverage Manager to serve Strongbow, England's #1 Dry Cider, at the Pit or the Gallery at a profit-margin not to exceed 25% (rounded to the nearest $0.25).

Be it further resolved that the Food and Beverage Manager submit a verbal and written request to Council in order to change the price point or availability beyond the guidelines above.”

22. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

“That motion #21 be referred to the Business Operations Committee and report back to Council by the next meeting.”

... Carried

23. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“Whereas members of the Alma Mater Society all too frequently have their contributions to school spirit ignored,

Whereas students that identify themselves as "right-wing" are subjected to verbal, emotional, and psychological harassment,

Whereas such inspiring political leaders as Joseph Stalin, Queen Victoria, and Kim Jong-Il have been celebrated in statue,

Be it resolved that Council allocate $5000 from the SUB Art Fund to commission a forty-foot statue (no higher, no lower) commemorating the heroism of campus figure and Vice-President of the BC Young Conservatives, Joel McLaughlin,
Be it further resolved that said statue stand in the SUB Courtyard as a permanent symbol to his charm, grace, and bravery in the fight to make Belinda Stronach the next Prime Minister of Canada.”

Note: In favour - Alan Warkentin, Richard Davis
Against - Amina Rai, Trevor Olson, Brenda Ogembo, Stacey Chiu, Holly Foxcroft

... Defeated

Q) Submissions:
[SCD 038-005]
< Report on the gift decisions and rebate distribution of the 2004 Grad Class Council.
< Minutes of the OCP Working Group dated January 27, 2004 [SCD 039-005]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on April 28, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

24. MOVED DIANA KENG, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.”
... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Sarah Twomey (Safety Coordinator Transition and Africa Awareness), Vanita Sabharwal (Counselling Services), Sue Brown (Campus Security), Tyler Bryant (Safewalk), James Kusie (CASA), Jaman Lloyd, Conor Reynolds (Varsity Outdoor Club), Gavin Dew (Arts VPF), Kristin Foster (studentcare.net/works), Graham Senft (studentcare.net/works), Spencer Keys, Neil Braun (CiTR) Jonathan Woodward, Raj Mathur (Music), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

G) 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:

AMS Safety - Sarah Twomey:

-reviewed her year as AMS Safety Coordinator, listing such achievements as the Safety Theatre project and the Orientations safety workshops.
-reviewed an important part of her year was working on getting a student voice on incident reporting of crimes.
-a large amount of time was spent on coordinating with other groups on campus; for instance, work had been done with Campus Security on the Get Home Safe Program, involving the security bus.
-the Safety Coordinator’s budget needs to be reviewed; the Safety Coordinator has a smaller budget than any other coordinator, and she could use an assistant.
-Feels her office should have a role in the issue of campus development as it relates to safety.

Questions:

-Josh Caulkins asked for further details about safety and campus development. Sarah Twomey said students need to be at the table to influence decision-making.
-Amina Rai asked if recommendations on Firstweek would be submitted to Council. Sarah Twomey said she had submitted recommendations to post-mortem discussions and to Bernie Peets and Brenda Ogembo, and the recommendations were available for others who wanted to see them.

Africa Awareness - Sarah Twomey:

-the aim of Africa Awareness was to address white supremacy at UBC by seeking to include African studies in the curriculum.
-over the past two years there have been conferences and seminars on this topic, and the University has now agreed through its Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund to provide $25,000 for Africa Awareness.
There had also been a petition signed by 3,000 people calling for more African studies. There would be another conference held to create awareness of the cultural richness and value of Africa. The aim was to encourage UBC to move beyond colonialized perspectives. The absence of African studies at UBC had marginalized and caused an erasure of African history.

The African Awareness campaign had representation from faculty and students. The AMS through the Coordinator had supported the campaign last year. Hoped that Council would endorse the project.

Questions:
- Christine Conkin asked if the HIV crisis had been mentioned at the conference. Sarah Twomey said that every year the conference has a theme. She said this year’s would be an attempt to dispel the myth of Africa as a place of war and strife and poverty.
- Brenda Ogembo said last year’s conference included two discussions on HIV and AIDS.
- Joel McLaughlin asked if there might be other reasons besides so-called white supremacy for the lack of courses on Africa. Sarah Twomey said it could be argued that there are other reasons, but she found it significant that Africa had been erased from UBC’s Trek 2000 document. She said it might sound a little paranoid, but there was an issue of who gets funded and what drives institutional change.
- David Asgeirsson asked about connections between African Studies and faculties such as Science, Law, and Medicine. Sarah Twomey said that other than two courses she was aware of, African Studies is absent from the curriculum.

Varsity Outdoor Club Project - Lyle McMahon and Michael Kingsmill:

Lyle McMahon explained that there was a plan to renovate half of the now vacated Bike Kitchen to provide a new and better equipped space for the Varsity Outdoors Club (VOC), one of UBC’s oldest student clubs.

Michael Kingsmill explained that the VOC’s current space is not suitable for it and provided details on the renovation plans. The remaining half of the Bike Kitchen would become a recycling area.

The project is a small renovation and would be done in-house; an outside quote had been obtained but was very high. The plan was to start the renovation in May and finish by the end of May or the beginning of June. Michael Kingsmill would later be returning to Council with a project to fill the space the VOC is vacating with a food co-op.

$8,000 had been set aside in the Lower Level renovation project for work on the Bike Kitchen; that money had now been returned to CPAC. The total cost of the new renovation would be $19,416; with the $8,000 previously set aside, the net new infusion of capital would be $11,416.

Questions:
- Olivier Plessis asked about disruptions. Michael Kingsmill said there would be none at all, since the work would be taking place off any travel path, near the loading bay.
- David Asgeirsson noted that $6,000 was going for cabinet work to meet the specific needs of this club, and he asked if this was setting a precedent. Michael Kingsmill said that the storage cabinets involved could be used by others. He also said this had been done many times before, for instance for Aquasoc, the Ubyssey, and the Inter-Faculty Publications Office (IFPO). Most clubs just have regular offices, but there are a few like this. Lyle McMahon said that if at a future date the VOC vacates, it wouldn’t mean the cabinets would be unsuitable for any other club.
- Dave Tompkins asked what the outside quote had been, whether UBC’s Plant Operations would be the ones doing the actual work, and whether the club would be kicking in any money. Michael Kingsmill said the outside quote had been $28,900. UBC Plant Ops would not be involved; the
work would be contracted out to the trades by the AMS. The club was contributing in a small way.
-Dave Tompkins asked for a comparison with the Aquasoc project. Michael Kingsmill said that had been a big project, about $60,000, and Aquasoc had paid half. Lyle McMahon said Aquasoc generates money by operating as a storefront. VOC does not do that. Clubs that can, like the Bike Co-op, do contribute.

CASA - James Kusie, CASA National Director:

1. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council extend the presentation by James Kusie by five minutes.” ... Carried

James Kusie provided background on CASA, including its success in getting the federal government to adopt several policies promoted by CASA. He especially discussed CASA’s proposed fee increase, noting that under the proposal, the AMS would see its fee go up from just under $30,000 to $41,000, or about $1 per student.

2. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN:

“That Council extend the question period by five minutes.” ... Carried

-Mia Amir asked about CASA’s role on the provincial level. James Kusie said CASA’s new strategic plan was to broaden its scope and delve into provincial issues. He said CASA already does do this if asked; for instance, it took part in the Alberta debate on proposed legislation affecting student societies; CASA helped to get that legislation dropped. He added that CASA has held many partnership conferences and if the BC branch of the CFS wants to put forward a common message, CASA would be more than happy to come to the table and talk. Traditionally, he said, it has been CASA that has suggested joint action of this sort.
-Lyle McMahon asked how working through CASA would be better than working directly through CFS-BC. James Kusie said that without CASA, UBC would be losing its voice at the federal level. Within BC, UBC’s student society was the largest in the province by far; the provincial government would heed the AMS’s voice more than others. He said provincial and federal lobbying were integrated, not independent of each other.
-Carrie Hill said rising tuition was the largest concern. Ontario had just agreed to fully fund a tuition freeze, a step for which the Ontario caucus of the CFS had taken credit. She wondered if CASA had a policy on tuition becoming 30% of the cost of education. James Kusie said No, CASA has a policy saying tuition should not be a barrier to access. He added that he did not think the Ontario freeze was fully funded, and also said that it was really important when advocating a freeze to make sure it was fully funded; otherwise when the freeze ends, universities just make up the difference. He added that CFS had lobbied for years for a freeze, since long before CASA had been around, and he thought it was a great thing for students. He also said that nothing matters if there is no change in the way education is funded. CASA was seeking a dedicated transfer from the federal government; without this, tuition and debt levels would soar.

3. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council extend the question period by ten minutes, but limited to people on speakers list only.” ... Carried
- Olivier Plessis asked about discussions concerning CASA’s easy exit policy. James Kusie said CASA had been founded in 1995 on the principle of easy in, easy out. However, there have been questions raised recently about organizational stability and talk of changing the easy in, easy out rules; but the rules were not necessarily going to change; they were simply being discussed. He said it was always important to examine how an organization is run to avoid stagnation.

- Amina Rai expressed concern about the possible ending of the easy in, easy out rules and about the end to low fees. She said these had been two of the attractions of CASA. She asked if there was any way to re-examine the fee increase. On the easy in, easy out issue, James Kusie said CASA was not reversing its founding principles; it was simply talking about what’s working and what’s not, and he did not think the easy in, easy out rule would be changing. As to the fees, he said CASA was still the most cost-effective option for students, at less than $1 a student. There is a provision in CASA’s rules allowing a student union in dire straits to go to the CASA Board and ask for a break on fees, but the student union would essentially have to have zero dollars in its bank account for CASA to grant it relief.

James Kusie asked what percentage of the operating budget of the AMS went to pay the CASA fee. Bernie Peets said it was four-tenths of one percent. James Kusie said smaller schools like St. Thomas pay 5 to 10 percent.

- Tyler Bryant asked about the procedure for ratification. James Kusie said that for changes to CASA’s governing documents and for fee changes, any proposal has to be approved by 50 percent plus 1 of CASA’s member institutions, so even if the AMS voted against the fee increase, if others vote for it, it would still pass. And his information was that support for the fee increase at other member schools was overwhelming.

- Brian Duong asked how CASA’s fees compared with those of the CFS. James Kusie said the CFS federally charges $5 a student, and the provincial CFS fee varies from province to province; for BC he thought it was $6 or $7 on top of the $5 federal fee.

- David Asgeirsson said he thought what was best about CASA was its lobbying at the federal level; he wondered if moving into the provincial arena would detract from federal lobbying.

James Kusie said that federal transfer payments are CASA’s number one issue. He had met with federal leaders such as Paul Martin and Ralph Goodale on their education promises. CASA stood for a pan-Canadian accord on education, like the one on health. CASA wanted the provinces to get together for this. It was important to attack at the provincial level too.

4. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That motions 4, 5 and 6 on the agenda precede the President’s Remarks.”

... Carried

D) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON: [SCD 040-005]

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amended Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted by Extraordinary Resolution at the CASA meeting held March 22-28, 2004, as presented."

Note: Council members may vote to have the AMS support the amended Constitution, to have the AMS oppose it, or to have the AMS abstain from voting on it. Council members may also personally abstain from voting on this motion.

6. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:
"Be it resolved that Council approve the amended Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted by Extraordinary Resolution at the CASA meeting held March 22-28, 2004, as presented."

Holly Foxcroft said the constitutional amendments were mostly housekeeping.

7. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON:

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amended Constitution of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted by Extraordinary Resolution at the CASA meeting held March 22-28, 2004, as presented."

. . . Carried

8. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amended set of Bylaws of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted by Extraordinary Resolution at the CASA meeting held March 22-28, 2004, as presented.

Note: Council members may vote to have the AMS support the amended bylaws, to have the AMS oppose them, or to have the AMS abstain from voting on them. Council members may also personally abstain from voting on this motion."

Friendly amendment: The note be dropped because it is confusing.

Holly Foxcroft said the bylaw amendments were also primarily housekeeping.

9. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amended set of Bylaws of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted by Extraordinary Resolution at the CASA meeting held March 22-28, 2004, as presented."

. . . Carried

10. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG: [SCD 041-005]

"Be it resolved that Council approve CASA's 1.85 Assessment Point Value for the 2004-05 operating year, as adopted by Extraordinary Resolution at the CASA meeting held March 22-28, 2004, as presented.

Note: Council members may vote to have the AMS support the 1.85 Assessment Point Value, to have the AMS oppose it, or to have the AMS abstain from voting on it. Council members may also personally abstain from voting on this motion."

Friendly amendment: The note be dropped because it is confusing.

Holly Foxcroft noted that at the CASA meeting she had not been in favour of this fee increase because of the AMS’s recent financial difficulties. She thought it was important that Council be aware of the difficult financial situation.

The Speaker asked if she was speaking for or against the motion.
Holly Foxcroft said she was speaking in favour, just contextualizing. She noted that CASA is
Patricia Lau asked when the last CASA increase had been. Holly Foxcroft said fees went up $3,000 last year.

Olivier Plessis asked what percentage of the proposed increase is to sustain CASA’s current programs and what percentage is for expansion.

James Kusie said it is all for expansion, expanding communications and campaign ability, and hiring new staff.

Mia Amir asked for the total revenue the increase would produce. James Kusie said $115,000.

Mia Amir asked if this was all accounted for in documentation that was available. James Kusie said CASA’s numbers were available and broken down for all CASA members; he said Holly Foxcroft had the information.

David Asgeirsson said he thought CASA was a very effective organization. If the AMS could help shape it, that was the most important thing the AMS could do. It was important to lobby for government changes on the education front.

Amina Rai said her slate had campaigned for a review of CASA and a review should be done. She thus thought that approving the fee increase was too hasty. It was important to examine the AMS’s priorities. It was possible to work with other groups, and still be a key and active player, without being a member of any organization. She thought the $12,000 increase was a significant amount and was not comfortable with the information received.

Marissa Adams said she supported a review of CASA, but she thought the AMS should pay now. The increase seemed like a lot, but there was value for the money.

Quinn Omori said the extra money could only improve CASA’s performance and it would not affect the AMS’s bottom line because the money would come from the Lobbying Fund which has never been exhausted.

Olivier Plessis wondered why, if CASA is already so effective, they need an extra $115,000. And though the Lobbying Fund had never been exhausted, this was a double election year.

Joel McLaughlin said that there had been lots of talk about CASA not doing enough on the provincial front. He thought that if the AMS wanted them to do that, to expand, then the answer was to give them more money. And if the AMS gives more money, that would give the AMS a seat at the table so that CASA would come to consult with the AMS.

Mia Amir said UBC was the biggest campus in BC. The rest of the province was waiting for the AMS to take a stance on tuition increases, but AMS membership in CASA was keeping it from doing this and restraining it from participating in provincial lobbying. She added that CASA was not going to bat for students on tuition increases, and she wondered what benefit the AMS was receiving from CASA. She also said that CFS fees were higher because the CFS represents on a provincial level.

Brian Duong said CASA is focused solely on post-secondary issues rather than other political issues not of interest to students. It was a good value, and he was sure the increase would not exhaust the External Lobbying Fund. If it did, he would eat his shoe.

Dave Tompkins said he had seen CASA grow over the years. At the beginning it was not very effective, but it had gained momentum and many of its policies had now come into effect. He liked its strategy and felt good that there was someone in Ottawa to lobby on education issues. He added that the AMS could still do things provincially, and said that CASA is a bottom up organization: if provincial tuition increases were what member schools said CASA should concentrate on, then CASA would concentrate on that.

Lyle McMahon said the AMS should consider its financial situation.

Richard Davis quoted Woody Allen to the effect that relationships, like sharks, need to move forward or die. He said he wanted to feed this shark and looked forward to CASA going to Victoria.

Gavin Dew said that as a student not on Council, he would like to see a project like CASA be funded. It was important to look to the future, and this would be a relatively small expense. He
added that if such a small amount is being looked at so intensively, maybe other expenses could be looked at.
Fred Cheung asked how much money was in the Lobbying Fund. The answer was $115,000.

11. MOVED LIANNE MCLEAN, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That the question be called.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.” ... Carried

12. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG:

“Be it resolved that Council approve CASA's 1.85 Assessment Point Value for the 2004-05 operating year, as adopted by Extraordinary Resolution at the CASA meeting held March 22-28, 2004, as presented.”
. . . Carried

E) President’s Remarks: [SCD 043-005]

Quarterly Report:
< Much of my ongoing activities are noted in the quarterly report that has been submitted for this meeting.

Interviews:
< This week the VP Academic and I have been conducting interviews for both Executive Special Projects Asst. and President’s Asst. We hope to finalize both positions by the end of this week.

Meeting with the ECSS and First Week Coordinator:
< I met with the ECSS and First Week Coordinator to begin preliminary discussions on the plans for First Week. The discussion was very positive as we are all enthused about the organization for the upcoming events and programs.

Heath and Dental Plan Committee:
< I attended the HDPC Orientation meeting on April 1st, 2004 which proved to be extremely informative. I have met with HDPC to discuss ongoing cases. There were some issues/cases still pending in which we are seeking legal advice. Renewal was also discussed on Tuesday morning in which Carey Hill, Stacey Chiu and I had a pre-meeting. I did not attend the renewal due to double booking of interviews but our views were expressed through Stacey who attended the meeting.

Honorary Ceremony of the Dalai Lama, Shirin Ebadi, and Desmond Tutu:
< I attended the ceremony and was a part of the academic process which was a great honor. Also, I was invited to President Piper’s house for a luncheon which was extremely insightful as I met with Councilors from City Hall and Buddhist monks from India.

WOW:
< I have created a draft schedule of WOW and would like councilors to sign up for either May 5th, 2004 or May 7th, 2004. I am handing out the sign up sheets for councilors to fulfill. I am excited to invite the Equity Office to conduct both a positive space workshop and anti-discrimination, anti-racism, and anti-oppression workshop to be able to set the tone of a positive working environment for the AMS.

Lisa Luscombe:
< I regret to inform AMS Council that Lisa Luscombe, the Public Relations Manager of the AMS has resigned in effect today. She worked for this society for 13 years.

F) Executive Reports:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs [SCD 044-005]
Lynden Wei - Executive Coordinator of Student Services  

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration  

Union Negotiations (internal):  
Still ongoing. Meeting tomorrow.  
Will be instituting new and comprehensive harassment policy.

ACF Safety Audit:  
Took part in audit, not a patron. Committee will be creating a report in collaboration with members of ACF staff to go to RCMP, Arts and Executive.

Coordinators’ Appointments Committee:  
Spent some time and energy helping the Coordinators’ Appointments Committee. Will be discussed later tonight.

Openings:  
Attended both the Bike Hub Grant opening and the Yuxweluptun Opening on Tuesday, April 13th.

University Strategic Plan Meeting:  
Attended meeting and asked Martha Piper some tricky questions.

SAC:  
In the process of hiring new SACees.

Campus Security Lost and Found Sale:  
Working hard to organise this sale. Will be held Thursday, April 29 at 11:30 a.m. Drop by and buy some funky stuff! Proceeds to go to the Bike Co-op Bike Check Program, a campus safety provided. Big thanks to Sue Brown and Steve from Campus Security.

Hiring Procedures Training:  
Attended Hiring Procedures Training. Thanks you to Brenda for organising this and thank you to Patricia Lau, Helen Ma, Alison Atkinson and Lisa LaFreniere from SASC for attending.

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance:  

Budget Committee:  
The preliminary budget will be presented next meeting on May 12th.

Business Operations Committee:  
One point that I would like to report on is:
- The committee discussed Strongbow during the April 7th BOC meeting. A key concern was the proposed 25% markup. Our current market up average is 55-60%. Financially it does not make sense as the AMS relies on profits generated by all of the businesses operated by the student society.
- However, the Committee was open to testing out the demand for Strongbow and resolved to try the 175 ml bottles, sold at a standard price margin, in the Gallery in September.
- Please refer to the minutes for the full discussion.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:  
We’ve attached an addendum explaining renewal details.
< In 1999, Council passed that the plan fee would be indexed to CPI. Council needs to approve the plan fee for next year to be $192.50, which is the current fee of $187.00 indexed to an inflation rate of 2.8%.
< SunLife quoted the current plan at $193.75, leading the Committee to make a decision to adjust the plan slightly to reconcile the two numbers.
< If you look on page 3, those were the option we were presented with. We chose a reduction of dental scaling to three units. Scaling is when the dentist scrapes the plaque off your teeth and one unit is 15 minutes. In comparison to the other options, the committee felt it was in the best interests of students to do so versus changing prescription deductibles, vaccinations, or eye
exams.
I would like to turn the remainder of my time to Kristin Foster, the Pacific Director of studentcare.networks.

**Kristin Foster:**
Plan is in the best shape it has ever been in. Partly due to the impact of Fair Pharmacare for the first time since the plan’s inception, the claims are almost in balance with the premiums paid, so the current benefits level can almost be maintained without any fee increase beyond CPI. Fair Pharmacare reduced the number of claims.

Were originally predicting a significant increase, but because of Fair Pharmacare now predicting a small shortfall of between 75¢ to $1.00 per student, but small change in the dental benefits, which has been approved by the AMS-GSS health plan committee, will bring things into balance. Have tweaked the plan by changing drug deductible from $5 to $6.

Dental scaling was set at 6 units for two visits per year but when changes were made to plan in 2002 allowing 1 visit only, scaling units were not changed, leaving a possible area in which to bring the plan into balance. This option has been put forward and will probably be adopted.

**Holly Foxcroft - VP External**

**Trek 2010:**
< On April 1, 2004 and April 22, 2004 I attended the Trek 2010 forum which was hosted by Dr. Martha Piper. On April 7, 2004 I co-hosted a focus group about the definition of global citizenship which councilors attended as well as members from the AMS Exec. The suggestions that came forward from this meeting were recorded and submitted by Regina Lyakhovetska, Special Projects, VP Students Office.

**Arts County Fair:**
< I participated in the AMS Safety Audit that was conducted on April 8, 2004.

**Ethical Purchasing Policy:**
< I attended a meeting between Oxfam and the University on April 23, 2004 to discuss a campus-wide ethical purchasing policy.

**Elections Canada:**
< I have been in contact with a representative from elections Canada about potential locations for polling booths on campus.

**Tuition Data and Living Costs:**
< A new program established by Stats Canada has allowed us to access these statistics, so we do not have to pay $800.00 as was passed in the last council meeting.

**CASA Conference:**
< I have been working on the logistical side of helping to plan the CASA conference.

**G) Committee Reports:**

**H) Constituency Reports:**

Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society - reported concern over the planned introduction of a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.
Dave Tompkins - Engineering Undergraduate Society (on behalf of Trevor Olson and Michael Yung).
Carey Hill - Graduate Student Society - reported that the GSS Council had voted against splitting the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society - reported that there are discussions underway in the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences to change its name because of less than favourable reactions to the word ‘Agriculture’ and because the faculty actually encompasses much more than agriculture. Possible new names include the Faculty of Environmental Sciences.
She also said there was nervousness about how the merger with Okanagan University College would affect the Agriculture faculty.
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Lianne Mclean - Arts Undergraduate Society - reported that 13,800 tickets had been sold to the Arts County Fair.
Marissa Adams - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Brian Duong - Board of Governors

H) **Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:**

**Brian Duong - Board of Governors:**

**Gina Eom - Senate:** the exam hardship situation is being discussed. There were 58 hardship cases this April under the current rules (three exams in a 24 hour period). The Senate Academic Policy Committee is looking into instituting a larger cushioning period between the end of classes and the beginning of exams; they are seeking student input on this proposal.

I) **Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

The following minutes were approved as amended:

Minutes of Student Council dated March 31, 2004 [SCD 049-005]

J) **Executive Committee Motions:**

13. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“Whereas the new Student Initiatives Fund has been so popular that not enough money has been available to fund all the proposed initiatives submitted to it; and

Whereas the Constituency Aid Fund is under-used and not all the money put into it gets distributed,

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS Code of Procedure be amended to increase the amount of money added each year to the Student Initiatives Fund from $1,500 to $2,500 and to decrease the amount of money added each year to the Constituency Aid Fund from $6,000 to $5,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Stacey Chiu said there are three funds that distribute money: the Clubs Benefit Fund, the Constituency Aid Fund, and the new Student Initiatives Fund, created two years ago by decreasing the amount of money put into the Constituency Aid Fund. The Student Initiatives Fund has attracted many great initiatives and has been maxed out both years so that many worthy initiatives have been turned down, whereas the Constituency Aid Fund is rarely used: perhaps $500 or $1,000 had been spent out of it in the past two years.

14. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

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Therefore be it resolved that the AMS Code of Procedure be amended to increase the amount of money added each year to the Student Initiatives Fund from $1,500 to $3,000 and to decrease the amount of money added each year to the Constituency Aid Fund from $6,000 to $4,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

15. MOVED BRENDA ADHIAMBO OGEMBO, SECONDED FRED CHEUNG:

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Therefore be it resolved that the AMS Code of Procedure be amended to increase the amount of money added each year to the Student Initiatives Fund from $1,500 to $4,500 and to decrease the amount of money added each year to the Constituency Aid Fund from $6,000 to $3,000.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.” . . . Carried

16. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“Whereas Council resolved on March 31, 2004 to temporarily allocate space in the Student Union Building to Pacific Spirit Family and Community Services Society (PSFCSS) pending Council approval of a new agreement between AMS and the PSFCSS; and

Whereas that new agreement has now been completed,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the agreement between the AMS and the PSFCSS as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Lyle McMahon apologized for the discrepancies at the last Council meeting. He said the new contract with Pacific Spirit is identical to the old one, except that it has a different time period: it is only for one year. If more time is needed, he said he would come back to Council with a new contract.

Richard Davis asked if his recommendation from last time (to notify reallocated clubs of their preferential status) had been acted on.

Lynden Wei said there had been a slight delay owing to difficulties in updating the contact list.

Lyle McMahon said SAC would do its best to get this done as soon as possible.
Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the agreement between the AMS and the PSFCSS as presented."

Note: Requires 2/3rds.” ... Carried

18. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

Whereas the AMS has a truck that was formerly used by a variety of departments and student groups; and

Whereas the truck has become unsafe to drive and is beyond repair, so that it is no longer available to be used; and

Whereas replacing the truck would mean that the departments and student groups could once again benefit from the use of a vehicle,

Therefore be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve the expenditure of not more than $11,000 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund for the purchase of a pre-owned truck.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Stacey Chiu said the current truck used by the Food and Beverage Department, the Events Department, and students is not fit. She added that if the $11,000 allocated by the proposed motion does not cover the full cost of a new truck, the Food and Beverage Department would make up the difference.

David Asgeirsson asked about the maintenance budget for the truck and also about the possibility of leasing rather than buying.

Bernie Peets said Food and Beverage will handle insurance and maintenance costs. He said leasing a used vehicle would not be feasible, and as to leasing a new vehicle, if a good quality truck could be obtained for $12,000, the AMS could live with having a used vehicle.

Lyle McMahon said the old truck might go to the UBC Farm or could still be sold for profit.

Christine Boyle asked if the truck would ever travel to the Okanagan.

Bernie Peets said he could not see it happening. The students at the Okanagan campus would not be AMS members.

19. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“Whereas the AMS has a truck that was formerly used by a variety of departments and student groups; and

Whereas the truck has become unsafe to drive and is beyond repair, so that it is no longer available to be used; and

Whereas replacing the truck would mean that the departments and student groups could once again benefit from the use of a vehicle,

Therefore be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Council approve the expenditure of not more than $11,000 from the SUB Repairs and Replacement Fund for the purchase of a pre-owned truck.
Note: Requires 2/3rds.” ... Carried

20. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That Council appoint Gina Eom (member-at-large) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 28, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”
... Carried

MOVED MARISSA ADAMS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council suspend Code to allow Joel McLaughlin (Arts) to sit on the Commissioners Appointments Committee.” ... Carried

MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That Council appoint Christine Boyle and Joel McLaughlin (Council members) to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 28, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

MOVED MARISSA ADAMS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council suspend Code to allow Joel McLaughlin (Arts) to sit on the Assistant Appointments Committee.” ... Defeated

"That Council appoint Justine Chan (Science) (Council members) to the Assistant Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 28, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005."

"That Council appoint Gavin Dew (member at-large) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term commencing April 28, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005."

"That Council appoint Olivier Plessis (Council member) to the Impacts Committee for a term commencing April 28, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005." ... Carried

21. MOVED DAVID ASGIERSSON, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That motion # 20 be tabled until motion 19 on the agenda is dealt with.”
... Carried

22. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED NAOMI GARRISH:

“Whereas the current office space occupied by the Varsity Outdoors Club (VOC) is not adequate for their needs; and

Whereas the old Bike Kitchen space has become vacant and would be well suited to the needs of the VOC; and

Whereas some modifications of the old Bike Kitchen space will be necessary to accommodate the VOC,

Therefore be it resolved that Council allocate funding not to exceed $19,416 from the CPAC fund
for the VOC Renovation Space Project, as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.”

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

23. MOVED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN, SECONDED MARISSA ADAMS:

“That Council suspend Code to allow Richard Davis to sit on the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee.

... Defeated

MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

"That Council appoint Lianne McLean and Brian Duong (Council members) to the
Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing April 28, 2004 and ending March
31, 2005."

“That Council appoint Josh Caulkins to be chair to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing April 28, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

"That Council appoint Fred Cheung (member at-large) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing April 28, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005."

"That Council appoint Olivier Plessis, Mia Amir and Naomi Garrish (Council members) to the
UPASS Subsidy Review Committee for a term commencing April 28, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005."

“That Council appoint Richard Davis and David Tompkins the Communications Planning Group for a term commencing April 28, 2004 and ending in March 31, 2005.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated March 11, 2004 [SCD 050-005]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated March 23, 2004 [SCD 051-005]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated February 11, 2004 [SCD 052-005]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated February 25, 2004 [SCD 053-005]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 3, 2004 [SCD 054-005]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 10, 2004 [SCD 055-005]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 17, 2004 [SCD 056-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 15, 2004 [SCD 057-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 22, 2004 [SCD 058-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 29, 2004 [SCD 059-005]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:
P) Discussion Period:

AMS Hiring:

Brenda Ogembo said hiring practices on the student government side need to be seriously reviewed. She mentioned various suggestions for change, including sharing the responsibilities among the executives instead of having the VP Academic do all of it; setting up committees for specific positions; and changing the time when hiring is done. She said doing all the hiring in April was insane: students are writing exams then, and it is just after turnover. She recommended putting a hiring officer in place by January to advise the next executive.

Lyle McMahon reported on what had happened when he temporarily took over for Brenda Ogembo while she was away. This was technically not according to Code, but the alternative would have been worse: only one person (Lynden Wei) would have been attending the Appointments Committee meetings. He said it was absurd to expect Council members, or anyone, to commit seven hours a day in the middle of exams. It was hard enough for the paid executives to do this. He said the appointments procedures look good on paper, but don’t work. Lianne Mclean said she had had troubling conversations with past coordinators who had not been consulted when the new coordinators were hired.

Brenda Ogembo said all hirings but one had incorporated previous coordinators. She added that continuity and diversity are important, diversity meaning bringing in new and fresh ideas and seeking out new candidates.

Richard Davis said he himself had been unable to attend committee meetings, so he thought a review was needed.

Joel McLaughlin said the situation was serious: the hiring was being done by very few people. Brenda Ogembo said she wants a hiring procedures manual produced. She also suggested that the Code and Policies Committee be involved in devising new procedures. Amina Rai said the hiring process had been very taxing for the VP Academic; the VP Academic’s attention to other issues had been compromised as a result of having to attend so many Appointments Committee meetings.

Institutionally Negotiated Loans:

Postponed to next meeting.

Q) Submissions:

Findings and Implications of the CASA AGM  [SCD 060-005]
Letter of Understanding between AMS and Pacific Spirit Family & Community Services Society  [SCD 061-005]
Report on the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan  [SCD 062-005]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on May 12, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

The meeting time of four hours expired and as there was no motion to extend the meeting, the Speaker declared the meeting over at 10:10 pm.

T) Social Activity:
Brenda Adhambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Gavin Dew (AUS), Raj Mathur (Music), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

H) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:
   “That Council adopt the agenda as presented.” ... Carried

2. MOVED COURTNEY CAMPBELL, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON:
   “That Council adopt the addendum to the agenda as amended.” ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

H) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

Appointment Practices - Brenda Ogembo/Lynden Wei: [SCD 063-005]

Lynden Wei noted the heavy workload involved in finding people to fill AMS student government positions: five weeks of work, 39 positions filled so far, 16 still to go, approximately 4 interviews per position, 116 interviews altogether, 75 hours of interviewing time. Devoting time to this process meant there was little time for him and the VP Academic to perform their other duties.

He also noted the poor attendance of committee members at the interviews and the lack of applicants. He said there was a lack of HR experience. Also, the Compensation Review Committee should meet earlier to set pay levels before hiring begins.

Brenda Ogembo said it would be great to have a HR Procedures Manual and to work with the General Manager and the Code and Policies Committee on the issue. She wanted to look at peer universities.

Lynden Wei said these concerns have been raised in the past, but nothing had been done. Brenda Ogembo suggested establishing a standardized hiring schedule, perhaps in March. This year’s hiring had been especially difficult because of the delay in selecting the Executive Coordinator of Student Services. She also suggested sharing out the workload instead of having the VP Academic in charge of all appointments. She also suggested having a paid hiring officer, perhaps someone to be in place in January to provide continuity at Executive turnover.

Questions
- Diana Keng asked about the hiring of a new Elections Administrator. She was concerned about upcoming Constituency elections.
- Brenda Ogembo said there would definitely be a new EA by September, perhaps even in August.
- David Asgeirsson said he didn’t think having a large number of interviewers was a good idea, first because of scheduling difficulties, and second because it was intimidating to applicants.
suggested having two people in charge, with one of them paid. He also suggested staggering the process throughout the year instead of doing all the appointments at once. Perhaps some in March, some in August, and so on.

- Lynden Wei said possibly the taking of office could happen all at once, just the hiring process might be staggered. He disagreed with the notion of a two-member hiring committee; there should be a minimum of three to decide in cases of disagreement.

- Jeff Potter expressed concern about excessive rigidity if everything was laid down in an HR manual.

- Brenda Ogembo said the idea was to produce guidelines and standard questions, not something rigid. There should be flexibility.

- Lynden Wei said that knowing the characteristics of each position would be beneficial.

- Tyler Bryant said the lack of applicants was probably because the AMS did not pay enough. As to having a paid person in place to oversee hiring, he thought this should be not just someone in January for transition, but all year round.

- Brenda Ogembo said that was a long-range ideal, but right now the aim was to take some baby steps.

- Gavin Dew said facing a large number of interviewers was a good test for applicants.

3. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED MATTE HOLME:

“That Council extend the question period by five minutes.” ... Carried

- Scott Price said he thought last year’s VP Academic had pushed for hiring reforms.

- Brenda Ogembo said last year’s VP Academic had pushed for HR training, and this year there had been HR workshops—but they had been poorly attended.

- Scott Price wondered about creating an ad hoc committee to look into this issue.

- Quinn Omori asked if there was a motion coming forward to approve a new pay schedule for the appointees.

- Lynden Wei said that for the moment last year’s schedule was being used; the schedule would be changed later.

- Scott Price asked about the Compensation Review report that was being circulated.

- Brenda Ogembo said it was merely a preliminary document, to be approved at the next Council meeting.

AMS Preliminary Budget - Stacey Chiu: [SCD 064-005]

Stacey Chiu said the aim of the budget this year was to prepare for upcoming financial challenges without compromising services. She outlined the main sources of revenue (student fees, money from the business operations, and investments) and explained automatic transfers and discretionary income.

She said the budgeting was done conservatively this year, following last year’s numbers. She noted that the AMS had actually spent less than budgeted last year, and she forecast a slight surplus this year.

However, she noted that this would be the last year of the $130,000 Coke revenue and that insurance costs had gone up dramatically (by $95,000). There was also the possible negative effect of new businesses on campus resulting from the University’s campus development plans.

She said the insurance increase would be paid for out of the businesses and from the budgets for systems and the Administration Office.

Questions
- Richard Davis asked if the surplus would be given back to the students as a tax break.
- Lyle McMahon said thought had been given to using it to make up for lost revenue.
- Carrie Hill asked if the AMS usually ran a surplus.
Bernie Peets said the AMS was supposed to break even and was not allowed to run a deficit.
Sheldon Goldfarb said that Code requires that any surpluses be deposited in the AMS funds; the Budget Committee is supposed to decide which funds to put the surplus in.

D) President’s Remarks:

Communications Planning Group:
- The Communications Planning Group met on May 3rd, 2004 to discuss initiatives for the future. We invited the Inside UBC Editor and Inside UBC Designer to discuss the AMS agenda. We also successfully named the agenda as “Inside Your AMS: The UBC Student Survival Guide.”

UBC/AMS:
- I attended a meeting with fellow executives and members of the UBC Administration to discuss issues regarding consultation of campus construction. The discussion was significant in receiving AMS feedback on campus issues.

Muslim Students’ Association:
- I met with the Muslim Students’ Association and the VP Students’ Brian Sullivan to examine an allocated space for prayers which will be located in the upper level of Brock Hall.

Services Meeting:
- I briefly attended the Services meeting on May 4th to introduce myself and congratulate the Service Coordinators on their positions and to welcome them to the AMS.

Pre Whistler Orientation Weekend Workshop:
- On Friday May 7th I organized a workshop that was facilitated by Anne Marie Long from the Equity Office and Begum Verjee from the Diversity Office. The workshop discussed issues regarding anti-racism, anti-discrimination, anti-oppression and homophobia. Overall the workshop was a great success and proved to be very informative as it set the tone for council in Whistler. Both Begum and Anne Marie felt the group participated enthusiastically and were very pleased with the dynamics.

Whistler Orientation Weekend:
- WOW was a great success. The workshops that occurred on Saturday were very helpful as the executive received feedback on their workshops. I conducted a workshop on the Strategic Plan.

E) Executive Reports:

Holly Foxcroft - VP External

CASA:
- Worked on logistical aspects of CASA Conference.

Whistler Orientation Weekend:
- Presented at WOW on politics, both on the federal and provincial scene.

Elections Canada:
- Connected with the Returning Officer of Elections Canada for Vancouver-Quadra and discussed the upcoming election. I was also notified that jobs would be available for election day at the polling station.

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs

Public Space Working Group:
- This is a committee of the university that has been meeting regularly to organize a Public Space Workshop.
- The workshop aims to gain public input on the programming of public spaces both indoor and outdoor in the University Boulevard area.
- The workshop is set for Saturday, May 29th 2004 at 8.30am -2pm (pre-registration is at 8:00 am) or online before the 26th May 2004. It will be held in the Party Room in the SUB. Councilors are encouraged to attend and to inform their constituents.
There will be free food.

Appointment of University Associate Vice President:
I have been invited to be a part of the committee selecting two individuals for the position of Associate VP Academic and Provost.
We had our first meeting today May 12th 2004 and will have follow up meetings.
Dr. Neil Guppy and Dr Derek Atkins are both retiring, hence the need to fill up the two positions simultaneously.

Compensation Review:
The committee met to discuss the remuneration for the societies paid positions.
A draft and preliminary report has been circulated for comments. A final report will be sent out at the next council meeting.

University Town Steering Committee Meeting:
I attended this meeting to discuss the various developments around campus.
The public space working group is a subcommittee of this committee.

South Campus Working Group:
This group meets on Wednesdays at the same time as Council, so I have been in attendance apart from today.
Progress is being made on the plan albeit slowly. There were concerns that the process did not involve sufficient stakeholder input. The other criticism was that it was not clear who would be writing out the final report.
All the same, we had an exciting time playing with models of South Campus this past week and we are looking forward to making some real progress as far as the issues are concerned.

WOW:
It went extremely well with a good balance between information sessions and 80's rocking fun.
I made a presentation on campus development issues to the councilors, commissioners and coordinators.

Hiring:
As outlined in the power point presentation that I gave on hiring, we are at the tail end of hiring, with all the coordinators and assistants hired.
The Elections Administrator will be hired closer to the end of the summer, as this is when they really do their job.
We reposted some jobs, as the response was really poor and we are hoping to conduct interviews towards the end of May.

Lynden Wei - Executive Coordinator of Student Services
SAC:
Assisted SAC with Office Allocations as still part of my transitioning with SAC
Transitioning with SAC Vice-Chair

Appointments Committee:
Sat on selection committee for:
- X-Com Vice-Chair
- University Affairs Officer
- Speakeasy Assistant Coordinator
- Safety Coordinator (1st and 2nd round)
- Finance Commission positions
- Orientations Assistant Coordinator
- held a full Services Coordinator meeting

WOW:
Attended WOW.
Was a great success.
Presented on Marketing and Public Relations for the AMS.
Got to milk the Cows' cow.
Long hair can be hard to manage.
Cold cuts in buckets taste really good after a long night.

**Orientations:**
- Met with Imagine to discuss Orientations.

**Compensation Review Committee:**
- Attended Compensation Review Committee meeting to advise in regards to Orientations structure changes.

**Lyle McMahon - VP Administration**

**Development Issues:**
- Met with University Administration regarding development issues that will affect the SUB.

**SAC:**
- Finalized the composition of SAC. The minutes outline all positions. Please welcome all our new Commissioners and Service Coordinators.
- Put together the fist draft of the office allocations. Many clubs have had trouble turning in the required paperwork before being eligible for an office (that paperwork being exec lists and budgets). There are still 16 office spaces that we hope to fill.

**Impacts Committee:**
- Very productive meeting. We discussed the ethical purchasing policy in depth, defined parameters for our food purchasing aspect, and determined verification, contractual and remedial elements.
- We also discussed plans to install cabinet receptacles for waste, recyclables and organic material and plans to organise Farm-Aid.

**Renovations Planning Group:**
- Meets next week.
- Been in discussion with the Food Co-op about their financial situation. They have been very successful in securing grant funding, a grant from the Sustainability Office that they expected did not come through. I have asked Coreen Douglas, our Fundraising Officer to help determine sources, possibly through the AMS Foundation.

**Whistler Orientation Weekend:**
- Further to Amina’s comments, I did a presentation on Ethics and Sustainability.

**Faculty of Agriculture:**
- Planning to meet with Flora, President of the AgSci US, as well as AMS representative Christine Boyle, GSS President and Executive surrounding concerns about the Administrations possible, and likely intent to move the entire faculty to the newly appropriated UBC - Okanagan.

**Access Renovations Committee:**
- Will be meeting next week.

**AMS/UBC Liaison Meeting:**
- Meeting to discuss issues around Amateur Radio and campus follow-up.

**CFS BC AGM:**
- Been in discussion with CFS-BC who have invited the AMS to attend their AGM. I will discuss this in depth under Executive Committee motion #2.

**Stacey Chiu - VP Finance**

**WOW:**
- Went to WOW and had a great time! I presented on the size of the AMS financially, the Coke Deal, and the Insurance costs.

**Budget:**
- Will be presenting the Preliminary Budget tonight.
Budget Committee will be meeting with the different departments in the next coming weeks to discuss their proposals.

Business Operations:
- Will be presenting a proposal for Business Consolidation from BOC tonight.
- Games Room: We did not renew our contract with Pacific Vending. Instead, we will be running the games ourselves.

Fundraising & Sponsorship:
- The Committee met with Coreen Douglas, the AMS Development Officer.
- Coreen discussed her work with the VP Students Development Office regarding the AMS’ limitation to issue tax receipts to donors.
- Norm Theatre Campaign- Coreen is working on a project to sell new seats in the Theatre: $199/each or $84,000 for the entire theatre; donors will receive recognition through a wall of fame; essential to the whole AMS because it affects bookings for conferences.
- The AMS Foundation gives us the ability to issue tax receipts. The catch is we must donate any money we receive to another organization and have them donate it back. Will have AGM next Council meeting on June 2nd to elect new Board of Directors.

Compensation Review:
- We have distributed a preliminary document and we will be bringing a motion to the next Council meeting.

Finance Commission:
- Have been orienting my Vice-Chair, Sophia Haque, and Ethics Commissioner, Yanni Marin.
- Attended an Impacts meeting with Yanni to discuss the Ethical Purchasing Policy.
- Other commissioners have been going through transition with their predecessors.

Services:
- Attended the Services meeting to speak about how I will be working with them.

Walter H. Gage Fund Committee:
- Attended the UBC Staff and Faculty Golf Tournament. Spoke about the Committee and received a $13,000 cheque on behalf of the Committee.

Food Co-op:
- Met with Alice Miro to look at the Food Co-op’s business plan and financial analysis.

Lawyer:
- On Monday, May 5th went with Bernie and Amina to have a discussion with our lawyer, Jackie Kelly, regarding the amendments to the Consumer Protection Act and SmartMedia.

4. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council add the following motion to the agenda under Executive Committee Motions:

‘That Council accept the preliminary budget as presented’.” ... Carried

C) Presentations to Council:

Business Consolidation - Stacey Chiu: [SCD 065-005]

5. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU, STACEY CHIU:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

6. MOVED RICHARD DAVIES, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:
“That Council move out of camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Diana Keng - Education Students Association
Lianne Mclean - Arts Undergraduate Society – reported that the UBC Bookstore is consulting about a proposal to install vending machines around campus that would sell pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.
Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society – reported that there was talk of the Faculty being moved to the Okanagan. The students were hoping to speak to UBC about this.
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate – said work on the new Science social space was proceeding: 95% of the drawings would soon be done; it was hoped to begin construction in July and finish by March.
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society – said a new Sauder School logo was being developed. Alumni programs were being restructured, and the student lounge was being renovated.
Carey Hill - Graduate Student Society

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Mia Amir - Board of Governors:
- The new proposed structure for the combined UBC-Vancouver/UBC-Okanagan Board would include three students, two from Vancouver and one from the Okanagan. She said more students should attend board meetings.

Gregory Paton - Senate:
- The Okanagan expansion and exam hardship had been discussed at the last Senate meeting.

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson:
- The new Ombudsperson, said she was working on transition.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated April 28, 2004 as amended [SCD 066-005]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated April 7, 2004 [SCD 067-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated January 16, 2004 [SCD 068-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated February 26, 2004 [SCD 069-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated March 26, 2004 [SCD 070-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated April 7, 2004 [SCD 071-005]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated May 11, 2004 [SCD 072-005]
Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated May 11, 2004 [SCD 073-005]
Minutes of the Assistants Appointments Committee dated May 11, 2004 [SCD 074-005]
Minutes of Commissioners Appointments Committee dated May 11, 2004 [SCD 075-005]
J) Executive Committee Motions:

7. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:
   “Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Business Operations Committee and the
   Executive Committee, Council approve the business proposal as presented.”

8. MOVED RICHARD DAVIES, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON, PATRICIA LAU:
   “That Council move in camera.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED CAREY HILL, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIES:
   “That Council move out of camera.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN:
    “That the question be called.”
    Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:
    “Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Business Operations Committee and the
    Executive Committee, Council approve the business proposal as presented.”
    Note: Carey Hill (abstained) ... Carried

12. MOVED OLIVIER PLESSIS, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:
    Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) has invited the AMS to its 45th Semi-Annual
    General Meeting, to be held May 19-22, 2004, at Carleton University in Ottawa; and
    Whereas it would be useful to improve relations between the AMS and member schools of the
    CFS; and
    Whereas other members of the Executive will be busy at the time of the CFS general meeting,
    Therefore be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and in
    accordance with the AMS Travel Policy, Council approve an expenditure of up to $850 to allow
    the Vice-President Administration to attend the CFS general meeting.”

- Lyle McMahon said he was hoping to build strong lines of communication with other student
  societies, including members of the CFS. He noted that the CASA National Director had, at the
  last Council meeting, encouraged the AMS to work with the CFS, and he said that the invitation
  from the CFS to attend their conference was a positive gesture.
13. MOVED OLIVIER PLESSIS, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

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Whereas it would be useful to improve relations between the AMS and member schools of the CFS; and

Whereas other members of the Executive will be busy at the time of the CFS general meeting,

Therefore be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and in accordance with the AMS Travel Policy, Council approve an expenditure of up to $850 to allow the Vice-President Administration to attend the CFS general meeting.”

Note: Lyle McMahon (abstained) ... Carried

14. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED JEFF POTTER:

“That Council accept the preliminary budget as presented.”
... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

15. MOVED COURTNEY CAMPBELL, SECONDED GINA EOM:

“That Council appoint Mia Amir (Council Member) and Paul Sutton (member at-large) to the Primary Appointments Committee for a term commencing May 12, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Justine Chan (Council Member) and Gavin Dew (member at-large) to the Budget Committee for a term commencing May 12, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

... Carried

16. MOVED LYLE McMahan, SECONDED JUSTINE CHAN:

“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, 2004 and ending May 1, 2005:

Manjinder Sidhu
Vy Nguyen – Subsidiaries Internal Commissioner
Celine Airl – Subsidiaries External Commissioner
Lucia Lam – Facilities Commissioner
Elizabeth Park – Art Gallery Commissioner
Raseel Sehmi – Cultural Commissioner
Holly Ma - Administrative Commissioner.” ... Carried

17. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED BRENDA OGEEMBO:

“That Council appoint Michelle Quigg as the AMS Ombudsperson for a one year term commencing May 1, 2004 and ending May 1, 2005.”
... Carried

18. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“That Council appoint Mia Amir (Council Member) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing May 12, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 24, 2004 [SCD 076-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 31, 2004 [SCD 077-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated April 7, 2004 [SCD 078-005]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

Institutionally Negotiated Loans - First Student Loans:

Holly Foxcroft noted that GSS Council had passed a motion opposing institutionally negotiated loans two meetings ago, but the University was moving forward with the plan, and a third party lender, First Student Loans. The target for their loans would be middle-income students.

She said it would be easy money, but might still not be the best program.

Carrie Hill said she didn’t think this program was the best thing to spend money on.

Holly Foxcroft said there were questions about the program: for instance, how would the loans be repaid? Also, who is this company?

Jeff Potter said that when banks ran the student loan program, students who couldn’t get jobs after graduation to pay back their loans ended up having their credit ratings trashed. He was worried the same thing could happen here.

Lyle McMahon said he thought the AMS should oppose these loans. He noted that a committee the University set up to look into this program had said it was a bad idea, but the University had gone ahead anyway.

Tyler Bryant asked if the University would be profiting from this program.

Carrie Hill said UBC doesn’t profit; only this company will profit. UBC will be acting like a cosigner or guarantor for the loans. She found it odd, though, that both SFU and UBC would be putting up $5 million.

Holly Foxcroft said SFU’s numbers were different; the UBC rate is supposed to be 6.75%, but SFU is supposed to have a floating rate (prime plus 2-6%).

Kenneth Ryan said medical students have jobs waiting, but undergraduates don’t necessarily, so he thought it was critical for there to be an education process in place for students to learn how to manage money. It was too easy to get deeply in debt.

In response to a suggestion that Council pass a motion, Joel McLaughlin said it was premature for the AMS to either endorse or condemn this program; more information was needed.

Quinn Omori suggested that the VP External and the Policy Adviser work on a motion for the next meeting.

Jeff Potter asked why the University overrode its own committee.

Holly Foxcroft said the Administration argued that there were more benefits than drawbacks.

Mia Amir asked how quickly UBC was moving on this.
Holly Foxcroft said UBC has set up a new committee to look into the program. She was trying to find out how this new committee was progressing.

Lyle McMahon said a presentation and a motion on the subject would be good. He said there was also value in other means of communication besides motions.

**Q) Submissions:**

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the AMS Foundation [SCD 079-005]

AMS Compensation Review Report [SCD 080-005]

**R) Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on June 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**S) Adjournment:**

19. MOVED RICHARD DAVIES, SECONDED KENNETH RYAN:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.”

... Carried

**T) Social Activity:**

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

BAO:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Coreen Douglas (AMS Development Officer), Caitlin McCreary-Burke (AMS Joblink), Megan Volk (AMS Advocacy Office), Kimberley Jones (AMS Tutoring), Raj Mathur (Music), Josh McNorton (Volunteer Connections), Alice Campbell (AMS Orientations), Karen Ward (Inside UBC), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant), Dave Tompkins (Chair)

I) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

I) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

Sexual Assault Support Centre - Lisa Lafreniere/Jordana Deveau: [SCD 081-005]

Lisa Lafreniere said one out of every two women will suffer sexual violence in their lifetime, and one in every three men will suffer; that is why UBC needs the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC).

She reported on the past year’s statistics from SASC. All the users were women, or men inquiring on behalf of women. She said SASC would like to increase the number of male survivors of sexual violence coming to the centre.

She added that there had been a dramatic increase in the numbers this year. Besides support for individuals coming to the centre, SASC also offered workshops, an information fair, forums, and a fundraising event; it was also involved in the Take Back the Night march.

She noted that SASC had also been working with the RCMP, training constables about the barriers to reporting sexual assault. There had also been sessions with Pit Pub staff about drink spiking.

Jordana Deveau talked about an anonymous third party reporting system for survivors.

Questions

- David Asgeirsson asked why the numbers were up: was it an increase in incidents or just an increase in reporting?
- Lisa Lafreniere said it was hard to know. She noted that the campus has a number of factors correlated with assault, for instance age: 16-24-year-olds are the main age group targeted. Also, alcohol and drug use are often involved. Thus universities tend to have high numbers. She also noted that a large part of the increase may be the result of more students knowing about SASC.
- She added that she would like to see the University open up more dialogue on campus on sexual assault and for there to be a more coordinated response. And she said it would be great if the
SASC coordinators could be paid better; that would mean they would not have to have take other jobs. There would be a huge benefit to having full-time coordinators.

- In response to a question from Lyle McMahon, Lisa Lafreniere said it was the RCMP that had requested the workshop on barriers to reporting sexual assault.
- Lana Rupp asked about third party reporting. Lisa Lafreniere explained that it involved taking information from forms filled out by survivors and entering it into a national database to aid in further investigations.
- Leigh Anne Martin asked about SASC’s partnerships. Lisa Lafreniere mentioned services at Vancouver General Hospital, the Vancouver Police Department’s sexual offences squad, off-campus women’s groups, and the BC Society for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

I.) Committee Motions:

2. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

“Whereas under the Code of Procedure there is supposed to be a Safety Coordinator, appointed by the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs on the recommendation of the Coordinators Appointments Committee; and

Whereas the VP Academic and the Coordinators Appointments Committee have determined that the best way to fill the position of Safety Coordinator this year would be to hire two of this year’s applicants as co-coordinators,

Therefore be it resolved that Council suspend Code in order to permit the hiring of two co-coordinators to share the position of Safety Coordinator for this year.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

3. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS, SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

4. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That Council move out of camera.” ... Defeated

5. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That Council move out of camera.” ... Carried

6. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Compensation Review

Brenda Ogembo said the Compensation Review Committee had worked hard to produce the document presented to Council, especially working with the Service Coordinators to address their concerns. The document needed approving because it was holding up the AMS budget.

7. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED STACEY CHIU: [SCD 082-05]

"That Council adopt the position rankings and pay scale as recommended by the Compensation Review Committee."

Assistant to the President

Joel McLaughlin suggested raising the recommended salary of the Assistant to the President because it was a position of importance.

Amina Rai said the assistant’s duties included taking minutes of the Executive Committee and the Communications Planning Group and facilitating discussions with the Constituencies.

AMS Code was consulted, and according to the Code, the assistant is to assist the President with day-to-day administrative duties, handle her correspondence, take minutes of meetings attended by the President, attend meetings on behalf of the President, and work at least ten hours a week.

Brian Duong said Comp Review is not based on what one person is going to do in any one year. The Comp Review Committee looks at the Code description and what was done in the past. Comp Review has developed expertise in determining compensation; the 30 Council members did not have this expertise.

Gavin Dew said originally the amount for the assistant was going to be even less. The assistant does much less work than commissioners.

In response to a suggestion that the assistant was in effect the President’s vice-chair, Lyle McMahon said commission vice-chairs supervise; the assistant does not; that was an integral difference.

Richard Davis said he did not want the new assistant punished because past presidents have not used their assistants fully.

Tyler Bryant said he would have liked to see something in the document about the original plan to pay an even lower salary to the assistant so that he could understand the thinking.

Gavin Dew said the assistant had no signing authority and no supervisory duties. There had been mention of earlier lowball plans, though without specific numbers.

8. MOVED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the pay scale for the Assistant to the President be amended from $3,000 to $4,000.”

9. MOVED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
10. MOVED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the pay scale for the Assistant to the President be amended from $3,000 to $4,000.”

Note: Richard Davis (in favour) ... Defeated

Orientations Coordinator

< Michelle Quigg said that because of an ongoing Ombuds investigation, she would like the Orientations Coordinator position extricated from the Compensation Review report.

< Lana Rupp asked about the timeline for completing the investigation. Michelle Quigg said it might take a week and a half.

< Joel McLaughlin said that if the report were adopted as is, it could still be changed later.

11. MOVED MICHELLE QUIGG, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That all text regarding the Orientations position be extricated from the document.”

Note: Abstained - Amina Rai, Holly Foxcroft, Richard Davis, Brian Duong, Tyler Bryant, Lianne McLean, Matt Holme, Lyle McMahon and Courtney Campbell.

... Defeated

Ucom positions

< Quinn Omori said that since the changes to the University Commission are not going through after all, the names of the positions in the Compensation Review report should be amended to reflect current positions.

12. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED BRENDA Ogembo:

“That the document be amended by changing the name in the VP Academic section to reflect currently recognized position names.”

... Carried

13. MOVED STACEY CHIU:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED BRENDA Ogembo, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

"That Council adopt the position rankings and pay scale as recommended by the Compensation Review Committee."

Note: Abstentions - Amina Rai, Quinn Omori, Tyler Bryant, Scott Price and Holly Foxcroft

... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

CCSA Conference from May 26th to June 1st, 2004:

< I attended the CCSA Conference with Stacey Chiu and Bernie Peets that was held in Winnipeg. I was in Winnipeg from the 26th of May to the 1st of June. Stacey and I will be presenting on the conference at the next Council meeting.

Meeting with Shawn and Graham regarding the AMS Website:
I met with Shawn (the PR Assistant) and Graham (Web Designer) to discuss the status of the AMS website. The project for the website was developed in the summer of 2003. Originally it was set for an 8 week position in which Graham Hicks fulfilled. But for one reason or another, the project was not completed and has been ongoing ever since. We are hoping to be able to make sense of this long extended project and have a new website established before September.

I also met with Shawn to receive his feedback regarding the future of the Public Relations Department.

Communications Planning Group Meeting:
There was a Communications Planning Group meeting held on May 25th. The meeting was productive. Two important issues that were discussed were the AMS website as well as the future of the Public Relations Department. I will be taking the plan from the CPG meeting to the Executive Committee meeting tomorrow for informational purposes.

AMS/UBC Meeting:
Bernie and I met with Michelle Aucoin and Byron Bailey to discuss various issues pertaining to the AMS and UBC. Discussion revolved around topics regarding UBC construction, and MacInnis Field etc.

Compensation Review Committee Meeting:
I attended, facilitated, and took minutes of the open Compensation Review Committee which dealt with issues regarding the compensation of the service coordinators. The meeting occurred on May 18th, 2004.

Meeting with Jackie Kelly:
Alongside Stacey and Bernie, I met with the AMS lawyer, Jackie Kelly from Davis and Company to discuss Smart Media’s breach of contract.

Meeting with the Inside UBC Editor and Designer
I met with Karen and Trevor to discuss the layout of the Inside UBC. They have been working very diligently in meeting deadlines for the completion of the student agenda.

Oriented the President’s Assistant and Special Projects Assistant
Emergene Sam has been hired as the Executive Special Projects Assistant and Omar Sirri has been hired as the President’s Assistant. I met with them to discuss their roles and responsibilities and future projects that would require their assistance.

Met with Brian Sullivan, Michelle Aucoin, Nestor Korchensky:
Dropped by for a visit to the Old Admin building and met with Brian Sullivan, Michelle Aucoin, and Nestor Korchensky to discuss a wide array of issues ranging from IPF funding, Student Rights’ Handbook, and First Week.

Board of Governors Committee Meeting and Senate meeting:
I briefly attended the Board of Governors Committee Meeting mainly to show support for Mia and her first BoG meeting. I also attended a partial meeting of Senate as well.

CASA Conference:
Due to a family obligations and duties within the AMS, I was only able to attend partial sessions of the CASA sessions from May 17th to the 22nd. I have emailed participants for information on the sessions I could not attend.

International House Barbeque:
I attended the International House Barbeque on May 14th.

Justin Sudds and Eran Norton:
For informational purposes, Justin Sudds (Events Manager) and Eran Norton (Asst. Events Manager) have both resigned from their positions to pursue other endeavors. The AMS wishes them both best of luck.

E) Executive Reports:

Holly Foxcroft - VP External
Fall U-Pass:
< Will be available at the Bookstore.
< Card printing will start on August 15, 2004 - tell everyone you know!
< New card design.
< Presently working on roll-out strategy with the University.
< Meeting with Trek regarding the possibility of a bus pass for this summer.

Code and Policies Committee:
< We have been discussing revisions to the University Commission.

Federal Election:
< Have been meeting with Xcom on this matter as well as representatives from the AMS and GSS Executive.
< AMS website with election information is up! On it will be important information on how people can register to vote, where to vote, who the candidates are in each riding and events which we will be hosting.
< At present we are hosting two events, an All Candidates Debate on June 16, 2004 and a Koerner’s election night fiesta!
< Will be meeting with executives from Kwantlen, SFU and Langara to launch a joint advertising print campaign on June 3, 2004.

CASA Conference:
< The CASA Conference was held at UBC from May 17 - 22, 2004.
< The majority of delegates were new student executives (they had their turnover on May 1, 2004) so a lot of the information covered was introductory information about CASA, current policies, elections campaign, and overall direction of CASA in the coming year.
< During the conference I presented on the political climate in BC.
< As well, I continued to work on the logistics of the social events at the conference.
< For the first time ever CASA held a de-brief after the conference in which delegates were able to voice their concerns, and overall feedback of the conference.

Board of Governors:
< Have been working with Mia on bringing her up to speed on issues related to my portfolio, ie. Policy #72.
< Attended the Board of Governors meeting on May 14, 2004.

Bike Month:
< Today is National Clean Air Day.
< There are great events happening this month which can be found at www.best.bc.ca

International House BBQ:

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration
Constituency Weeks:
< Constituencies need to book their weeks on the Concourse.

CFS AGM:
< Attached to the Council minutes is my seven page report from the CFS AGM held in Ottawa. From my perspective it was very valuable for the AMS to have attended, and it would be valuable for you all to read it as well. I have tried to make it as entertaining as possible. Highlights include the non-gendered washrooms for transsexual and two-spirited students motion, Maher Arars speech, opposition towards the SFU administrations’s plan to push through First Student Loans, and the fabulous new UBC motto that myself, Shane (President of OUCSA-K) and Rob Nagai came up with. You will have to read the report to find out. Someone should suggest it to the UBC PR Department. It is not, however, where I got this awesome shirt.

Sue Brown’s Goodbye Party:
Sue Brown, Student Liaison at Campus Security, is leaving UBC after years of hard work and valuable service to the UBC community. Sue was the AMS Safety Coordinator a while back, and in her time she has been one of the most positive advocates for safety at UBC. We will miss her and wish her the best in her endeavours in Toronto.

President’s Round Table:

I would have attended a President’s Round Table on behalf of Amina, but Dr. Piper cancelled it on me without notice. I was very disappointed.

Vandalism Task Force Committee:

We met and talked about initiatives. Through this committee, and Renovations and possibly Impacts, I hope to be arranging to commission a graffiti mural on a wall in the SUB in the coming months. The purpose of the piece will be to promote community and diversity on campus, and to legitimize graffiti as a respectable art form. In doing this, the committee agrees, we may theoretically reduce the amount of vandal-scratch type tagging on campus, which is inherently disrespectful. Who, after all, would want their name scrawled ugly next to a big intricate piece? You would only be embarrassing yourself, or well, that’s the idea. I hope to be arranging to have the painting of the work to be a publicity event, open to public about the negative effects of vandalism on campus, in particular, hate and bias motivated graffiti. Campus Security, among other campus members, hopes to be helping the AMS in funding the initiative, and Mia Amir our BoG representative I hope will be helping me get in touch with some supportive artists. If you like the idea, talk to me about it after Council.

International House BBQ:

Met and played frisbee with some cool international students. You should all go to the next one to show international students that they are welcome in our community.

Bike Co-op:

I have been participating in the Bike Co-op build-your-own-bike program and it’s a lot of fun.

UBC-OK:

Christine and I have been continuing work on keeping up-to-date with the Universities’ potential plan to move the faculty to the newly-appointed UBC-OK! We intend to request adequate consultation which has been absent thus far (and it was absent in the appropriation process as well). It’s an ongoing process, more to come.

SAC Office Allocations:

Are nearly finalized, some small sorting-around is still occurring. We have managed to find space for not only all the clubs who turned in their budgets and exec lists on time, but space for some of those who turned theirs in late, as well.

My birthday was yesterday; now after many months of facilitating the distribution of liquor licenses for beer gardens in the SUB, I myself can finally legally drink. Yay.

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance

Attended the International House BBQ

Post Office:

Met with Representatives from the Post Office to discuss proposed new layout for the Outpost.

Drawings to be approved by Head Office in Ottawa.

Compensation Review Committee:

Met and put together our recommendations.

Finance Commission:

Had our first meeting.

With the increase to $4500 allocated to the Student Initiative Fund, Fincom recommends the amount to be split into 15 awards up to $300.

Awarded a $250 Student Initiative Fund for James Boak to attend Canadian International Petroleum Conference to present research he’s done to other Canadian scholars. This is quite a significant accomplishment for an undergraduate.
Employees General Communications Meeting:
< Attended one of the meetings. Got to meet staff and give them an idea of my role and goals for the year.

Budget Meeting:
< Have been having ongoing consultation meetings with various departments.
< Will be completed soon and moving on to setting the budget.
< Actuals have been inputted by one of my Commissioners, Wendy Wu.

SASC Budget:
< Met with Jordana, the co-ordinator, and helped her set her budget.
< Looked at the current structure of allocation from student fees.

UBC Africa Group Budget:
< Met with the treasurer and helped her set the budget.

Food Co-op Financials Meeting:
< Had a meeting with the Food Co-op and Henry Chen to look at the proposed financials, mark-up structure, and business plan.
< Looking into getting more cost prices from co-ops in the Lower Mainland.

Health & Dental Plan Committee Meeting:
< Met and looked out opt-out and opt-in cases.
< Discussed the possibility of holding another referendum.

Services Orientation:
< Held treasurer orientations for service coordinators.

Canadian Congress of Student Associations:
< Attended the Canadian Congress of Student Associations and took part in Money Con.
< I found many of the sessions I attended that were not helpful; however, the networking opportunities were great. Got to discuss financial procedures in other universities and upcoming topics such as insurance and sponsorship. Will be putting together a report for next Council meeting.

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs

University Town Steering Committee:
< I attended a meeting on the 28th of May 2004.
< The University Boulevard Competition dates have been pushed back and the whole process will be taking place during the academic year which is great because consultation will be done during school year when students are here.

Public Space Workshop:
< Organised this as part of the Public Space Working Group, a sub-committee of the University Town Steering Committee.
< Workshop was held on the 29th May 2004 between 9am and 3pm. The response was great although the turnout was low and there could have been more students although about 5 students showed up. This supported our insistence on conducting a repeat workshop in September (18th September: Please show up).

Hiring:
< We should be conducting interviews for the position of Assistant to VP Academic and other positions that are yet to be hired for.
< I also have a recommendation for an Ad-hoc Hiring Review Committee which will be discussed further in a bit.

Compensation Review Committee:
< The Compensation Review Committee met a number of times to finalise its recommendations to Council, which you all have had a chance to look over.
< Also met with the Service Coordinators on the 18th of May to consult on issues that were brought up. There is a motion on the agenda to accept the recommendations.
General Communications Meeting:
< I attended the AMS General Communications meeting organized by the GM to brief the AMS Staff on issues going ahead within the community and to get introduced to some of the staff members.

Arts County Fair Safety Review:
< I met with some members of the safety committee and others who did the review and councilors involved in conducting a review of safety at ACF twice. We had a very productive meeting and healthy discussion.
< We are now at the stage of gathering all the information and compounding it into a report which council will have a chance to read once its ready.

SASC/WAVAW Meeting:
< Had the first of our monthly meetings with Irene Elhaimer the manager of WAVAW and Lisa Lafraniere and Jordana Deveau the SASC Coordinators on the 20th of May. We will be meeting to strengthen the partnership between the parties.

Teaching Excellence Initiative:
< Spoke with Margery Fee, the Associate Dean of Arts about an update on the TEI.
< Its taking longer than they anticipated due to some challenges with the new website. She will have a more concrete update for me in the next week or so.
< Will not be ready for before registration, but she is striving to see to it that by the end of June they are up and running.

Senate Meeting:
< Attended the Senate meeting held on May 19th, 2004 as updated by Amina.

WAVAW/SASC meeting with Brian Sullivan:
< Met with Brian Sullivan VP Students to discuss how to enhance and foster good relations with the campus community on Sexual Assault issues.
< There have been some few tensions with acceptance of the SASC within campus community.
< Brian said he was committed to promoting the Community development approach to Sexual Assault on campus and will be working to promote this through a committee eventually, first taking necessary steps to ensure that the process is feasible.

AVPs Search Committee:
< I attended the ad-hoc committee commissioned to hire the AVP for the VP Academic and Provost on June 1st 2004. This was the second of a series of meetings.

Budget Committee:
< Has been meeting regularly.
< Stacey will have more to say on this.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society – said that Agricultural Sciences has decided to change its name to Environmental and Food Sciences.
Mike Long - Science Undergraduate
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society
David Asgeirsson - Graduate Student Society
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Leigh-Anne Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Lianne McLean - Arts Undergraduate Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Diana Keng - Education Students Association
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association
H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports:

Brian Duong - Board of Governors:
- Attended May 25, 2004 BoG meeting.
- Approved Phase 2 of the Buchanan project.
- Looking at the longterm plan for Athletics and Recreation.

Gregory Paton - Senate:
- Senate voted to maintain the current exam hardship policy of no more than three exams in 24 hours. The student senators all voted to change the policy to no more than three exams in 36 hours and were angry over the result. There was also talk of expanding the exam period, but that might mean extending the term so that it begins before Labour Day.
- Amina Rai suggested comparing the situation at peer institutions.
- Gregory Paton said other schools have had the same experience.

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson:
- Things are going well in the Ombuds Office. I’ve spent much of May transitioning with the help of Bijan Ahmadian and Sara Ahadi (former Ombudspeople). The transition has included general orientation to the office, information on resources at my disposal, computer resources, ideas and initiatives to be completed, projects to be started, information on open files and lots of wisdom that will help me do my job well.
- I’ve also spent a significant amount of time reviewing various University Policies so that I’m more knowledgeable and thus can provide a better service to clients.
- I have done follow-up work on open files left over from last year (primarily contacting clients to get an update on their situations and see how I can assist them). I’ve also opened five new files and referred two clients to Advocacy.
- In terms of promotional activities I’ve made a slight alteration to the intake/confidentiality form (basically I added a question asking people how they heard about Ombuds). I’ve also been reviewing the database of names of Department Heads, Deans and other members of the University community in the aim of compiling a current mailing list that I’ll use to send out introductory letters about the Ombuds Office.
- Overall May has been a very nice mix of learning, skill building and client interaction.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Council dated May 12, 2004 [SCD 083-005]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 3, 2004 [SCD 084-005]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 11, 2004 [SCD 085-005]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 15, 2004 [SCD 086-005]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 21, 2004 [SCD 087-005]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated May 18, 2004 [SCD 088-005]
Minutes of Commissioners Appointments Committee dated May 18, 2004 [SCD 089-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:
15. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

“Whereas Council has discussed the problems in the current system of making appointments in the AMS; and
Whereas more in-depth discussion on this issue is required in order to come up with recommendations for reforming the system;

Therefore be it resolved that Council create an ad-hoc Hiring Reform Committee to discuss the appointments system and the compensation review system and make recommendations for reforming it, this committee to consist of:

a) the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs, who shall be chair;
b) the Vice-President Finance
c) the Executive Coordinator of Student Services;
d) two (2) Council members; and
e) two (2) Students-at-Large

Be it further resolved that the General Manager attend meetings of the committee at the invitation of the chair.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

16. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

"That Council appoint Matt Holme (Council member) to the Assistant Appointments Committee for a term commencing June 2, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005."

[SCD 090-005]  
“That Council appoint Quinn Omor and Lianne McLean (Council Members) and Janice McKenzie and Dave Frank (members at-large) to represent the AMS on the Board of Directors of CiTR (the Student Radio Society) for a one year term.”

“That Council appoint Jeff Potter and Mike Long (Council Members) and Andrew Thamboo (member at-large) to the ad hoc Hiring Reform Committee.”

“That Council appoint Frederick Cheng (Council Member) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing June 2, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”

"That Council appoint Lyle McMahon, Lianne McLean and Courtney Campbell (Council Members) to the Disability Accommodation Appeal Committee."

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated April 16, 2004 [SCD 091-005]

17. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council appoint Frederick Cheng to the Renovations Planning Group for a term commencing April 2, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005.”
N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the University Commission dated February 16, 2004 [SCD 092-005]
Minutes of the University Commission dated February 25, 2004 [SCD 093-005]
Minutes of the External Commission dated May 31, 2004 [SCD 094-005]

18. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED MIKE LONG: [SCD 095-005]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the academic policies as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Brenda Ogembo said the academic policies had been approved by the University Commission and covered a number of topics, including making academic concession a right instead of a privilege and strengthening the Teaching Excellence Initiative to give students an opportunity to know more about their instructors.

David Asgeirsson said that the policy calling on the University to ensure that students get into the courses they need in a timely manner might conflict with attempts to reduce class size.

19. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON (Friendly amendment):

Allocation of Space:

“The resolution be amended to read:

‘Therefore be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call on the University to extend this policy in order to ensure that students are admitted at the appropriate time into any prerequisite for a course they must take to fulfill their degree program requirements, while also committing to reduce class sizes’.”

... Carried

20. MOVED GAVIN DEW (Friendly amendment):

Flexible Course of Study:

The policy be amended by deleting ‘in an increasingly complex world’ in the first whereas clause.”

... Carried

Joel McLaughlin asked for clarification of Broader Based Admission. Brenda Ogembo said it was hard to define, but involved looking at more than just grades.

Lyle McMahon asked what were the most effective measures to take to get UBC to do what is asked for in the policies.

Amina Rai said one thing would be to work with BoG and Senate student representatives.

Joel McLaughlin said the policies were lumping radical and reasonable proposals together.

Gavin Dew suggested dividing the policies into serious demands and suggestions in order to push harder on the ones that UBC was likely to receive well.
Lyle McMahon said Council should not alter the policies based on how they thought UBC would receive them. If Council thought UBC would be reluctant to adopt some of the policies, Council should push even more strongly on those. He opposed dividing the policies into serious demands and suggestions because UBC would not take the suggestions seriously.

21. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED MIKE LONG:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the academic policies as amended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

22. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED TYLER BRYANT: [SCD 096-005]

“Whereas a federal election has been called for June 28, 2004; and

Whereas the outcome of the election will have a direct impact on our membership and post-secondary education in general; and

Whereas several British Columbian college and university student unions and associations have expressed an interest in creating a jointly funded election awareness campaign; and

Whereas said campaign would be seek to increase student voter turnout as well as raise the profile of post-secondary education as an election issue; and

Whereas a jointly funded campaign is a cost-effective means of securing said goals;

Be it resolved that Council allocate $15,000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund towards an election awareness campaign that partners with provincial student unions and associations.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Holly Foxcroft said the AMS spent $29,000 in the last federal election. This time the request is for $15,000.

It was decided to pursue a multi-pronged approach: print media, a candidates’ debate, the website, posters, banners. She had been working with SFU, Kwantlen, and Langara; also with CASA.

The aim was to get education on the agenda. She noted that in the last federal election only 25% of young people between 18 and 25 voted.

David Asgeirsson asked if there would be any problems under the new campaign finance laws restricting spending by third parties.

Holly Foxcroft said election officials had told her the AMS would not be affected. Lyle McMahon said the restrictions are for partisan spending, so the AMS should be exempt.

Joel McLaughlin asked about the website.

Holly Foxcroft said it is being worked on. It will focus on why people should vote and it will include the programs of the three major parties on education, with links to other parties (the Greens, etc.) and to other relevant sites. It will be as non-partisan as possible.

23. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED TYLER BRYANT: [SCD 096-005]

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

Note: Abstained - Richard Davis ... Carried

24. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED AMINA RAI: [SCD 097-005]

“Whereas the University of British Columbia (UBC) is currently in discussions with the private loan company, First Student Loan (FSL), to create a privately administered student loan program; and

Whereas the relative ease of accessing funds under the FSL program creates the potential for significantly increased student debt levels at UBC; and

Whereas FSL loans would contain higher-than-prime interest rates and “risk” premiums, making them costly alternatives to interest-free government loans; and

Whereas neither the FSL program nor its assumptions have been tested at an institutional level to gauge usage or debt levels;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society condemn any agreement between the First Student Loan (FSL) company and the University of British Columbia which would result in a privately administered loan program."

Holly Foxcroft said she had e-mailed a report as requested by Council. She said she was happy the University was taking steps to get funding for students, but this particular plan would increase student debt, and UBC’s investment of $5 million could be better spent elsewhere. Also, UBC may use the extra funding as grounds for increasing tuition. And it is all being done in a rush, for the July Board of Governors meeting.

First Student Loan (FSL) wants to start in January, so is pushing UBC to do feasibility studies now, this summer, which may not be the best time because most students are away.

FSL has not been tested, and SFU terminated discussions with them. The GSS has opposed FSL. The CFS has condemned private loan programs.

25. MOVED GAVIN DEW (Friendly Amendment):
26. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED ANDREW THAMBOO:

“That motion #24 be amended by striking ‘which’ in the resolution and replacing it with ‘that’.”
... Carried

27. MOVED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN:

“That motion #24 be amended by striking ‘the First Student Loan (FSL) company’ in the resolution and replacing it with ‘a company within the private sector’.”

28. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED ANDRES RUBERG:

“That motion #24 be amended by striking ‘the First Student Loan (FSL) company’ in the resolution and replacing it with ‘a company within the private sector’.”
... Defeated

29. MOVED JEFF POTTER:

“That the question be called.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

30. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

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Whereas the relative ease of accessing funds under the FSL program creates the potential for significantly increased student debt levels at UBC; and

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... Carried

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

31. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON: [SCD 098-005]

“That Council approve the changes to the agreement between the AMS and the Student Legal Fund Society (SLFS) as submitted.
Note: SLFS Executive are in agreement with the changes.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

< Lyle McMahon said the changes are required because the Student Legal Fund Society (SLFS) is moving office. They are mostly technical and housekeeping. There is also a confidentiality issue being addressed because of a problem that arose when SAC arranged a routine inspection of the SLFS office.

32. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON: [SCD 098-005]

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Note: SLFS Executive are in agreement with the changes.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

UBC Budget - Holly Foxcroft

< Holly Foxcroft said the AMS does not receive UBC’s full budget. UBC does not provide a full budget anymore, only financial statements which lack detail. Since students pay 28% of UBC’s costs, it would be beneficial if they knew how the money was being allocated.

< Dave Tompkins said past budgets are available at Senate.

< Greg Paton said those documents are very high level and only a few pages long.

< Amina Rai said that at the Board of Governors there are detailed presentations, but hard copy is not made available.

< Holly Foxcroft said this was a good opportunity to work together.

< David Asgeirsson said a Freedom of Information request could be made.

University Act - David Asgeirsson

< David Asgeirsson said there were rumours going around about changes to the University Act to accommodate the UBC-Okanagan expansion. There was talk of a separate UBC Act. He thought students should be consulted. This was an important issue to pay attention to because the government has a habit of acting without consultation.

< Lyle McMahon said there will have to be amendments to the University Act because of the Okanagan. It was important to ensure student representation on the Board of Governors. There was talk of reducing representation of UBC-Vancouver students to one so that there would be one student representative from Vancouver and one from the Okanagan.

< Dave Tompkins said there should be a push for graduate student representation and for reviewing the Act every ten to fifteen years.

< Amina Rai said that Mia Amir had reported to a previous Council meeting that the Board of Governors had agreed to there being three student representatives. Mia was still lobbying for a fourth representative, that one to be a graduate student.

< Brian Duong cautioned that the Board was only making a recommendation to the government, but said the proposed representation on the new Board was a victory because there would be more internal UBC representatives and fewer from outside.

Q) Submissions:

CFS AGM Report - Lyle McMahon [SCD 099-005]
R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on June 30, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

33. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED DIANA KENG:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 p.m.”
... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

BAO:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Alice Miro (Food Co-op), Alison Atkinson (Weekly World News), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Michael Kingsmill (AMS Designer), Bernard Peets (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary), Richard Davis (Chair)

J) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

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

Addition to Agenda - Under discussion period - South West Marine Drive Housing - Brenda Ogembo

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

J) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

Ethical Purchasing Policy - Lyle McMahon (VP Administration) [SCD 100-05]

Lyle McMahon said the proposed policy had been deliberated on at the Impacts Committee. The policy was intended to be anti-sweatshop and would require contractors to adhere to ethical labour standards established by the UN and the International Labour Organization (ILO). Oxfam UBC had been consulted.

He said the AMS makes $5.5 million of purchases a year and deals with about 3,000 vendors. Already, 100% of all coffee sold by the AMS is fair trade coffee, and since the introduction of this product, there has been a 9.3% increase in sales despite a slight increase in price. This suggested that AMS customers would be interested in extending the spirit of fair trade coffee to other products.

The proposed policy, which would be the first for a student society, would give the AMS the right to drop a supplier if they violated the policy. This right would be put into supplier contracts.

He said he would not be presenting a policy that would be financially detrimental to the AMS. There had been consultation with AMS managers, who said the policy should not be detrimental or even too arduous.

Ultimately, he hoped that this policy would spread to the whole campus, and in lobbying the University to adopt an ethical purchasing policy, it would be useful to be able to say that the AMS has already adopted such a policy.

Some other universities have already adopted campus-wide ethical purchasing policies.

In implementing the policy, the AMS would be exploring the opportunity to align itself with the Fair Labour Association (FLA) and the Workers’ Rights Consortium (WRC).

1. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That question period be extended by ten minutes.” . . . Carried

Questions:

Mia Amir asked about dealing with suppliers who contract out.
Lyle McMahon said the associations the AMS was working with had documentation on suppliers and he expected they would also have documentation on the suppliers’ suppliers.

Mia Amir asked if the AMS would be changing its current suppliers.

Lyle McMahon said the new policy would be incorporated into all new contracts and renewals; all suppliers would be asked to comply. If there is a violation, the AMS would take the appropriate steps; that could potentially mean changing suppliers.

Holly Foxcroft asked what it meant to align with the FLA and the WRC.

Lyle McMahon said affiliation with the WRC would cost $1,000 a year. The FLA costs only $100 a year. Most organizations affiliate with both. He was hoping UBC might share the cost. He said affiliation simply meant accessing resources.

Michelle Quigg asked about vending machines and the Coke contract.

Bernie Peets said the Coke contract had another three years to run. The AMS would have no power to enforce the new policy on Coke unless or until there was a renewal.

David Asgeirsson noted that BC law conflicts with ILO standards on the minimum age for child labour, which is mainly relevant in agriculture. He asked if the AMS would be avoiding BC produce resulting from child labour.

Lyle McMahon said if there is ambiguity, decisions were left to the discretion of the managers.

Mia Amir asked about verification.

Lyle McMahon said the policy would be a step in the right direction even if, for lack of the means to do it, there could not be 100% verification. The AMS cannot afford to do everything it might like to do.

Mia Amir asked if the policy would apply to environmental issues such as pesticide spraying as well as labour standards.

2. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That question period be extended by three minutes.” . . . . Carried

Lyle McMahon said the policy doesn’t explicitly mention the use of pesticides, but he thought this was monitored by the institutions the AMS would be affiliating with.

Gavin Dew asked about legal liability if there is a conflict of veracity between a company and one of the watchdog associations. Would there be legal ramifications if the AMS terminated a contract in that situation?

3. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That question period be extended by two minutes.” . . . . Carried

Lyle McMahon said the language in future contracts with suppliers will require suppliers to present evidence of compliance with the AMS policy. If the AMS is not convinced, the AMS would be free to drop that supplier. It would be up to the supplier to disprove allegations of a violation. He did not think the AMS would be liable.

He added that if the policy proved to be too arduous, it could be reconsidered or rescinded.

**Food Co-op - Lyle McMahon and Michael Kingsmill**

Lyle McMahon said the Food Co-op is a student group much like an AMS club. It has been operating in limited space, providing local organic and bulk food products on the Lower
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Level of the SUB. The Co-op has developed a business proposal in conjunction with the AMS Executive for renovations and will contribute one-third of the cost.

Michael Kingsmill presented details about the renovations and the budget for them. The total cost is estimated at $29,790, and the Food-Coop will be paying $10,000. He added that it was hoped that construction would begin in August so that the renovated area would be ready for a September start-up.

Lyle McMahon noted that there would be an effect on club office space. The proposed expansion of the Food Co-op into the old Varsity Outdoors Club space means that that space will not be available for clubs as originally planned. But there is new club office space opening up on the second floor in the 241 complex; overall there will actually be a gain in club space.

4. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That question period be extended by ten minutes.”

Questions:

Gavin Dew asked about the time frame for the 241 space.

Michael Kingsmill said that that project was low key and could be done at the same time as the Food Co-op renovations at minimal expense.

Holly Foxcroft asked about the post office space.

5. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That question period be extended by five minutes.”

Lyle McMahon said it is not involved, but lockers will be sent down to the large self-serve photocopying room attached to Copyright.

Gavin Dew asked about access to those lockers when the photocopying room is closed.

Lyle McMahon said that is an issue, but not too much of a problem.

Privacy and the AMS - Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist) [SCD 101-05]

Sheldon Goldfarb reported on the new privacy law which took effect in British Columbia on January 1 and which applies to the AMS and its constituencies. He said he has been appointed as the AMS privacy officer under the Act, and said the AMS has set up a committee to ensure that the AMS is in compliance with the new law.

He will be letting the Constituencies know what policies and procedures the committee comes up with, and will be communicating with the Constituencies over the summer to find out what sorts of personal information they have in their possession.

6. MOVED DAVE SIDHU, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That question period be extended by five minutes.”

7. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That questions period be extended by five minutes.”

D) President’s Remarks: [SCD 102-05]

E) Executive Remarks:
Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs

Summer Bus Pass:
Meetings between university officials, Carey Hill and I have been ongoing since last Council meeting.
We may have reached terms to have a partially subsidized bus pass for the month of July.

Federal Election:
We collaborated with Simon Fraser Student Society, Langara Student Union and Kwantlen Student Association to put together a joint election campaign.
It was determined that we would launch a radio and print campaign.
Radio ads ran on The Beat and CKNW.
Print ads ran in the Sun, Province and Georgia Straight.
At present I don’t know the ‘hits’ the website received.

Debate:
All Candidates Debate - Vancouver Quadra.
The week prior to June 14 we worked diligently to promote and iron out concerns.
Election Night at Koerner’s Pub was a success.

Planning:
The Executive have begun planning the year.

Meetings:
Met with Deputy Minister Skeinkamp regarding provincial grants.
Financial Aid meeting.
Attended CFS Skills Weekend.

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

I’ve spent most of my week preparing the final details of the Ethical Purchasing Policy and Food Co-op project, both of which are here tonight at Council. I’ve also spent a while contacting representatives of a number of campus, community and national organization, establishing communications with these groups and informing them of the policy that is under consideration tonight and our potential future lobbying effort to create a campus-wide blanket policy. Groups that I have contacted about the issue in various ways include: Oxfam UBC, Oxfam Vancouver, the BC Ethical Purchasing Group, the Maquila Solidarity Network, the Workers Rights Consortium, the Fair Labour Association, and those crazy kids at the GSS.

SAC has been working hard to get the last few kinks out of all the allocations and will be very happy to complete that. Commissioners have also been working on the preliminary plans for Clubs Days and Executive Orientations. I have also been talking to a few AMS Managers about the upcoming Alcohol Policy Training Sessions.

Impacts, after endorsing the EPP, has been focusing on the upcoming Farm- Aid and Harvest Festival event we will be organizing. More to come on that. The Event will be the third Friday of school, September 24th. This year’s theme: ‘Support your local Growers’.

On a similar, yet unrelated note, RPG has been very active with the Food Co-op project as well as many others. We will be bringing to next councils’ meeting a plan to create a brand new big club office in the 241 complex as an effort to address the high demand for space in the building. Other projects we are focusing on include the recarpeting of the 230 complex, the arduous signage project, and resuming the access projects previously mentioned. Lastly, the VOC Project is completed and looks really great. The VOC will be moving in there soon.
I met informally with Mia Amir about Farm Aid, as well as the Graf Mural Project initiative that I and the Vandalism Task Force will be arranging. Distributed to Council was a project proposal for informational purposes, have yourselves a read and get in touch with me if you’d like to be a part of the consultation process that determines what the piece will look like.

Apart from his appointment as the New AMS Privacy Officer, Sheldon’s book is going to be published - Yay!

**Stacey Chiu - VP Finance:**

Please refer to my quarterly report for a comprehensive report of what I have been doing. There’s also a special surprise in the middle of it so please read it!

**Budget**

The Budget will be presented next Council Meeting on July 14th. Please refer to the minutes for our progress thus far. We have been meeting quite frequently for long periods of time.

**Business Consolidation**

We have found a lessee for SUBcetra, the gentleman who operates Student Lucky Market in the Village. He plans on renaming it Lucky Mart 101. He is really enthusiastic to be continuing to work around students.

**BOC**

The Ethical Purchasing Policy was passed.

**Fincom**

Wendy Wu, Financial Aid Commissioner, has begun work on Financial Awareness Days, which will take place from September 27th to 29th.

We awarded a Student Initiative Fund of $250 to Myrna McCallum, who put together a symposium called First Nations Youth and the Law. The event had 200 attendees from the Lower Mainland, interior BC, and Washington State.

**Walter Gage Fund Committee**

The administration of the Fund will be shifting from the UBC Alumni Association to the VP Students Office.

Two sub-committees were formed to re-examine the structure of committee members and the guidelines/criteria for funding. Each committee has a student representative on it. I will be part of the Funding Guidelines/Criteria Committee and Hugh Turner will be part of the Committee Structure Committee.

**Executive Procedures Manual**

Will soon be completed after four years!

I have been drafting up sections on procedures for officers of council to be transitioned and a checklist for executive transition and a sliding scale for executive transition honoraria. The executive transition section maybe put into Code.

**CFS Skills**

I attended the CFS Skills Conference at SFU with Amina and Holly.

There were informative sessions.

**Union Negotiations**

Lyle, Bernie, and I wrapped up Union Negotiations during an all day session on June 4th. Negotiations had been ongoing for a year.

**Career Prep**

I had two high school students, Eric Chan and Wilson Cheung, from Windermere Secondary, my high school, shadow me for two weeks. They got to see what it is like to be involved in student politics. They attended meetings with me, worked Fincom, and helped with the Federal Election campaign.

**Other Events**
I attended a lunch with the Financial Aid Office and the AMS/GSS, the Vancouver Quadra All Candidates Debate, and a UBC lecture on Multiculturalism in Canada (June 22rd). The Executive went to the multicultural event in ethnic clothing- Holly was dressed a Caucasian woman, I had an Asian shirt, Brenda had a Kenyan dress, and Amina had a Pakistani suit.

F) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports

Mia Amir – Board of Governors:
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Called on Council members to attend Board of Governors meetings.

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson
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18 cases since beginning my work term.
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2 cases still outstanding from previous Ombudsperson.
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5 cases have been closed.
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My time has been spent primarily on case work. I have also been reviewing content to be added to the website.
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In terms of hiring for the Deputy Ombudsperson position, the final set of interviews have been conducted. An excellent candidate has been chosen for the position. He has been informed of his success, however we are waiting to hear back from him regarding a final confirmation that he’s in fact accepting the position.

H) Constituency Reports:

Carey Hill - Graduate Student Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Leigh-Ann Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Gavin Dew - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jordan Marr - Agricultural Sciences Undergraduate Society
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association
Diana Keng - Education Students Association
Raj Mathur - Music Students Association

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were approved as submitted.

Minutes of Student Council dated June 2, 2004 [SCD 107-05]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated April 14, 2004 [SCD 108-05]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated May 11, 2004 [SCD 109-05]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated June 8, 2004 [SCD 110-05]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated May 3, 2004 [SCD 111-05]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated June 7, 2004 [SCD 112-05]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 25, 2004 [SCD 113-05]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 2, 2004 [SCD 114-05]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 8, 2004 [SCD 115-05]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 14, 2004 [SCD 116-05]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 15, 2004 [SCD 117-05]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 18, 2004 [SCD 118-05]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 22, 2004 [SCD 119-05]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 23, 2004 [SCD 120-05]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 24, 2004 [SCD 121-05]
Minutes of Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee dated April 29, 2004 [SCD 122-05]
Minutes of Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee dated June 29, 2004 [SCD 123-05]
Minutes of the Ombuds Advisory Committee dated January 16, 2004 [SCD 124-05]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

8. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED STACEY CHIU: [SCD 125-05]

“That Council approve the AMS Policy on Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment as submitted.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Lyle McMahon thanked AMS staff member Kari Hewitt for drafting the new policy which came out of union negotiations. The idea is to extend it to all employees.
Carey Hill asked about the reference to bad faith complaints in the policy.
Bernie Peets said there have been false accusations in the past, and it was thought to be a good idea to let people know there would be consequences in such cases.
Mia Amir said she found the policy lacking in integrally important elements concerning harassment.
Bernie Peets said the section of the policy on harassment is not about violations of human rights codes, but about bullying.
Mia Amir said she would still like to see the language made stronger.

9. MOVED MIA AMIR, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

“That the motion be tabled.” . . . . Defeated.

Mia Amir said in principle she was in favour of the policy, but she wanted to consult with people working at the University in this field to make sure the new policy is in line with cutting edge thinking on this issue.
Bernie Peets said Kari Hewett did a great deal of research, looking at CUPE documents and other documents on harassment. He said that even if the policy is not cutting edge in its language, it is cutting edge in terms of substance.
Lyle McMahon said the policy could be passed now and strengthened later.
Brenda Ogembo said it would be better to work towards a comprehensive and complete document.
Amina Rai said it was better not to act in haste.
Mia Amir said the policy should deal with systemic issues.
Diana Keng said she was concerned that there was nothing in the policy enabling employees to complain about supervisors.

10. MOVED HUGH TURNER, SECONDED DAVE SIDHU:

“That the question be called.” . . . . Defeated

11. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED AMINA RAI

“That the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.” . . . . Defeated
Brian Duong said the danger of referring something to committee is that it can get forgotten, but if the policy would be coming back to the next Council meeting, that would be okay.

12. MOVED CAREY HILL, SECONDED HUGH TURNER:

“That the matter be referred to Code and the Policies Committee.”

... Carried

13. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON:

“That Council appoint Matt Holme to represent the AMS on the North Campus Advisory Planning Committee.”

“That Council appoint Mia Amir (Council member) to represent the AMS on the Board of Directors of CiTR (the Student Radio Society) for a one year term.”

“That Council appoint Lyle McMahon, Brian Duong, and Adam McLeod, to represent the AMS on the University Athletic Council for a one year term.”

Note: These three appointees are in addition to the President, who serves ex officio on the UAC.”

“That Council appoint Bev Martyn to represent the AMS on the South Campus Advisory Planning Committee as proxy until September 1st, 2004.

... Carried

14. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED MIA AMIR:

"Whereas several Canadian Universities have implemented ethical purchasing policies in recognition of the importance of fair labour and sustainable trade practices; and

Whereas the Alma Mater Society (AMS) is committed to operating its business in accordance with ethical and sustainable operating principles and practices; and

Whereas the AMS is committed to conducting business with suppliers, licensees and contractors that respect, promote and abide by fair labour and sustainable operating practices;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council adopt the AMS Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy as presented.

Note: Requires 2/3rds."

Lyle McMahon said he hoped the policy would have a significant effect on campus.

Joel McLaughlin expressed concern that the policy would put the AMS at a competitive disadvantage. He said it was an ideologically driven document against free trade rather than an ethical document. He said it was imposing Western standards on other countries. Carey Hill said the policy was only against trade in child and forced labour.

15. MOVED DIANA KENG, SECONDED MIA AMIR:
16. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED MIA AMIR:

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Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council adopt the AMS Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy as presented. ...Carried
Note: Requires 2/3rds." ...Carried

17. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED CAREY HILL: [SCD 126-05]


Note: Requires 2/3rds."

Holly Foxcroft explained the need for the amendments: to allow Council to approve fund expenditures recommended by the Business Operations Committee, to give more flexibility to the University Commission, and to create a new category of internal policies.

18. MOVED BRENDA Ogembo, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“That Council strike from page 60 of the AMS Code of Procedure items c) and d) to remove the BoG and Senate reps from the University Commission.”

Requires 2/3rds

Brenda Ogembo said that the two Board of Governors student representatives and one student Senator are supposed to be on the University Commission according to Code, but they seldom attend and this produces quorum problems for the Commission. She said the BoG and Senate representatives could still be invited to attend as guests.

Mia Amir said this sounded like a notification problem. She didn’t think it was a good idea to sever ties between the Commission and the other bodies.

Amina Rai said in her year as a BoG rep there were also notification problems, and currently the Executive is trying to get the BoG reps more involved, arranging meetings with them and the Senate Caucus. Still, because of the quorum problem, it might be better to make the change.

19. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED CAREY HILL:

“That the matter be referred to Code and policy Committee.”

20. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:
“That the question be called.” . . . . Carried

21. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED CAREY HILL:

“That the matter be referred to Code and policy Committee.”
. . . . Carried

22. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED CAREY HILL:


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

23. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED JUSTINE CHAN:[SCD 127-05]

“Whereas undergraduate and graduate students have consistently expressed support for both the existing U-Pass program and for a summer U-pass program; and

Whereas AMS executives have been working with the University in an attempt to put a temporary transit subsidy program in place for this summer, with the intention of implementing a full summer U-pass program in 2005; and

Whereas the University has committed itself to contributing a minimum of $4,500 towards the temporary program, and is considering contributing as much as $15,000; and

Whereas the University will lend funds to the AMS to cover the remaining costs of the program, which will amount to between $15,000 and $25,500;

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the expenditure of up to $25,500 to repay the University loan, with the understanding that students will be asked in a referendum to pay a one-time fee to cover this amount.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Holly Foxcroft said this was a last minute motion resulting from extended discussions with the University. She had received 200 e-mails asking for a summer U-Pass or the return of the FastTrax program. The idea behind this motion is to subsidize students in the greatest need, meaning those using two-zone or three-zone bus passes. She had been working with Carey Hill of the GSS on this issue, and negotiations with the University were still going on. The current plan is to assist approximately a thousand students. There are 12,000 students on campus for the summer, but the AMS can’t afford to help them all.

David Asgeirsson expressed concern about referring to a hypothetical referendum in the motion. He said if the AMS cannot afford to pay for this subsidy out of current funds, it should not go ahead with the plan. Holly Foxcroft said there will be one or two referendums in any case on U-Pass, and this was a small amount being asked for here. Carey Hill said much of the negotiation with the University had concerned connection to a referendum.
Jordan Marr asked what would happen if students voted No in the referendum. Stacey Chiu said in that case the money would probably come from the External Lobbying Fund.
Carey Hill said that if the students vote No, UBC was saying it would pay 50%.
Joel McLaughlin asked if the expense of running a referendum would be more than the amount of money collected.
Holly Foxcroft said the last U-Pass referendum had been paid for by the University, ironically with money from parking.

24. MOVED DAVE SIDHU, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“Whereas undergraduate and graduate students have consistently expressed support for both the existing U-Pass program and for a summer U-pass program; and
Whereas AMS executives have been working with the University in an attempt to put a temporary transit subsidy program in place for this summer, with the intention of implementing a full summer U-pass program in 2005; and
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Whereas the University will lend funds to the AMS to cover the remaining costs of the program, which will amount to between $15,000 and $25,500;

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the expenditure of up to $25,500 to repay the University loan.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”  . . . . Defeated

25. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED LYLE McMAHON:

“Whereas undergraduate and graduate students have consistently expressed support for both the existing U-Pass program and for a summer U-pass program; and
Whereas AMS executives have been working with the University in an attempt to put a temporary transit subsidy program in place for this summer, with the intention of implementing a full summer U-pass program in 2005; and
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Whereas the University will lend funds to the AMS to cover the remaining costs of the program, which will amount to between $15,000 and $25,500;

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the expenditure of up to $15,000 to repay the University loan, with the understanding that students will be asked in a referendum to pay a one-time fee to cover this amount.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Amina Rai said that by amending the figure to $15,000, the AMS was telling UBC it
would have to pay half of the cost of the subsidy.
Joel McLaughlin asked about budget rules.
Bernie Peets said this money would not be part of the budget in the first instance; it
would be a loan from the University with payment deferred. If the referendum failed,
then the Budget Committee would have to find the funds for the repayment.
Aniz Alani said he didn’t see what incentive students would have to vote in favour of
paying a fee increase to cover what the AMS could pay for in other ways.

26. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED GINA EOM:

“That the question be called.” . . . . Carried

27. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON:

“Whereas undergraduate and graduate students have consistently expressed support for both the
existing U-Pass program and for a summer U-pass program; and

Whereas AMS executives have been working with the University in an attempt to put a
temporary transit subsidy program in place for this summer, with the intention of implementing a
full summer U-pass program in 2005; and

Whereas the University has committed itself to contributing up to $15,000 towards the temporary
program,

Whereas the University will lend funds to the AMS to cover the remaining costs of the program,
which will amount up to between $15,000;

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the expenditure of up to $15,000 to repay the
University loan, with the understanding that students will be asked in a referendum to pay a one-
time fee to cover this amount.

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

Abstn: Mia Amir, Carey Hill, Dave Sidhu, Joshua Caulkins, David Asgeirsson

28. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED JUSTINE CHAN:

‘Whereas undergraduate and graduate students have consistently expressed support for both the
existing U-Pass program and for a summer U-pass program; and

Whereas AMS executives have been working with the University in an attempt to put a
temporary transit subsidy program in place for this summer, with the intention of implementing a
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University loan, with the understanding that students will be asked in a referendum to pay a one-
time fee to cover this amount.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

29. MOVED MATT HOLMES, SECONDED DIANA KING:

“That the question be called.” . . . . Carried

30. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED JUSTINE CHAN:

‘Whereas undergraduate and graduate students have consistently expressed support for both the existing U-Pass program and for a summer U-pass program; and

Whereas AMS executives have been working with the University in an attempt to put a temporary transit subsidy program in place for this summer, with the intention of implementing a full summer U-pass program in 2005; and

Whereas the University has committed itself to contributing up to $15,000 towards the temporary program,

Whereas the University will lend funds to the AMS to cover the remaining costs of the program, which will amount up to between $15,000;

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize the expenditure of up to $15,000 to repay the University loan, with the understanding that students will be asked in a referendum to pay a one-time fee to cover this amount.

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

31. MOVED DAVE SIDHU, SECONDED ADAM MACLEOD:

“That the meeting be extended to 10:30 p.m.” . . . . Carried

32. MOVED DIANA KENG, SECONDED FREDERICK CHEUNG:

“That items M and N on the agenda be omnibused.” . . . . Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated May 17, 2004 [SCD 128-05]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 8, 2004  [SCD 129-05]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 22, 2004  [SCD 130-05]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated June 25, 2004  [SCD 131-05]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the External Commission dated October 28, 2003  [SCD 132-05]
33. MOVED MIA AMIR, SECONDED GINA EOM:

“Whereas the non-profit, student-run Food Co-op currently provides a service to students by supplying local, organic, and bulk food products at minimal markup; and

Whereas the Food Co-op, in conjunction with the AMS Executive, has developed a business plan to expand its operation into a full-service storefront; and

Whereas the current office space occupied by the Food Co-op is not adequate for the operations outlined in the business plan; and

Whereas in order to accommodate the operations outlined in the business plan, modifications to the space currently occupied by the Food Co-op, along with expansion into the neighbouring space formerly occupied by the Varsity Outdoors Club, will be necessary; and

Whereas the Food Co-op is able to contribute $10,000 towards the total project cost of $29,750 for the expansion and the modifications,

Therefore be it resolved that Council allocate funding not to exceed $19,750 from the CPAC fund for the Food Co-op project, as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.

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

Absnt: Joel McLaughlin

Lyle McMahon said most of what needed to be said had been covered in his presentation, and he encouraged the next speaker to call the question.

32. MOVED DIANA KENG, SECONDED ADAM MCLEOD:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . . Defeated

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

Expiring Policies:
Mia Amir and Holly Foxcroft reported that the Code and Policies Committee had discussed the issue of who should be notified when AMS policies expire: the Executive, as current practice is, or Council as a whole. Mia Amir was in favour of Council being notified.

Gavin Dew reported that Quinn Omori was against having expiring policies come to Council.

David Asgeirsson said a lot of policies are irrelevant after three years. He would have
faith in the Executive to discard such policies without bringing them to Council. Lyle McMahon said the Executive could advise Council about expiring policies. Aniz Alani said the policies are supposed to be on the AMS website, so any Council member could know if one was expiring. He added that according to Code, the Code and Policies Committee is supposed to review the policies annually.

Conduct of Debates:
Patricia Lau expressed concern over the quick calling of the question to cut off debate on the Food Co-op motion just before Discussion Period. Issues like this warrant debate; Council members do change their minds during debate. She understood that it was late and some members wanted to go home, but she didn’t think it was right to cut off debate. Joel McLaughlin said the actions tonight set a dangerous precedent. He expressed concern that contentious issues would be tacked on at the end of meetings to avoid debate. He said the Executive had campaigned on a platform of encouraging debate and accountability. Lyle McMahon said it had probably been inappropriate for him to invite the next speaker to call the question. Amina Rai said the Executive had not come to the meeting to conspire to pass the policy. She shared the concern about motions at the end of meetings and suggested that the Code and Policies Committee look into reorganizing the standard Council agenda. She suggested that presentations might be attached to relevant motions and that reports might come later in the meeting. She also said she wanted Council members to engage more in Council activities by reading submissions, attending committee meetings, and so on. She called on Council members to inform themselves and to ask for what they wanted from the Executive. Joshua Caulkins said it was important that Council members not alienate fellow Council members. He said the point of the meetings was to debate. He said debate and discussion should be encouraged; everyone should be heard from even if others did not agree with their views. Gavin Dew said it might be difficult to put presentations together with motions in the case of external presenters; it would be difficult to ask such people to come late in the meeting. Carey Hill said it was perfectly acceptable to call the question. People could always vote No to that.

Graffiti Mural:  
Lyle McMahon said discussions are underway on what the proposed graffiti mural will look like. He hoped it would not be too expensive.

Housing:
Brenda Ogembo reported on the 20-storey residences going up next to St. John’s College. Concerns had been raised over the lack of consultation on this project. She was looking to hold a housing forum in the fall. She noted that UBC is supposed to do reviews of its housing, but hadn’t done one in years.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
S) Adjournment:

33. MOVED LYLE McMAHON, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

. . . . Carried

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs
BAO:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Alison Atkinson (First Week), Jessica Klug (External Commission), Vy Nguyen (SAC), Bev Martyn (University Commission), Doug Skinner (EUS), Paul Sutton (Safety Coordinator), Jordana Deveau (SASC), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Jane Barry (Facilities Development Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant), Dave Tompkins (Chair)

K) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

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

1. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.” … Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

K) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

2004/2005 AMS Budget - Stacey Chiu (VP Finance) [SCD 140-005]

Questions
- Dave Tompkins asked about the plan to have the Welcome Back BBQ break even.
- Stacey Chiu said last year’s barbecue lost $11,000, but this year the plan is to be more efficient and to hire less expensive performers.
- David Asgeirsson asked about the surplus and the insurance fund.
- Stacey Chiu reviewed the surplus numbers from last year and said if there are surpluses at the end of a year the Budget Committee applies them to the AMS funds. She explained that the insurance fund had been set up because of the new insurance arrangements the AMS had entered into.

Canadian Congress of Student Associations - Amina Rai/ [SCD 141-005]
- Stacey Chiu [SCD 142-005]

< Amina Rai said each year the AMS Executive and the General Manager go to the CCSA. She found this year’s conference unnecessarily long and the workshops mediocre. She said the conference has potential, but she didn’t think it was cost-beneficial at the moment. Since it costs so much, she didn’t think it was worth it. However, next year’s conference may be in Vancouver at Vancouver Community College, so the expense would be much less for the AMS to attend.

< Stacey Chiu said much of the information presented at the financial sessions was not relevant to the AMS because UBC is so much larger than most other schools.

Questions
- Richard Davis asked why it had cost so much to fly to the conference.
- Stacey Chiu said the booking had been done through TravelCuts and had been the cheapest available.
- Lyle McMahon asked whether there was any travel pool created for the various schools and especially wondered about the situation next year if it is going to be in Vancouver.
- Amina Rai said it was not 100 percent certain that the conference would be in Vancouver.
- David Asgeirsson asked what CCSA is and what body organizes these conferences.
- Dave Tompkins said individual schools organize the conference each year. He added that in the past it has been a fantastic experience and he was sorry to hear it was getting worse. He said much of the point of it was networking, so it was missing the point to criticize it for not having enough formal sessions. He worried about jeopardizing future attendance.
- Amina Rai said the aim was not to jeopardize future attendance, but to have Council decide and not have it be automatic that the whole Executive goes. As to networking, she didn’t see the point since she was not going to see most of the people from the conference again and she found other student executives across the country to be friendly and helpful when she contacted them whether she had met them in person or not. She did not see a benefit for the AMS.
- Brian Duong said perhaps the AMS did not get as much direct benefit as other student societies, but the AMS also went to these conferences to help others. The AMS General Manager, Bernie Peets, especially goes for that reason; he’s seasoned and respected.
- Lianne McLean asked whether the criticism of sponsorship in the President’s report was meant to suggest there should be no corporate sponsorship.
- Amina Rai said she simply wants ground rules in place. There were concerns about conflict of interest in relation to a particular sponsor at the conference.

Teaching Excellence Initiative - Brenda Ogembo

Brenda Ogembo summarized the history of the Teaching Excellence Initiative (TEI).

Questions
- Paul Sutton asked how difficult it had been to get this project going, given that UBC is not primarily interested in promoting teaching.
- Brenda Ogembo said actually there had been lots of support for this initiative from the UBC Administration. She said a lot of the work on the initiative had been done last year by her predecessor, Laura Best. This year she has mainly been waiting to see what happens with the pilot project in Arts.
- Diana Keng asked how the initiative would mesh with the situation in Education.
- Brenda Ogembo said the TEI recognizes that each faculty is different and that is why it is being managed at the faculty level.
- Jordan Marr asked what incentive there was for faculties to report negative information, for instance that their instructors were not getting good reviews.
- Brenda Ogembo said the onus is on the faculties, and the teaching reports would be based on the actual student evaluations.
- Holly Foxcroft asked about which faculties would follow Arts. She understood Science was waiting on Arts.
- Brenda Ogembo said the focus now is on Arts. Science would be next, and after Science, Commerce.
- Lyle McMahon asked if despite technical delays in Arts there was still strong support there for the initiative.
- Brenda Ogembo said Arts is definitely supportive; they don’t want to see the technical issues stand in the way.
- Tyler Bryant asked if the project would be ready by the fall.
- Brenda Ogembo said it was supposed to be ready in June, and every week the word is that they’re working on it. She hoped it would be ready soon.
- David Asgeirsson asked how professors would be convinced to write a paragraph on their teaching philosophy. What was the compliance mechanism?
- Brenda Ogembo said she expected they would realize it was a positive thing to do.

D) President’s Remarks:

I was unfortunately sick for portions of last week and decreased my work load during that duration. It should be noted that I am amalgamating my work as President as well as my responsibilities as substitute Executive Coordinator of Student Services together with these remarks.

I held another Service Coordinator meeting on Monday, July 5th. During that meeting we discussed what the coordinators expected from the ECSS. This discussion was invaluable in creating a new portion of the job description that was done by the AMS Insider Editor, Karen Ward. We also discussed the connection between the government and the services, which I believe has strengthened within my opportunity of taking on the ECSS responsibilities for the past two weeks. We also established the date for the positive space workshop which will be on July 20th. All coordinators, assistant coordinators who have not done the workshop have been recommended to attend.

I met with Brian Sullivan alongside Holly Foxcroft and Brenda Ogembo to discuss a wide range of issues pertaining to the AMS and UBC. Amongst the many topics was the First Student Loan, International student space within International House, the proposal of the Anti-Racism Action Committee (which will be proposed to AMS Council later on tonight), Marine Drive Residences, etc. The meeting lasted for two hours and was very productive. We are planning to meet again tomorrow for another two hours with the entire executive to go through a list of issues.

On Sunday, July 18th, I will be flying to California to attend the Student World Assembly Conference with Fernando (IRSA President) and Maree (Global Citizenship Project participant) for a week. My trip has been funded by the Raynault Foundation (Paul Raynault is the founder of SWA). Fernando, Maree and Kris (Treasurer of IRSA who had attended a debriefing session in California last month) met with me on July 7th to discuss this organization. At present, the SWA is planning on hosting their World Conference at UBC in 2005. They are requesting our logistical support in hosting the conference. I had been asked by the VP Students office to attend as the AMS Spokesperson. After meeting with the other delegates from UBC, we have decided that it is best to attend this conference with an open mind in hopes of learning as much as we can about the organization. After the conference, we will have a debriefing session and I will present my findings to Council at the August 25th meeting of Council.

This morning I went to City Council to meet with Councilor Woodsworth and Councilor Cladman about the World Peace Forum 2006. The forum’s objective is to bring together City Council and organizations to take part in a dialogue regarding international issues. This meeting was for me to understand the expectation of this forum in regards to the number of participants, topics and issues and main objective. The World Peace Forum Committee and the Peace and Justice Committee of City Council are interested in working with the AMS and the University in creating a network of support and partnership. At this point I am not bringing any motion forward to Council in endorsing this forum as I first must work to outline what the working relationship will entail.

I have meet to discuss various issues with the following services:
- Orientations - June 30th
- Firstweek - July 7th
- Speakeasy - July 12th
- Volunteer Connections - July 12th
The meetings have been primarily about the initiatives and status of the services. In other cases, there have been HR issues that I have dealt with either by myself, or with the VP Academic and the General Manager.

I was also present for the Member Relations Committee for CASA on July 13th. The Membership Relationship Officer had resigned from his position and recently a new officer has been hired. The meeting was to discuss methods of outreach with one particular initiative of incorporating CASA materials within distributed frosh kits.

I took part in the Hiring Committee for the First Week Assistant with the First Week Coordinator, Alison and the VP Academic, Brenda on July 6th.

I have been trying to personally outreach to students of UBC by being open to meet with them and discuss any issues or concerns. Within the past two weeks, I have met with five different UBC students who have brought up issues or recommendations. Also, with the Transit Pass Subsidy Program, I have received a large amount of emails and phone calls. Students are overwhelmingly supportive of this initiative and have stated their appreciation in the AMS for understanding their financial burdens.

Met with the Daegu University Administration (University of Korea) and presented to them an overview of the AMS.

Spoke at Dr. Christensen’s retirement party on the importance of diversity within our university faculty and our appreciation in her contribution to UBC.

E) Executive Remarks:

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance:
I was away from July 5th - 12th on vacation in Eugene, Oregon.

Budget:
Most of my time has been spent finalizing the budget and preparing it to be approved by Council.

Ad Hoc Hiring Committee:
Met this morning, discussed issues to look at which include job descriptions, interviewing, compensation review, timelines.

Imagin SpringBoard Meeting:
On June 29th, I attended a discussion group to discuss Imagine II, a second first-year orientation program for 800 arts and science students.

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

SAC:
Vy Nguyen, SUBS Internal has been working on re-writing the SAC Policy Handbooks.

Art Gallery applications were sent to Liz Park (Art Gallery Commissioner) in Ottawa to process.

Impacts Committee:
The Ethical Purchasing Policy is in swing, we have begun steps to implement it.

I have written a press release about the ethical purchasing policy and sent it to university officials and campus groups.

The GSS Executive has expressed an interest in adopting their own policy. I am meeting Brenda Sowata from the Sustainability Office tomorrow and meeting with Oxfam, MSN, the BC Ethical Purchasing Group next about approaching the university. The Executive meet Brian Sullivan tomorrow and I will be discussing the policy there aswell.

Renovations Planning Group:
Met and discussed:
- carpeting 230 complex.
- new office in 241.
The new office project is a priority, but with all the projects going on concurrently, (Post Office/Outpost, Food Co-op, Carpeting project) it will unfortunately be very difficult to complete by September. SAC has suggested that those clubs who need office space in the brief interim might be housed in the Aqua Soc meeting room.

**Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs**

**Transit Subsidy:**
- Joint venture between UBC and AMS, where each contributed 50% of the $20,000
- To date $12,000 has been disbursed. Thanks to Carey Hill and Amina Rai for all their hard work.
- Overwhelming feedback has been positive, that this subsidy has assisted students. As well, 98% of respondents indicated that they would be in support of a permanent summer U-Pass. Complaints arising from the pass, centered around the one month of implementation, students desired to have it for the summer in its entirety.
- Issued a Press Release.

**Summer U-Pass:**
- The university has committed to maintain its present funding levels for a summer U-Pass, whereby they contribute $3.00 for every UBC student who is an AMS member. I have been told that they have stated this in a letter that is en route.
- Gord Lovegrove has indicated that formal talks will begin shortly with Translink over the possibility of implementing a summer U-Pass.
- Timeline? In order to call a referendum, Council needs to pass a motion which contains the referendum question. The pass price needs to be formalized with Translink before we can go to referendum.

**Brian Sullivan:**
- Amina Rai, Brenda Ogembo and I met with Brian Sullivan last week to discuss the Marine Drive Residences, Sexual Assault Support Centre, First Student Loans, International House, NMUN, and the Anti-Racism Committee. It was agreed upon that Brian Sullivan and the Executive would meet for two hours on July 15, 2004.

**First Student Loan:**
- When we met with Brian Sullivan he indicated he would not be pursuing First Student Loans as an option to fulfill the Policy #72 definition of ‘institutionally negotiated loans’.

**Hiring:**
- On Monday, July 12, 2004 I assisted Brenda Ogembo with hiring for the International Students Coordinator because no one on the Hiring Committee was in attendance.

**Daegu University:**
- On Wednesday, July 7, 2004 I met with and spoke to representatives from Daegu University.

**Board of Governors:**
- On July 8, 2004 I attended the Finance Committee and the People Committee of the Board of Governors. At the People Committee Policy #72 was discussed and also the letter that I wrote on behalf of the AMS expressing our support for the policy, but also pointing out a few areas where we still have our reservations, namely the Common Assessment Mechanism, and First Student Loans under the umbrella of institutionally negotiated loans.
- Tomorrow, July 15, 2004 I will be attending the BoG meeting for the latter part of the day.

**Provincial Conference:**
- The purpose of having a provincial conference with other student executives was to come to a common ground on provincial issues. Currently, the student movement in BC is divided but
it is imperative that we work in solidarity to inform students about what has happened in this province over the last 4 years, with respect to post-secondary education.

At this time, I have received resistance from CFS-BC for holding the conference this summer. The date that we had set for the conference (August 6 - 8) is two weeks before their Annual General Meeting.

Representatives from the AMS were invited to attend last year, but the AMS was not invited this year.

I have set up a meeting with Summer McFadden to discuss the feasibility of collaborating on a joint provincial conference.

**External Commission:**

The Great Trekker search has begun. The event will be held in October but the date is yet to be confirmed.

**Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs**

**Orientations and Compensation Review:**

Met with Ombudsperson and Orientations to resolve issues and we have come to an amicable solution. This will be presented to Council shortly through a motion.

**T.E.I:**

I have been in contact with Arts, but I am getting the same updates about progress.

Would like to partner with AUS to see what challenges are: do they need resources and how can we lobby for them to get them.

Will be meeting with Constituencies on this and other academic initiatives. UCom vice chair will be getting in touch with you all so that you can be there. Would like to see BOG there and Senate as well.

**Campus Development:**

South Campus

- Finished off on the plan. Met with the working group to establish consensus items that will be presented to the APC.
- Set a representative to the South Campus APC on July 12th and got feedback on what was going on.

Marine Residences

- It has been frustrating to get the presentation from UBC – Fred Fotis is on holiday as of today and Joe Redmond was unwilling to present alone on a two part presentation.
- I am still trying to get the presentation so that we are better informed, I will be sending out a letter to university calling on better representation.

Campus Planning Committee

- Met today to look at some of the projects that we want to undertake for the year.
- Have been looking at a housing forum in the fall as well as a housing survey on students both on and off campus following the Faculty of Grad Studies model that was done recently. Will bring more updates as they come up.

**Hiring:**

We are just concluding the hiring of the International Students Coordinator, We also hired external commissioners and First week assistant. ECSS hiring will be conducted next week.

Looking to putting up the job descriptions over the next few weeks for summer hiring positions ie EA, Student Court, Assistants hired for the fall and etc.

Ad Hoc Hiring Review Committee

- Met today and had a really productive meeting. Began to establish hiring timelines and all etc. Looking to present our findings at the next council meeting.
- Following the Queens Model.
Safety:

- Safety Committee has been meeting regularly.
  - We were interested in getting a one-time presentation on Safety and Development for the Safety Committee and the Campus Planning & Development Committee from University. The purpose is to get better informed and to have a good overview of the developments going on to inform our planning for the year. The University was reluctant to meet with individual AMS committee’s. We will be communicating with the university on how to establish meeting times with broad-based student groups and the AMS Committees.
  - Will be doing Safety Basket days, Amazing safety race ISO.
  - Will be providing BS with a proposal for the Safety Theatre to be supported by ISO and VP Students office.

- Met with Bruce Lovell and Steve Bohen and Ian McKeren from Campus Security to determine how AMS and university can work together on safety initiatives
  - Will be organizing a safety awareness forum for Safety Committee and other councilors who may be interested in the issues.

Other Committee meetings:

- UNA meeting.
- Meeting with Brian Sullivan and the executives to discuss strengthening of the interaction with the VP Students Office and the AMS Executives.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Student Society
Lianne McLean - Arts Undergraduate Society
Leigh-Ann Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Diana Keng - Educations Students Association
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association
Fred Cheng - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society - said UBC had taken control of the tendering process for the new science students’ building and had kept extending the tender deadline. It was still not known who will be doing the construction.
Jordan Marr - Agricultural Sciences Undergraduate Society

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports

Brian Duong – Board of Governors:

- Said he had spoken to UBC’s VP Finance, Terry Sumner, about the lack of detailed budget reports from the University. Terry Sumner had acknowledged that these hadn’t been done for several years because they had grown too long and the thinking was that no one read them. Brian Duong said the AMS might want to push to reinstate these.

Gregory Paton - Senate:

- Senate does not meet in the summer.
I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated June 30, 2004 [SCD 144-005]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated June 22, 2004 [SCD 145-005]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 28, 2004 [SCD 146-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED STACEY CHIU: [SCD 147-005]

“Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to the AMS Travel Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Amina Rai said the point of the amendments to the Travel Policy was to require permission from Council for Executive members and the General Manager to attend the CCSA. She said the General Manager was amenable to this change and added that McGill has adopted a similar policy.
- Scott Price asked if it would be up to the Executive to budget for attendance at the CCSA.
- Stacey Chiu said Council would have to approve attendance first; the point is to change the current policy to make it Council that decides.
- Diana Keng asked how it was known that McGill had adopted a similar policy.
- Amina Rai said McGill had not been present at the conference, and the explanation was that they had this sort of policy.
- David Asgeirsson asked if $1,000 would be enough for going to conferences, especially outside the province. Amina Rai said it would be sufficient.
- Lyle McMahon said it was better to have Council decide than to have the whole Executive automatically required to go.
- Scott Price said that though this Executive did not enjoy CCSA, in the past Executives have liked going to the conference. The Executive changes, and Council changes, but there’s a benefit to going. Also, the AMS had a role to play as a leader, and it did not have to follow what McGill did.
- Amina Rai said this year’s Executive had a good time at the conference, but that was not the issue. The issue was whether the conference benefited the AMS. As to leadership, she said the AMS could exercise its leadership through other means.
- Paul Sutton said he would have been upset to have to spend seven days away from his job at a conference.
- Tyler Bryant asked if it was better to be a leader or to spend money on a service coordinator’s salary.
- Richard Davis recommended booking flights earlier to save money.
- Paul Sutton said the issue did come down to money.
- Jordan Marr said it was a waste of time to discuss the merits of attending conferences now. The point of the motion was to require Council to discuss attendance at the time of a conference.

3. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

“Be it resolved that Council approve the amendments to the AMS Travel Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
4. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

"Whereas racism and discrimination are problems on university campuses that should not be ignored; and

Whereas it is important to gather information on the extent of these problems and to increase awareness about them; and

Whereas there are plans to hold a joint conference of post-secondary institutions in BC in the fall to look at the problem of racism on campuses,

Therefore be it resolved that Council strike an ad hoc Anti-Racism Action Committee (ARAC) to work with the University to examine the extent of racism and discrimination at UBC, to assist with the planned conference on racism, to help create a database of reports of racism on campus, and to report to Council regarding racism on campus.

Be it further resolved that this committee be composed of:

(a) the President, who shall be Chair;
(b) the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs;
(c) two (2) members of Council; and
(d) two (2) Students at Large.

Note: At the discretion of the Chair, appropriate members of the University community, the Student Resource Groups, and AMS staff may be invited to attend meetings of the Committee."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brenda Ogembo said the mandate of this committee is already loosely covered by UBC’s Equity Office, but there are still lots of crises that need to be addressed, and more focused dialogue on racism and discrimination is needed. The committee will help organize workshops and forums and will compile statistics on incidents of racism on campus; these currently do not exist.
- David Asgeirsson asked about the budget for the committee.
- Stacey Chiu said there is a budget for ad hoc committees in general. Brenda Ogembo said some money is set aside to pay the chairs of ad hoc committees, but this will not be needed in this case because this committee is being chaired by the President, who will not get paid extra for chairing.
- Scott Price asked about quorum for the committee.
- Brenda Ogembo said the committee is less about voting than about consensus.
- Diana Keng asked how long the committee will function.
- Amina Rai said it will continue until it makes its report and then could be made permanent.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

6. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“Whereas it has become necessary to hire an Executive Coordinator of Student Services at an uncustomary time of year; and

Whereas some of the individuals who would normally take part in the hiring if it occurred at the customary time are not available,

Therefore be it resolved that Council suspend Code in order to allow two Council members, instead of the outgoing President and the outgoing Executive Coordinator, to sit on the consultative body for hiring the 2004-2005 new Executive Coordinator.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

7. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

“That Council appoint Tyler Bryant and Holly Foxcroft (Council Members) and Kyle Araki (Student at Large) to the ad hoc Anti-Racism Action Committee (ARAC) for a term effective July 14, 2004 until March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Richard Davis and Dave Asgeirsson (Council Members) to the consultative body for hiring a new Executive Coordinator of Student Services.”

8. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:
“Be it resolved that Council approve increasing the Orientation Coordinator’s salary in accordance with the recommendations of the Compensation Review Committee and the Ombudsperson as presented.”

9. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS, SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council move out of camera.”
... Carried

11. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

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... Carried

12. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

“That Council approve the 2004/2005 AMS Budget as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Tyler Bryant asked about food promos. Stacey Chiu said they weren’t budgeted for.
- David Asgeirsson asked how much revenue came from the Coca-Cola agreement this year. Told by Stacey Chiu that it was $130,000, he asked if she had recommendations to next year’s Budget Committee on how they could cut $130,000 worth of expenditures.
- Stacey Chiu said her recommendation would be not to cut, but to find new sources of revenue, for instance through fund-raising or new business proposals presented to the Business Operations Committee.

13. MOVED STACEY CHIU (Friendly Amendment):

“That motion #12 be amended by adding the following note:

Note: ‘To comply with the BC Personal Information Protection Act, certain numbers revealing personal information will be removed from the version of the Budget released to the public’.”

... Carried

14. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

“That Council approve the 2004/2005 AMS Budget as presented.”
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Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the External Commission dated July 6, 2004 [SCD 148-005]

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted as presented.

Minutes of the Compensation Review Committee dated July 14, 2004 [SCD 149-005]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

Draconian AMS Bylaws

Richard Davis said the issue of the timing of Executive turnover came up during a meeting of the ad hoc hiring review committee. He knew that the election and turnover times for the Executive were set by the AMS Bylaws, which could only be changed by referendum, but he wanted to find out Council’s opinions about changing the election time.

Lyle McMahon noted that the Bylaws can also be changed through a Special General Meeting.

Holly Foxcroft said she had found the current turnover time challenging because ten days after taking office she had to attend the March Board of Governors meeting dealing with important issues.

David Asgeirsson said that if the problem was having a brand-new Executive spend a lot of its first month hiring, perhaps the hiring rules could be changed to have the outgoing Executive take part.

Richard Davis said the hiring review committee is reviewing that possibility.

Gavin Dew asked if there was a quiet time when fewer important issues are being discussed which would be better for turnover.

Holly Foxcroft said May would be better than March because by May the newly elected Executive would have finished their studies. February-March was mid-term time.

Brenda Ogembo said it was useful for the new Executive to do the hiring, but collaboration with the outgoing Executive would help. It was all tied into the timing of Compensation Review and the Budget.

Hugh Turner said it was good to have early AMS elections so that people who didn’t win could run in Constituency elections.

Amina Rai said the Executive was looking into ways of changing the Bylaws, perhaps by holding a Special General Meeting in conjunction with the Welcome Back BBQ, though that could be a logistical nightmare. She said one advantage of a general meeting over a referendum was that a lower number of votes would be needed to pass bylaw amendments: referendums require that 10
percent of the student population vote Yes, whereas for special general meetings, all that is required is that 10 percent attend.

Sheldon Goldfarb noted that this would mean approximately 4,000 students would have to attend. Also, for bylaw amendments, a three-quarters majority is required, so at least 3,000 students would have to vote Yes. He added that the last time an attempt to amend the bylaws had succeeded was in 1987.

**Council Meeting**

Scott Price noted that with the moving of this Council meeting forward a week, there was now going to be a long time before the next Council meeting on August 25.

Brenda Ogembo said the plan is to move that meeting one week ahead as well, so that the next meeting will be on August 18. The meeting after that will be on September 1.

**Housing**

Brenda Ogembo said it was proving difficult to arrange for a presentation to Council by the UBC administrators in charge of housing. There is also a larger issue of consultation on campus development.

David Asgeirsson suggested it might be better in any case to work with other parts of the UBC administration.

Tyler Bryant asked how far along the Marine Drive residence project is.

Brenda Ogembo said she didn’t know that much about the project: that was an illustration of the problem. She had heard that a hole has been dug next to St. John’s College. There is going to be discussion at the July Board of Governors meeting, but no voting until perhaps September.

Scott Price asked if the increases in tuition had freed up money for these building projects.

Dave Tompkins said it was just coincidental; tuition money goes into a different fund.

David Asgeirsson said it was his understanding that the University had taken out a bond issue to fund this student housing project, and once this project is underway, there will be no more funding available for student housing for 20 years.

Scott Price asked where UBC was getting its money for other building.

David Asgeirsson said that was private money.

Patricia Lau said students provide only 25 to 29% of the University’s budget.

Gavin Dew asked if there should be a special AMS position or committee in charge of hounding the Administration for greater transparency.

Lyle McMahon mentioned a new club: the Brian Sullivan Appreciation Society.

David Asgeirsson took issue with the claim that students fund only 28 or 29% of the University’s budget. If non-discretionary funding is excluded and just the general operating budget is considered, then the student contribution is more like 40 or 50%.

Lyle McMahon said it was important for Council to define its stance on the Marine Drive student residences. He said there might be objections because of the lack of consultation, but he noted that the University was building these residences because the AMS had told them that more student residences were needed. He added that there were people in the University Administration who would be interested in doing what the AMS asked for, so the AMS should establish what it was asking for.

Brenda Ogembo said her issue is consultation. There is a need for student residences, but there are questions of quality and alternatives and consultation.

Tyler Bryant said more information is needed. He had heard that the top three storeys of the residences will be a hotel or used for conferences.

Holly Foxcroft said Brian Sullivan had said this was not so.

Gavin Dew warned against adopting an attitude of righteous indignation and always suspecting the worst of the University. The AMS should not assume the worst and should not be negative, but should actively seek consultation in a positive way.
AMS Elections

Patricia Lau asked what had happened to the proposed electoral reforms brought before Council by the former chair of the Code and Policies Committee, Spencer Keys.

Richard Davis asked when the referendums will be.

Holly Foxcroft said there will be a referendum on the summer U-Pass. The Administration is pushing the AMS to hold this referendum in September rather than in January with the executive elections, because they want the summer U-Pass in place before Translink can raise their fee (after their scheduled review). The Administration will chip in for the costs of the referendum.

Lyle McMahon asked if Translink would accept the new summer U-Pass before their review.

Holly Foxcroft said Translink was eager to have this in place.

Dave Sidhu said Spencer Keys’ proposed electoral reforms had come before the Code and Policies Committee, but had been put on the back burner.

Lyle McMahon said it was his understanding that the proposed reforms would have been very costly because of the expense of devising computer programs to work with the on-line voting system.

Gavin Dew asked if applications to develop software could be solicited from students.

David Asgeirsson said this was not something that could be easily developed by the AMS; the software would have to connect to the list of students in the Registrar’s database.

Brenda Ogembo announced that SASC is going to be requesting a fee increase through a referendum.

Lyle McMahon expressed concern over what will happen in the next executive elections now that slates are banned.

Amina Rai said that when the Chair of the Code and Policies Committee returns, the committee can look into the various issues raised by the slate banning.

Stacey Chiu said the elections may be more expensive because more people may run and there may be more refunds to hand out unless the refund rules are changed.

David Asgeirsson asked if a new Elections Administrator had been hired.

Brenda Ogembo said the aim was to hire one by mid-August.

Q) Submissions:


‘Addressing Excellence’ Triumphs and Challenges. [SCD 151-005]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

15. MOVED JEN COLLINS, SECONDED HUGH TURNER:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Norman Sippert (University Town, External Affairs), Joe Stott (UBC Campus Planning), Karly Henney (UBC Campus Planning), Linda Moore (University Town, External Affairs), Brad Foster (University Town, External Affairs), Fred Fotis (UBC Housing), Joe Redmond (UBC Properties), Eric Szeto (The Ubyssey), Sarah Bourdon (The Ubyssey), Karen Ward, Paul Sutton (AMS Safety Coordinator), Raj Mathur (Music), Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant), Dave Tompkins (Chair)

I.) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

1. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:
   “That the agenda be adopted as presented.”
   ... Carried

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

L) Introductions

C) Presentations to Council:

[SCD 152-005]

Housing – Joe Redmond (UBC Properties Trust), Fred Fotis (UBC Housing and Conferences)

Fred Fotis:
- UBC has opened two new residences and made extensive renovations in the Vanier residence.
- UBC has created 525 new spaces in Vanier.
- UBC is trying to address supply and demand issues by building new residences, e.g., on the west side of campus near St. John’s College, between Lower Mall and Marine Drive.
- A commons area, a Milestones-style restaurant, a convenience store, and a coffee shop will be included in or near the new residence.
- The aim is to have an impact on the long wait-list for residence spaces, to create more housing for grad students and first years, and to open up more family housing in Fairview.
- Rent will be higher in the new complex: $565 a month instead of $465.

Joe Redmond:
- Residence to go in area currently occupied by a Food and Nutritional Studies building.
- Aim is to build a residence holding 200 beds.
- Plan now is to build four 18-storey towers along with podium buildings the same height as St. John’s.
- Possibility of putting in retail stores and an office connection.
- The Board of Governors has so far approved one tower and two podium buildings.

Questions:
Richard Davis asked if the proposed new restaurant would be as pricey as Milestones. Fred Fotis said it would not.

Matt Holme asked about increased parking. Joe Redmond said there were plans to serve an additional 3,000-4,000 cars.

Joshua Caulkins asked about the percentage of beds set aside for graduate students. Fred Fotis said there were no numbers yet, but one building containing 500 beds would probably be just for grad students.

Holly Foxcroft asked about UBC’s eight-year plan and about incorporating the increased student numbers the government has included in its 2010 plan.

Fred Fotis said UBC is building more housing, but once the Marine Drive project is completed, UBC will have maxed out its debt for eight years. It will be difficult to add new debt after that; so the new buildings being discussed now, along with renovations at Fairview, would probably be it for housing until 2012.

Lyle McMahon asked about the detrimental effect of the new housing on Wreck Beach.

Fred Fotis said UBC’s position is that most of the claims about a detrimental effect, which are being circulated by the Wreck Beach Preservation Society, cannot be substantiated. He said the new residence is a good thing for UBC and its students. Students are waiting for residence spots. The project will also take cars off the street.

Joe Redmond responded to the Wreck Beach society’s claim that the new residence buildings will be visible from the beach. UBC has made a commitment to manage the heights of the buildings. At low tide a person could see the North Shore and the airport.

Diana Keng asked about footpaths and separate entrances.

Joe Redmond said each building will be distinct with its own entry. There will be a courtyard and a service road around the buildings.

Scott Price asked about green roofs.

Joe Redmond said green roofs are for water retention, which can be achieved in other ways. Fred Fotis said there are some green roofs.

Scott Price asked if it was possible to stagger the heights of the buildings.

Joe Redmond said 18 storeys was the maximum; they could reduce the height of some of the buildings, but that would mean a loss of beds.

Brenda Ogembo asked about increasing the choices for first-year students and about infilling Totem Park.

Fred Fotis said the market is actually for students in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years. UBC is not sure about the market for first-year students. They would not want to create spaces for first years that they couldn’t fill.

Helen Ma asked about a tighter footprint.

Joe Redmond said the highest density would be from high-rise structures, and high rises also leave room for green space.

Hugh Turner asked if the $565 rent included such things as maintenance costs. Fred Fotis said that it did. Hugh Turner asked what the maintenance cost was. Fred Fotis said he did not have that information to hand.

Joe Stott:

South Campus working group, including students, had been working from March through June.

The aim of the South Campus plan was to create a “village in the woods.”

The plan would aim to meet the OCP target of having 50% of the households working or studying on campus.

The plan emphasized sustainability, pedestrians, and bicycles.
After consultation, earlier versions of the plan were modified to include green paths instead of streets.

The plan was still in development and there would be further consultation beginning August 24 and continuing until mid-September.

Questions:

- Joshua Caulkins asked if it will be possible to gather enough feedback from a broad range of students before mid-September.
- Linda Moore said there would be an on-line feedback form. She added that last year there had been feedback from a cross-section of students by early September.
- Holly Foxcroft asked if there were any changes that could be made to the plan to ensure that the UBC Farm would remain a farm.
- Joe Stott said that in the OCP the area is noted as being for institutional use but also as an area that may be transformed into student housing. Several steps would have to be taken, however, before the transformation could take place. Linda Moore said it would certainly not happen before 2012.
- Amina Rai asked about amending the OCP. Joe Stott said the OCP was a bylaw passed by the GVRD, which could be amended only by passing another bylaw.
- Helen Ma asked how it could be ensured that students and staff could afford the new housing so as to meet the 50% target.
- Joe Stott said it would be difficult to ensure this. UBC could regulate the structures. UBC could say the housing was only for faculty, staff, or students, but the idea of the new University Town was to make the campus more vital by creating a diverse community. The idea was not to have only UBC-connected residents, creating a sort of factory town. But if there was no restriction to UBC-only, then UBC could not then control who bought the townhouses. However, there could be provision for secondary suites in the townhouses which students could afford to rent. He added that currently 30-35% of Hampton Place residents have a UBC connection.
- Helen Ma asked what the price range would be.
- Joe Stott said UBC could not control the housing market. Some might be at the upper end, but some would cost a fraction of the prices on the west side of Vancouver.
- Hugh Turner asked about student consultation and said the only consultation should be through AMS Council.
- Christine Boyle asked about creating more of a community in South Campus, especially incorporating the UBC Farm into the neighbourhood. Joe Stott said UBC was attempting to link this community to the campus.
- Brenda Ogembo asked about UBC’s commitment to making information about the plan accessible and easy to understand for students.
- Joe Stott said there were complicated issues and a complicated process. UBC has tried to present as comprehensive a picture as possible, and UBC representatives were available to discuss details. Also, once the neighbourhood plan is approved, each individual site within it will go through another public consultation process. And there are websites and publications.
- Linda Moore said that if people want a workshop, that could be arranged.
- Karen Ward asked if people on South Campus will be able to vote. Linda Moore said they would be able to join the University Neighbourhood Association (UNA), the governing structure which is the equivalent of a municipality.

SASC Budget – Brenda Ogembo

- Code says at least 80% of the funding for sexual assault services is to go to pay the operating expenses of the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC), with the remainder going into the Sexual Assault Initiatives Fund (SAIF).
- However, SASC actually needs 100% of the funding.
- More funding is needed, perhaps through increasing the fee in a referendum or through donations.

Questions:
- Hugh Turner asked why the AMS is paying for something the University should be providing.
- Brenda Ogembo said that was a good question, but if the AMS stops providing support for this service, it will just stop.
- Tyler Bryant said he was not aware of the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee having met to decide to direct all the funding to the SASC operating budget.
- Brenda Ogembo said it had proved impossible to arrange a formal meeting, but she had consulted with the members.
- Scott Price asked about the possibility of sponsorship.
- Brenda Ogembo said she was open to that too.

Privacy Law – Sheldon Goldfarb
- Sheldon Goldfarb provided an update on the efforts by the AMS, especially its privacy committee, to comply with the new BC law on personal information (PIPA). He noted that he had received advice from a government privacy advisor to the effect that it was acceptable for the AMS to circulate documents such as the Compensation Review Report, containing salary information for various AMS positions, so long as the information was not paired up with any individual’s name.
- He also encouraged Constituencies to answer his e-mail containing questions about the sorts of personal information collected in the Constituencies.

Office and Locker Relocation Project – Lyle McMahon
- Lyle McMahon said that to make up for office space lost through the Food Co-op expansion, new offices were being created in the 241 complex by removing and relocating the lockers that had been there. The project was already underway because of time constraints.

Questions:
- Courtney Campbell asked about the contents of the lockers.
- Lyle McMahon said whatever was in the lockers was safe, just in a different location now.

D) President’s Remarks:

Hiring:
- Executive Coordinator, Student Services:
  - On July 15, 2004 I took part in the hiring of the ECSS position. There were many strong candidates that had applied for the position and the Hiring Committee was focused. I’d like to take the opportunity to thank Jane Barry, Richard Davis and Dave Asgeirsson. However, Grant Wong stood out as being a solid individual with a strong vision of enhancing the Student Services. I would like to formally welcome Grant Wong to AMS Council.

- Events Manager:
  - Alongside Nancy Toogood and Bernie Peets, I participated in the hiring process of the Events Manager on August 6th and August 13th. We will be announcing the new Events Manager soon.

- Marketing Manager:
  - Alongside Shawn Callegari and Bernie Peets, I participated in the hiring process of the Marketing Manager on August 9th. We will hopefully be finalizing a selected candidate for the position shortly.
External Meetings Attended:

Great Northern Way Campus Meeting - July 15, 2004

Alongside Holly, I attended the Great Northern Way Campus meeting with SFU and Emily Carr representatives. We talked about issues of the scope of PSE within the Great Northern Way. We will be reconvening in the near future to exchange information and collaborate on methods of lobbying our university administration.

Meeting with BCIT and VCC - July 30, 2004

On July 30th, I met with representatives from VCC and BCIT to discuss the future direction of the CCSA conference. VCC is intending on hosting the conference for 2005 and is working to establish methods of improving the conference. VCC has asked me and Stacey to attend the organization meetings so that we may provide input. I have asked VCC to attend the next AMS Council meeting on September 1 to present the CCSA 2005 project. A motion will be coming to the table to endorse the conference so that Stacey and I can help with the organization of the conference. It should be noted that I have respectfully stated that no financial support can be given by the AMS for the CCSA 2005 conference.

Meeting with VP Finance University of Regina - August 4th, 2004

On August 4th, the Executive met with the VP Finance of the University of Regina. Victor was in town attending a personal conference and scheduled to meet with us for lunch. The meeting was productive in exchanging ideas and initiatives of both Student Societies.

Meeting with Langara Student Union - August 8th, 2004

On August 8th, I met with a Langara representative to discuss initiatives in which the AMS and the LSU can work together with other student unions. I discussed with the External Coordinator, Holly’s initiative of hosting a provincial conference in the fall as well as the proposal of hosting a cross campus conference on systemic racism. The meeting was very positive and good relationships have been stabilized to work with the LSU.

Meeting with Wilfrid Laurier University - August 10th - 11th, 2004

On August 10th, Brenda, Stacey, Grant and I attended a dinner with the Wilfred Laurier delegation (administration and Student Society executive). We also invited Josh McNorton, Richard Davis and Gavin Dew to attend. The dinner provided an opportunity for the Wilfred Laurier delegation to socialize with the AMS and UBC administration and being talking about our universities and student societies.

The next day, August 11th, Brenda, Stacey, Grant and I spent the afternoon with the student delegation. We provided a tour of the SUB and took part in a round table discussion on student leadership and multiple campus universities. The experience was very interesting and insightful as it provided a different perspective of student governance. Wilfred Laurier has a very solid culture of volunteerism within their students’s society which was inspiring to learn about. The visit was overall successful and enjoyable.

Meeting with SFU - August 13th, 2004

On August 13th, on behalf of Holly and myself, I met with SFU to debrief about our Xforeducation campaign. The discussion was healthy and productive in determining ways to improve our campaign initiatives. We also discussed the potential of a joint provincial election campaign and the provincial conference which Holly will be speaking more about.

Internal Meetings:

July 30th I met with the ECSS for our weekly meeting.

August 3rd, I met with the Firstweek Coordinator for a routine meeting.

August 4th, I met with the Executive Special Projects Assistant to discuss future projects. I also met with Holly and Bernie to discuss the Translink U-Pass review.

August 18th, the ECSS met with the Executive to learn more about our goals and mandate.

July 15th and August 13th - Meeting with VP Students (Brian Sullivan):
The Executives met with Brian Sullivan on July 15th for 2 hours to discuss a multitude of issues. On August 13th, Brenda, Stacey and I met with him again for another 2 hours to continue our discussion and follow-up on issues. Topics discussed included Policy 72, First Student Loans, collective Executive priorities, Alumni affairs, Student Loan Program Advocacy and Anti-Racism Committee.

Other:
- On August 9th, I attended a True Colours Workshop organized by Grant Wong. It was an excellent workshop facilitated by Steve Ing and Chad Hyson.
- On July 15th to July 26th I was away at the Student World Assembly Convention with Fernando (IRSA President) and Maree (Global Citizenship Project participant). The conference was held in San Louis Obispo. The conference was quite an interesting experience as it brought 40 participants from all over the world. The purpose of our sponsored attendance was to determine the logistical support and partnership of UBC hosting the SWA conference for 2005. However, upon arriving at the convention, the UBC delegation quickly understood that the issue was quite political amongst the internal staff of SWA. Discrepancies emerged with the undemocratic process of choosing UBC to host the SWA Convention for 2005. After much deliberation, the UBC delegation decided to withdraw our proposal from the table. It was an unexpected turn of events that the UBC delegation was not aware of. However, I believe that we represented ourselves very professionally and diplomatically. We were all content with our decision to withdraw the proposal.

New Website:
- Shawn Callegari has been working intensely on the new AMS website which will be launched soon and something that we are all really excited about.

AMS Insider:
- The AMS Insider is complete and has been printed out and will be passed to AMS Council members. Both Karen Ward and Trevor Gilks worked very hard on this project which ultimately turned into a successful product. The AMS Insider is comprehensive, detailed and informative. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the VP Academic, Brenda Ogembo for meeting with the Communications Planning Group to go over the AMS Insider while I was away at the conference. The Communications Planning Group comprised of Dave Tompkins, Richard Davis, Justine Chan and Shawn Callegari worked diligently to proof the AMS Insider. It should be noted that there is a disclaimer in the AMS Insider stating that the product does not reflect the society but rather the work of the editor and designer.

Wanted Posters:
- It has come to my attention that wanted posters have been plastered around the university, particularly in Hampton Place depicting VP Dennis Pavlich and President Piper with the statement: Wanted for Rape and Murder. The issue revolves around students that are angry about the campus development and the use of the endowment lands. I thought it was appropriate to bring these posters to AMS Council to publicly state our disappointment of the boorishness of these posters. I am not confidently certain that these posters are the product of UBC students. However, if they are, it should be noted that as the official spokesperson of the AMS, I completely disapprove of these posters and wish to remove the AMS as far away as possible from such acts.

E) Executive Remarks:

Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs

Great Trekker: October 4, 2004:
- Xcom has been heading up this project and has to date sent out requests for nominations to members of the UBC community as well as the President, VP’s and AVP’s.
Xcom also met with the Alumni Association in order to discuss the Great Trekker event and possible nominations.

Invitations to campus VIP’s (President, VP’s and AVP’s) were sent out today.

The event will be held at Cecil Green Park with UBC catering the event.

Xcom wanted to raise the profile of the event while simultaneously allowing for more student participation, so instead of a sit-down dinner we are having hors d’oeuvres served at the event.

To ensure student participation, Great Trekker tickets will be given out to a number of AMS Council members, club executives as well as the average UBC student.

To allow for more interaction between guests, we decided to have a stand-up event where guests could mingle.

The focus on this year’s award is Community Outreach and Community Involvement.

Any nominations of former UBC Alumni can be sent to Xcom at xcom@ams.ubc.ca

Provincial Conference: October?

I have met with Canadian Federation of Students to discuss holding a joint conference after I met earlier roadblocks that prohibited me from doing so.

I was unable to attend the meeting held with the Xforeducation.ca campaign in which they discussed the possibility of provincial lobbying/strategizing for the provincial election, but Amina was able to attend in my stead.

This weekend CFS-BC is meeting in Victoria to hold their provincial AGM and will be discussing with their members the possibility of holding a joint conference.

I still stand behind the belief that we need to have a provincial conference in which we can strategize for the upcoming provincial election on a student-union to student-union basis; concurrently Amina and I also stand behind a policy based conference and subsequent campaign, we do not believe that a partisan campaign will be effective.

I have been in contact with many unaligned schools and they are in support of having a provincial strategizing conference.

The idea has been floated that we combine the provincial conference with the Fight Back conference that will be taking place in Victoria on October 14 - 16. This conference will be a meeting of anti-poverty, labour and student grassroots groups.

I will have more information about the shape of the conference after this weekend.

Not On Our Campus: January 25 - 27, 2005:

Xcom will be showing a series of films over the course of the three days in which we will feature different types of discrimination and will then hold discussion groups after the films.

As Not On Our Campus is in the preliminary stages of planning and as Xcom recognizes that we do not possess expertise on the issues that we are attempting to cover, we will be meeting with various stakeholder groups within the AMS, (Women’s Center, SASC, Pride, Allies, Colour Connected, and Safety Coordinators) to discuss Not On Our Campus.

U-Pass: October?

The U-Pass printing has struggled due to technical malfunction and the lack of cards which were ordered by Translink which resulted in a one week freeze on printing.

Hopefully everything will stay on track now.

I have received a letter from Translink in which they declare that they cannot commit to securing the current rate for the U-Pass for the Summer 2005 U-Pass.

The Translink Board will be meeting in October to decide on fares for 2005 across the board, which will lean towards an increase in fees. It has been alluded to that they fees may increase to mirror inflation. I am working with the university to ensure there is no increase.

Yesterday I met with Translink to discuss the terms of reference of the 18 month review.

U-Pass Subsidy forms are available on-line now! Can be accessed through exemptions button at the student services website.

UBC Budget - Tomorrow:

Stacey and I will be meeting with Dana Merritt tomorrow morning to discuss the UBC budget.
Great Northern Way: July 15, 2004:
< Will be meeting again with SFU and Emily Carr.
< Was in Victoria August 6 - 13, 2004 for family reasons.

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration
SAC:
< Preparing for the tornado that is back-to-school - executive orientations, clubs week and Resource Group Days, and the office move in-out date.
< Manj, the SAC Vice-Chair is back from the Okanagan.
Renovations:
< We’ve been running Michael ragged with all the concurrent projects: 230 complex, Food Co-op, History Wall relocation, Business Consolidation and now the 241 complex. Richard was the sole respondent to my email, giving his best grace to go ahead with it.
Meeting with VP Students:
< Omnibussed lots of topics, including Pacific Spirit, Okanagan Campus, Campus Development and more fun things like alcohol and Gordon Campbell.
Bike Co-op:
< Met to discuss the idea of developing a campus bike courier service.
Ethical Purchasing Policy:
< Working on strategy document development with Jared.
Farm Aid Planning:
< The event will be licensed this year.
UBC Bookstore:
< Met re: respective procurement policies.
AMS Orientations:
< Attended Orientations Group Leader training.
SUB Bookings:
< UBC administration needed SUB space to hold their consultation. I helped to ensure that it would not cause any cancellation of student bookings.
< Took time-off, went to Shambhala in the Interior.

Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services
Innovative Project Fund:
< Following up on 5 IPF projects that received funding last year.
Student Access Terminals
< $4000 in IPF funding – looking at options to increase the number of computer terminals in the AMS service area entrance.
Student Food Bank
< $5000 to initiate a student food bank. Trying to contact original members of proposal. Submitted a work study position of Student Food Project assistant that would explore options for a student food bank. Funding would come from IPF funds.
Student Rights Handbook
< $3000 in funding. Asked PR manager to look into options for printing. Met with Ombudsperson and Advocate to discuss status of Student Rights Handbook.
SUB-Style Welcome
< $2000 in funding for a proposal for a beach themed SUB welcoming activities. Investigating event options.
The Lights of Peace
< $2850 in funding to create a candle lit peace march in late November. Met with Cosponsor Nestor Korhinsky to discuss concept. Email co-sponsor Lisa Thomas-Tench from Youth Millennium Project to discuss project management. Still in planning phase.
True Colors Workshop:
< Organized and held a True Colors Workshop attended by 18 people within the AMS.

Cold Beverage Event Sponsorship Committee:
< Met with Committee to review applications for sponsorship for the fall term. Successful applicants have been notified.

Celebrations Committee:
< Contacted Public Dreams.Org to investigate the possibility of partnership/mentorship of a celebration on campus modeled on Illuminares.
< Looked at cost of lantern workshops and Stilt walking workshops

PIPA Committee:
< Created a report on personal information held by AMS student services. Presented report on August 3, 2004 to committee.

Safety Committee, Ad-hoc Hiring Committee, General Service Meeting:
< Regular meetings

Nestor Korchinsky, Director of Student Development:
< Met to discuss possibility of greater cooperation between AMS services and UBC student services
  - Update on past joint IPF proposals.
  - Discussed the need for off-campus housing resources.

Wilfrid Laurier Dean's Visit:
< Met with student government representatives from Wilfred Laurier University to discuss challenges of multiple campuses.
< Discussed Wilfred Laurier student services structure. Met with their Human Resources portfolio person.

Leadership Summit:
< Will co-facilitate two workshop sessions.

Services:
Promotion
< Magnetic and non-magnetic rack cards advertising AMS services have arrived. Met with PR assistant to future marketing materials for info fairs.

Parent Orientation
< 2 tables for parent orientation and organized 7 service employees to be on student panel.

Employment Contracts
< Created employment contracts for Service Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators.

Tutoring
< Hired two new Assistant Tutoring Coordinators.
< Investigating TLEF process to propose long term funding for the Tutoring service.

Orientations
< Alice Campbell, Orientation coordinator has resigned effective August 16, 2004. Stephanie Mui is the new Orientation Coordinator.
< Interviewed and hired 10 orientation guides.
< Orientations have started with very positive feedback from participants.

Volunteer Connections
< Interviewed and hired Assistant Volunteer Coordinator for international opportunities. Met with Josh McNorton to discuss Shinerama.

Internship
< Met with Leah Szabo, Internship Project Manager to discuss timeline and challenges of project.

Questions:
- Hugh Turner asked what the salary for the Executive Coordinator of Student Services was?
2. MOVED HUGH TURNER:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds .... Failed due to lack of a seconder

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs

Meeting with Brian Sullivan:
< Met with him to discuss his priorities as well as our priorities as an executive. This was the second meeting that we had, and reinforced the issues brought up during the first meeting.

Vacation:
< Took 2 weeks off – 1st week of Aug and last week of July to do exams.

AD-Hoc Hiring Review Report:
< We have been meeting once a week.
< We are just concluding the process and will have a report for next the Council meeting as well as a presentation.
< Next step: Once we have the report, we will be sending it off to the Code and Policies Committee and to Bernie to come up with a proper hiring manual.

Hiring:
< Hired a Volunteer Connections Assistant and two Tutoring Assistants.
< Once the Compensation Review document is passed, we will be hiring for August positions such as the EA and Minischool.
< Our International person resigned and we will be hiring the new person soon.

UBC Hiring of Race and Diversity Advisor for Access and Diversity July 23rd:
< I was the student representative on this committee. I am awaiting confirmation from Janet Mee over who is it and will announce this news hopefully by the next Council meeting.

Hosting Executives from other universities:
< President of University of Regina was here briefly from Taiwan and I hosted her
< Hosted Wilfrid Laurier Execs and team and had good chat with their VP University Affairs.

Campus Safety Committee:
< Safety at First Week has been a priority, and Allison has taken great steps to ensure that safety is a priority at First Week and at the Welcome Back Barbeque. I would like to congratulate her on the amazing initiatives around safety that she has taken on and that she has been working with the Safety Coordinators to ensure that safety is a priority.
< Talking to Brian Sullivan about Safety and Development and how to ensure that students are well kept during the whole process.

Academic Roundtable August 13th:
< We tried to set up a meeting this week, unfortunately the turnout was not very good. We are trying to set up a meeting with AVPs and Associate Deans of Faculties.
< Brian Sullivan is looking into getting logistical support for Faculty of Arts.

International House:
< Talking to them to find out how to create more spaces for international students.
< International House has been remodeled to accommodate Student Exchange Programs which has resulted in the conversion of student spaces into office space.

Compensation Review:
< We met to discuss compensation and deal with a few pending issues.
< A motion to accept the addendum to the Comp review document will be presented.

University Killam Teaching Prizes:
< I attended these awards that recognize work done by TA’s and Profs on July 19th at Martha’s House.
Africa Awareness Board Meeting:
< I attended this Board meeting on July 16th.
< I accepted the role of Co-Chair of the board, and will be working closely with Veronica to
  promote and support this initiative.

ECSS Hiring:
< Was done and Grant is here tonight.

SASC meeting with University:
< Trying to get that going for the end of the week.

UBC/AMS Liaison Meetings:
< Attended two of these meetings. Jim Moodie gave a presentation on development with a greater
  focus on the process of consultation and the working group in drafting the South Campus
  Neighbourhood Plan.
< Joe Stott came and talked to us about South Campus and focused on the differences between the
  CCP version of the South Campus Plan and the Working group version.

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance:
Budget:
< Produced the Public Budget. To comply with the BC Personal Information Protection Act,
  number revealing personal information, that is salaries, benefits, and honoraria, have been lumped
  together into sum totals.
< This has been sent to the Ubyssey and various other peer institutions who have requested a copy.
< Created a spreadsheet where departments can keep track of their expenses and their budget and
  easily calculate how much they have left or if they are over.

Business Operations Committee:
< Update on the Business Consolidation Project:
  - Construction began on August 2nd and will be completed by the end of the month.
  - The Post Office design was approved with slight modification.
  - Post Office boxes will be located within the store.
  - The Outpost has moved into the Gallery.
  - Ticketmaster needs to be transferred by August 24th, the date SUBcetera is transferred to
    the lessee, Lucky Mart 101.
  - The Committee has been evaluating proposals from prospective lessees of the Outpost
    space.
< Have had several proposals from various ABM companies. Henry, our Treasurer-Controller is in
  the process of comparing features.
< Friesens, a yearbook company, has approached me and asked to communicate their services to the
  different constituencies. Currently they work with Forestry and Commerce. If anyone is interested
  in their contact information, please let me know.
< Have seen proposals from two companies that we will take on:
  - Website-In-A-Box: guides students in building websites.
  - DVD Kiosk Rentals: Vending machine like with touch screens. Charges a rental cost and
    continues to charge late fees until the cost of the DVD is reached. Currently located in
    Pacific Centre and Bentall Centre. Two by two by seven feet, that is four square feet.
    Will use internet connection that was set up for SmartMedia.
< Also heard the beginning of a business plan from the AMS Bike Co-op.

Audited Financial Statements:
< Met with our auditors on July 23rd and signed the financial statements for 2003-2004.

Fincom:
< Executive Orientations: Have begun looking for sponsors for the event. Some of which will
  include our businesses and Legacy Games.
< Business Operations: Business Operations Commissioner, Alan Warkentin, and Vice-Chair, Sophia Haque, met with Jane Barry and Lyanne Evans to discuss ways to better promote AMS businesses and have begun plans to look at club discounts.
< During a meeting we discussed criteria for funds. New applications will soon be up to better reflect what the funds support according to Code. We also discovered that there is no limit for the Constituency Aid Fund specifically applied to for special projects.

Food Co-op Financials:
< Met with the Food Co-op to discuss their business plan, start up costs, and how the AMS can support them administratively.
< The Food Co-op will have a similar status as other clubs that are quasi businesses such as Aqua Soc and the Bike Co-op.

Fundraising:
< Had a meeting with the AMS Development Officer, Coreen Douglas. Discussed progress with the AMS Foundation and the Norm Theatre Campaign.
< Met with Ian Gray, President of FilmSoc, and Vickie McLeod, Marketing Coordinator of the UBC Bookstore, to discuss a marketing campaign for the Norm Theatre Project.

Other Events:
< Other meetings I attended were an introduction session for AMS Orientations guides, AMS Welcome Back BBQ Planning Meeting, and Rentsline Meeting.
< Met with Brian Sullivan with the other executive on July 15th and August 13th to discuss our objectives and upcoming issues.
< I attended the Killam Teaching Award Ceremony and Order of Canada & BC Ceremony, both of which were at Martha Piper’s house.
< Hosted fellow student union exec visitors from the University of Regina and Wilfred Laurier university.
< Attended a True Colours workshop put on by the Student Development Office.

F) Committee Reports:

Code and Policies Committee – Quinn Omori (Chair)

- Quinn Omori said that discussions about the proposed harassment and discrimination policy, which had been referred to the Code and Policies Committee by Council, were impeding the passing of the union contract. The Code and Policies Committee thus was recommending that the two items be split, leaving the harassment policy contained in the union contract as is while developing a policy at a later date for the whole AMS.
- On the issue of voting reform, he said there were no plans to change the system: making things more complex would not encourage voting; what would encourage voting would be making the AMS more relevant to the students.
- He noted that there were some minor electoral reforms being proposed in a motion later on the agenda.

Questions:
- Hugh Turner asked if Code could be amended to remove the restriction against drinking alcohol during Council meetings.
- Quinn Omori said that would not be germane to the Code amendment motions on the agenda.

G) Constituency Reports:
Patricia Lau – Science - said the social space issue for Science was up in the air because the new Science social space building was not being built.
Christine Boyle - Agricultural Sciences Undergraduate Society
Lianne McLean - Arts Undergraduate Society
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Leigh-Ann Martin - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Diana Keng - Educations Students Association
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Student Society
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Christine Conkin - Vancouver School of Theology

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson:
<
The number of new cases has slowed down since August 13, 2004
<
The Deputy Ombudsperson has started training.
<
Working on promoting the service.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

That the following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated July 14, 2004 [SCD 155-005]
Minutes of the Compensation Review Committee dated May 19, 2004 [SCD 156-005]
Minutes of the Compensation Review Committee dated August 9, 2004 [SCD 157-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated June 21, 2004 [SCD 158-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated July 19, 2004 [SCD 159-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated July 27, 2004 [SCD 160-005]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated January 15, 2004 [SCD 161-005]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated January 28, 2004 [SCD 162-005]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated February 26, 2004 [SCD 163-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

“That Council approve the budget of the Sexual Assault Support Centre, as presented by the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee.”

- Brenda Ogembo said she did try to set up a meeting with the SASC funding committee, but didn’t get much response. She said SASC offers an essential service.
- Joel McLaughlin asked if SASC was likely to go into deficit again.
- Brenda Ogembo said that it was likely and that the larger question down the road was how to get more resources for SASC.

4. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:
“That Council approve the budget of the Sexual Assault Support Centre, as presented by the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee.”
... Carried
5. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN: [SCD 164-005]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2004: Electoral Review’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Quinn Omori said several of the changes were the result of recommendations by last year’s Elections Administrator. These included requiring a transition report and establishing an honorarium as an incentive for the outgoing Elections Administrator to write the report; closing a loophole so that the Elections Administrator can prevent handbilling in the SUB; giving the Elections Committee the power to penalize a candidate who benefits when a Constituency spends money on behalf of that candidate.

- Other changes included making it clear that an election appeal could be launched after the election if the Elections Committee declared the election invalid; removing the requirement that election appeals go the Prima Facie Committee before going to Student Court; and ensuring that the judge who chairs an election appeals committee does not decide on any appeals from that committee’s decisions.

- Richard Davis asked whether clubs, like Constituencys, were forbidden to contribute money to candidates.

- Quinn Omori said he did not think there was any such prohibition in Code.

- Diana Keng said there was a stylistic or grammatical problem caused by one of the proposed amendments. She suggested a change.

- Sheldon Goldfarb said the suggested change would cause a substantive change, contradicting another part of the Code.

6. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2004: Electoral Review’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN: [SCD 165-005]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2004: University Commission Composition’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

8. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

“That Council appoint Naomi Garrish (Council Member) to the Business Operations Committee.”

“That Council appoint Maryam Dosani (Member at-large) to the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee.”
... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:
The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated July 13, 2004 [SCD 166-005]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated August 3, 2004 [SCD 167-005]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated May 17, 2004 [SCD 168-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated June 11, 2004 [SCD 169-005]

L) Committee Motions: Continued

9. MOVED BRENDA OGEEMBO, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE: [SCD 170-005]

“That Council approve the Addendum to the Compensation Review Report 2004-05 as presented by the Compensation Review Committee.”
... Carried

10. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council approve the Addendum to the Compensation Review Report 2004-05 as presented by the Compensation Review Committee.”

Whereas the expansion of the Food Co-op into the old Varsity Outdoors Club space, approved by Council on June 30, meant that space originally intended to serve as new club offices was no longer available; and

Whereas a means has been found to replace that lost space in the 241 complex on the second floor of the SUB near CiTR by removing 12 lockers from the 241 complex and relocating them in the self-serve photocopying area next to Copyright on the Lower Level,

Therefore be it resolved that Council allocate funding not to exceed $4,400 from the CPAC fund for the new 241 office and locker relocation project, as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

- Lyle McMahon noted that the money requested was a very small amount and the project was halfway done. If Council said no, the lockers would have to be moved back upstairs.

11. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council approve the Addendum to the Compensation Review Report 2004-05 as presented by the Compensation Review Committee.”

Whereas the expansion of the Food Co-op into the old Varsity Outdoors Club space, approved by Council on June 30, meant that space originally intended to serve as new club offices was no longer available; and

Whereas a means has been found to replace that lost space in the 241 complex on the second floor of the SUB near CiTR by removing 12 lockers from the 241 complex and relocating them in the self-serve photocopying area next to Copyright on the Lower Level,
Therefore be it resolved that Council allocate funding not to exceed $4,400 from the CPAC fund for the new 241 office and locker relocation project, as recommended by the Renovations Planning Group.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.” ... Carried

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council: Continued

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee dated July 27, 2004  [SCD 171-005]

P) Discussion Period:

< UBC Budget
- Holly Foxcroft said she was going to see Dana Merritt, a UBC associate vice-president in finance, about getting a copy of the UBC budget or at least more budget information than in UBC’s publicly released financial document. She asked Council for suggestions on what information to ask for.
- Dave Tompkins suggested asking for a breakdown of all UBC expenses: personnel, equipment, etc.
- Lyle McMahon suggested getting a clarification on the difference between the total and the operating budget.
- Tyler Bryant suggested asking for an income statement and balance statement for UBC Properties Trust. He also suggested finding out the maximum amount of debt, who’s financing it, and how much UBC is paying.
- Bernie Peets noted that the AMS provides complete financial statements.
- Lyle McMahon said the AMS budget will even be available on-line. Dave Tompkins said that UBC also has put a budget document on-line, but it’s the document released elsewhere which does not contain very much detail.
- Stacey Chiu said she was updating the AMS budget to put the non-confidential one on-line.

< Code Issues
- In answer to the earlier question from Richard Davis about clubs spending money in support of candidates, Sheldon Goldfarb said that the Code does not forbid clubs to spend money in support of candidates, but it does forbid candidates and anyone acting on the direction of a candidate from using a club’s resources or office space for election purposes.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said the stylistic problem noted by Diana Keng could be fixed by reversing the order of two provisions in the newly amended Code. Council had no objection to making this alteration.

< Campus Development
- Amina Rai asked for direction from Council on campus development.
- Christine Boyle said people on the UBC Farm would love a long-term plan for South Campus that included the farm, so that the farm would be part of the development.
- Brenda Ogembo said it is a cop-out for UBC not to be dealing with the farm now and leaving it marked on diagrams as “future housing reserve.”
- Dave Tompkins said some UBC administrators think the farm would be better relocated to the Okanagan.
- Amina Rai said it was a shame that the UBC Farm was labeled “future housing reserve” and not as the UBC Farm. Council might want to pass a motion next time to call on the University to recognize the farm for what it is now.
- Tyler Bryant suggested holding some AMS-only events on the South Campus plan to inform students.

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Visitors
- Amina Rai announced that UBC President Martha Piper and the new UBC Provost, Lorne Whitehead, will be visiting Council at a future date.

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Ethical Purchasing Policy
- Lyle McMahon said lobbying the University is planned on the issue of ethical purchasing, which may not be what everyone wants, but in bringing forward the new internal policy on ethical purchasing within the AMS, he had mentioned lobbying UBC. It might be useful at a later date to come to Council with an external policy in which the AMS would formally call on the University to adopt an ethical purchasing policy. He didn’t think the time was right for that yet.
- Richard Davis said he was worried this would hamper efforts to put a Tim Hortons on campus. He added that if the AMS ran a fast food restaurant itself, it could make a great deal of money.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

12. MOVED DIANA KENG, SECONDED LEIGH ANNE MARTIN:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m. ... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

BAO:pr
Guests: Alison Atkinson (Firstweek), Josh McNorton (Volunteer Connections), Tim Louman-Gardiner, Neil Braun (CiTR), Raj Mathur (Music), Paul Sutton (Safety Coordinator), Christa Peters (Vancouver Community College), Eric Szeto (The Ubyssey), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant), Dave Tompkins (Chair)

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

1. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

... Carried

C) Presentations to Council:

< Ad-Hoc Hiring – Brenda Ogembo [SCD 172-005]

- The Committee met to address hiring issues which included communication breakdown between departments, the structure of the Appointments Committee, lack of HR experience, lack of applicants, lack of concise hiring period/schedule and late compensation review.
- The Committee addressed each issue and came up with five recommendations:
  - Proposed budget/hiring and compensation review schedule.
  - Hiring Committee Structure.
  - HR person.
  - Transition and honoraria.
  - Compliance and accountability.

Questions:
- Lianne McLean asked when the new Elections Administrator would be hired.
- Brenda advised that today was the closing date for receipt of applications and the hiring process would be underway shortly.
- Michelle Quigg suggested that it might be better to hire Assistant Coordinators earlier than April 15th because by then people have already applied for other positions.
- Ian McKechnie said with the new Compensation Review Committee structure, there was the possibility of the old and the new executive steam-rolling Council members on the committee. Brenda said Council members would have been on the committee for a while and would be aware of how the system worked.
- Patricia Lau asked for the rationale behind the Primary Appointments Committee remaining the same. Brenda said this Committee was not changing because it hires positions that are independent such as the Speaker and Ombudsperson.

< VCC - CCSA 2005 - Christa Peters
- The Canadian Congress of Student Associations is a conference held annually which brings together student leaders from across the country to share information, exchange ideas and deal with issues affecting student unions such as finances, media etc.
- Due to a successful bid, the Vancouver Community College will be hosting the conference next year.
- VCC is seeking AMS support in helping organize the conference.
- Some of the problems encountered at this year’s conference included limited/mediocre workshops and overall a lengthy conference.
- Looking to put heads together to come up with ideas for workshops and generally improve on this year’s conference. Ideally would like to cover more ground during the day and condense the conference to 2/3 days.
- No financial request is being made on the AMS.

Questions:
- Richard Davis asked if this conference is referred to as Supercon. Christa said CCSA has four parts: Supercon, CART, Moneycon and Amiccus-C.
- David Asgeirsson said the conference isn’t held until May but the Executive turnover is February. Amina said the current execs would help with planning the conference and then following turnover the new executive would participate. Christa felt it would be beneficial for the old and the new executive to work together on this endeavour.

2. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That Council amend the agenda to consider the CCSA motion now.”

... Carried

3. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

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Whereas the annual CCSA conference provides an opportunity for the improvement of the conference structure to better aide student executives to share best practices, develop new skills and network; and

Whereas the conference provides an opportunity for British Columbia colleges and universities to work together to showcase the talents and expertise of the province’s schools;

Whereas CCSA has requested that the AMS President and Vice-President Finance sit on an Advisory Committee for the conference;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS endorse VCC hosting the 2005 CCSA conference; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS support the provision of logistical and operational support to strengthen the conference where appropriate.”

- Scott Price asked which executive members will be attending this conference. Amina said all executive members could attend this conference as the financial costs incurred would be much less since the conference is being held in Vancouver. However, the President and VP Finance would sit on the Advisory Committee.
- Tyler Bryant asked what sort of time commitment was required to sit on the Advisory Planning Committee. Amina said she was looking at a two-hour meeting once a month.
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... Carried

D) President’s Remarks: [SCD 173-005]
< Much of my work is noted in the quarterly report that I have submitted. In basis, we have successfully hired a First Week Assistant, ECSS, Marketing and Promotions Manager and Events Manager.
< I also have been having many external meetings with provincial students’ unions. Stacey, Brenda, Grant and I also hosted the Wilfred Laurier Delegation’s visit to UBC.
< We have held two meetings with Brian Sullivan which have been very productive and will be meeting with President Piper this Friday.
< Please refer to my quarterly report for more detail.

E) Executive Remarks:

Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs [SCD 174-005]
< U-Pass Awareness Days: September 27-29, 2004 in SUB to survey students about their experiences with Translink.
< UBC Budget: On the way from AVP Finance, Dana Merrett.
< Please refer to my performance Report.

Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services [SCD 175-005]

Heart Mind Community Circle:
< Met with Judith Pratt, Wellness Centre and Mariaba Christu to discuss their proposal for a Heart-Mind Community circle in the SUB. The project is a follow-up to last year’s multi-faith Roundtable.

Celebrations Committee:
< Met to discuss planning for the year. Efforts to support the Legacy Games Great TrekRace.
< Discussed possible AMS support of Totem Pole ceremony in front of Brock Hall.

Student Access Terminal – IPF Project:
< Met with IT Manager to get quotes and options for adding 2-3 student access terminals in Student Service foyer.
< Met with Michael Kingsmill to discuss possible renovations and stools for the service area to make the terminals easier to use for students.

Student Food Bank – IPF Project:
Communication over email with food bank efforts at Queens University and University of Victoria.
Communication with the NGO – Meal Exchange – discussion on the Trick or Eat program.
Met with Jessica Goodman from the Fulcrum Project to discuss food awareness issues.

**Lights of Peace – IPF Project:**
Met with Jane Reitsma, Development Manager, Youth Millennium Project to discuss Lights of Peace concept.

**2nd Annual Leadership Summit:**
2nd annual leadership summit was a success with approximately 330 student leaders from across campus.
Helped committee finalize plans. Co-facilitated two workshops at summit. Coordinated the attendance of 6 AMS service employees at summit.

**Services Promotion:**
Distribution of new magnetic rack cards to Chapman’s Learning commons, International House and SDOs.
Creation of promotional signage through PR Department for upcoming orientation info fairs.
Monique and Shawn have done a fantastic job of creating promotional material for AMS services.
Booth at the MSO/TSO orientation on August 31 promoting AMS Services.
Booth for AMS services at the resource fair promoting AMS services to peer leaders on campus.
Distribution of new promotional rack cards to Residence coordinators and advisors.
Confirmed that 7 AMS Service employees will be on student panel during Parent Orientation.

**Internship Program:**
Internship Program has received approximate 15 internship posting and an equal amount of applicants.
Interviewing of applicants by the committee of Josh McNorton, Caitlin McCreary-Burke and Leah Szabo.
Internship Committee is targeting specific employers to try to meet the needs of the applicants.
Working on employment agreements.

**Volunteer Connections:**
Plans for Shinerama are being finalized – Launch on Saturday, September 11, 9:00 am SUB 200. Still seeking volunteers.

**Joblink:**
Meeting with Linda Alexander, Director of Career Services to discuss cooperation between AMS and UBC.

**Tutoring:**
Tutors hired for the year and are undergoing staff training.

**Safewalk:**
Currently in the process of interviewing and hiring Safewalkers for the year.

**Orientations:**
In full operation. Running daily orientation tours until Sunday, September 5.
Running tours for GALA.
Cooperating with the MSO/TSO team to run a successful orientation.
Orientation guides have done a fantastic job.

**Mini-school:**
The job has been posted and interviews should take place next week.

**Lyle McMahon - VP Administration**
Please refer to my Performance Report.

**SAC:**
SAC has been gearing up for Clubs Days, Resource Group Days, Executive Orientations and Colour Bash.
Today was the club/office switch date. I moved SLFS.
< An NGO contacted me just this afternoon about the possibility of bringing Jane Goodall to speak in SUB. We will see.

**Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs**  [SCD 177-005]
Please refer to my Performance Report.

**Stacey Chiu - VP Finance:**  [SCD 178-005]
Please refer to my Performance Report. I just want to highlight a few items:

**UBC Budget:**
< On August 19th, Holly Foxcroft, Patricia Lau, and I had an excellent meeting with Dana Merritt, AVP Finance. We discussed the level of detail of information we wanted. Through the meeting we were able to request a copy of the budget for 2004-2005 broken down by department and audited financial statements for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Dana is also working on getting us a copy of schedules that were not included in the audited financial statements.

**Fincom:**
< Fincom has been working side-by-side with SAC to prepare for Exec Orientations happening next week and Clubs Days.

**Website:**
< Through the effective new design by Shawn Callegari, I am able to update my pages on the AMS website on my own. I have put up my goals for the year, information on the different aspects of my portfolio, and my two previous quarterly reports.

**Softball Game:**
< I was captain of the Red team for the annual AMS Softball Game. Our team definitely displayed the most team spirit in our matching red bandanas and red face paint. Sadly, we had a heartbreaking loss in the bottom of the ninth inning with a Grand Slam hit by Mark Fraser.

**F) Committee Reports:**

**G) Constituency Reports:**

Patricia Lau – Science - the SUS social space is still behind schedule.
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society - the CUS social space is on time.
Kenneth Ryan - Medicine Undergraduate Society - major expansion of the Medical School is underway.
The new Health Sciences building is partially open and classes started this Monday.
Christine Conkin - Vancouver School of Theology
Lianne McLean - Arts Undergraduate Society
David Asgeirsson - Graduate Student Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Eric Szeto - The Ubyssey
Neil Braun – CiTR

**H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports**

**Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson:**
< Things are going well.
< Working on case #36.
< 13 cases closed to date.
< Attended the Student Leadership Summit.

**I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**
That the following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated August 18, 2004 [SCD 179-005]
Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated June 30, 2004 [SCD 180-005]
Minutes of Commissioners Appointments Committee dated July 23, 2004 [SCD 181-005]
Minutes of Assistants Appointments Committee dated August 16, 2004 [SCD 182-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated August 10, 2004 [SCD 183-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED BRENDA OGEEMBO, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“Be it resolved that the AMS adopt the Personal Information Protection Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brenda Ogembo said the AMS is committed to complying with the BC Personal Information Protection Act. We will be informing our employees, volunteers, members and suppliers of why and how we collect, use and disclose their personal information.
- Bernie Peets said this policy would be posted internally and on our website. Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist) will be making a follow-up presentation to Council at the next meeting. Sheldon is still waiting for constituencies to say what information they have and what purpose it is being used for. There is a National Privacy Act but this supercedes it.
- David Asgeirsson asked what else within the AMS needed looking at. Bernie Peets said we are now required to keep resumes on file for one year and also we need to deal with unlocked cabinets containing personal information, but overall we are pretty good.

6. MOVED BRENDA OGEEMBO, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE: [SCD 184-005]

“Be it resolved that the AMS adopt the Personal Information Protection Policy as presented.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

7. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT: [SCD 185-005]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled “Code Changes 2004: Advocate’s Office” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Quinn Omori explained the need for this amendment: according to AMS Bylaws, an active member with a complaint would go to the Ombuds Office first and then if necessary be referred to the Advocacy Office. As we are virtually unable to change the Bylaws, the Advocate is not able to turn away cases. Therefore by making this Code amendment we are allowing the Advocate the same rights to refuse cases as the Ombudsperson.
- Brenda Ogembo asked if any measures were in place if the Ombudsperson deemed a case to be frivolous. Quinn Omori said the Ombudsperson does have final say but the matter could be taken to Student Court.
- David Asgeirsson asked if the Advocacy Office keep a record of all who come to use their service. Michelle Quigg said everyone is asked to fill out a Confidentiality Agreement whether their case is taken up or not.

8. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled “Code Changes 2004: Advocate’s Office” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED AMINA RAI: [SCD 186-005]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled “Code Changes 2004: Communications Planning Group” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Lyle McMahon explained that it seemed more logical for the VP Administration to sit on this Planning Group than the VP Academic. This amendment will also enhance the lines of communication between the Communications Planning Group and the Renovations Planning Group.

- Amina Rai suggested a friendly amendment:
  (f) Marketing and Promotions Manager, who shall be non-voting. ... Carried

10. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled “Code Changes 2004: Communications Planning Group” and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be approved as presented:

Minutes of the External Commission dated August 23, 2004 [SCD 187-005]

P) Discussion Period:

< McInnis Field
- Amina Rai said the issue of McInnis Field had come up at the AMS/UBC Liaison meetings. There is talk about changing the field to artificial turf which is receiving positive feedback from Intramural Sports. Amina asked for direction from Council.
- Lyle McMahon said he was a big advocate for green space but the administration did provide a convincing case for artificial turf.
- Richard Davis asked what type of artificial turf would be used. Bernie Peets said the type of surface to be used was undetermined at this point but the intent is to have a high quality turf.
- Holly Foxcroft asked if there were any plans for green space in the University Town. Brenda Ogembo said the plans are not concrete yet and if we want we can push for green space.
- Jeff Potter asked what the field was primarily used for. David Asgeirsson said the field was multi-purpose and totally open. If this project goes ahead, the field will be reserved.
- Kenneth Ryan said it was so important to have McInnis Field as free space on campus. The administration could spend that money on turfing other fields.
- Brenda Ogembo said with the disappearance of the Grassy Knoll there will not be many spaces for students to hang out.
- Richard Davis said he is pro turf but maybe McInnis Field is not the right area.
- Lianne McLean asked if any consideration had been given to re-grass the field. Bernie Peets said the initial cost of this endeavour would be huge and ongoing maintenance.
- Tyler Bryant said he thought it was a little naive to think this field would only be used for Intramural Sports, other groups would be vying to use this space.
- The consensus among Council was to leave McInnis Field as open green space.
- Dave Tompkins suggested proposing a student fee and making the field completely unbookable.

< Housing Forum/Survey
- Brenda Ogembo asked Council whether or not a housing forum is needed to engage student feedback and substantiate what we already know and to ascertain information on issues such as safety and the underground bus loop.
- Would it be feasible for the AMS to undertake a survey without the drama of holding a forum?
- Need to bear in mind that surveys are not that engaging.
- Would smaller focus groups be worthwhile?
- Lianne McLean said conducting a survey is a fantastic idea resulting in solid statistical proof whereas holding a forum/focus groups can be very time consuming.
- Quinn Omori said we should put together a forum because we always criticize the university for not doing so.
- Lyle McMahon said a survey would be effective but we should invest our energy into holding a forum. Surveys are not legitimate in some people’s minds.
- Tyler asked Jared Wright how useful the tuition survey held last year was. Jared said it depends on who you speak to. The survey was well received by the Board of Governors. Campus Development forums were worthwhile because the university changed their game-plan after the first one.
- Richard Davis said in addition to previous comments, the AMS should speak to Residence Associations and the IRC to see what they think.
- Lianne McLean suggested holding a series of focus groups to come up with a survey rather than a committee of five people creating it.

< Club/Endorsement
- In response to the discussion at the last Council meeting regarding clubs endorsing/supporting candidates, Quinn Omori said clubs are funded by their own money and it wasn’t up to the AMS to restrict their political activities.
- Lyle McMahon said it is within SAC’s jurisdiction to de-constitute clubs if they are not following their mandate. De-constitution takes way their bookings privileges but clubs are still able to operate independently.
- Tyler Bryant asked if an AMS account is considered an AMS resource. Quinn said this would fall under the jurisdiction of the Elections Administrator.
- Amina Rai raised the issue of the Commerce Undergraduate Society BBQ. Jeff Potter said the intention of the CUS BBQ was to get people out to vote and not support/endorse any particular candidate.
- Tyler Bryant said that with the absence of slates, the issue of club endorsement is even more important.
- Lianne McLean said the upcoming elections would be the first year without slates and everything will be new and different, so we should wait to see what happens.
- Quinn said it all boils down to how much we want to control clubs.

**Q) Submissions:**

< AMS Welcome Back BBQ Invitation [SCD 188-005]
< University Boulevard Public Space Workshop No. 2 [SCD 189-005]

**R) Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**S) Adjournment:**

11. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.     ... Carried

**T) Social Activity:**

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs
BAO:pr
Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:
The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Committee Motions:
1. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council appoint Jason Loxton as Speaker of Council for a term commencing September 15, 2004 and ending May 1, 2005 on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee.”
... Carried

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

2. MOVED RICHARD DAVIES, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council adopt the agenda as amended.”
... Carried

Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

Introductions

Presentations to Council:

UBC Okanagan - Brian Sullivan (VP Students) [SCD 190-005]

The government is adding 5,500 new spaces for post-secondary students in the Okanagan by 2010 with the creation of two new institutions: a new UBC Okanagan and a bigger and better Okanagan College.

UBC-O will develop into a world-class teaching and research-intensive university that is distinctive in its academic programs, attracts outstanding faculty and students and is an economic driver in the region.

By 2009 there will be 7,500 students at UBC-O and 500 of them will be graduate students.

UBC-O will be the first choice for students in the Southern Interior based on accessibility and excellence.

Currently the OUC Student Government consists of four independent student associations of which two are CFS affiliated.

University governance will be on a system-wide basis.
OUC is a complex organization with many challenges to be faced including enrolment uncertainties, different organizational cultures and tension between building distinctiveness and realizing efficiencies.

UBC-O is a tremendous challenge and opportunity. It is a key to access and a limit to how large this campus can get

The next meeting of the UBC Board of Governors will be held in Okanagan.

Questions:
- Joshua Caulkins asked if there was a student representative on the Okanagan Advisory Board Task Force. Brian Sullivan said Shayne Robinson is the new student representative on this Task Force.
- Hugh Turner asked if the Board make-up was going to change in any way. Brian said adjustments would be made to the current Board and it would likely expand to include students, and faculty.
- Richard Davis asked if UBC was the only university trying this hybrid system. Brian said he didn’t know how this new system would work but was very proud that the government has given UBC this opportunity.
- Christine Boyle asked how true the rumours floating around are about the AgSci Faculty being moved to Okanagan. Brian said the Dean of AgSci functions as the AVP of UBC -O but he has heard nothing that substantiates these rumours. However, some faculty have expressed an interest in relocation.

3. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council extend question period by five minutes.” ... Carried

- Paul Sutton asked what provisions were being made for students to attend Board meetings held in the Okanagan. Brian said Board Committee meetings will still be held at UBC but there maybe a move towards teleconferencing to maintain access and accountability.
- Scott Price asked what the admission average would be for both campuses. Brian said the minimum requirements would remain the same for both and the first year could be spent at either campus. However, he hoped that admission requirements would relax by having two campuses.
- Brenda Ogembo asked how access for first nations and AgSci students will be improved. Brian said there will be a recruiter in place for first nations students and AgSci will be strengthened because of the twelve bio-diversity zones.

McInnis Field - Kavie Toor (UBC Rec)/Timin Hadi (UBC Rec) [SCD 191-005]

Feel strongly that artificial turf can be a win-win situation.

There will be a dramatic increase in participation. Expansion of soccer, ultimate and touch football leagues. Expansion of events such as Gladiator, Amazing Maze, Globefest and Eco Challenge. There will also be an expansion of instructional programming to include mass yoga and sports skill clinics as well as a dramatic increase in student drop in time. 1500 - 3000 more students will be participating if the field has artificial turf.

There will be an increase in access of on average 6 hour per day of student drop in time. There will be more prime-time usage (4pm - 8pm) tp offer leagues and programs. The field will be better utilized during the winter and summer months and for the full school year.

A base-cloth layer will be used to allow for existing AMS events such as the Welcome Back BBQ.

Artificial turf provides a safer environment for program and drop-in use compared to natural field turf.

Programs will no longer be weather dependent.
< Maintenance costs will be reduced.
< UBC Rec will be committed to working with an eco-friendly turf provider.

Questions:
- David Asgeirsson asked how many individual students take part in programs. Kavie said last year 11,000 students were registered for programs but numbers are not available for drop-ins.
- Richard Davis asked if the AMS would be consulted regarding the type of turf to be used. Kavie said we are only in the conceptual stages at the moment and this will be looked into.
- Patricia Lau asked if UBC Rec would have authority of this space. Kavie said the surface proposed is currently proposed as Student Rec owned.
- Holly Foxcroft asked how late the field will be utilized until once the bus loop moves and construction is complete. Kavie said this is something that will be negotiated with residents but the field will probably be in use until 9 pm - 10 pm.

4. MOVED RICHARD DAVIES, SECONDED BRENDA OGE MO:

“That Council extend question period by five minutes.” ... Carried

- Mia Amir asked Kavie the extent of their research regarding sustainability as turf kills soil underneath. Kavie said his primary take on sustainability is that the space will be used and looking into eco friendly turf. The hope is that the artificial turf will be around for 14 -15 years.
- Lyle McMahon said the AMS is the only stakeholder with reservations and appreciated Kavie and Timin presenting tonight. Lyle asked where the funding was coming from. Kavie said the first portion of the funding will come from UBC Properties Trust and funding for increased costs will come from the UBC REC Program.

D) President’s Remarks:
Overview:
< Much of these two weeks have been spent meeting new students, speaking at different venues, and engaging in the Firstweek insanity. It has been a fantastic two weeks. The executives have show great spirits and enthusiasm.

Meeting with President Piper:
< On September 3rd, the executive met with President Piper for approximately 2 hours to discuss a wide array of issues. Topic of discussion included Consumer Protection Act, Ethical Purchasing Policy, Tuition and UBC-O. The meeting was informative as it allowed for the executives to speak about our issues and priorities for the year as well as generate proposals of collaborative work. We will be following up with the President and VP Students on the Consumer Protection Act, Lyle will be working with the VP Finance, Terry Sumner, and Holly has been providing President Piper with information regarding the Pan-Can Accord produced by CASA. I may be looking into having a follow up meeting within a month’s time between the executive and President Piper once again.

Imagine UBC:
< The first day of school was filled with a many energetic students, fantastic weather, and great activities. The executive took part in distributing the agenda for portions of the day and walking around to greet MUG groups and talk with students. I had been helping Justin, the Imagine Coordinator to put on a main event on Koerner Plaza which featured the Capoeria group- Ache Brazil, as well as breakdancers, live music, and the featured presentations from the UBC Dance Society. The main event went off nicely and Brenda and I were there to help with the organization. In the afternoon we attended the Pep Rally which is always a lot of fun.

First Week:
< Overall, First Week was a great success. Alison did an outstanding job in leading a great team of First Week student staff members in organizing and arranging each of the many venues of First Week. Some highlights were the well organized and sold out Comedy Night, the guest speaker, Richard Heinzl who is the founder of Doctors Without Borders in North America, and the first Pit Night.

It is unfortunate that Friday’s concert with Sloan and Pilate was rained out but there are some variables that occur that we cannot safeguard ourselves from……one of which is weather! But those that attended did have a great time.

There will be a presentation to Council in either a report form or actual presentation in the near future.

Meetings Attended:

Because much of First Week has been spent outside of my office, we have postponed our CPG meeting for next week. However, today I did hold an Anti-Racism Action Committee. We have established our projects for the next two months and are still awaiting from the UBC Administration regarding a university appointed rep to the committee. There is a motion for an appointed member of Council for that committee on the agenda.

The executives have been connecting with many students and aiding them in their transition to campus. I have had students come to my office and ask about ways to get involved and advice on clubs they should join. We have tried to open the Executive doors and be interactive with the students as much as possible.

Speaking Engagements:

Student Leadership Summit
Mature and Transfer Orientation
Tutoring Workshop
Parents Orientation
Pep Rally
Richard Heinzl’s Presentation
Food Co-Op Opening Ceremonies

E) Executive Remarks:

Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs

Great Trekker - October 4, 2004:

On September 13, 2004 the External Commission selected Margo Fry to receive the Great Trekker Award 2004 - 05. Fryer envisioned the UBC Learning Exchange which operates in the downtown eastside. Fryer clearly fits the theme of community outreach and community involvement.

We have a limited number of tickets available, so if you are interested in attending, please let me know.

Provincial Conference - Mid October:

I am currently co-working on the conference proposal which will be presented to other BC student unions.

U-Pass:

Over the past two weeks much of my time has been consumed answering emails from students about the U-Pass. It is my understanding that the U-Pass process has been much more fluid than last year. To date 32,000 U-passes have been printed. Also, a fence has been built around McInnis Field to protect it from being walked across. I have been informed that a paved walkway has been installed by the SRC.

Currently we are receiving many subsidy applications, after the system was down. All students have been notified.

Meeting with Dr. Piper:
< The Executive had a very productive meeting with Dr. Piper on September 3, 2004. In our discussions we spoke of tuition and at this time I expressed the desire to not have another tuition increase and to not have a significant tuition increase this year which equates to every tuition increase we have seen. Dr. Piper said that she did not want this either and neither did the Board of Governors.

UBC Budget Status - September 9, 2004:
< I received an email from Dana Merrett indicating that Dr. Piper was currently reviewing the budget.

Firstweek:
< I was very involved in Firstweek, in which I would like to day a special word of thanks to Alison Atkinson who put together a great week. I was dunked three times by Imagine UBC.

Events Attended:
< Dr. Hienzel, Pit Night, Pool Party, and the AUS AGM.

Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Meal Exchange:
< Met with Dave Kranenburg, Meal Exchange, Campus Advisor and Naomi Greenberg, World Vision UBC to discuss Meal Exchange Programs.
< Discussed Food Banks at U of A and SFU.
< Discussed cooperation on the “Trick – or – Eat” program.
< We will work with World Vision to run the “Trick or Eat” program – Students get dressed up during Halloween and canvas neighborhoods for food and donations. We want all the AMS constituencies to get involved.

Lights of Peace:
< In discussions with YMP to link the Lights of Peace Celebration to their Peace conference.

Shinerama:
< Josh McNorton, Alison Atkinson and the First Week crew did a fantastic job promoting and running Shinerama.
< We had over 100 volunteers and raised significantly more than last year. We are still in the process of counting the change.
< I co-led a group of 20 students down to Granville Island.

AMS Services:

Promotions:
< Promoted AMS Services at Parent Orientation, Main Event and AMS Student Services Fair.
< Coordinated 6 AMS Service employees to be on student panel at Parent Orientation.
< Met with SASC to discuss joint promotion of services.

Mini-school:
< Interviewed candidates for the Mini-school coordinator. We have hired Colin Jack as Mini-school coordinator.
< Plans are underway to book courses and promotional campaign.
< Registration and schedule should be finalized by next Monday.
< Mini-school classes will start the 2nd or 3rd week of October.

Safewalk:
< Interviewed candidates for Assistant Safewalk coordinator. We have hired William Ono as Assistant Safewalk Coordinator.
< Jenny McCann and Imran Beg are currently in the hiring process for Safewalkers this year. Service is in operation.

Joblink:
< Elana Chiang has started as Assistant Joblink Coordinator.
< Job listings are up as September is traditionally a busy time for student hiring.
Setup promotional booth in residences.

**Volunteer Connections:**
Alexandra Luchenko has started as Assistant Coordinator, Volunteer Connections.

**Speakeasy:**
The Speakeasy service is operational. David Treleaven and Anisa Mottated are currently recruiting and interviewing Speakeasy Volunteers.

**Tutoring:**
Promotions of service in residences.
Tutoring service will start on September 20, 2004.

**Advocacy:**
Approximately 20+ clients.

**Orientations:**
Wrap-up of orientations, preparing transitional materials and plans for the year.

**Internship Program:**
Currently interviewing and matching applicants to sponsors. Approximately 25+ students and sponsors.

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs

**Hiring:**
I have been involved with the hiring of the EA and the Minischool Coordinator, Safewalk Assistant, will be hiring for the Minischool assistant in the next few days.
The Elections Administrator is Anthony Waldron, The Minischool Assistant is Colin Jack and the Safewalk Assistant is William Ono.

**AD-Hoc Hiring:**
I am in the process of completing the report which will be done and shared with the committee and then we can go into next steps of holding a budget committee meeting to determine the feasibility of the recommendations.

**University Hiring Committees:**

- AVP Planning
  - I am sitting on this hiring committee and we met on Monday September 13th 2004

- AVP Alumni
  - I am assisting the VP Students office with the hiring of an AVP Alumni and attended lunches at Sage Bistro on September 8th and 13th. These provided students the opportunity to interact with the candidates in a more casual set up and we managed to ask the candidates questions.

- Race and Diversity Hiring
  - I sit on this hiring committee as well. The process has been held back since the summer. I will inform council of the hired individual as soon as the process is concluded.

**SASC/AMS/WAWAW Meeting:**

- Had a meeting with the SASC, Student Health, Access and Diversity, AMS and Counseling services to establish how these units can work together to foster a good environment for students to be supported
  - Good meeting that dispelled myths and misconceptions of the mandate and training of the SASC.
  - We hope to develop a community development approach to addressing sexual assault on campus.

**UCom:**
We met on September 3rd
All the commissioners have been working really hard on various initiatives. Beverley Martyn the Campus Development Commissioner has been working on “Campus Development 101”, a section of the campus development website.
Gavin Dew has also been working on the UCom Webpage as well as the Speakers Spotlight which is set to commence on September 28th.

Marissa Adams, the Community and Wellness commissioner, is working on AIDS awareness week as well as the Wellness fair.

Campus Development Meeting on September 3rd:
We discussed the project for the year as well and established regular bi-weekly meeting times.

Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting – September 9th:
I attended this meeting and brought up the issue of funding to the Food Coop. However, the issue of funding had been discussed at the previous meeting and they were unable to revisit the issue. The Food Coop can apply for the funding next year.

Anti Racism Action Committee:
We met today for the first time to set some goals for the year.

Public Space Work Shop – September 18th 2004:
3. Please send an email to sign up OR show up. It will allow you to provide valuable input as to the programming of University Boulevard.

Safety Theatre:
This was very successful and congratulations to all who worked well on it, particularly Veronica Fynn. Over 400 students attended the program, and we have great feedback.

Safety Race:
Paul Sutton has been working on the AMS Safety Race with I-House. This will be happening September 18th 2004 in the evening. It’s a great opportunity for international students to learn about the safety resources available to them.

Safety incidences:
We have been dealing with some incidences and Safety Committee is working on a incidence reporting mechanism.

Teaching Excellence Initiative:
A meeting has been set up for early October between VP Students office, Arts, AUS, Science and Commerce.
- We will hopefully be working together on a joint TLEF application to see that this initiative maintains momentum.

Meeting with Dr. Piper:
The executive met with Dr. Piper on September 3rd 2004.
- It was a very productive meeting and we discussed among other things the Anti-Racism Action Committee and proposed conference which she was very supportive of.

In addition I attended the following events:
Main Event Carnival and First week events
Imagine Day
Richard Heinzl Keynote address from the founder of Doctors without Borders
Received input from and responded to an Article on UBC Reports concerning AIDS in Africa

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance:
I have been busy this first week of school responding to many questions about student fees and subsidiary finances.

BOC:
On Saturday, September 3rd, we placed a classified ad in the Vancouver Sun requesting non-food and beverage proposals.
- We are also trying to brainstorm ideas so that if we find something specific that we want, we can pursue it. Please contact me if you have any suggestions.

Executive Orientations:
Fincom and SAC led by Manj Sidhu and Sophia Haque put together the second annual Exec Orientations. About 100 existing clubs attended. Clubs who were constituted within the last year will attend a separate orientations coming soon.

Financial Awareness Days:
Wendy Wu, Financial Aid Commissioner, and I have been meeting to plan for Financial Awareness Days. It’s coming up soon on Monday, September 27th to Wednesday, September 28th. Please check it out. There will be speakers on various topics such as student loans, credit card management, banking, jobs on campus, and scholarships. It will be happening from 12:00-2:00 in the South Alcove.

Supplies and Entertainment Contacts for Subsidiaries:
Yanni Marin, Ethics Commissioner, has been working this past summer on developing a list of reliable and ethical contacts for supplies and entertainment for our subsidiaries. He will be working during the upcoming Main Concourse Draw and Clubs Days to collect more input.

Walter Gage Sub-Committee:
I participated in a sub-committee to rewrite eligibility for the Walter Gage Fund. Changes made include clearly stating that applicants must be UBC students in good standing, additional sources of funding must be secured, and the Gage Fund cannot be the largest source of funding. We also added that a group may not apply for funding support in two consecutive years if its membership remains unchanged.

Other Events:
The executives met with Martha Piper at 9am on Friday, September 3rd.
Participated in Imagine and Firstweek festivities which included distributing AMS Insiders and sitting in a dunk tank.

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration
Concern about voter registration drive.

SAC:
Executive Orientations went well; I acted as the AV Technician.
Alcohol Policy changes have started; our first was last Thursday and the next one is tomorrow.
Policy changes have taken effect that have needed extra emphasis:
- This year, due to a change in insurance terms, all licensed events on campus must be able to be accounted for (this has always been the case). For all of you who intend to help licensed events on campus outside the SUB, you must provide a copy of the SOL to the AMS Bookings Rep, Kari Hewett.
- The person signing the SOL on behalf of the group will need to have not only their Serving It Right License, but also have had attended the AMS Alcohol Policy Training. Due to a change in insurance terms, we need to be able to show that through the sessions, we have in effect imparted a form of managerial training upon the signing authority of the SOL.

Impacts Committee:
The Executive recently met with Dr. Piper. I brought to the table a university-wide Ethical Purchasing Policy. Our next step is to bring our fully prepared case to Terry Sumner and David Renkin, proposing an extension of some of the definitions within Policy 122.

Farm Ade is taking place on September 24. The tentative line-up includes Triple Three (Ndidi Cascade, Deanna, Green TaRa), Heart and Soul, Amy Johnson, student acts and guest speakers to touch on issues of social justice, the environment and the University’s campus development, and of course the Farm. Entrance is free, beer garden and lots of campus and community groups.

Renovations Planning Group:
As Brian mentioned, the Food Co-ops’ storefront ‘Sprouts’ just had their grand opening downstairs. I am very pleased to see how the project has turned out, the women who have committed so much time towards this initiative have rally earned my respect. I am also happy to
report that contrary to the concerns of some councillors, Sprouts has been very successful since opening, grossing $800 on opening day and exceeding all their managers expectations.

< The 241 office project is also near completion; its actually done and just waiting for a door. Same goes for the 230 complex project and the Outpost consolidation, neither of which were funded by CPAC.

< I have also been spending some time assisting some clubs and Resource Groups in hosting AGM’s and answering questions about how to be involved.

Other Business:

< Lasting I spent some time helping distribute AMS Insiders. As they have squirrels on the cover, they were quite the hot ticket.

< I have received a few complaints regarding 2 Zoom Media ads that have been placed without CPG consent.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

David Asgeirsson - Graduate Student Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Frederick Cheng - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Jennaby Ohashi - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association
Jen Collins - Arts Undergraduate Society
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Luke Meagher - School of Library & Archival Studies Association
Sarah Saddler - Forestry Undergraduate Society

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports

Mia Amir - Board of Governors:

< Haven’t received confidential dockets for next weeks meeting yet.

< Lots of important issues coming up at this meeting.

< Requested all Council members to come out to Board meeting.

Greg Paton - Senate:

< Attended the South Campus Public Meeting. Interesting to see the public has concerns about this.

< The Senate Caucus Chair has not attended any Council meetings this year. We need to look at the role Senate reps play on Council.

< The Senate Budget Advisory Committee meeting will take place on September 20th.

< The first meeting of Senate will be held on September 22nd. Issues to be discussed include building and academic scaling.

Mark Ameerali - Deputy Ombudsperson:

< 40 cases open right now.

< 17 cases closed.

< Work has primarily consisted of casework and promotion of the Ombudsoffice. In terms of promotion we attended:

- Grad and International Student Orientations.
- The Parent Orientation.
- Imagine UBC.
- Services display in SUB.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

That the following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated September 1, 2004 [SCD 192-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

4. MOVED HUGH TURNER, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“Whereas the ‘Victory Through Honour’ totem pole, carved by Ellen Neel, was gifted to the Alma Mater Society (AMS) by the Kwickwasutaineuk nation (one of 15 Kwak’wak’wakw tribes) in 1948; and

Whereas the totem pole symbolizes the Society’s strong support of the First Nations peoples and the enrolment of such at UBC; and

Whereas through the gifting of the ‘Victory Through Honour’ totem pole, Chief William Scow of the Kwickwasutaineuk also gave permission to the University of British Columbia to use the name ‘Thunderbird’ for its sporting teams and sites;

Whereas the ‘Victory Through Honour’ totem pole has recently been re-created after the original pole was left in a state of disrepair;

Whereas the Neel family wishes to gift the Society the re-carved totem pole;

Whereas the Musqueam Nation graciously accepted the Kwickwasutaineuk’s re-carved ‘Victory Through Honour’ totem pole onto their traditional grounds;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS accept the re-carved ‘Victory Through Honour’ totem pole as a gift from the Neel family and the Kwickwasutaineuk Nation.”

Questions:
- Scott Price asked if the old totem pole was being returned. Amina said no, because it had vandalised.
- David Asgeirsson asked if a ceremony was taking place. Amina said a ceremony will be held on October 18, 2004 at Brock Hall and will inform Council members if it is open to all.
- Lyle McMahon said the totem pole is already here on campus now.

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

6. MOVED JEN COLLINS, SECONDED DAVE CLAASSEN:

“That Council appoint Reka Pataky (Council Member) to represent the AMS on the Board of Directors of CiTR (The Student Radio Society) for a term ending June 2, 2005.” ... Carried

7. MOVED BRENDA OGERMO, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

“That Council appoint Colleen Brown to represent the AMS on the Jury Selection Committee for the University Boulevard Competition.

Note: Effective upon written receipt of acceptance.” ... Carried

8. MOVED COURTNEY CAMPBELL, SECONDED JEN COLLINS:

“That Council appoint Mia Amir (Council Member) to the Ad Hoc Anti-Racism Action Committee (ARAC) for a term ending March 31, 2005.” ... 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 April 28, 2004 [SCD 193-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated May 12, 2004 [SCD 194-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated June 2, 2004 [SCD 195-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated June 23, 2004 [SCD 196-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated July 14, 2004 [SCD 197-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated August 18, 2004 [SCD 198-005]
Minutes of the External Commission dated August 30, 2004 [SCD 199-005]
9. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“Whereas the provincial government has previously mandated increases in full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment at British Columbia universities without increases in core operating grants; and

Whereas mandated productivity increases are the equivalent of cuts in core funding as they reduce the level of funding dollars available per student; and

Whereas the Alma Mater Society has policies opposing any mandated increases in enrollment at UBC unless they are fully funded by the Province; and

Whereas the Province plans to add 25,000 new post-secondary spaces by 2010, with the University of British Columbia receiving 2200 new spaces; and

Whereas the Province has not given any indication that it will fully fund the additional spaces, thereby placing potential pressure on the University to increase tuition levels to maintain the quality of education at UBC;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS join the University in actively lobbying the Province to ensure that the new access spaces are fully funded through provincial increases to the University’s core operating grant.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

The AMS is not in support of unfunded seats. This is a fine line between access and equality. We will see a moderate decline in FTE funding and a reduction in the core operating budget.

Joel McLaughlin said he was worried that this is the wrong track for lobbying the government. Feels that these positions should be funded by tuition increases and not by the government.

10. MOVED QUINN OMORI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

David Asgeirsson said he was strongly in favour of this motion. In rebuttal he was disgusted by all the recent advertising of new spaces for post-secondary education; the government taking credit for this initiative but not putting up the funds. David said he had little faith in the provincial government implementing needs-based grants. However, it is our duty to lobby the provincial government for adequate support.

Matt Holme asked if the new Kelowna seats will be funded by the government. Holly said it was unclear where the funding was coming from.

Hugh Turner asked how much lobbying would cost the AMS. Holly said the AMS has access to the University and External Lobbying Fund but at the meeting with Dr. Piper it was mentioned that costs would be negligible.

Scott Price said he was in favour of this motion but concerned about where the funds were coming from.

Richard Davis said he was also in favour and we need to lobby to make sure these positions are fully funded. If they are not fully funded then they shouldn’t be open.

Amina Rai said this was a great opportunity for the AMS to work with UBC to lobby the government. Rallies and protests don’t always work.
Lyle McMahon said he was strongly in favour of this motion. It is well written and in accordance with policies supported by the AMS. Opening up spaces without fully funding them will eventually increase tuition.

Karen Ward said it has been indicated that public post-secondary education is important to BC residents and something that the majority want to maintain. It is in our best interests to keep post-secondary education as public and accessible as possible.

Mia Amir said UBC is a public institution and should remain this way. Any increase in tuition will bring this institution closer to privatization.

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Note: Richard Davies - in favour

Joel McLaughlin - Against ... Carried

13. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED LYLE McMAMON:

“Whereas transit service levels and area coverage significantly impact the University of British Columbia (UBC) student population; and

Whereas previous Translink budgetary shortfalls and service reductions have negatively affected UBC students; and
Whereas the implementation of the Universal Bus Pass program places considerable pressure on the service capacity of Translink; and

Whereas Translink has indicated that people living in an urban area should have less than 450 metres walking distance to a bus stop; and

Whereas the AMS Strategic Plan calls for the adoption of a transportation policy to support regional lobbying efforts for maintaining and enhancing transit service levels;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS lobby Translink, Coast Mountain Bus Company, the Province and the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) to:

1) target transit fares that result in demonstrable improvements in services and service levels;

2) provide stable and predictable funding levels that ensure long-term planning;

3) preserve and enhance existing levels of service on UBC routes;

4) ensure the AMS is actively consulted in regional transportation reviews and planning frameworks;

5) introduce campus community shuttle service for campus security residents within the 2004 - 2005 year.

Be it further resolved that the AMS collaborate with other transportation stakeholders in working towards a more environmentally friendly and economically efficient transportation network in the lower mainland.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Holly Foxcroft said our transportation policy is set to expire in September 2004.

7% of transit’s total ridership is from UBC.

Transit is working on introducing a shuttle system to UBC. With all the development on this campus a shuttle service would be useful.

Richard Davis asked if the new shuttle service would replace the AMS shuttle to Vanier and Totem. Holly said no.

Karen Ward asked if these shuttles will be based on Translink unionized models. Holly said yes, that was her understanding.

Hugh Turner asked if there were any plans in place that would allow students to use their U-Pass on alternative Transit systems. Holly said there were no exchange plans in place but this was something she could look into.

David Asgeirsson asked if Holly could explain the thinking behind #1. Holly said Translink is looking to put up U-Pass rates. Translink anticipated a 35% increase in ridership but the actual number is 53%. Translink will ask for more money because they have put on more buses.

14. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That motion #13 be amended to read:

1) target transit fares that are affordable and continue improvements in services and service levels;
... Carried

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O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

16. MOVED TYLER BRYANT, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“Whereas UBC students have the right to be visually stimulated upon entering the SUB;

Whereas the stimulating factor of the silhouette of Quinn Omori’s small head used as the stand in image for councillors absent from the council photo shoot on the AMS Council photo board at the south entrance of the SUB is quite low and hence impedes on the student right outlined above;
Whereas the face of famous Hollywood actress Elizabeth Berkeley on the poster used to play 'Pin the Pasties on the Stripper' coupled inside the Showgirls Deluxe DVD is quite stimulating;

Therefore be it resolved that all AMS councillors who are absent from the photo shoot for the council photo have their picture replaced by the visage of famous Hollywood actress Elizabeth Berkeley playing the part of Nomi Malone in the titillating and under appreciated feature film Showgirls. (http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0114436/).

17. MOVED DAVE CLAASSEN, SECONDED DAVID ASGEIRSSON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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Note: Opposed - Helen Ma, Stacey Chiu, Brenda Ogembo, Amina Rai, Jen Collins, Courtney Campbell, Richard Davis, Mike Long.

Note: Abstained - Lyle McMahon ... Defeated

19. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“Whereas, AMS councillors deserve some bubbly libations, hearty laughs and much needed social interaction with regular students after the often tenuous and awkward AMS Council sessions;

Whereas Richard Davis is NOT a manwhore but an avid enthusiast of the family friendly Pit Pub and therefore should not be held up in line at the Pit after studiously and effectively doing his duty as an AMS councillor to the general student population;

Whereas lost funding from the coke deal could the marginally offset with AMS Councillors expenditures on beer at the Pit Pub if they were able to enter said pub after the rigors of a long council session;

Whereas it's about damn time that AMS councillors get some type of perk for sitting on Council (besides the wonderful free food, and how!) ;
Be it resolved that on every third AMS Council session starting with the second Council session of the fall term, Council create a Pit Appreciation Night where all interested councillors may sign up for preferential access to the Pit Pub at the beginning of council to be sent to the Pit Pub Manager. Upon completion of that evening’s council session all councillors who have signed up may attend the pit from the entry of the Pit Pub Manager. ONLY, those council members who signed up may attend. If AMS council goes past 12:00am on Thursday then the signed up spots no longer have to be reserved.”

20. MOVED HUGH TURNER, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That the motion be amended by deleted the last three whereas clauses.”
... Carried

21. MOVED DAVE CLAASSEN, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

- Tuition Increase Allocation 2004 - 2005 Publication [SCD 200-005]
  - Holly Foxcroft said this publication was received following the Council meeting and want students to be aware of what is happening.
  - We have invited Brian Sullivan to present to AMS Council at the October 14, 2004 meeting.
  - Patricia Lau asked what the difference was between fiscal and annualized. David Asgeirsson said fiscal runs from May to May and annualized is from September to September.
  - Quinn Omori expressed confusion over AUS, SUS and CUS getting large increases but there was no mention against the numbers.
  - The single biggest chunk of money goes to sustaining the university and adding nothing new.
  - Karen Ward said the learning environment changes from year to year and advised everyone to keep an eye on this.
  - Amina Rai said we should hold Brian Sullivan accountable to the principle endorsed by UBC that ‘no qualified domestic student should be denied the opportunity to attend the university of BC solely for financial reasons’.
< BC Ferries  
- Richard Davis asked Holly Foxcroft if she would look into a reduced rate discount program for students using BC Ferries.

< McInnis Field  
- David Asgeirsson said that in principle he is still opposed to the idea of artificial turf. Yes as it is stands the field is under utilized but not happy about putting it under UBC Rec.
- Joel McLaughlin said that if McInnis Field is in such bad shape is it really worth preserving. Also students who use McInnis Field prefer astro-turf. Perhaps it would be better to keep the Grassy Knoll as green space.
- Richard Davis said he was pro-turf but did value green space.
- Christine Boyle asked why money being spent on artificial turf couldn’t be spend on fixing the field.
- Hugh Turner said he thought the field was in excellent condition.
- Holly Foxcroft said that if the proposal is still in conceptual stages why hasn’t UBC taken care of the field when funding is available.
- Tyler Bryant said he didn’t think UBC Properties Fund can fund maintenance.
- A straw poll showed that the majority of Council members favoured green space.
- Dave Claassen said the field is not healthy as it stands right now. The field with astro-turf would be better utilized.
- Quinn Omori said conditions need to be in place. We should specify that any green space that is removed should be replaced elsewhere. Also top quality astro-turf should be used.
- Scott Price suggested having green space on the roof of SUB. Doing so would retain heat and absorb rain water as well as being accessible to students.
- Brenda Ogembo asked if there would be any fees involved for maintaining the artificial turf and if so would that mean an increase in the athletics fee?

Q) Submissions:  
< Minutes of the Academic Round Table dated June 14, 2004 [SCD 201-005]

R) Next Meeting:  
The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:  
23. MOVED DAVID ASGEIRSSON, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:  
“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.” ... Carried

T) Social Activity:  
Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo  
VP Academic & University Affairs

BAO:pr
Guests: Trish Mullen, Trevor Gilks, Josh McNorton (Volunteer Connections), Sarah Ballard (Science), Brian Mills (Translink), Carole Jolly (TREK UBC), Paul Barlow (Translink), Gord Lovegrove (TREK UBC), Geoff Atkins (Land & Building Services), Paul Sutton (AMS Safety Coordinator), Raj Mathur (Music), Dan McRoberts (The Ubyssey), Sarah Bourdon (The Ubyssey), Gavin Dew (University Commission), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Jared Wright (Policy Advisor), Linda Ong (Marketing and Promotions Manager), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

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:

U-Pass - Geoff Atkins (AVP Land & Building Services)
< Geoff Atkins reported that the situation now is that half of UBC’s students are taking the bus to school: it has become the way to get to UBC. However, there are problems to deal with:
- a need to expand to the summer (a summer U-Pass)
- arranging passes for students’ families
- devising a campus shuttle system
- introducing a smart card
- overload issues
< He added that it looks like Translink will be asking for a $2 increase in the U-Pass. He said he would be meeting with senior Translink officials. He accepted that Translink needed extra revenue, but was not sure it needed to be $2 per pass.

Questions:
- Ian McKechnie asked about night transit. Geoff Atkins said there were great advantages to it. He’d seen students on buses in a merry mood, and that was good because it meant they were not driving in that condition.

U-Pass – Paul Barlow (Translink)
< Paul Barlow reported that a request to the Translink board of directors to go to consultation on a fare change effective January 1 had failed to win board approval. Since fares cannot be raised without consultation, new direction will have to be sought from the board, possibly at its October meeting. In any case, there is no fare increase for now and no change possible until April 2005.
< He noted that there were three aspects to the plan for increasing revenue, one to increase property taxes, one to increase the parking tax, and one to increase fares. The fare increase was to be 6% over three years, just matching inflation.

Questions:
- In response to a question about whether the planned fare increase was meant just to sustain current service or to improve it, Brian Mills said that in part it was meant to improve services.
- Hugh Turner asked about out-of-region transit. Paul Barlow said that was from a totally separate funding base. He added that it would be great if Kelowna wanted to help pay for Lower Mainland transit, but he didn’t expect it to happen.
- Brian Mills from Translink said Translink had worked with adjacent regions to extend service there at no cost to Vancouver citizens.
- Holly Foxcroft asked about the criteria for summer U-Pass exemptions. Paul Barlow said there could be no commitments till they sit down and work out the details.
- Joshua Caulkins said the proposed $2 increase in the U-Pass cost was more than the 6% increase mentioned by Paul Barlow.
- Paul Barlow said the 6% figure referred to the increase in overall revenue. Some customers would pay more, some less.

1. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That Council extend question period by five minutes.” ... Carried

- Christine Boyle asked if a decision by Translink to increase fares meant an automatic increase in the U-Pass cost.
- Paul Barlow said Translink must provide four months’ notice to the AMS. It can’t raise fares to any amount. He said Translink works together with UBC and the AMS and would give the AMS time to go to a referendum.
- Quinn Omori asked if it was possible to draw on other revenue sources.
- Paul Barlow mentioned various other sources that are being drawn on, including fuel taxes, property taxes, and the Hydro levy.

D) President’s Remarks:

Welcome Back BBQ and AMS First Week:
< The First month of school has gone by very smoothly. We have had great opportunities to outreach to students during the different activities with Firstweek and the Welcome Back BBQ. The Welcome Back BBQ worked out very well. Thankfully, the weather during the event was beautiful and the venue went on with out a hitch. Overall our revenue from the barbeque was 50% less than last year as 50% less students attended the event. Henry Chen (AMS Controller) is currently working out the figures with Stacey and they will be given to Council along with an overview of First Week at the next Council meeting.

Internal Meetings:
< I attended the Totem Raising Committee and brought forward the motion of our appreciation which was unanimously adopted.
< President’s Advisory Council: I attended the President’s Advisory Council on Tuesday, September 21st, 2004. The TREK 2010 White Paper was discussed. It had been forwarded on to Senate for approval and will them be returning to the Board of Governors for final approval.
< United Way Kick Off Event: Met with Liz King, the United Way Event Coordinator. On Wednesday, September 22nd we had the Barbeque outside of SUB. Martha Piper and I spoke briefly. The Barbeque fundraiser was a success as $630 was raised.
< Meeting with Sid Katz, Director of Chan Centre: Met with Sid to discuss means of a joint collaboration. Currently we are looking towards a meaningful relationship in utilizing the Chan Centre space and jointly collaborating on a mid March musical festival. We will be having a follow-up meeting with Sid, myself and Shea Dahl (Events Manager). We are very excited about the outcome of this relationship as it will allow for more events co-hosted by the university and the AMS.
< Holly and I met with Mia Amir, Board of Governors Student Rep on September 22nd, 2004 before her committee meeting on the 23rd. The meeting was productive as it allowed opportunity for us to discuss information.
< Resource Fair at Vanier, September 22nd, 2004: I attended the Resource Fair with Grant Wong and had the opportunity to meet first and second year students and discuss opportunities within the AMS. Grant, as usual, has hi s aesthetically
pleasing display out that showcased all of the services as well as organized a draw for Mini School.

Student World Assembly: I met with Winnie Cheung from the VP Students Office, Fernando and Kris from IRSA and Maree Takeda from the Global Citizenship project for a debriefing on the Students’ World Assembly. I will be attending the Peace and Justice Committee at Vancouver City Council and I also will be attending the World Peace Forum retreat. Currently, I will be examining the best mechanism of AMS involvement.

The World Peace Forum is an initiative from Vancouver City Council for 2006. The Forum will attract regional leaders from all over the world and many constituencies of Vancouver. The university has been approached about being one primary location for hosting the Forum in 2006 and City Council has also asked for the increased involvement of UBC students. International Relations Students Association is also examining the benefits of hosting the Forum. I will be providing a briefing of the retreat for the next Council meeting.

On September 22nd, 2004 I attended the Selection Committee for Student Directed Seminars. The Committee had representatives from Brock Hall - Registrar’s Office, Enrollment Services and faculty reps.

Attended the ARAC meeting on Wednesday, September 22nd, 2004.

Met with Chad Hyson on Thursday, September 23rd, 2004.

On September 16th, 2004 attended the Board of Trade Convention to listen to President Piper’s address - need of Federal Government support on funding for post-secondary education.

Debating Society opening ceremony.

Speakeasy Training.

Attended the Safety Race.

Other Meetings:

Met with Linda Ong - CPG and activities.

Shea Dahl - Events Assistant/Speaker event on October 13/14.

Met with Bernie and Stacey to discuss Travel Cuts - this has been deferred because our lawyer still needs to wrap up his work in Bosnia.

E) Executive Remarks:

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance:

Fincom:

Financial Awareness Days ended today. The event took place started on Monday. We had Rella Ng and Pam Davidson from UBC Financial Assistance and Awards give presentations about Student Loans and Bursaries; Scott Hannah from the Credit Counselling Society of BC spoke about credit card management; and I spoke about Personal Banking. We also visited Totem and Vanier and gave presentations. Attendance in total was about 50 students; however, we distributed over 200 Debt Free Graduate books and Student Handbooks from UBC Financial Assistance and Awards. Much thanks to Wendy Wu for organizing the event.

BOC:

DVD Play

If all goes well a machine will be installed in front of Pie R Squared by November 1st, 2004.

The agreement is not a revenue generator, but more to offer a service to students.

ABM

BOC has approved a replacement for the sixth bank machine in the SUB. Chartered banks who are currently not in the building were approached; however, they have declined. We
Lessee

BOC has been evaluating various proposals for the previous post office space. We have all approved of a well established computer company called Patch that offers products and repair services. They are keen to work with students and provide well priced items and service for students. They will also provide scholarships and job opportunities for students. Financial negotiations will begin shortly.

Walter Gage Fund Committee:

I attended the Walter Gage meeting yesterday. The Committee did not meet over the summer. We reviewed changes worked on by sub-committees as the administration of the fund has been transferred to the VP Students Office. There will most likely be another student in addition to Lyle, myself, and Hugh (EUS President) on the Committee to be appointed by Council, but details are still to be worked out.

Other Events:

I attended the Welcome Back BBQ and Public Space Workshop. I also took the opportunity to talk with many clubs during Clubs Days. On September 22nd, I volunteered at the United Way BBQ.

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs

Hiring:

We will be conducting Mini-School Assistant Coordinator interviews on Friday and Vice Chair for External Commission. The International Students Coordinator resigned in August and we will be hiring for this position early October.

Public Space Workshop – Saturday September 18th 2004:

I attended a planning meeting on September 17th, and attended the workshop on Saturday. I had to leave towards the end, as I was unwell. The turn out was really low – we expected more people to show up, and weather wasn’t great, but the feedback was good and will inform the University Boulevard Architectural Competition.

Meeting to discuss project in Kenya:

I attended a meeting to discuss a proposal to support a primary school in Kenya – I was invited to attend at the request of Dennis Pavlich, VP External and Legal Affairs from UBC. Seems to be going well, and the project will appreciate AMS Support and endorsement, not financially but in principle. I will be bringing this to council soon once more details have been finalized.
Clubs Days September 20th – 24th:
< I was involved with Clubs Days both through my club and as an Executive member and it went very well.

< I was unwell for most of last week with the Big Bad flu and have just returned to full swing work.

Race and Diversity Hiring Committee:
< I attended a committee meeting of the Race and Diversity Hiring.
< The process has not yet been concluded and has been held up by some internal issues. We are awaiting final word from Access and Diversity.

Safety:
  - I met with Paul Wong to discuss the SUB Safety Audit report which will soon be available for circulation.
  - We will also be working on the ACF safety report, which is just about completed, and will be sharing that with the ACF Review Committee, safety committee as well as the ACF organizers.

Incidence Response:
< Safety Committee has been discussing the incidence response process in the SUB following certain incidences in the SUB.
< We have a draft incidence response process and the more finalized version will soon be shared with Council.

Safety Whistles:
< Safety Committee supported provision of safety whistles to students, as well as safety pamphlets on transit. More details on this will be available through the Safety Committee minutes to be approved at the next council meeting.
< Safety Race – September 18th.
  - This was held for international students. It was a huge success and went well. Unfortunately I was unable to attend as I was unwell, but I have received a lot of positive feedback on the event.
  - Congratulations to Paul Sutton safety coordinator for a job well done together with I-Hse, peer program and others who were involved in the project.

University Commission:
< Speakers Spotlight
  - Gavin Dew, UCom Vice Chair has been working on this and its going ahead. First date has been scheduled for October 19th 2004.

< Housing Forum
  - I will be meeting this week with Jared and Linda Ong to discuss and plan for the housing focus groups and survey that we will be doing later on in the fall.

< AIDS Awareness Days
  - Marissa Adams the Community and Wellness Commissioner has been working hard to organize the AIDS awareness days and the events that lead up to the World AIDS Day.

< I met with Amina to discuss certain HR issues.

Vancouver Board of Trade Lunch:
< I attended the Vancouver Board of Trade Lunch with Amina on September 16th 2004.
< Martha Piper shared some insightful remarks on Post-Secondary education and the need for it to be a priority for the federal government.
Welcome Back BBQ:
< I attended the Welcome Back Barbeque and thoroughly enjoyed the African Music of Alpha Yaya Diallo, as well as the other bands that were playing.
< The event went well and there were few disturbances and incidences.
< Amina and Myself stayed on until the event was over. Congratulations to Alison and the First week team, as well as the Safety Tent volunteers who made this event pleasant and safe.

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

Renovations Planning Group:
< Today I reviewed the status of the Capital Projects Acquisition Fund, CPAC. Each year, students pay $15.00 each towards this fund, the sole purpose being for Capital Projects, renovations to the building. This year, the fund will be endowed with approximately $512,000.
< Two years ago, the cost of the lower level renovation exceeded that year’s budget and ate into last year’s budget. Prior to the 2004 fund installation, the fund held a deficit of approximately $(330,000). Taking into consideration all of the commitments made and costs required between that time and the time I took office, I basically walked into this position with a neutral CPAC balance of around $0. The $20,000 spent on the Food Co-op renovation project was very small compared to the many hundreds of thousands of dollars for the lower level renovation; but with the cost of this most recent project, assuming no other CPAC money will be spent until I finish my term, the fund’s deficit will stand at about -$(20,000). In April, the fund will be installed with another half-million, and my successor will come into office with the first positive CPAC budget in the last two years.
< I have tried to be fiscally conservative as I can stand, and the only CPAC funding that I have requested from Council has been to fulfill campaign commitments. Although it is uncharacteristic, I feel it is imperative of the Society to begin preparing for the future. I will be advising my successor to establish a tradition of setting aside a significant portion of CPAC towards the construction of a new building, possibly to coincide with the expiry of our current lease (2013, which can be extended for another 15 years to 2028). If two years back, the VP Admin wouldn’t have spent into the future, I might have been left with my whole budget rather than absolutely none of it. If I had been able to oversee this year’s half million, I would have set nearly all but $20,000 of it towards building a new SUB.

Impacts Committee:
< FarmAde was a great success, about twice as many students turned out as last year. I will be writing a comprehensive post-mortem and recommending that the event be co-organized with the Events Department next year. Without a paid staff or solidified budget, I’m disappointed to find, some committee tasks were dropped. In all, it was a lot of fun and liquor sales recovered a good portion of the expense of the event. FarmAde ran a deficit because we chose not to charge admission, because of this we saw many new faces and that was the point.
< Last week, Oxfam, human rights lawyers, and I held a presentation on Ethical Purchasing issues for the staff of Industrial Purchasing of Supply Management and were received very positively. I will be arranging a kind of ‘task force’ committee comprised of the AMS, Oxfam, Supply Management and the Bookstore in the hopes of furthering the progress made towards eliminating sweatshop products on campus. I have suggested that the University consider aligning itself with the two monitoring organizations mentioned in my Council presentation, the FLA and WRC, and the idea, at very least, was not immediately rejected. More to come.

SAC:
< Colour Bash, the SAC Wine and Cheese, and more APT sessions are in the weeks to
come.

< **Graft Mural Project:** I have begun discussions with the different campus groups about the graffiti mural project. Our first task is to secure funding for honoring the artist and equipment costs, all of which should remain pretty small. I will endeavour to minimize the cost of this project to the Society; at this point it looks as if there is the opportunity to utilize provincial funding. Campbell would be so proud.

**Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services**

**Lights of Peace**
< Met with YMP – Lisa Thomas Tench and Jane Reitsma, HKIN – Kavie Toor, and Orientations Team – Stephanie and Nathania to discuss planning and cooperation on the Lights of Peace Festival.
< The event will be on Friday afternoon, November 26, 2004.

**Clubs Week**
< Setup AMS services booth at club weeks to promote AMS services with an emphasis on Minischool.
< Assisted SAC and students trying to find clubs throughout the week.

**Campus Craze**
< Setup AMS services booth at Totem and Place Vanier Residences with a special emphasis on mini-school.
< Colin Jack, Mini-School Coordinator, Michelle Quigg, Ombuds and Jenny McCann, Safewalk Coordinator attended and helped promote their services.

**Student Access Terminals**
< We have used the IPF funding to buy three new computer terminals for the student service area.

**Arts Career Information Kiosk**
< I will participate in the training of volunteer run Arts Career Information Kiosk.
< Completed a 2 page info sheet on volunteer and employment opportunities with AMS Services.

**AMS Services:**

**Mini-School**
< Colin Jack has been working extremely hard to set up registration and to confirm instructors.
< This year’s schedule includes: Bartending, Belly Dancing, Relaxation Massage, Thai Massage, Guitar Lessons, Web Design, Conflict Resolution Workshop, Highland Dancing, Traditional Indian Dancing, Sign Language, Beer Tasting and much more….
< We are having a draw for six $40 credit vouchers. Over 1000 people have already entered the draw.

**Speakeasy**
< David Treleaven and Anisa Mottahed have just completed their training and hiring of Speakeasy Volunteers. They have done a great job on the training and the Speakeasy service is in full operation.
< They hired 25 volunteer Speakeasy Peer Counselors.

**Internship Program**
< Caitlin and Josh are working hard on the interviewing process of candidates and trying to match them up with sponsors.
Volunteer Connections
< Susanna Quail has done a fantastic job of holding the volunteer fair from September 27-29. We set up a table at the fair to promote AMS Services, Mini-School and the Vex Program.
< Shinerama raised over $5200 for Cystic Fibrosis.

Safewalk
< Imran Beg and Jenny McCann have been extremely busy with interviewing, hiring and training. They have interviewed over 100 people for approximately 45 positions.
< They have set up and coordinated a safety tent at AMS Welcome Back BBQ.
< The Safewalk team has been busy conducting criminal background checks on all Safewalkers.

Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs

U-Pass Awareness Days:
< Responding to the necessity of doing outreach with the UBC population, a few External Commissioners and myself worked the U-Pass Awareness Days table from 11:00 am - 2:00 p.m.
< At the table we had a survey which gathered feedback from students premised on four central themes: finances, service, lifestyle and safety. Over 130 students completed the survey within the two days.
< Xcom will be compiling the data and submitting it to Translink to contribute to the 18 month review.
< Overall U-Pass Awareness Days were a success.

Great Trekker Award:
< The award ceremony is being held on Monday, October 4, 2004 and this year’s recipient is Margo Fryer.
< Xcom and I are just finishing up the last minute details. Invitations were sent out last week and RSVP’s are flooding in.
< Please let me know if you wish to attend the event.

Provincial Conference:
< I have met with representatives from other student unions and we have formalized our proposal.
< Initially we planned on having the conference on October 13/14 but have move dit to November 19/20.
< We have put out a call for proposals of agenda items. By moving the conference we will be able to better incorporate this feedback.

FarmAde:
< I volunteered at FarmAde and it was a huge success.

U-Pass Emails and U-Pass Subsidy:
< The number of daily emails regarding the U-Pass have begun to slow down. I am still a little backlogged in this area.
< The U-Pass Subsidy is not located on the AMS website. The exemption period has passed and thus the button has been removed from the Student Services Centre. The deadline is October 8, 2004.

Fight Back Conference:
< I will be attending this conference from October 14 - 17 to connect with other grassroots groups.
Events Attended:
< Welcome Back BBQ.
< United Way.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Josha Caulkins - Graduate Student Society - said the GSS had voted to support the AMS plan to hold a conference of student associations.
Lianne McLean - Arts Undergraduate Society
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
David Williams - Regent College
Kenneth Ryan - Medicine Undergraduate Society - noted that the faculty of medicine had expanded, and this year there were 24 students enrolled in Prince George and 24 in Victoria in addition to the ones in Vancouver.
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society - said her faculty’s name may change to Land and Food Systems.
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports

Greg Paton - Senate:
< The first meeting of Senate was held last Wednesday. The main issue on the agenda was Trek 2010.
< Attended the Finance portion of the Board of Governors meeting. There was a presentation on the UBC Endowment Fund.
< Dealing with HR issues surrounding the position of Caucus Chair. Hopefully the position will be filled by the next Council meeting.

Michelle Quigg - Deputy Ombudsperson:
< 46 cases open and 20 closed.
< Mark Ameer Ali (Deputy) is currently working on putting together a library of faculty procedural handbooks.
< Participated in the AMS Safety Race.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

That the following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated September 15, 2004 [SCD 202-005]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated August 3, 2004 [SCD 203-005]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated August 17, 2004 [SCD 204-005]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated August 31, 2004 [SCD 205-005]
J) **Executive Committee Motions:**

2. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED JOLENE MCCANN:

“Whereas Council adopted a policy in 2002 calling on the University to provide the AMS with full and unfettered access to the University’s budgetary statements; and

Whereas such budgetary statements may soon be available to the AMS; and

Whereas it is important to ensure that the University is spending money in a fiscally responsible manner and that it is relying on tuition dollars only when no other sources of funding are available,

Therefore be it resolved that Council create an ad hoc committee to examine the University’s budgetary statements.

Be it further resolved that this committee consist of the Vice-President External and Vice-President Finance, who shall co-chair; and four members of Student Council.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Holly Foxcroft said Dana Merritt, UBC’s associate vice-president finance, had told her that UBC President Martha Piper was still reviewing the budget.
- Scott Price asked if the AMS will be able to look at line items. Holly Foxcroft said it depends on what is provided.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds  ... Carried

L) **Committee Motions:**

4. MOVED HUGH TURNER, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That Council appoint Ian McKechnie, Jeff Potter, Patricia Lau, Jon Woodard, Greg Paton and Dave Tompkins (Council Members) to the ad hoc committee to examine the University’s budgetary statements.”

... Carried
Executive Committee Motions: (Continued)

5. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED HUGH TURNER:

"Whereas the University Administration has put forward a proposal to convert McInnis Field into an artificial turf field; and

Whereas the conversion of the field to artificial turf would effectively reduce the amount of natural green space on campus; and

Whereas the development plans for University Town have not concretely outlined where natural green spaces would exist; and

Whereas the University could create an artificial turf field elsewhere on campus;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS support the preservation of McInnis Field as a natural green space."

- Amina Rai said Kavie Toor of UBC Intramurals had spoken at a previous Council meeting about replacing the McInnis Field grass with astroturf. Council had discussed the idea and the result was tonight’s motion.
- Dave Tompkins said he did not feel comfortable speaking for his constituents on this issue.
- Patricia Lau said there had not been enough time to consult with students, and in the discussions to date no clear consensus had emerged. Science was going to have Kavie Toor come speak to them further about the issue; after that, the situation might be clearer. She expressed concern that this motion had been added to the agenda as a last-minute addendum. She did not think it was time-sensitive.
- Lyle McMahon said there was no surefire way of finding out what students think short of holding a referendum. He said Council members were elected to represent the views of students.
- Amina Rai apologized for the motion’s appearing on an addendum. She agreed that it was not time-sensitive: nothing would be happening in the next two weeks.
- Richard Davis said he wanted to defeat the motion to table so he could vote against the main motion.

6. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED MIKE LONG:

“That motion #5 be tabled until the next Council meeting.”... Carried

7. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“Whereas the University of British Columbia Alumni Association is an integral part of the UBC community; and

Whereas the UBC Alumni Association enriches the lives of UBC alumni by providing mentoring, networking and social opportunities; and

Whereas UBC Alumni Association helps raise the profile of the university by recognizing the accomplishments of UBC graduates, students, faculty and community leaders; and

Whereas increasing the level of co-operation with the UBC Alumni Association would enhance the social and academic interests of students.

Therefore, be it resolved the AMS increase the level of collaboration with the UBC Alumni Association in an effort to develop and strengthen opportunities for current and former students.”
- Amina Rai said she’d met with the Alumni Association and saw an opportunity to strengthen the relationship with them in regard to sponsorship and funding.
- Lianne McLean said the motion was vague.
- Amina Rai said the relationship had deteriorated. The motion was an attempt to showcase the fact that the AMS wants to work with the Alumni Association.
- Lianne McLean asked if there was something more concrete that could be proposed.
- Ian McKechnie asked about the time frame.
- Amina Rai said the next Alumni meeting was in November and joint collaboration was on the agenda.
- Quinn Omori said he found the motion superfluous. It didn’t call on anyone but the AMS itself to do anything. Instead of passing symbolic motions, he recommended just going out and doing something.

8. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

9. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

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... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

10. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Bijan Ahmadian as the student representative for the Faculty of Applied Science and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

... Carried

L) Committee Motions: (Continued)

11. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE: [SCD 206-005]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2004: Executive Coordinator of Student Services, Firstweek Coordinator, etc’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED NAOMI GARRISH: [SCD 207-005]
"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2004: Transitional Honoraria' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Quinn Omori said transitional honoraria for the Executives used to be all or nothing. This year’s Executive had expressed some concern about how thorough and useful their transition had been, and this year’s Vice-President Finance had drafted a checklist of what the Executive felt would be an adequate transition. The checklist splits the transitional work into fractions, and the outgoing members of the Executive would be paid according to how much of the checklist they completed.

- Ian McKechnie said he liked the idea of a checklist, but did not like breaking up payment into fractions as small as two-fifteenths. He was concerned that members of the Executive might just skip those portions of the transition worth only a small fraction of the honorarium.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

14. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED JEFF POTTER:

"That Council appoint Anita Tavra as a student at-large to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing September 29, 2004 and ending April 1, 2005."

Note: Quorum was not present when these motions were approved by the Code and Policies Committee. ... Out of Order

15. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED JOLENE MCCANN:

"That Council appoint Anthony Waldron to the position of AMS Elections Administrator for a term commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2005, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee."

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

16. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

"Whereas a provincial election has been called for May 17, 2005; and

Whereas the outcome of the election will have a direct impact on our membership and post-secondary education in general; and

Whereas it is important to increase student voter turnout as well as raise the profile of post-secondary education as an election issue; and

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council strike an ad-hoc provincial election awareness committee to develop a lobbying and media strategy that will increase student voter turnout and inform all provincial parties on key issues as tuition, core funding, research and student financial assistance.

Be it further resolved that this committee consist of the Vice-President External, who shall
be chair; an External Commissioner from the External Commission; and three members of Student Council.”

- Holly Foxcroft said the next provincial election is fast approaching and it was important to set up a committee of students to motivate students to vote.
- Ian McKechnie asked if the committee would be able to spend money without coming to Budget Committee or Council.
- Holly Foxcroft said the committee had no budget.

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L) Committee Motions: (Continued)

18. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

That Council appoint Richard Davis, Joshua Caulkins and Stephanie Ryan (Council members) to the ad hoc Provincial Elections Awareness Committee.”

19. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED DAVE SIDHU:

“That motion #18 be tabled.”

20. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council suspend Section V, Article 2 (3) of the AMS Code of Procedure to allow two representatives from the Arts Constituency to sit on the ad hoc Provincial Elections Awareness Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ian McKechnie said Code should not be suspended lightly.
- Dave Tompkins said there was a certain moral decay involved in suspending Code more often, as he feared was happening.
21. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council suspend Section V, Article 2 (3) of the AMS Code of Procedure to allow two representatives from the Arts Constituency to sit on the ad hoc Provincial Elections Awareness Committee.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

22. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

That Council appoint Joshua Caulkins, Stephanie Ryan and Mia Amir (Council members) to the ad hoc Provincial Elections Awareness Committee." ... Carried

23. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

“That Council appoint Richard Davis (Council member) to represent the AMS on the UBC Emergency Planning Steering Committee." ... Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions: (Continued)

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated June 2, 2004 [SCD 209-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated July 14, 2004 [SCD 210-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated July 22, 2004 [SCD 211-005]

24. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED BRENDA Ogembo:

“Whereas a provincial election has been called for May 17, 2005; and

Whereas the outcome of the election will have a direct impact on our membership and post-secondary education in general; and

Whereas it is important to increase student voter turnout in order to shape future policies on post-secondary education; and

Whereas ‘Get Your Vote On’ is a non-partisan project designed to help inform youth of electoral issues as well increase youth turnout at the election polls.

Be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society partner with the ‘Get Your Vote On’ project to help increase youth voter turnout at the next provincial election.”

- Holly Foxcroft said the Get Your Vote On project would be working hand in hand with the AMS ad hoc elections committee.
- Ian McKechnie asked what this partnership would entail. Anything financial?
- Holly Foxcroft said nothing financial was involved; the project was funded by grants.
25. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

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... Carried

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

< Smart Media

26. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE, JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rd ... Carried

27. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

“That Council move out of camera.” ... Carried

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

28. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.” ... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< During introductions, Scott Price was pied by the Engineers.

C) Presentations to Council:

1. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

“That the Tuition Consultation presentation be extended by five minutes for a total of fifteen minutes.”

... Carried

Tuition Accountability and Financial Assistance – Brian Sullivan, UBC VP Students

Financial assistance:

< financial assistance up $12.4 million to $144.5 million in 2003-04.
< 63% increase in number of undergraduates receiving needs-based assistance; 38% decrease for grad students (because of PhD tuition waiver).
< 13% increase in number of merit-based awards for undergraduates; 114% increase for grad students.
< looking at third party institutionally facilitated loans for students.
< developing a Major Entrance Scholarships strategy

Tuition increase:

< section sizes increased in 1999-2001 as enrollment increased, but have held steady since the lifting of the tuition freeze.
< average class size is still larger than UBC would like.
< number of sections has increased faster than the increase of student population.
< in three summers 19% of University classroom space has been upgraded.
< an increase of 25% in classroom space is expected.
< student-professor ratios, which worsened during the freeze, have improved since.
< the number of unfunded student spaces has dropped from 1400 to about 200.
< UBC tuition remains below the G10 average for arts and science students.
< revenue increased $75.528 million over three years as a result of the tuition increases.
Questions:
- Holly Foxcroft asked if another year of tuition increases was coming.
- Brian Sullivan said that the AMS Executive had already heard from UBC President Piper that there would be only a modest increase, but it would not be zero. That is all that is known now.
- Brenda Ogembo asked about the focus on alumni relations. Would it mean more funding from alumni and thus have an effect on tuition increases?
- Brian Sullivan said there has always been fundraising from alumni; there may be more, but the aim of the new focus was more on building relationships and helping alumni connect with each other.
- Amina Rai asked about the ratings just published in the Globe and Mail.
- Brian Sullivan said UBC takes the ratings seriously, despite some qualms about methodology, and was pleased that UBC’s library and student services were rated so highly. The effectiveness of teaching was not ranked as high as the UBC administration would like.
- Dave Tompkins asked about the $1.6 million annualized item for deferred maintenance.
- Brian Sullivan said this was part of Project Renew, a retrofit of campus, with the government providing matching funds. The $1.6 million was part of a 20-year payment plan.
- Veronica Fynn asked if student-faculty ratios indicated anything about the quality of education.

2. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

“That question period be extended to allow all those on the speakers list to speak.”

... Carried

- Brian Sullivan said the indicator doesn’t guarantee any one professor’s effectiveness; it is a quantitative rather than a qualitative measure; but according to research, it is the single most important indicator of effective teaching.
- Naomi Garrish asked about the numbers for Pharmacy. Brian Sullivan said he would look into them.
- Karen Ward asked if UBC was planning to move more to a British system of phasing out research-based master’s programs by not funding them.
- Brian Sullivan said there was not yet a clear public plan, but discussions were underway on how to grow the business.

McInnis Field – Kavie Toor /Timin Hadi (UBC Rec)

< change from grass to artificial turf would be done at no cost to students
< use could skyrocket, especially in bad weather months
< the field itself would be recyclable

Questions:
- Richard Davis asked how many more students would benefit from the switch to artificial turf.
- Kavie Toor said there would be an additional 3,000 students for program use and a significantly large increase for drop-ins, which cannot be calculated.
- Naomi Garrish asked if there would be an increase in injuries.
- Kavie Toor said research shows that although there are more scrapes and minor injuries on artificial turf, there are fewer serious injuries.
- Patricia Lau asked who will make the decision on whether to go to artificial turf.
- Kavie Toor said UBC Recreation is lobbying for the change which the Board of Governors will ultimately decide on. Officially, AMS approval is not needed.
- Christine Boyle asked if the turf field could be located somewhere else to avoid the loss of green space in the middle of campus.
- Kavie Toor said that was an option but was out of his hands. Timin Hadi said there would not be a lot of drop-ins at a less central location.
- Amina Rai asked if the field would still be usable for the AMS Welcome Back Barbecue.
- Kavie Toor said there were plans to make a giant tarp available.
- Quinn Omori asked if UBC would pay for the tarp.
- Kavie Toor said the cost would be part of the overall cost of the project.

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

"Whereas the mission statement of the AMS is “To improve the quality of the educational, social, and personal lives of the students of UBC”; and

Whereas some UBC students do not self-identify as strictly male or female; and

Whereas a normative binary gender paradigm fails to account for the experiences and gender identification of many UBC students, and is thus inadequate; and

Whereas it is imperative that the AMS provide support, services and facilities for all members of the Society, irregardless of said member’s gender identification; and

Whereas exclusively gender-specific washroom facilities throughout the Student Union Building (SUB) reflect the Societies’ recognition and support for a gender paradigm that excludes and fails to account for the identification of many students; and

Whereas it may prove to be quite difficult to improve the quality of the social and personal lives of all students if the Society continues to deny that students who do not identify as strictly male or female need to use washroom facilities like all other students; and

Whereas students often utilize SUB washrooms as safe-spaces and transgendered and intersex students, as marginalized individuals, should not be excluded from accessing safe-spaces within the SUB; and

Whereas there is also a growing need to provide facilities for the use of families and students with children; and

Whereas a disability-access washroom exists on the second floor of the SUB and is currently designated as “unisex”,

Therefore be it resolved that Council direct the Renovations Planning Group to redesignate the currently-existing disability-access washroom into a non-gendered washroom that may also be utilized by disabled students and families.

Be it further resolved that in all future projects that entail the construction or significant renovation to washrooms within the building, that the Renovations Planning Group endeavour to accommodate the needs of all students by creating or designating non-gendered facilities to supplement facilities designated Male or Female."

- Richard Davis asked if the motion was a policy. The Speaker said that in his view it was not a policy but a series of actions.
- Lyle McMahon said the motion had the support of the AMS Safety Coordinators and Pride. Student societies at SFU and Concordia had made similar initiatives without opposition. There was a concern about possible targeting of the space, but activists believed that overall the benefits of a non-gendered washroom outweighed the problems.
- Hugh Turner asked if this meant men and women would be going to the bathroom together.
- Lyle McMahon said No, the facility was single use with a locking door.
- Joel McLaughlin said the proposal was just a feelgood motion and a waste of Council’s time since the washroom was already designated for use by the disabled and anyone could use it.
- Ian McKechnie said a very small percentage of the population was transgendered.

4. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That motion #3 be referred to the Renovations Planning Group.”

5. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

5. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That motion #3 be referred to the Renovations Planning Group.” ... Defeated

- Ian McKechnie said the Renovations Planning Group has the expertise to deal with this issue.
- Lyle McMahon quoted the provision of Code indicating that Reno does not have the authority to act on its own, but can only act on the direction of Council. He said it was appropriate for this issue to come to Council from the Executive because it was a social issue.
- Quinn Omori said that if no expenditure was involved, there was no need to bring the motion to Council; the Executive could just do it.

6. MOVED LYLE McMAHON, SECONDED JOLENE MCCANN:

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Whereas a disability-access washroom exists on the second floor of the SUB; and **is currently designated as “unisex”;**

- Christine Boyle commended the Executive for bringing forward the motion, which she saw as important.
- Karen Ward said there was a need for bathrooms which could be used by a parent and a child. It was important for the AMS to lead in this and to lobby UBC for more non-gendered space across campus.
- Kevin Keystone said the resolution was not just a feelgood motion, but had bite and
meaning. And even if it were just symbolic, it would be an important gesture. It was irrelevant how few identify as transgendered or intersex; however many they are, they are entitled to the same rights as others.

- Scott Price said the motion should go further and make all washrooms gender neutral.
- Paul Sutton said it was important as a safety issue that there be a safe trans space for students who don’t fall into the binary gender paradigm.

7. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS, SECONDED FREDERICK CHENG:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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Note: Abstained - Ian McKechnie, Hugh Turner ... Carried

C) Presentations to Council:(Continued)

Africa Awareness 2005 - Veronica Fynn/ Brenda Ogembo [SCD 214-005]

< Veronica Fynn said it would be nice to hear ten years from now what the AMS had done about the absence of Africa at UBC. She had started Africa Awareness and received support from the Dean of Arts and from the Education faculty. Africa Awareness was not a club, but an organization with faculty and student members.

< Brenda Ogembo, who co-chairs Africa Awareness, said it was a worthy student initiative, adding that the AMS should institutionalize its support for Africa Awareness to ensure that it continues. She said the University is giving money to the program.

Questions

- Amina Rai asked what Africa Awareness was looking for.
- Veronica Fynn said she is currently running the program out of her AMS Safety Coordinator’s office. The program needs space and money. She said International House and Campus Security were giving support, but she wanted the AMS to take ownership of the program.

Course Management Systems Committee - Gavin Dew [SCD 215-005]

< Gavin Dew said that in accordance with the Code requirement that all AMS appointees to University committees report back to Council, he was reporting on this committee, which is looking into changes in the WebCT on-line system, an instructional aid that affects over 20,000 students on campus. He was especially looking for feedback from Council members to know what to say on the committee.

Questions (and Feedback)

- Dave Tompkins suggested establishing a WebCT hotline for faculty to use to get their questions about the system answered.
- Scott Price suggested incorporating all student logins into one to make it easier for students.
- Ian McKechnie said he would like everyone to use WebCT, but then there might be traffic problems.
- Kenneth Ryan said WebCT was essential in Medicine, but the current system was primitive.
- A more powerful, more user friendly system would be more than welcome.
- Patricia Lau asked about removing old material still being kept on the WebCT pages.
- Gavin Dew said some things have to remain up.
- Holly Foxcroft asked about the cost of the various options the committee is looking at. Gavin Dew said the budget numbers are not yet available.
- Amina Rai said that while WebCT was an invaluable resource, in some courses attending in person was better than on-line chats. She worried that WebCT was becoming the primary source of instruction. She said education was more than academics; it was also growing through discussions.
- Brenda Ogembo asked about security, referring to a recent computer crash at an Australian university. Gavin Dew said UBC has effective back-up systems.
- Gregory Paton asked if the committee had sent out evaluation forms. Gavin Dew said there is evaluation feedback as part of the pilot project for a new WebCT system.

10. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That Council move into a Committee of the Whole.”

... Carried

11. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That Council move out of Committee of the Whole.”

... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

Events:

Since last week there have been two notable events that have been held by the AMS. The first was the Great Trekker which occurred on Monday evening, October 4th. Holly and the External Commission did a great job in organizing and hosting the event. Margo Fryer was awarded the Great Trekker this year for her role in establishing the Learning Exchange. I was on hand at the event to do the welcoming address.

The other event occurred this early afternoon. Alongside the provincial student’s unions, the AMS hosted a presentation from Hassina Sherjan. Hassina is a human rights activist who founded the organization Aid Afghanistan. Although the event did not round up a large crowd, the overall video presented was very engaging and the discussion and debate after the presentation was excellent.

Projects and Initiatives that I am currently working on:

The Ad-Hoc Anti Racism Action committee is looking into organizing a systematic racism conference for UBC with the potential partnership with other universities and colleges across campus. The conference will examine coloured faculty and staff retention, international student’s awareness and representation, and safety concerns and issues of discrimination and racism. This conference will be hopefully organized later on in the Fall. The logistical work etc. is still being worked out currently.

I am also in discussion with the university in printing the Students’ Rights and Responsibilities Handbook which had been created by Maya and Sameer last year. The project received $6,000 in IPF funding to print 5000 books but the printing for the book did not occur last year. I hope to have this book printed by December.

Meeting with First Week Coordinator and VP Finance:

On October 5th, I have a meeting with the First Week Coordinator, Alison Atkinson and the
VP Finance for a debrief of Firstweek. The meeting was very thorough as we discussed issues regarding wristband system, budget and organizational structure. There will be a follow up meeting tomorrow between the whole executive, and staff members. Alison will also be coming to Council with a presentation and run down of Firstweek. It should also be noted that Alison was recently hired as Event’s Assistant so congratulations to her on that!

**Hired for Event’s Assistant:**

Alongside Shea Dahl, I partook in the hiring of the Event’s Assistant on October 12th. We conducted thorough interviews and are happy to announce that Alison Atkinson has been hired as the Event’s Assistant. This year’s Event Assistant is a student position which was not the case in the past. We conducted thorough interviews and are happy to announce that Alison Atkinson has been hired as the Event’s Assistant.

**Meeting with Zoom Media:**

Alongside Linda Ong and Leanne Evans, I met with Zoom Media to discuss the rundown of this contract and reporting mechanisms of approval of ads. During the summer there was miscommunication between the AMS and Zoom Media which resulted in ads being placed in washrooms that did not fulfill the approval process. We reaffirmed the AMS’s ability to reject ads that are deemed offensive and it was accepted and respected by Zoom Media. Interestingly, we noticed within the contract items that could be beneficial to the AMS including 24,000 postcards, and $20,000 worth of off campus advertising. We will be discussing how to utilize such benefits during the Communications Planning Group meeting on Friday.

**Meeting with ECSS, VP Academic and VP Finance:**

The ECSS, VP Academic, VP Finance and I met on October 6th to discuss HR issues and the status of the services.

**Met with UBC AVP - Marie Earl:**

Marie Early has been appointed as the AVP Alumni Relations. I met with her on October 8th to introduce her to the AMS and discuss methods for collaboration. She was very receptive in ideas such as establishing student working positions within the Alumni Association. We will be meeting within the next two weeks for a more thorough look into the relationship between the AMS and the Alumni Association.

**Globe and Mail Article:**

Today the Globe and Mail came out with their yearly university report card. This year UBC performed average in comparison to the other institutions. Overall educational experience ranked UBC 6th out of the 9 large institutions being surveyed. The survey is conducted by the opinion of 26,811 undergrad students who are current full or part-time students and that are members of the studentawards.com on-line database. And in regards to the survey that Brian Sullivan mentioned of the 90% that students rates ....... satisfactory. As Holly had pointed out through a note to me during the presentation that survey was done by 300 students.
VP Student Strategic Plan Feedback:

Grad Student:

E) Executive Remarks:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs

Hiring:

External Commission and Mini School Interviews
We conducted interviews for the Vice Chair of External Commission and Mini School Assistant coordinator. We are proud to announce Aurelia Liu and Kate Gubarev for the respective positions

Housing Forum:

I met with Jared and Linda Ong on Sept 30th to discuss and brainstorm for the housing forum. The meeting was very productive and very conclusive. The structure will be focus groups that will be held Nov 1st, 3rd and 4th. The information from this will then inform the housing survey that will be conducted towards the end of the month.

University Commission:

a. UCom met on September 30th 2004
We planned for the Housing forum which will take place in the SUB. Please see the AMS website under the VP Academic page for more details. RSVP by October 26th 2004.

b. Marissa Adams who is working on the housing forum is also working with me to organize AIDS Awareness Days. A lot of planning has gone into this project and this is the first time that World AIDS day will be recognized in a big way at UBC, and will be the second time that the AMS is taking on something like this – did it last year.

I met on October 7th 2004 with a group of campus stakeholders interested in working towards World AIDS day and the efforts will be harmonized between UCom, the events department and clubs such as SAGA, UBCAN, MSF, WUSC etc.

Indigenous Students of UBC:

I attended the Indigenous Students of UBC meeting on October 4th, 2004, it was an honour to be involved with a first nations club at UBC. We will be looking into holding Indigenous Awareness Days as part of Colour Bash that is currently being organized by SAC and looking into making this particular date an Exec special project. Emergene is working on this with the Cultural Commissioner on SAC.

Great Trekker:

On October 7th I attended the Great Trekker award and was proud to watch Margo Frier accept her award. Congratulations to ExCom on a job well done.

Campus Development:

a. South Campus Working Group (SCWG)
I attended a SCWG meeting on October 6th 2004 to discuss some of the options of the South Campus Neighbourhood Plan that have emerged as a result by some concerns and unresolved issues raised by the Advisory Planning Committee. The meeting although productive was short and did not allow for sufficient time for the Working Group members to provide input as to which options they seemed to like best.

The working group also formulated an independent consensus document on items that were agreed upon across the board. Amongst the items were the commitment to protection of trees and the green buffers and the suggestion of the demarcation of the Farm as "The Farm" ie an OCP amendment as opposed to the current OCP designation of Future Housing Reserve.

b. University Town Steering Committee

I attended a UTown steering committee meeting on October 8th 2004. The following important dates were noted:
- South Campus APC met on October 8th 2004
- Technical Advisory Committee Mtg October 26th 2004
- UTown website being re-launched
- Architectural Competition will be launched on October 19th 2004

Teaching Excellence Initiative meeting:

I attended and chaired a TEI mtg on October 8th 2004 between AUS, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Arts and VP Students office. It was a very productive meeting and there commitment to working towards a TLEF proposal was reaffirmed. Subsequent meetings are to follow to do just that. Faculty of Arts is currently working on a “My CV” project and a Directory Project for all of the faculty. When this information is combined with teaching evaluations, the TEI is the result. Science is very willing to work together but lacks the resources that arts has. The TLEF will go a long way to securing funds for the project and we are aiming for the Dec 10th Deadline.

Safety:

We met to discuss incidences in the SUB that have been happening. We are working on an Incident Report mechanism and document to be distributed to all staff members and departments so as to streamline responses to incidents.

Other:

I attended Darfur Crisis talk organized by the UBC Africa Network outlining the current crisis in Sudan.

I met with Amina to resolve some HR issues and things are going well.

Other issues that I have been working on
- Updating VP Academic website
- Access and diversity hiring has ended with no offer being made of yet. C'ttee split on results
  Next steps will be communicated with time
- Looking into recognition for innovative students and would love to discuss ways to acknowledge exemplary work done by students.
Stacey Chiu - VP Finance:

Met with Coreen Douglas to update her on activities within the AMS. The fundraising and sponsorship committee meeting will be meeting tomorrow to discuss how fundraising, sponsorship, and events will work together in pursuing revenue.

Budget:

Will begin our Quarterly Review tomorrow. The objectives are:

- To see if departments are on track and get each department to consciously assess if they are.
- Get a sense if there are unexpected expenditures and have budget committee.
- Approve/disapprove of them from a financial standpoint.

Various departments have been in contact me before Budget Committee meets to discuss their status.

BOC:

DVD machines and new ABM will be installed by November 1st at the earliest.

Clubs & Constituencies:

Many clubs and constituencies representatives have made appointments with me to discuss their group’s general operations and finances and how the AMS can support them.

Health and Dental Plan:

The Health and Dental Plan committee met on Friday, October 1st to discuss plans for the upcoming year.

UPASS Subsidy Meeting:

We have begun the process of allocating subsidies and will continue next week.

Firstweek Debrief:

Amina and I met with Alison to do a general overview of Firstweek.

Other:

I attended the Great Trekker (well done Xcom!).

Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Celebrations Committee:

Discussed areas of support for the Great Trek 10K Relay. Working with the AUS, SUS and UBC REC to create a large celebratory event. Contacted Sheldon and UBC archives on material for a historical display for the Relay

UBC Festival of Lights:

Working with HKIN, to plan a festival on Friday November 26 that would feature a candle light procession, music and displays by campus groups

Trick or Eat (TOE) Program:

Will have a food drive on Halloween. Met with Brendan Orchard who represents the support of three Frats and Sororities for the program. World Vision and the Ismaili Students Association will also actively participate.
Food Bank Proposal:
Met with the executive of the Ismaili Students Association to discuss their plans for a legacy project. Discussed their role in supporting the creation of a Food Bank on campus.

PIPA:
Met with the PIPA Committee to discuss policy issues relating to PIPA. Bernie and Sheldon have been working hard to create policies and procedures to ensure that the AMS complies with PIPA.

Art Career Information Kiosk:
Part of the training for Arts Career Guide Training Session.
Discussed current job and volunteer opportunities within AMS Services

AMS Involvement Project:
Held a meeting with Volunteer Connections, Orientations, and Executive Projects Assistant to discuss the AMS Involvement Project.
The objective of the AMS Involvement Project is to create a clear inventory of current involvement opportunities within the AMS where students can see all the positions with detailed descriptions with skills requirements and benefits. Once, the inventory has been created, to encourage and create meaningful volunteer opportunities within the AMS.

AMS Services

Mini-School:
Interviewed candidates for assistant coordinator. Hired Kate Gubarev as Assistant Coordinator, Mini-school.
Registration closes this Friday.
Colin, Kate and a few volunteers have been working long hours promotion mini-school.

Internship Program:
Caitlin has put in an extraordinary amount of time to ensure that the Interns are matched to sponsors.

AMS Service Marketing Interns:
Hired Juliana Wong, Samuel Jacques-Cloutier and Melissa Woodside as the AMS Services marketing interns – volunteer positions.
They will be setting up a promotional booth in different buildings on campus for the remainder of the term.

Tutoring:
Need to hire more appointment tutors to because of increased demand.
Ordered promotional signage to increase awareness of service.

Safewalk:
Held their training on the weekend for all their staff
Currently working on budget concerns and an evaluation of staff training.

Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs

Great Trekker Award Ceremony (October 4, 2004):
The External Commission is very pleased with the way that the evening went. Held at Cecil Green the event progressed with elegance as the gathering of around 60 people snacked on hors d’oeuvres and mingled.
Dr. Fryer was radiant and greatly enjoyed the evening. From a budgetary point of view we came in $250.00 under budget. Thanks to everyone who made it out!

**U-Pass Subsidy Committee Meeting (October 5):**

The committee began the review process and we will be meeting next Tuesday to finish the distribution of the subsidies.

**U-Pass Awareness Days Survey Info (Ongoing):**

The External Commission is currently working on compiling the information which will be made available to councillors, UBC and Translink.

**U-Pass Steering Committee (October 7):**

Gord Lovegrove (Trek), Carole Jolly (Trek) and Marianne Schroeder (Enrollment Services) and I attended the meeting along with our counterparts from SFU. We discussed the scope of the 18th month review. We also reviewed and revised questions which the consultant will randomly ask a group of students. There will be a town hall at UBC to discuss the U-Pass in mid-November.

**Joint Provincial Lobbying Meeting (October 6):**

Josh Calkins, Jared Wright, Amina Rai had the opportunity to meet with D. Allan Tupper, AVP Government Relations and Michelle Aucoin, Executive Coordinator Office of the VP Students to discuss the joint lobbying priorities. Common goals identified: increasing UBC operating budget, increasing eligibility for debt forgiveness program (provincial issues). On the federal front we identified the potential to work together to extend the low-income learning bond to apply to all years and not just first year students. We also spoke about the dedicated education transfer.

**U-Pass Meeting with Marianne Schroeder and Kirsten Molstad (October 12):**

I met with Marianne and Kirsten to review the breakdown of students attending school over the summer in order to determine how the summer U-pass should be administered.

**UBC Budget - Martha still reviewing:**

Collaborated on GVP Students Strategic Plan 2004-2005 comments:

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

SAC:

APT - Next session is tomorrow, 3:30 Room 212. Invite your SoCos. Carla, Security Manager and I have been compiling a comprehensive packet of information for participants. I attended the most recent RGAS Meeting, where I began arranging a small committee of Resource Group representatives to meet to discuss an initiative proposed collectively by the Resource Groups: To hire a full or part-time paid staff person to coordinate group efforts and to facilitate inter-group collaboration. The funding for this project would be provided in full by the groups themselves, and I will be assisting the group in preparing a comprehensive
job description and hiring process adhering to AMS protocol. The staff member would work from and operate the Resource Group Library, as well. More to come.

Impacts:

< Has submitted a motion for your consideration tonight. It is in the interest of fulfilling Impacts mandate to, among other things, “improve the positive impact” of the society on campus.

< Student Sustainability Day was today, was very successful, so was the belly dancing.

< Have been in discussion with companies marketing Styrofoam alternatives about the possibility of providing these in SUB food outlets. Impacts and BOC will need to collaborate if such an initiative is to be undertaken.

< The makeshift Ethical Purchasing Task Force will be meeting early next month.

< The Oxfam No-Sweat Fashion Show was last Wednesday and Friday, and attracted a good crowd at times. Could have been advertised more effectively. Secondary school students from Abbotsford attended.

Renos:

< An unfortunate turn in events will cost the AMS Whistler Lodge a good bit of revenue. Fire Inspectors required the management to reduce occupancy by 17 beds. A renovation is possible in future years, but there’s no CPAC for it this year. Zoning permits might also be difficult to obtain; then again, Whistler (much like UBC) is quite pro-development these days and we might have some success in that.

< Renos also discussed an interest in placing limitations on the frequency in which SUB office walls were to be allowed to be painted, as well as the number or types of colours that the Society will allow. Besides, the committee only likes boring colours like mother of pearl and fluffy cloud off-white. This has been considered due to a recent increase in requests for unconventional colours, frequent changing and the like. Gary Muir, building technician is often swamped during the first few weeks of the terms of appointees and executives.

< Access Renos projects will be discussed in a meeting scheduled for next week.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Dave Tompkins - Graduate Student Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Lianne McLean - Arts Undergraduate Society
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Kenneth Ryan - Medicine Undergraduate Society
Fred Cheng - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Debbie Loo - Education Students Association
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Christine Boyle - Agricultural Undergraduate Society
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Christine Boyle – Agricultural Science – said students in her faculty are opposed to the proposed name change (they like being Aggies), but the Administration will likely go ahead regardless.

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports

Jitesh Mistry - Senate:

< Senate has been in a transition period.

< A special meeting of Senate Caucus was called to select a new Chair.

< Reported he had just been elected as the new Senate Caucus chair

< Senate is conducting a review of Senate functions to make it more relevant.
Hopes to provide fuller reports to Council
Senate will be meeting next week.

**Gregory Paton – Senate**

- UBC is planning to retroactively give anyone with an Okanagan University College degree a UBC degree

**Michelle Quigg - Deputy Ombudsperson:**

- Occupied with casework. 50 cases open and 38 closed.
- Creating resource materials for the office.

**I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

That the following minutes were accepted by Council:

- Minutes of Student Council dated September 29, 2004 [SCD 216-005]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 4, 2004 [SCD 217-005]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 18, 2004 [SCD 218-005]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 25, 2004 [SCD 219-005]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 30, 2004 [SCD 220-005]
- Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated October 12, 2004 [SCD 221-005]

**J) Executive Committee Motions:**

12. **MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:**

   “Whereas the University Administration has put forward a proposal to convert McInnis Field into an artificial turf field; and

   Whereas the conversion of the field to artificial turf would effectively reduce the amount of natural green space on campus; and

   Whereas the development plans for University Town have not concretely outlined where natural green spaces would exist; and

   Whereas the University could create an artificial turf field elsewhere on campus;

   Therefore be it resolved that the AMS support the preservation of McInnis Field as a natural green space.”

- Amina Rai said this was an open motion on which Council could decide what was best to do.
- Scott Price said McInnis Field was not natural green space; if the area were truly natural, it would be forest. He also thought turf would serve students better.
- Patricia Lau said the field would get more use if it were switched to artificial turf. Science in general supported artificial turf, and all Science reps on Council were going to vote according to what their consultation with Science students had revealed, regardless of the reps' personal opinions.
- Hugh Turner expressed concern that the switch to artificial turf might limit the number of events on the field. In particular, he was concerned over whether the Welcome Back Barbecue could still be held there.
- Joel McLaughlin said this motion was an example of the petty items Council was having its time taken up with. He said the Executive should be held accountable for this.
13. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That motion #12 be postponed indefinitely.”

- Dave Tompkins said it was not necessary that Council take a position on every issue. Courtney Campbell said it was Councillors’ duty to vote on the main motion because UBC Recreation had taken the trouble to ask for AMS input.
- Scott Price said Council could not reach a consensus on the issue, so it was not a bad idea to postpone indefinitely.
- Amina Rai said the discussion had been good, but if Council did not want to take a stand on this issue, that was fine; just the Executive had felt obliged to bring the motion forward.
- Quinn Omori said even if the main motion died, the issue should not die. The AMS should still lobby for green space.
- Lianne McLean said she was not in favour of vision motions; she liked things more concrete.
- Christine Boyle said she was in favour of the main motion because of the loss of green space; plastic was not the same as natural grass, and there would be no more mud to play in.
- Lyle McMahon said it was hard to gauge what the 40,000 students represented by the Executive might want. Science had received feedback from its Council, but that feedback was not necessarily the same as what Science students at large might be feeling.
- Kenneth Ryan said Medicine was unanimously in favour of the original motion. Ten buildings had gone up on campus in recent years, and UBC was rapidly becoming a concrete jungle. MacInnes Field and the grassy knoll, the two most accessible green spaces on campus, were threatened. The artificial turf field could be put somewhere else.

14. MOVED DAVE SIDHU, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

15. MOVED NAOMI GARRISH, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

16. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That motion #12 be postponed indefinitely.”

... Defeated

17. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED FRED CHENG:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
18. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

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... Defeated

19. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the meeting be extended until 11:00 p.m.”

... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

20. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED CHRISTINE BOYLE:

“That Council appoint Hugh Turner (Council Member) to the Impacts Committee.”

... Carried

21. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“That Council appoint Cameron Rout (Member at-large) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee.”

...Tabled

22. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED GREG PATON:

“That Council create an ad hoc Lobbying Review Committee to review the lobbying efforts of the AMS and CASA, this committee to consist of the President, who shall be chair; the Vice-President External; the Vice-President Finance; and four members of Council.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Amina Rai said this committee would review AMS lobbying efforts and provide advice on how to prepare for the upcoming provincial election. She added that earlier this year CASA had asked for an increase in fees. Council had agreed to the increase, but had also committed itself to reviewing CASA lobbying; this committee would be an appropriate way to carry out that commitment. She hoped the committee could meet three or four times in the next few weeks and report back in November.
23. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“That Council appoint Cameron Rout (Member at-large) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee.”

... Carried

24. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED HUGH STACEY CHIU:

“That Council appoint Richard Davis, Ian McKechnie, Joshua Caulkins and Jitesh Mistry (Council Members) to the ad hoc Lobbying Review Committee.”

... Carried

25. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED HUGH TURNER:

“That Council appoint Hugh Turner to the Gage South Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Planning Committee.”

... Carried

26. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED CHRISTINE BOYLE:

“Whereas skateboarding is not a crime; and

Whereas many students skateboard, and quite enjoy doing so on the premises of this concrete monstrosity we refer to as the University of British Columbia; and

Whereas public space doesn’t have to suck; and

Whereas the active use of benches and curbs on campus by skateboarding students is a reclamation of public space that all too frequently sucks otherwise; and

Whereas many a student bum has been impaled by the sharp, unwelcome, and unnecessary presence of anti-skateboarding knobs and stops whilst sitting upon campus benches and curbs;

Whereas disallowing students from using public space through the use and installation of anti-skateboarding knobs and stops in turn encourages these students to partake in other, more disagreeable activities instead, like thievery, rioting, attending Board meetings, or any combination therein; and

Whereas the University discourages students from partaking in thievery, rioting, and attending Board meetings; and

Whereas it is the Universities’ responsibility to provide students with adequate space and facilities for unstructured recreation, socialization, and the free expression of culture; and

Whereas the University, notwithstanding initiatives spearheaded by students, by-and-large fails to provide said space and facilities; and

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS officially oppose the installation of anti-skateboarding stops and knobs on benches and curbs throughout campus in an effort to retain and defend what little usable public space the university has provided to students.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Lyle McMahon said skateboarding was relevant to many students.
- Quinn Omori said policy motions should be professional in their wording. If Council was going to make a statement on behalf of the AMS, it should be worded in a professional manner. He said perhaps the motion could be submitted to the Policy Adviser for revising.

27. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That motion #26 be postponed indefinitely.”

- Lianne McLean said she did not like the suggestion in the motion that skateboarders would steal things if they could not skateboard.
- Ian McKechnie said there was no harm in postponing; there could be consultation.
- Scott Price said it would be better to refer to a committee.
- Richard Davis said he was insulted by the language in the original motion.
- Dave Tompkins suggested deleting all the whereas clauses because of their being unprofessional. He also suggested limiting the policy to the area around the SUB instead because that would be more within the mandate of the AMS.
- Gavin Dew questioned how the AMS could oppose the installation of devices if they had already been installed.
- Hugh Turner said it was illegal to booby trap premises.

28. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That motion #26 be amended to read:

‘Whereas skateboarding is not a crime;
Therefore be it resolved that the AMS officially oppose the installation of anti-skateboarding stops and knobs on benches and curbs around SUB.’

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

- Ian McKechnie said that supporting skateboarders was actually in opposition to what most students wanted. Students wanted a peaceful place where they could sit down.

29. MOVED LIANNE MCLEAN, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

30. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That motion #26 be postponed indefinitely.” ... Defeated

31. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

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‘Whereas skateboarding is not a crime;
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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
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“Whereas skateboarding is not a crime;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS officially oppose the installation of anti-skateboarding stops and knobs on benches and curbs around SUB.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Abstained: Lyle McMahon ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated August 25, 2004 [SCD 222-005]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the External Commission dated July 12, 2004 [SCD 223-005]
Minutes of the External Commission dated September 7, 2004 [SCD 224-005]

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

33. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED HUGH TURNER:

“That the agenda be amended to add a new motion.”

... Carried

34. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“Whereas the University Administration has put forward a proposal to convert McInnis Field into an artificial turf field; and

Whereas the conversion of the field into artificial turf would increase the participation of students in intramural sports;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS support the creation of an artificial field on the site of the new McInnis Field.”

Abstained: Patricia Lau ... Defeated

- Joel McLaughlin said he did not see the urgent need for such a motion; it could be dealt with next time. Also, many of the Councillors who had voted against the first motion were not here for this one.
- Patricia Lau said directors of the society should stay till the end of Council meetings.

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:
R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

35. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 10:50 p.m.” ... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

BAO:pr
The Alma Mater Society of UBC  
October 27, 2004

MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Sarah Ballard (Science), Darcy Scott (Medical Undergraduate Society), Paul Sutton (AMS Safety Coordinator), Raj Mathur (Music), Dan McRoberts (The Ubyssey), Graham Senft (Studentcare.net/works), Alison Atkinson (Firstweek Coordinator), Gavin Dew (University Commission), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Linda Ong (Marketing and Promotions Manager), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

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:

C) Presentations to Council:

Studentcare.net/works - Graham Senft

Graham Senft presented background information on the AMS/GSS Student Health and Dental Plan, noting that it is one of the largest services offered by the AMS.

He said that prescription drug claims had dropped 7 percent, reducing claims expenses to sustainable levels for the first time since the plan began. As a result, there would have to be only minor benefits cuts. The same was true of dental claims.

Questions:
- Grant Wong said there have been problems with students abroad trying to use the plan’s 1-800 number.
- Graham Senft said the number doesn’t work overseas. This is something that will be looked into.
- Hugh Turner asked about coverage for massage therapy.
- Graham Senft said massage therapy is not covered in the plan itself, but there are massage therapists in a special provider network who offer discounts to UBC students who are in the plan. Last year’s failed referendum would have extended coverage to massage therapy. The AMS/GSS Committee is looking into the issue.
- Jeff Potter asked about dentists offering discounts.
- Graham Senft said lists were available on the website and in the reference guide. He emphasized that the discounts were available only to students in the plan.
- Millie Bojic asked about the point of the blackout period.
- Graham Senft said the blackout period was related to the opt-out period. Until the opt-out period ends, the insurance company doesn’t know who’s in the plan and who’s out. After the opt-out period ends, some more time is needed to process the opt-outs; altogether the blackout period lasts for two months. Students in the plan are still covered during the blackout period; just they have to pay up front and get reimbursed later for expenses during that period.
- Richard Davis asked if students who have opted out can opt back in if, for instance, an alternative plan they were covered under was no longer available to them.
- Graham Senft said in general opt-ins were not allowed, but the committee would make exceptions in special circumstances.

Firstweek - Alison Atkinson

Alison Atkinson reviewed this year’s Firstweek, noting its financial shortfall. She said in part this was a result of fewer wristband sales, the reason for which she was unsure of. Also, the heavy rain on the Friday of Firstweek hurt attendance at that day’s concert and also hurt liquor sales.

Questions:
- Hugh Turner asked about using a tent.
- Alison Atkinson said that would have been great.
- Ian McKechnie asked about comparisons of the number of commuters versus residents attending Firstweek events.
- Alison Atkinson said there were no statistics, but she thought the majority who attended were living in residence, which she said did not make Firstweek less valuable. She added that she had aimed at a more conservative Firstweek, but had not been conservative enough.
- Gavin Dew asked whether the subsidy for the event had grown or shrunk over the years.
- Alison Atkinson noted that the event had only begun a few years ago. The subsidy had been $55,000 for the previous two years; this year the AMS Budget Committee had requested cuts, and the subsidy had been $48,000.
- Gregory Paton asked about amalgamating the Firstweek concert with the Welcome Back Barbecue.

D) President’s Remarks:

Firstweek:
< I conducted two debrief sessions regarding Firstweek on October 14th and October 20th. We went through organization, relationship, safety, content, promotions and advertising etc for Firstweek. The debriefing allowed us to note recommendations for next year’s Firstweek as well.

Meeting with Brian Sullivan:
< On October 20th, Brenda, Holly, Lyle and I met with Brian Sullivan to discuss tuition for 2004/2005. Also present at the meeting was Michelle Aucoin and Joshua Caulkins (GSS). The executives voiced their concern and resistance to committing to a tuition consultation proposed plan. Instead we are still currently hopeful in receiving the UBC budget, and a report on the operation efficiencies. We have told Brian that before he set forth a tuition consultation plan, we would like to see that he has looked at other forms of funding and has supplied us with an appropriate planning framework.

Meeting with Michelle Aucoin re: Rights and Responsibilities Handbook:
< In pursuant to what was mentioned at the last meeting, I met with Michelle on Monday to discuss UBC endorsement of the SRRH. Her response is that the university is not committed in seeing this handbook published as they believe it is too long and not properly accessible for students to read. The handbook is currently 64 pages (each page being 8½ x 11) and discusses a multitude of topics including academic concession, deferrals, tuition appeals etc. If we do decide to print this handbook, it will not be with the endorsement of UBC but the IPF funding of $6000 wills till be at hand. Michelle has stated that regardless if this book is printed, the university will strike up an editorial board to work on a UBC Handbook regarding student’s rights and responsibilities. If we decide not to print the handbook, we would be a part of the editorial board and will help determine methods of simplifying the SRRH. I will be meeting with the AMS Advocacy Office, and AMS Ombudsperson to discuss our future steps.

Welcome Back BBQ Post-Mortem:
< On October 20th I attended the Welcome Back BBQ post mortem. We discussed the same topics as that of Firstweek. The final numbers are not in for the BBQ but based on information we have so far, we did not balance even and lost some money. The details of the BBQ will be brought to next Council.
HR Issues:
< During the past two weeks I have been dealing with 4 different HR issues. These issues often transpire on the basis of miscommunication between employer and employee or overall issues regarding the work environment. I have had meetings with the individuals involved and have managed to resolve 3 of the 4.

Meeting with Paul Sutton:
< On October 21st I met with Paul Sutton, the Safety Coordinator to discuss the Safety Audit project for the temporary bus loop. The safety audit will be conducted by members of the Safety Committee as well as Safe Together. I believe that some of the executives are hoping to get involved as well. Aside from the safety audit for the temporary bus loop, a safety survey will also be put on the AMS website for the general population in regards to safety issues on campus.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:
< The HDPC met on October 21st. As a result of the GSS President resigning from her position, I will be chairing the HDPC from now on. We dealt with opt-in and opt-out cases.

Communications Planning Group:
< Of the 2 times that I have tried to schedule a CPG meeting, it has not worked out because of a lack of quorum. However, there will be a CPG meeting on Friday and I am sure all Council members will be able to attend.

Ad Hoc Anti-Racism Action Committee:
< The ARAC Committee is looking into hosting a forum on campus in late November to discuss issues of systemic racism. We have been in touch with UVic, SFU, Kwantlen and Langara who are interested in learning more from the peer-institutions in regards to issues of faculty and staff retention, safe space for racial-ethnic groups and academic curriculum. ARAC will be meeting next week to further our work on developing such a forum.

Marketing and Promotions Department:
< I met with Linda and Shawn to discuss the Marketing and Promotions Department on Friday, October 22nd. Linda has hired two graphic designers, Aaron and Adam and the photographer commissioner Levi.

Advocacy Event:
< On Thursday, October 21st, I attended the Advocacy event that Megan, alongside Michelle and Kimberley organized. The three Service Coordinators did a fantastic job in hosting a panel discussion on academic integrity and informing students about their rights and responsibilities.

Meeting with IRC:
< On October 25th, Brenda, Lyle and I met with Marnee and other members of the Inter-Residence Council to discuss ways in which we can collaboratively work together. The IRC has committed to getting the work across of the Housing Forums that Brenda is organizing.

GSS Meeting:
< On October 21st, I attended the GSS meeting. Both Carey Hill (GSS President) and Joshua Caulkins (GSS VP External) resigned from their positions at that meeting. On behalf of the AMS, I would like to thank them for all the work they have put into establishing a strong relationship between the AMS and GSS. I would also like to welcome Phil and Yashar and congratulate them on their appointments.
Kerry-Oke!
< Just to let Councillors know, the Events Department has put together an event next Tuesday to give students the opportunity to watch the results of the American election unfold. The event will begin at 7:00 pm in the Gallery and will feature a projector that will display the news and the results. There will also be a Karaoke as well!

Student Leadership Conference Committee:
< I am currently co-chairing the SLC Committee with Chad Hyson. Our organization committee has been created and preparations are underway. We are currently meeting weekly.
< I attended and spoke at the Totem Raising Ceremony this past week. It was a wonderful success. The totem looks beautiful. I am very pleased at AMS’s support and involvement of the event.
< October 28th signifies the 82nd anniversary of the Great Trek!
< October 15th signifies the 89th birthday of the AMS!

E) Executive Remarks:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs

Hiring:
< Conducted interviews for International Students Coordinator. We are proud to announce that Esther Maunze has been hired for this position. She will bring a breadth of experience after involvement with I-House and Africa Awareness.

Safety Committee:
< Incident Response
   - Safety Committee has collaboratively established an incident response to emergencies and non-emergencies in the SUB. We will be presenting the final document shortly. This has been very innovative to streamline how we deal with incidences and make it more effective. Jane Barry will be AMS reporter for incident response and information online.
   - Safety at Welcome Back BBQ and First Week debrief was prepared by Paul Sutton and it looked great. There were minimal incidents.
   - I have organised a Thank you event to safety providers of Welcome Back and First week on November 3rd at the Gallery.

University Commission:
< Housing Forum
   - The planning for this event is going well and it is scheduled for November 1st, 3rd and 4th. Please attend and encourage your constituents to attend also.
< Inter-Residence Council
   - The Executive was invited to an IRC meeting on October 25th and we are looking forward to liaising with Residence on Housing forum and other issues during the year.
< AIDS Awareness week
   - We continue to meet with task force of MSF, Red Cross, Amnesty, SAGA, etc to arrange and plan for World AIDS Day and the events surrounding that week. It has been a great collaborative effort and we will be applying for Walter Gage Funding for the week as well as getting other support. Simulation from USC and donation of $1000 worth of support materials as well as Youth Challenge International donation of $300.

Totem Pole Ceremony:
I attended this on October 18th, 2004. It was great to see UBC recognize First Nations presence on this campus. I was the ribbon cutter on behalf of international students.

Meeting with Brian Sullivan:
I attended this meeting alongside other executives on October 20th, 2004. Brian Sullivan informed us about the proposed Tuition consultation process. We were very clear that we were against tuition increases and we will be meeting further to discuss the consultation processes.

University Town Steering Committee Meeting:
Architectural Competition
This was launched on October 26th, 2004. I have been advocating for student involvement within the selection committee that shortlists the applicants as well as the whole process otherwise it will just be us rubber stamping a flawed process which would be unacceptable.
- I will be working on informational campaign.

Campus Planning Development Committee:
We met on October 15th and came up with 4 policies on Campus Development which will be coming to next Council. The policies touch on development, academic core in development, sustainability and the importance of preserving passive open spaces in the core of campus for students – met on October 15th.

Academics – Student Directed Seminars:
I talked to Margo Bell about SDS being available for both semesters. Currently students can only apply for an SDS in September and then facilitate an SDS in January. The Learning Exchange is currently working on this initiative and will be looking to expand the program.

Welcome Back BBQ and First Week Debrief:
I attended meetings to discuss the two events. There were a lot of positive recommendations from the meeting and unfortunately the weather affected the success of both events negatively.

Other Business:
I will be going away to Kenya for personal reasons between 4th of November and the 17th of November. Unfortunately I will have to miss the Council meeting on the 10th of November. Look forward to being back.

Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs

Fight Back Conference:
I attended this conference October 14 - 16 in Victoria to find common ground with community coalitions and other student societies to articulate the AMS’s direction with respect to the upcoming provincial election. Unfortunately, the meeting lacked a solid process and thus much of the time was spent going to and fro about people’s stories. Although, the conference did allow for the student reps to caucus and we were able to discuss the upcoming student provincial conference which is to be held at UBC.

Sustainability and Higher Education:
I attended this conference October 20 - 23 along with members from the UBC community, Trek, Bike Co-op and the Sustainability Office. The conference was very informative and I feel like a lot of what I learned could transferred to the AMS and UBC at large.
I plan on submitting post-mortems on both conferences.
Tuition:
< On October 26th, the Executive met with Brian Sullivan and indicated to him that we do not feel that a tuition increase is warranted this year.

UBC Budget:
< I have tried to get in touch with Dr. Piper and Dana Merrett regarding the AMS acquisition of the budget. At this stage I may submit a Freedom of Information Request.

U-Pass Meeting October 27th, 2004:
< We have secured the rate of $20.00 for the Summer U-Pass for 2005. I have been informed that UBC will be picking up the tab for the partially subsidized bus pass program. I am waiting for both of these commitments in writing.

< Acknowledged recent articles in the Ubyssey.
< XCom provincial election and tuition strategy
Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

AMS Halloween Food Drive – Trick or Eat (TOE):
- Coordinating the details of the food drive – promotions, supplies, bookings, meeting with interested parties – food bin in front of AMS service area.
- Verbal commitment from approximately 200 + students from 6 sororities, 4 Fraternities, 3 residences and 2 clubs to participate in the food drive.

AMS/ UBC Event Sponsorship Fund:
- Met with the committee to decide on the allocation of funds for the January term.
- 20 events will be sponsored.
- Acceptance letters should be sent out shortly.

Sponsorship Committee:
- Discussed updates from the AMS Development Officer and the fundraising plans to restore the Norm Theatre.
- Discussed areas of responsibility for AMS sponsorship.

Food Bank Project:
- Hired a Work Study student – Angela Zhang for Food Project Assistant.
- Angela will assisting in fundraising events and help research options for a food bank at UBC.

AMS Services

AMS Services Marketing Interns:
- Promotion booth in BUCH on October 21.
- Planning outreach booth in Woodward next week.

Volunteer Connections:
- Shinerama wrap-up meeting – discussed plans on recruiting a new team in January to try to expand the network.

Advocacy:
- Advocacy and Ombuds organized an Evening of Academics event at International House to discuss academic issues.

Joblink:
- Elena and Anthony will be working on a brochure with information for Employers on how to post, with an Employer Order Form on the back and a free posting serial number.
- Vex Volunteers will drop off these brochures in businesses with help wanted ads.
- Adding two new features to our website, one which will be updated weekly and will have information on careers and job trends, the other will be for international students and information about working in Canada.

Internship Program:
- Planning for the January round of internships.
- Checking in with sponsors.

Mini-school:
- Over 400 students have registered in 17 classes.
- Colin Jack and Kate have been working hard to deal with student and teacher needs.
Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

SAC:
< Art Gallery Committee is established; this year we have 8 volunteers, more than twice last year. Block Bookings Council was resoundingly successful in reducing conflicts and administrative time for the second year in a row, SAC will be incorporating this meeting into regular SAC procedures.
< Lifeline is hosting a speaker tomorrow, 11:00 a.m. SUB Partyroom. This event has been treated as potentially contentious, Security has been arranged.
< The Alcohol Policy training sessions have been streamlined: Carla, AMS Security Manager, will now be taking the make-up sessions on. A comprehensive document outlining the presentation has been created and is distributed in the sessions. This has been the outcome of the collective efforts of the presenters to consolidate resources and minimize the time it takes for us to present, and for students to have to attend. By developing a standard procedure for these sessions for the years to come, I’ve tried to alleviate the administrative burden put on the person in my position, leaving more time for project work.

Impacts Committee:
< Students from an AgSci 400 level class came to our meeting today to present their interest in conducting a research audit on the SUB and AMS Businesses to determine the buildings eco-footprint. The findings will be used to assist the Impacts Committee in outlining steps to take to continue addressing the impact we have on the environment. Similarly, we may undergo an energy audit conducted by EYA. The graffiti mural project is also coming, albeit slowly.

Renovations Planning Group:
< Meets tomorrow, and will be discussing, among other things, the appropriate labeling of the newly designated washroom. Further to that project, after discussing the matter with Quinn, Jared and I will be re-phasing the non-gendered washrooms motion and will bring it back to Council shortly. The two changes that will be made are: 1) to bring the latter resolution back as an internal policy that specifically denotes the need for space for families, those with disabilities, and trans-identified students all inclusive. 2) that the spirit of the former resolution be extended to apply to a few other, similar washrooms in the building. I brought the original motion to Council written cautiously as it was, in the interest of seeing it pass. Considering the positive response and taking Quinn’s suggestion, we will be strengthening it and bringing it back.

Access Renovations Committee:
< Michael, Jane and I met today to rehash proposed project details. Basically, the university is graciously giving us $60,000 to improve disability access to the building, which will be used to a) renovate and improve the 2nd floor access corridor to the elevator, and b) install 8 sets of sliding glass doors to the North and South SUB entrances. You business students and your Angus Building aren’t the only ones who get to have fancy doors! Details will be brought to the Renovations Planning Group tomorrow.
< And finally, I voted absentee in the American elections.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Matt Holme - Arts Undergraduate Society
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Student Society - reported that he and the GSS President, Carey Hill, had resigned their positions on the GSS executive.
Debbie Loo - Education Students Association
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Christine Boyle - Agricultural Undergraduate Society - said the name change for the faculty was being voted on by an advisory council and would probably go through.
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association
David Williams - Regent College

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports

Mia Amir - Board of Governors:
<Been at the Board meeting in Kelowna.
<Much resentment among students there.
<Chance to build relationships.
<Urged students to show up at UBC’s AGM on Friday.

Jitesh Mistry - Senate:
<Senate met on October 20, 2004.
<Three new student Senators appointed: Debbie Loo (ESA), Pamela Liu (Medicine) and Bijan Ahmadian (Applied Science).
<The Trek 2010 report was filed.
<Jackie Liu got the Pharmacy Class Act taken off the agenda to give Pharmacy students an opportunity to approve this in an appropriate manner.
<br><Want to get the Senate website up and running.

Gregory Paton – Senate:
<In response to a question from Amina Rai about retroactive UBC degrees for graduates of Okanagan College, Gregory Paton said he had heard about this informally but it had not yet been officially approved. He thought the AMS should take a stance on it.

Michelle Quigg - Deputy Ombudsperson:
<Things are picking up. 61 cases and 34 closed.
<Attended Evening of Academics at International House.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated October 13, 2004 [SCD 227-005]
Minutes of Business Operations Committee dated September 20, 2004 [SCD 228-005]
Minutes of Business Operations Committee dated October 5, 2004 [SCD 229-005]
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated July 5, 2004 [SCD 230-005]
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated July 20, 2004 [SCD 231-005]
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated August 16, 2004 [SCD 232-005]
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated September 1, 2004 [SCD 233-005]
Minutes of the Safety Committee dated September 15, 2004 [SCD 234-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:
L) Committee Motions:

1. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

   “That Council omnibus the following appointment motions.” ... Carried

2. MOVED MATT HOLME, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

   “That Council appoint Greg Paton (Council Member) to the Primary Appointments Committee.”
   “That Council appoint Jitesh Mistry (Council Member) to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Administration Committee.”
   “That Council appoint Michael Grunberg (Council Member) to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee.”
   “That Council appoint Christine Boyle (Council Member) to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee.”
   “That Council appoint ____________________ (Council Member) to the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee.” ... Tabled

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were approved as presented:

Minutes of the External Commission dated October 5, 2004 [SCD 235-005]
Minutes of the External Commission dated October 26, 2004 [SCD 236-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 14, 2004 [SCD 237-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated September 30, 2004 [SCD 238-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 7, 2004 [SCD 239-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 14, 2004 [SCD 240-005]
Minutes of the University Commission dated July 19, 2004 [SCD 241-005]

L) Committee Motions:

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“That Council appoint Debbie Loo (Council Member) to the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee.”

... Carried

4. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS: [SCD 242-005]

“Whereas the next provincial election will be May 17, 2005; and

Whereas there are 500,000 youth aged 18-34 who are unregistered to vote; and

Whereas the AMS has partnered with Get Your Vote On to enact an awareness campaign at UBC to increase youth participation in the upcoming provincial election;

Therefore be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the External Commission AMS Council approve the disbursement of $4,500.00 from the External and University Lobbying Fund for outreach material.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

5. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT: (Friendly Amendment)

“That motion #4 be amended to read:

Whereas there are 500,000 youth in BC aged 18-34 who are unregistered to vote; and

Holly Foxcroft said she thought the amount requested was sufficient for promoting youth participation in the upcoming provincial election.

Ian McKechnie said the proposed uses of the funding (e.g., for postering) were too conventional.

Richard Davis asked what other organizations were involved. Holly Foxcroft said SFU and UVic.

Richard Davis asked about CFS participation.

Mia Amir said No, it was a non-partisan program.

Dave Tompkins asked about getting corporate sponsors.

Mia Amir said it was a balancing act. Deals with some companies, such as Virgin, had been looked into, but it didn’t look like any would be struck.

Dave Tompkins asked about VanCity.

Mia Amir said VanCity was involved, as already indicated. She meant there would probably be no more companies involved than already mentioned.

Mia Amir also said there was more than postering going on. There would be innovative activities, visits to concerts and parties, all-candidate debates. The idea was to go where the youth are to create awareness.

Joel McLaughlin said that one of the organizations involved, Check Your Head, was partisan. It had COPE members on it.

Lyle McMahon said he had confidence in the non-partisan nature of the project.

Dave Tompkins said anyone concerned about the issue should get involved to make sure the project is non-partisan.

6. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

7. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

8. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“Whereas the next provincial election will be May 17, 2005; and

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O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

Faculty Teaching Evaluations

< Patricia Lau raised the issue of the Teaching Excellence Initiative (TEI). There was supposed to be a pilot project in Arts. Other faculties were awaiting the results, which had originally been promised for June, but were still not ready. She wanted to know where other faculties stood: were they releasing student evaluation information to their student societies? She said the Science Dean was willing to release data to the Science Undergraduate Society.

< Joshua Caulkins said the graduate students were excited by this project, but he hadn’t seen a lot of movement on it.

< Jeff Potter said in Commerce there is early feedback to profs so they can improve before the course ends. Later evaluations are held by the undergraduate office.

< Jitesh Mistry said that in Law statistical summaries are available in the reserve section of the library.

< Naomi Garrish said in Pharmacy students don’t always get the results; if they asked the Dean, though, they could get them.

< Ian McKechnie said in Engineering the Dean has constantly thwarted attempts to have the results released to the student body.

< Helen Ma said she did not think Planning students had access to the results.

< Christine Boyle said in Agricultural Science there hadn’t been access, but there hadn’t been much push for access.
Brenda Ogembo said the situation was a challenge. It was up to the faculties to provide information to the students, and some were more open than others. Part of the goal of the new TEI project was to get at least two big faculties like Arts and Science on board in a system managed by the University. Then the other faculties would also get on board.

Bernie Peets said that when Brian Sullivan was at Council he promised part of the new tuition allocation would go to the TEI.

**Non-academic Discipline**

Amina Rai said the University is looking to change the way it deals with non-academic discipline. Currently, such matters go to the Dean and then perhaps the President. The Deans don't necessarily know how to deal with these issues, and the President has many other responsibilities. There has been a proposal to strike a new University committee to deal with non-academic discipline. This would involve the AMS and its Advocacy Office.

Dave Sidhu asked for clarification of the AMS role and the jurisdiction of the committee.

Amina Rai said the committee would have three AMS representatives on it. Also, students brought before the committee would have the right to bring an advocate.

Dave Tompkins said UBC should not impose academic penalties for non-academic offences. There was no way something should show up on a transcript if a student threw a ball through a window.

Hugh Turner said if the police get involved, it should be a police matter, not an academic matter.

Joshua Caulkins said he had been doing advocacy work at the GSS as part of his executive job; there had been 50 cases in a year and a half. He said the GSS lacked the resources to handle these cases; he intended to approach the AMS Ombuds and Advocacy offices; he was also thinking of creating a GSS Advocacy position.

Amina Rai said Brian Sullivan had mentioned the possibility of UBC creating a UBC Ombudsperson.

Dave Sidhu mentioned that there are other resources at UBC, including the Student Legal Fund Society (SLFS) and the student legal aid program at the Law School.

Joshua Caulkins said the mandate of the SLFS was relatively narrow; it wouldn’t take on cases that were not within its framework.

Joel McLaughlin said the SLFS did fund a case about a graduate student having problems with their supervisor, and the SLFS was also involved in the MBA class action suit and the intellectual property rights of graduate students.

Michelle Quigg said liaison between the AMS Ombuds office and the GSS would be a good idea. The AMS Ombuds office mostly had experience with undergraduates, so if there was something formal in place between it and the GSS, that could be helpful.

Joshua Caulkins said perhaps there could be a graduate student in place at Ombuds or Advocacy to deal specifically with graduate student cases.

Grant Wong said the Advocacy Office is currently overworked. He suggested applying for an IPF grant to create resources and training, or a referendum to raise GSS fees.

Dave Tompkins said graduate students pay AMS fees, and there should be service for them.

**Cover Charge at Pit**

Dave Tompkins asked about the $5 cover charge at the Pit on Saturdays. He found out that the money on the Saturday he was there was going to the Rugby Society. He wondered how this system had come into being and whether $5 was too high a charge.
Quinn Omori said he supported groups using the Pit to raise money.

Jeff Potter expressed concern that not all groups would have the opportunity to raise money in this way.

Joel McLaughlin said any group could approach the Pit to host a function and fundraise. The only night for this was Saturday. Rugby was one of the few clubs that could fill the Pit on a Saturday.

Bernie Peets said Saturday is the Pit’s slowest night because students go off campus then. Not just clubs, but constituencies could fundraise. The Pit is thrilled because the fundraising helps fill the bar. The system has been in effect for four or five years. It was a useful marketing tool.

Dave Tompkins said he was surprised that Council had never discussed the issue.

Bernie Peets said he would bring it up at the next meeting of the Business Operations Committee (BOC).

**Student Recognition Awards**

Brenda Ogembo said she was interested in introducing new awards for areas not traditionally recognized, not for academics or athletics, but for other extra-curricular activities. Queen’s University has some awards like these. Students often do a lot of work that goes unrecognized.

Gregory Paton said this would be a great idea to encourage involvement.

Ian McKechnie expressed concern that this would end up as patting Council members on the back.

Gavin Dew said there was a risk of it becoming a patronage award.

Scott Price asked if it would exclude AMS Council members and be for volunteers. He suggested naming the award the Dave Tompkins Award for Being on Council Way Too Long.

Quinn Omori asked if the current Just Desserts awards could be extended to students.

Patricia Lau said the Just Desserts awards can already be given to students.

Brenda Ogembo said the award was not just for Council members. It was for all students, students in volunteer positions.

**Q) Submissions:**

**R) Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**S) Adjournment:**

9. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED NAOMI GARRISH:

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

... Carried

**T) Social Activity:**

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Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo  
VP Academic & University Affairs  
BAO:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Sarah Ballard (Science), Raj Mathur (Music), Lorne Whitehead (VP Academic - UBC), Alex Leslie (Ubyssey), Sarah Bourdon (Ubyssey), Gavin Dew (UCom) Karen Ward (Pride), Paul Sutton (Safety Coordinator), Dan McRoberts (Ubyssey), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Linda Ong (Marketing & Promotions Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

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:

C) Presentations to Council:

Lorne Whitehead, UBC VP Academic and Provost

Briefly described his background: graduated from UBC in 1973, taught physics at UBC from 1994, has private sector administrative experience, “accidentally” became VP Academic on July 1.

Questions

- Amina Rai asked about his priorities as VP Academic and mentioned two concerns: the removal of the word “student” from the name of the new Ike Barber Centre, and the provision of student space in the new centre for such things as AMS tutoring services.
- Lorne Whitehead said he had no involvement in space allocation and this was the first he had heard about the name dispute.
- As to his priorities, he said teaching quality is the biggest issue. He said most faculty members want to teach better, but sometimes lack of time or resources causes problems. He said UBC is ranked very high for research, and he thought now was the time to go forward on the teaching side to match that.
- Dave Tompkins asked about making a permanent funding arrangement to support AMS Tutoring instead of having them apply every year.
- Lorne Whitehead said the person to approach about that is Anna Kindler, who has taken over from Neil Guppy as Associate VP for Academic Programs.
- Dave Tompkins asked about getting top-down enforcement of standardized student evaluation forms across the various faculties.
- Lorne Whitehead said there had been some progress on this, but he was not sure a top-down approach would be effective. He was more in favour of persuasion.
- Mia Amir asked about interacting with students.
- Lorne Whitehead said he wants to understand what students are experiencing. He said a forum between students and senior administrators would be a great idea: perhaps a group of UBC vice-presidents coming to Council or the AMS organizing a forum.
- Mia Amir asked about de-Westernizing the UBC curriculum.
- Lorne Whitehead said there was no easy answer to this question. One approach was to pay attention to every society on Earth; that would give breadth but no depth. An alternative was to focus on a limited number of cultures, but that approach would lack breadth. What was needed was a reasonable compromise.
- Mia Amir asked if there was going to be a curriculum review and if there would be education of professors to approach course materials from a non-Western viewpoint.
- Lorne Whitehead asked if she meant there were faculty in place now who needed better training. He said there were workshops available on teaching various subjects. Training in becoming de-Westernized could find a place there, but one difficulty was the issue of academic freedom; professors’ freedom had to be respected. But he had not seen any
opposition to being more global.
- Kenneth Ryan asked about the effect of the upcoming provincial election.
- Lorne Whitehead said the biggest issue was money. UBC wanted to get the maximum possible from the government and was optimistic that the government would pay more attention to students in the run-up to the election.
- Holly Foxcroft asked about the role of sessionals, who make up a large proportion of the instructors in faculties such as Arts and Education.
- Lorne Whitehead said this was a subtle situation. Sessionals are paid less than full professors. They have different jobs. Is that fair? He said we live in a society where that happens. Also, UBC is trying to use its resources effectively, and was happy if people were willing to teach at a lower rate while providing good teaching. The issue was whether sessionals were happy; there is diversity among them on that question. If the alternative for them is unemployment, then they would likely not choose that. But a lot of people think in the long term UBC should be getting out of this mode.

Amina Rai and Stacey Chiu - CUTS Travel

1. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED PATRICIA LAM:
   “That Council move in camera.” . . . . Carried

2. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:
   “That Council move out of camera.” . . . . Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

Please refer to my quarterly report. [SCD 243-005]

E) Executive Remarks:

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

Please refer to my quarterly report. [SCD 244-005]

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance

Please refer to my quarterly report. [SCD 245-005]

There are a few items that I would like to highlight:

New ABM:
< The AMS ABM was installed on November 1st directly opposite of Bernoulli’s Bagels. The fee is set at a lower price than the standard chartered bank fee for non-customers ($1.25). The ABM is the only machine in the building that dispenses $10. It also has coupon dispensing capabilities so there will be opportunity for internal/external marketing.

Coca-Cola Annual Review:
< This morning I attended the Annual Performance Review for Coca-Cola. We reviewed sales for this past year and sales in total over the past nine years. We have made 51% of the total target.
< We also looked at the best selling products, the highest volume locations for over the counter and vending machines sales, packaging and promotions and marketing.

Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services
Please refer to my quarterly report. [SCD 246-005]

Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs

Please refer to my quarterly report. [SCD 247-005]

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Dave Tompkins - Graduate Student Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Lianne Mclean - Arts Undergraduate Society - reported discussions were underway with the new RCMP staff sergeant about liquor licences and safety at Arts County Fair.
Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society - reported that the Dean was saying for the first time that part of the faculty might move to the Okanagan.
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society - reported that after a meeting with the donor to discuss a redesign of the new Science social space, it looked like the plan would go to the Board of Governors in January.
Debbie Loo - Education Students Association
Kenneth Ryan - Medicine
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
David Williams - Regent College
Helen Ma - Planning Students Association

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports

Mia Amir - Board of Governors:
< Concerned about lack of information about new residences at UBC-Okanagan.
< Accountability issues concerning the South Campus Neighbourhood Plan.

Brian Duong - Board of Governors:
< Mia Amir had pushed for UBC to do a survey of its own, like the ones in Maclean’s and The Globe and Mail.
< Latest changes to the University Act will add two more alumni representatives to the Board.
< UBC is projecting a $2.2 million surplus.

Questions:

- Amina Rai asked for clarification on the number of students on the new Board of Governors.
- Mia Amir said there will be two from UBC-Vancouver and one from the Okanagan. There had been a push for two from the Okanagan, but UBC had said No, because of the discrepancy in the number of students on each campus.
- Brian Duong noted that there will be two Senates, with a Council overseeing them.
- Dave Tompkins asked when these provisions would be passed. Brian Duong said the Legislature had already passed them.

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

Minutes of Student Council dated October 27, 2004  [SCD 248-005]
Minutes of Student Senate Caucus dated September 30, 2004  [SCD 249-005]
Minutes of the U-Pass Subsidy Committee dated September 28, 2004  [SCD 250-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March, 4, 2004  [SCD 251-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 18, 2004  [SCD 252-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 25, 2004  [SCD 253-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 30, 2004  [SCD 254-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED COURTENAY CAMPBELL:

‘Whereas Universitas 21 (U21) is an active network of internationally competitive research
and teaching universities established to collaborate and exchange ideas on educational
operational issues; and

Whereas Universitas 21 has partnered with the Thompson Corporation in a joint e-
education venture to provide accredited programs, with the Thompson Corporation
providing academic quality control; and

Whereas the AMS joined the Universitas 21 Student Network to the facilitate the exchange
of information amongst student societies of member schools; and

Whereas the U21 joint e-education venture with Thompson Corporation has prompted
concerns amongst University senators and faculty members over the commercialization of
public post-secondary education; and

Whereas the Society’s active participation in the Universitas 21 Student Network has failed
to produce any substantive changes in either the policies or future directions of the
Universitas 21 organization;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS withdraw from the Universitas 21 Student Network.”

< Amina Rai said the AMS had been in the U-21 student network, along with 16 other student
societies, for four years. Mostly this meant that AMS executives had gone to international
conferences, but very little had come out of the conferences, and the Executive did not feel
it was in the interests of the AMS to remain in an organization that was seeking to
commercialize post-secondary education. Two universities had already withdrawn. By
withdrawing, the AMS would be sending a message to UBC that U-21 was not within the
University’s mandate of encouraging accessibility and affordability.

< Dave Tompkins said leaving would not be sending a message. Student input was a
problem within U-21, but that would not be helped by withdrawing. If the Executive did not
wish to go to this year’s conference, they could simply not go.

Lianne McLean asked what the benefit would be of not being in.

Amina said there would be a time saving.

Lyle McMahon said being affiliated affects the AMS negatively. U-21 waters down the value
of a UBC degree. U-21 offers on-line degrees; its students don’t go to campus. UBC needs
to consider what affiliating does to the quality of education. U-21 was a private, corporate
organization in which academic freedom came second to profits. Its aims and values were
in conflict with AMS policies and with UBC’s Trek 2010. Past reports from AMS executives
had shown few results from the conferences attended, despite talk of international
networking.

Mia Amir said she thought there was an emphasis on the sale of intellectual property and
the sale of curricula associated with U-21. When education was made for sale, made a
matter of transactions, that was bad. She said the AMS should not be involved with a private institution. UBC students were attending a public institution.

Brian Duong said he didn’t think the AMS should walk away. To be involved would be an opportunity to make academics a priority and to talk about accessibility. And accessibility could also mean getting an education from anywhere in the world, as was possible through U-21.

Quinn Omori said the issue was UBC’s involvement. The AMS should stay in but urge UBC to leave.

Ian McKechnie said that if the AMS withdrew from the U-21 student network, that would not withdraw UBC from U-21. A withdrawal by the AMS would mean abandoning the representation of students.

In response to a question from Mia Amir, Amina Rai said that UBC pays $500,000 to belong to U-21.

Joshua Caulkins said the AMS wouldn’t have any say if it withdrew. If the AMS wanted to make a statement, then it should attend and talk. It was more effective to be in U-21.

Holly Foxcroft said nothing is done except going to conferences. This costs time, and it costs UBC money that could be allocated elsewhere.

Christine Boyle asked for clarification on what U-21 does.

Amina Rai said U-21 is an e-learning enterprise with universities around the world. Universities lend their name, crest, etc. to this enterprise, allowing people to get degrees such as MBA’s. It has high tuition fees.

Lianne McLean asked if an AMS withdrawal would end that.

Patricia Lau asked if UBC had indicated it wanted to withdraw.

Amina Rai said that at the time of joining some UBC Senators had said the process had been very rushed. She didn’t think there had been discussion about withdrawing.

Patricia Lau said it would be weird if the AMS pulled out and UBC hadn’t talked of whether to remain itself. The AMS should stay and have a voice. She also didn’t see the problem with U-21 being involved in financial transactions; students pay at UBC too.

Reka Pataky said that since there aren’t too many international opportunities for networking, this organization could be useful. She asked what the AMS had tried to do to improve the organization. And she wondered why, if the aim was to protest UBC’s expenditure of $500,000, nothing had been said about that in the motion.

4. MOVED HUGH TURNER, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That the question be called.”

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

5. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED COURTENAY CAMPBELL:

Whereas Universitas 21 (U21) is an active network of internationally competitive research and teaching universities established to collaborate and exchange ideas on educational operational issues; and

Whereas Universitas 21 has partnered with the Thompson Corporation in a joint e-education venture to provide accredited programs, with the Thompson Corporation providing academic quality control; and

Whereas the AMS joined the Universitas 21 Student Network to the facilitate the exchange of information amongst student societies of member schools; and

Whereas the U21 joint e-education venture with Thompson Corporation has prompted concerns amongst University senators and faculty members over the commercialization of public post-secondary education; and
Whereas the Society’s active participation in the Universitas 21 Student Network has failed to produce any substantive changes in either the policies or future directions of the Universitas 21 organization;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS withdraw from the Universitas 21 Student Network.”

. . . . Defeated

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 9, 2004 [SCD 255-005]

6. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED CHRISTINE BOYLE:

“Whereas many UBC students have diverse needs when accessing building facilities; and

Whereas these needs include, but are not limited to, accessing facilities that accommodate disabilities, gender neutrality, safe space, and family responsibilities; and

Whereas accommodating these needs is instrumental in improving the quality of the social and personal lives of all students;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS strive to accommodate the diverse needs of the student population in all future washroom renovations.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

<  Lyle McMahon said he was bringing this motion at the suggestion of Council. The motion at the previous meeting had been a directive; this one was a policy.

7. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That the motion be amended as follows:

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Be It Further Resolved that the AMS encourage UBC to follow suit.”

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

9. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED LIANNE MCLLEAN:

“That Council omnibus the following motions.” . . . . Carried

10. MOVED COURTENAY CAMPBELL, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council appoint Babak Khorram (Council Member) to the Campus Safety Committee.”

“That Council appoint Babak Khorram (Council Member) to the Ad-Hoc University Budget Committee.”

“That Council appoint Ian McKechnie and Courtenay Campbell (Council Members) to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee.” . . . . Carried

11. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“That Council appoint Patricia Lau (Council Member) and Stephanie Ryan (Council Member) to the University Social and Study Space Committee.” . . . . Carried

12. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the agenda be amended to include appointment to the Primary Appointments Committee.” . . . . Carried

13. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“That Council appoint Hugh Turner to the Primary Appointments Committee.” . . . . Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the External Commission dated September 7, 2004 [SCD 256-005]
Minutes of the External Commission dated October 5, 2004 [SCD 257-005]
Minutes of the External Commission dated October 12, 2004 [SCD 258-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated July 29, 2004 [SCD 259-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 16, 2004 [SCD 260-005]
14. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED MICHAEL GRUNBERG:

“Whereas the University is currently engaging in a tuition consultation process for the 2005/2006 academic year;

Whereas the Alma Mater Society and the University are engaged in joint lobbying efforts of the provincial and federal governments;

Whereas the next provincial election has been set for May, 17 2005;

Be it resolved that the AMS approve and work towards the implementation of the principles herein

Be it resolved that the AMS approve the following principles as a foundation for the Society’s provincial, federal and University lobbying efforts.

Post-Secondary Education Policy:

Principle 1
Recognizing that tuition is one of the many costs incurred by students when attending university, the Alma Mater Society should commit itself to working with the University, student societies and the appropriate levels of government in developing a long-term, cohesive tuition and funding strategy for post-secondary education. A multi-year strategy should provide guarantees of funding levels for universities, and tuition fee levels for students, in order to allow students to plan financially for their education.

Principle 2
The Alma Mater Society acknowledges the financial pressures of inflation on the cost of education and tuition levels. Therefore, Alma Mater Society will oppose any tuition increase that is above the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Principle 3
The Alma Mater Society will oppose the implementation of any university policy advocating institution-based tuition decisions, and/or program-based tuition calculations.

Principle 4
The Alma Mater Society will oppose any tuition and/or ancillary fee increases which do not maintain accessibility to and the quality of education offered at post-secondary institutions.

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The Alma Mater Society will oppose the implementation of differential tuition fees for out-of-province students.
**Principle 6**
The Alma Mater Society will continue to advocate tuition as a matter of public policy regulated by provincial legislation as opposed to a matter determined at the University’s discretion.

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The AMS will lobby the University to demonstrate its accountability and fiscal responsibility by providing full and unfettered access for the AMS to the University’s annual budget and financial statements.

**Core Funding**

**Principle 1**
The Alma Mater Society will support the University’s lobbying efforts for increased funding from the Provincial Government for the University’s 2005/2006 operating grant. The Alma Mater Society will work in collaboration with the University to actively lobby the Provincial Government to obtain budgetary increases for the post-secondary education system of British Columbia.

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The Alma Mater Society will work in collaboration with the University to actively lobby the provincial government to fully fund the mandated increase in the number of post-secondary education spaces at UBC. These spaces must not compromise the existing quality of education at UBC and must expand access to quality education.

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**Principle 1**
The Alma Mater Society should lobby the Provincial Government to reinstate the Provincial Grant Program to address the current unmet need that students in British Columbia face.

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The Alma Mater Society will call on the University and the relevant levels of government to ensure that sufficient funding is available through scholarships, bursaries, loans and employment options to allow qualified students access to post-secondary education.

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

15. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED HUGH TURNER:

“That the motion be divided by principle.” . . . . Defeated

Holly Foxcroft said the proposed set of principles was based on the old tuition policy which expired earlier in the year. Some changes had been made for pragmatic reasons and as a result of discussions. Among these was the addition of a reference to CPI to recognize inflation as a reasonable grounds for tuition increases, but not to accept making up for the tuition freeze as reasonable grounds.

Matt Holme asked why the new policy referred to federal lobbying by the AMS when the AMS belonged to a federal lobbying organization, CASA.

Holly Foxcroft said the AMS would not be replicating what CASA does.

Jeff Potter asked about using the Education Price Index (EPI) instead of CPI.

Holly Foxcroft said EPI varies from institution to institution, so using EPI would mean waiting for UBC to produce the EPI figure for UBC. The AMS was already waiting for the budget from UBC. Also, an external measure was preferable. She added that the EPI is usually double CPI.

Jeff Potter said that limiting increases to CPI would mean that the quality of education would go down.

Patrícia Lau said Science was opposed to higher increases, since no one knew where the money was going.

Bernie Peets suggested defining CPI to mean CPI-BC rather than CPI-Canada.

On core funding, Dave Tompkins said the AMS should lobby to get the amount per student increased.

Scott Price said the government should pay more if students pay more.

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Notes: Requires 2/3rds. Carried

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

17. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:


Note: Lucia Lam will receive the proportionate honorarium for time served in the position.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds.

18. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED BABAK KHORRAM, JOSHUA CAULKIN:

“That Council move in camera.”

. . . Carried

19. MOVED QUINN, SECONDED JOSHUA CAUKLIN:

“That Council move out of camera.”

. . . Carried
20. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:


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21. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED STACEY, CHIU, JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council move in camera.” . . . . Carried

Announcements:

< Chancellor nominations happening.
< Sprouts Food Co-op University Commission Speaker Series.
< Next Council meeting may need to be changed to December 1 from November 24.

Submissions:


The Fire Alarm went off closing the building and ending the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic Affairs

BAO:val
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Sarah Ballard (Science), Raj Mathur (Music), Alex Leslie (Ubyssey), Sarah Bourdon (Ubyssey), Gavin Dew (University Commission), Karen Ward (Pride UBC), David Anderson (Pride UBC), Paul Sutton (Safety Coordinator), Dan McRoberts (Ubyssey), Levi Barnett (AMS Photographer), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Linda Ong (Marketing & Promotions Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

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:

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Orientations - Stephanie Miu (Coordinator)

< AMS Orientations offers a complete introduction to university life.
< Significant changes from 2003:
  - No high school visits this year due to lukewarm feedback from the previous year and because the Coordinator and Assistants were not hired until late April. High school visits were traditionally organized in February/March.
  - Transfer and Mature student orientations turned into a free service run by the University.
< Attendance decreased this year due to:
  - elimination of high school visits.
  - promotional material mailed out too late.
  - increasing popularity of faculty-run ‘frosh’ orientations.
  - drop-in registration deterred due to poor weather conditions.
  - transfer/mature student orientations being turned into a free service run by the university.
< Recommendations for next year:
  - Coordinator/Assistant Coordinators should be hired no later than February in order to organize promotional material.
  - Employment details should be reviewed and confirmed prior to hiring to prevent misconceptions/miscommunication.
  - promotional material should be mailed out as soon as university acceptance is confirmed.
  - online registration should be made available to facilitate registration process.
  - re-instate high school visits.
  - discontinue special priority to campus organizations to promote themselves during Orientations.
  - priority should be given to Orientations promotion during the summer (ie. website, poster/brochure design).

Questions:
- Jeff Potter asked if the prohibition on giving priority to special groups during Orientations applied to groups like Commerce students.
- Stephanie Mui said No, the reference was to fraternities and sororities.
- David Anderson asked if Orientation tours had visited the Resource Groups.
- Stephanie said Yes, there had been a comprehensive tour.
- Gavin Dew asked about the monetary loss resulting from unused clipboards.
- Stephanie Mui said most of the losses incurred by Orientations were not from the clipboards but from low attendance.

D) President’s Remarks:
Greetings from Ottawa!

Considering that I am writing my report from Ottawa, my report will not be as comprehensive as I do not have my calendar to refer to regarding meetings I have attended. I will, however, include a more thorough report in the minutes for Council upon my return.

Firstly, I would like to state that I am aware of the article that was printed in the Ubyssey yesterday regarding Brenda’s absence. Considering that I do not have the article in front of me, nor is the Ubyssey website updated, I cannot speak in detail in regards to the entirety of the article. However, I do wish to state that I believe my comment was taken out of context. Although I believe that quarterly reports are essential for Council and are the responsibility of the executives to fulfill, I also stated my understanding in the particular situation of Brenda’s absence as I hope Council will also keep in mind as well.

Ad Hoc Anti Racism Action Committee:

On November 19th and November 20th Mia and I organized and facilitated the Systemic Racism Forum: Proposal for a Provincial Anti-Racism Action Committee on behalf of the AMS Ad-Hoc Anti-Racism Action Committee. Over the course of the two days, we had 35 participants attending from UBC, Capilano, Langara, SFU and UVic. Overall, the forum was extremely successful. Participants had the opportunity to discuss a wide array of issues and topics including international student concerns, First Nations students concerns, lack of retention of people of color within faculty and staff etc. The idea of a Provincial Anti-Racism Action Committee was brought up and accepted enthusiastically. Participants have expressed an overwhelming interest in co-hosting a conference early next year. We are also looking into the possibility of holding this conference in connection with the university’s Realities of Race conference. Mia has been in contact with Vanita and Begum (university staff members), and both her and I will be meeting them upon my return. We also will be meeting with Emily Carr, Douglas and Kwantlen as they have expressed interest in becoming involved in the conference organization.

Health and Dental Plan Committee:

The Health and Dental Plan Committee met on November 15th. We have established our weekly meetings for Mondays. I had a difficult time communicating the meeting to all the members of the committee as I am getting a hand of the different email groups that differentiate between closed members and open members. I apologize if members of the committee were not notified of the meeting. We did have four voting members present at the meeting and dealt with 3 to 5 cases. Studentcare will also be conducting a survey on the student health plan. The AMS has the opportunity to ask 3 to 4 questions which will be formulated within the next week. If there are any Councilors who have ideas on particular questions that should be asked, please email me with the ideas at president@ams.ubc.ca.

Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee:

The Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee met before my leave for the CASA conference. I held two separate meetings. One with Richard and Holly and the second with Stacey and Ian. Although Jitesh was unable to make both meeting times, I managed to talk to him over the phone before my departure. I have submitted a committee report and apologize for not being able to include it with the agenda. I have asked Holly to speak to the committee report, however, I wish for greater discussion to occur at the Council meeting on December 1st which I intend to hold upon my return. The purpose of this meeting will to discuss the issues the committee has raised as well as other areas that require Council’s attention before the winter break. There will be no motion in regards to the committee at the December 1st meeting.
Bylaw Referendum:
I have been meeting with the International Students’ Association, First Nations Students’ Association and Indigenous Students’ Society to discuss the prospect of including new positions to Council during a proposed Bylaw referendum in January. I will be bringing this to the December 1st Council meeting as a discussion topic. I have invited the executive and members of the student groups as well. During my time in Ottawa, I am utilizing the opportunity to ask other students’ unions of their Council composite.

President’s Advisory Committee:
I attended the PAC meeting last week. President Piper brought forward the TUPC Budget and the Budget for 05-06. The TUPC budget is the University President’s Council of British Columbia. The four universities, UVic, SFU, UNBC and UBC worked together through TUPC to create the 2005-2006 BC Universities Joint Budget Submission to the Provincial Government. TUPC is proposing $50 million in total for overall post-secondary institutions in B.C. Of the 50 million dollars, UBC would receive 50 to 52%. 35 million of the 50 million would be directed towards operating budgets and 15 million would be directed to tuition coverage. Overall, I felt the proposal to be quite solid and comprehensive. However, the presentation on the budget for 2005-2006 was concerning. Unfortunately, the presentation is in my office, I will speak to it more at the next Council meeting. Essentially, the presentation provides an outlook with different potential frameworks for next year’s budget. The budget proposal looks at different scenarios of tuition increases from 0% to approximately 10%.

E) Executive Remarks:

Brenda Ogembo - VP Academic

Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

UBC Festival of Lights:
Friday, November 26, 2004, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Main Library. Finalizing details of the event with Stephanie Mui, HKIN team and Kavie Toor. The event will feature lights by SED technologies, Candles by Candlescapes, Taiko Drumming and a presentation on the upcoming World Aids Day.

I have been in contact with the key sponsors, SED Technologies and Candlescapes.

Food Bank Update:
Met with VP Finance, Stacey Chiu to discuss funding models for a proposed food bank. She has been extremely helpful in contacting VP Finances at other institutions to examine their funding models.
Met with VP Administration, Lyle and SAC Vice-Chair, to discuss possible space allocation for proposed Food Bank.
Met with UBC Red Cross to discuss their support for a Food Bank.
Will go to SAC with a proposal in two weeks for a request for space that will be supported by the Ismaili Students Association and UBC Red Cross.

Learning Center Proposal – Enhanced Tutoring TLEF:
Had meetings with Amina, Janet Teasdale (Director of Student Development), Alice Cassidy (Associate Director TAG), Michelle Aucoin, Kimberley Jones (Tutoring Coordinator) to discuss an enhanced tutoring TLEF that may eventually take the form of a Learning Center.
We are working on a proposal to collaborate with the University for an enhanced tutoring TLEF:
1. **Expanded AMS Tutoring Service** – 2 extra drop-in tutors per week to meet the high demand for math tutoring.

2. **Supported Learning Groups (SLG) Program** – create a peer program where students lead weekly review sessions for historically difficult courses. Collaboration with Student Development to run program.

3. **Evaluation Research** – Creation of improved evaluation tools for the Tutoring Service by an undergraduate or graduate student.

4. **Tutoring WebCT** - Collaboration with Michelle Lamberson, Director of Learning Technology to create a Tutoring WebCT service.

AMS Services:

**Speakeasy:**
- Met with David and Anisa to discuss options for applying a facelift to the Speakeasy counter to make students aware of the peer counseling part of the service.
- Collaborating with David and Kim from Tutoring to make a Tutoring/Speakeasy leaflet advertising their service.

**Safewalk:**
- Met with Jenny to coordinate a Spaghetti Factory Social for the AMS Services Staff.

**Volunteer Connections:**
- Met with Josh, Alex and Susanna to discuss challenges to the VeX program and reorganization for the January term.

**Tutoring:**
- Short listed candidates for Tutoring Coordinator position. Will be conducting interviews shortly.

**AMS Marketing Interns:**
- Met with interns to discuss plans for distribution of Tutoring/Speakeasy leaflet.
- Wrapped up project and did short evaluation of experience.

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

- Lyle McMahon said he had been quoted out of context in the *Ubyssey* articles on Brenda Ogembo. He added that he was surprised that nothing was said at the last Council meeting if there were concerns about the lateness of a written Executive performance report. He urged Council members who had concerns to approach him or other members of the Executive.

SAC:
- Things are rolling along. Manj has been working on revamping our application for the allocation of offices and lockers, which is much needed.
- At the request of Pride UBC, SAC will be institutionalizing Outweek like considering Constituency Weeks.

GAP:
- The AMS is awaiting a response from the VP Students Office to our letter. I received some constructive questions from Ian recently that elaborated on our position in regards to safety, if any of you have similar questions I would be more than happy to answer them. In fact, I would be willing to forward you the discussion Ian and I had via email, if Ian is alright with that.
Renovations Planning Group:
- Projects we are working on include: signage and directory updates (which includes the washroom redesignations), the mural, a display area for the Great Trekker Award, access renovations and a new service ramp downstairs.
- We met today to discuss our current happenings: the mural and corresponding projects, the stuff swap on Friday, the Ethical Purchasing Policy Lobbying strategy. Oxfam and I will be meeting with Supply Management next Monday, where we will be pushing for an amendment to Board Policy #122 on purchasing.

Mural:
- We have selected a successful applicant - her name is Heather Passmore, an MFA student here at UBC. We will be hosting discussion forums for the interested public late next week and early the week after - Thursday, 2nd December, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Friday, 3rd December, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and the following Monday, 6th December, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. If anyone would like the chance to speak to the artist and collaborate on concepts, make it out to these forums and if you’d like to see some of her work, stop by my office.
- As Heather is an MFA student, she has no exams and will begin painting in December.

White Ribbon Pancake Breakfast:
- AMS Allies Resource Group will be holding the 5th annual White Ribbon Pancake Breakfast this Thursday, November 25th, from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Partyroom. For a minimum $2.00 donation you get all the pancakes your little tummy can handle! The breakfast is held to raise funds for programs that support survivors of sexual assault and work to end men’s violence against women. Bring your own plate and mug if you can to be sustainable, and you’ll automatically be entered in a draw for some neat stuff from the UBC Food Co-op.
- A huge thanks to AMS Food and Beverage who have been our wonderful benefactors for quite some time!

Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs

UBC Budget:
- Slated to receive it today, the Administration will be sending it on Friday due to photocopying problems.

Federal Election Campaign:
- The joint campaign that UBC worked on, xforeducation.ca has been tallied up.
- The unspent funds have been returned to the AMS, LSU, KSA and SFSS. Our return was $1,380.02

Translink Public Consultation:
- On Tuesday, November 30, 2004 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Translink will be present to hold an Open Forum in the South Alcove. Come and let them know what you think about the U-Pass.
- Translink will also be conducting focus groups on December 1 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. to gather more detailed information from students, staff and faculty.

U-Pass:
- I have continued to meet with Marianne Schroeder to discuss the Summer U-Pass programming.
- Bernie and I met with representatives from Trek and Parking to strategize about the Summer U-Pass.
- In the upcoming few weeks we will be meeting with Translink to discuss the Summer U-Pass and also the fare increase.
- I will be speaking about this later on.
Tuition Survey:
< The External Commission has been working on revising questions on the tuition survey that was conducted last year.
< The survey was very useful when we were lobbying the university regarding the 2004 - 2005 tuition increase.
< I was set to bring the motion to this Council meeting but we have not been able to finalize the exact amount of the survey.
< We have passed a motion asking Council to allocate money from the External and University Lobbying Fund to finance the survey.

Ad-Hoc Provincial Election Awareness Committee/Get Your Vote On:
< We have made postings in both the Ubyssey and with Volunteer Connections. Volunteers have started to trickle in.

Provincial Meetings:
< We will be meeting with Deputy Minister of Education, Phillip Steenkamp over the winter break.

Elections Meeting:
< I have been working with Sheldon, Anthony, Chris Eaton and Erik Smith from Enrollment Services on the creation of a contract between UBC and the AMS.
< I will be speaking about this further tonight.

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance

Finance Commission:
< Met last Thursday. We granted the Student Initiative Fund to a group of nine engineering students working in a Brazilian mine, the Speech and Linguistics Student Association, and Campus Crusades. Fergus and Sophia have been working hard ensuring budgets are in and have frozen the accounts of subsidiaries that have not handed in their budgets.

BOC:
< Nancy Toogood, Food and Beverage Manager, is working on a project to show the breakdown of food prices. For example, a piece of pizza costs $2.75 and what exactly goes into making it. There are new items in our outlets- salad at Pie R2 and a new cookie will be coming soon to Blue Chip.

Fundraising and Sponsorship:
< Met Linda, Coreen, Shea, and Grant on Friday and discussed the relationship between sponsorship, fundraising, events, and services in the future. The Canada Helps website is up for donations to be made for the AMS Foundation for the Norm Theatre Campaign. The Restore the Norm Campaign will be up kicking up with new promotions soon. On March 7th & 8th the One Man Star Wars and Lord of the Rings will be coming to the Norm and all proceeds will be donated to the Restore the Norm Campaign.

Walter Gage Fund Committee:
< I attended a meeting yesterday. Currently we are receiving many applications that are good causes such as students going overseas to do humanitarian work; however, those projects don’t really fall under the mandate of the fund so we had some brief discussions as to providing a channel for those applications.
< During the meeting I also spoke to Michelle Aucoin and asked her to pass on information about the Innovative Projects Fund so if anyone would like information please let me know.

Executive Procedures Manual:
The Executive Procedures Manual was passed during our last Executive Committee meeting. I’d like to give a big round of applause to Sheldon, who has been diligently working on this project for the last four years. Lyle and I have been working with him closely this year to complete the manual. The manual has been submitted to Council for information purposes. Four years ago, the manual was created to remove administrative rules from Code so Council would not have to micro manage the Executive. The manual includes information about Commission structure, computer use, rights & responsibilities of appointees, and conflict of interest. The document is passed by the Executive Committee; however, at any time if Council so chooses, amendments can be made.

Other:
I have been attending AMS elections potential candidates meetings to answer questions about the AMS, running in elections, and my position.
I attended the Anti Racism Action Committee Planning Forum on Friday.

F) Committee Reports:

< Ad-Hoc Lobbying Review Committee [SCD 272-005]
- Holly Foxcroft said the committee is concerned that CASA is moving to a per-student model for fees, which would perhaps cost the AMS double what it pays now and which would require the AMS to go to referendum to ask for a fee increase from the students, effectively ending CASA’s policy of “easy in, easy out.”
- Amina Rai said she would be bringing these two issues up at the upcoming CASA conference to see if CASA was going to be pursuing them. She added that the ad hoc committee was planning to meet over the break to decide how to move forward if the AMS is no longer part of CASA. There would have to be a plan in place to allocated the freed-up funds.

< Pride:
- David Anderson, the acting co-chair of Pride, said it would be the twenty-fifth anniversary of Out Week in February and he hoped for some AMS recognition.

G) Constituency Reports:

Gavin Dew - Arts Undergraduate Society
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society
David Williams - Regent College
Kate Bisby - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society - said the name change was going to Senate and then to the Board of Governors in January. She said UBC was also establishing a new College of Environmental Sciences, mostly for promotional purposes; the college would encompass already existing faculties and schools such as Agricultural Science and Forestry.
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society - said that the timeline for the new Science social space had been pushed back again, which was frustrating, but she hoped that ground could still be broken in the spring.
Fraser McLaren - Education Students Association
Phil Orchard - Graduate Student Society - said the GSS had passed a motion opposing tuition increases.
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports
Brian Duong - Board of Governors:
< UBC’s South Campus Plan had been tabled by the GVRD.
< BoG considered the latest university rankings in The Globe and Mail and Maclean’s.
< BoG discussed discrepancies in pay between sessionals and regular faculty.

Greg Paton - Senate:
< Representatives from Senate met with the Student Senate Caucus today to gain our feedback regarding the operations and effectiveness of the Senate as part of an internal review.
< The Faculty of Agriculture will try to pass their new name ‘Land, Food and Community Systems’ through Senate tonight. The Student Senate has concerns about the consultation process behind the name change and unanimously oppose the proposed name change.
< The new Senate website should be up in the next week. Be sure to check it out, as it will be way, way better than the BoG website.
< I met with Director of UBC Childcare to discuss the possibility of joint initiatives with the AMS. The meeting went very well and I have been invited to their January Committee meeting. I will be meeting with the Executive on this initiative and will keep you updated on its progress.

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson:
< 72 cases to date - 46 closed.
< Working on promoting the service.

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

Minutes of Student Council dated November 10, 2004 [SCD 273-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated October 19, 2004 [SCD 274-005]

1. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED HUGH TURNER

“That the minutes of Student Council dated October 27, 2004, as approved by Student Council on November 10, 2004, be amended to add the following under Executive Remarks:

Brenda Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs

Hiring:
< Conducted interviews for International Students Coordinator. We are proud to announce that Esther Maunze has been hired for this position. She will bring a breadth of experience after involvement with I-House and Africa Awareness.

Safety Committee:
< Incident Response
- Safety Committee has collaboratively established an incident response to emergencies and non-emergencies in the SUB. We will be presenting the final document shortly. This has been very innovative to streamline how we deal with incidences and make it more effective. Jane Barry will be the AMS reporter for incident response and information online.
- Safety at the Welcome Back BBQ and First Week debrief was prepared by Paul Sutton and it looked great. There were minimal incidents.
- I have organized a Thank you event for safety providers of the Welcome Back BBQ and First Week on November 3rd in the Gallery.
University Commission:
< Housing Forum
- The planning for this event is going well and it is scheduled for November 1st, 3rd and 4th. Please attend and encourage your constituents to attend also.
< Inter-Residence Council
- The Executive was invited to an IRC meeting on October 25th and we are looking forward to liaising with Residences on a Housing Forum and other issues during the year.
< AIDS Awareness Week
- We continue to meet with the Task Force of MSF, Red Cross, Amnesty, SAGA, etc to arrange and plan for World AIDS Day and the events surrounding that week. It has been a great collaborative effort and we will be applying for Walter Gage funding for the week as well as getting other support. Simulation from USC and the donation of $1000 worth of support materials as well as the Youth Challenge International donation of $300.

Totem Pole Ceremony:
< I attended this on October 18th, 2004. It was great to see UBC recognize First Nations presence on this campus. I was the ribbon cutter on behalf of International Students.

Meeting with Brian Sullivan:
< I attended this meeting alongside other Executives on October 20th, 2004. Brian Sullivan informed us about the proposed Tuition consultation process. We were very clear that we were against tuition increases and we will be meeting further to discuss the consultation process.

University Town Steering Committee Meeting:
< Architectural Competition
- This was launched on October 26th, 2004. I have been advocating for student involvement within the selection committee that short-lists the applicants as well as the whole process, otherwise it will just be us rubber stamping a flawed process which would be unacceptable.
- I will be working on an informational campaign.

Campus Planning Development Committee:
< We met on October 15th and came up with 4 policies on Campus Development which will be coming to next Council. The policies touch on development, academic core in development, sustainability and the importance of preserving passive open spaces in the core of campus for students.

Academics – Student Directed Seminars:
< I talked to Margo Bell about SDS being available for both semesters. Currently students can only apply for an SDS in September and then facilitate an SDS in January. The Learning Exchange is currently working on this initiative and will be looking to expand the program.

Welcome Back BBQ and First Week Debrief:
< I attended meetings to discuss the two events. There were a lot of positive recommendations from the meeting and unfortunately the weather affected the success of both events negatively.

Other Business:
I will be going away to Kenya for personal reasons between 4th of November and the 17th of November. Unfortunately I will have to miss the Council meeting on the 10th of November. Look forward to being back.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds...Carried

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

2. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT: [SCD 275-005]

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2004: Miscellaneous’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Quinn Omori said Council members had been sitting on too many committees; the amendment to reduce the maximum was meant to stop them from spreading themselves too thin. The change to allow up to two members from the same Constituency on ad hoc committees was meant to allow members from large Constituencies to fulfill their obligations. The addition of a section on goals to the Executive’s written performance reports was a suggestion from the Vice-President External intended to increase Executive accountability.

- The prohibition against Constituencies appointing defeated candidates was a response to feedback from Brock Hall: the University’s elections people wanted Constituencies to elect by acclamation when there is only one candidate for a position. They especially found it wasteful to run an election in such a situation if the sole candidate would still get the position even if they lost the election. The Code and Policies Committee sympathized, but thought that the answer was not to introduce elections by acclamation but to require the will of the voters to be respected.

- Ian McKechnie said there should be consultation with Constituencies before introducing changes that will affect Constituencies.

- Christine Boyle wondered about reducing the number of committees a Council member can be on when this year Council has had to suspend Code to allow members to sit on more committees than allowed.

- Quinn Omori said anyone could still attend committee meetings as a guest.

- Christine Boyle said the amendment would make it more difficult to fill committees.

- Richard Davis asked if the reduction in the number of committees per Council member would be retroactive. Quinn Omori said No.

- Jeff Potter said committees already have difficulty finding members.

- Holly Foxcroft said some committees are more active than others. There was concern about members not being able to fulfill the requirements of all their committees.

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4. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED MICHELLE WONG:
“That Council appoint Rhyannon O’Heron (Council Member) and Michelle Wong (Member at Large) to the Assistant Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2005.”

5. Moved Patricia Lau, seconded Jeff Potter:

“That Council appoint Ian McKechnie (Council Member) and Trevor Gilks (Member at Large) to the Compensation Review Committee for a term ending March 31, 2005.”

Note: Abstained Trevor Gilks, Ian McKechnie

6. Moved Courtenay Campbell, seconded Richard Davis:

“That Council appoint Phil Orchard (Council Member) to the Innovative Projects Fund Committee.”

Note: Abstained Phil Orchard

7. Moved Brenda Ogembo, seconded Rhyannon O’Heron:

**Campus Development Policies - 2004**

I) **Sustainability & Environmental Compliance**

“Whereas the University of British Columbia has official policy committing the University to sustainable development; and

Whereas the University should assume a leadership role promoting sustainable development principles and practicing sustainable development as an educational and research institution; and

Whereas campus development should integrate ecological, social and economic considerations at all levels of strategic planning and operations in campus development;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS lobby the University to incorporate sustainability principles and practices into all phases of University planning and development;

Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon the University to submit all developmental Environmental Protection Assessments to the UBC Sustainability Office for review and auditing.”

II) **Institutional Development**

“Whereas the University of British Columbia’s new strategic plan, *Trek 2010*, commits the University to providing the best possible resources and conditions for learning; and

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III) Accountability

“Whereas Trek 2000 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 are key stakeholders in the campus development process as the end-users of the University’s facilities and services; and

Whereas the student population requires on-going information on development in order to be effective participants in shaping the campus community;

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IV) Passive Open Space

“Whereas current University development plans propose to eliminate existing social green spaces, including the ‘grassy knoll’ and MacInnes Field; and

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Brenda Ogembo said the AMS has limited policies on campus development. The Campus Planning and Development Committee was looking to expand these and one of its priorities was on the question of a compliance mechanism to ensure that UBC fulfils its sustainability commitment. On the question of open space, the policy was not for or against artificial turf, but was asserting the importance of green social space somewhere near the core of the campus.
- Lyle McMahon asked if there was potential of jeopardizing relationships with the GVRD or UBC through passing this policy. He wondered if this was a good time.
- Brenda Ogembo said it was a great time because currently the AMS did not have any firm stances, and with the South Campus Plan being tabled by the GVRD, the AMS is in a better position to comment on South Campus and residences.
- Quinn Omori asked about the LEAD standard. Christine Boyle said the LEAD standard is widely recognized, more so than that of the UBC Sustainability Office.

8. MOVED CHRISTINE BOYLE, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON:

“That the motion be amended to read:

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... Carried

- Karen Ward asked about student space, jobs, and businesses in new campus developments.
- Bernie Peets said the AMS will have first call on space. If the AMS wants to open a Blue Chip outpost in the new buildings, it could.

10. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED RHYANNON O'HERON:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated September 30, 2004 [SCD 276-005]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated October 14, 2004 [SCD 277-005]

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

P) Discussion Period:

GAP

- Quinn Omori said that although he was pro-choice and found GAP horrid, he thought they had a right to put on their display and he didn’t think it was appropriate for the Vice-President Administration to call on UBC to censor anyone’s right to free speech. He also questioned the accusation directed against GAP that they were causing psychological damage; it was like accusing someone of thought crimes.

- Joel McLaughlin said he was more on the pro-life side, but he too does not agree with GAP’s tactics. Still, the letter written by the Vice-President Administration was asking the University to limit one side’s arguments. It was a severe step for a university campus to take. He added that if people thought comparing abortion to genocide was wrong, the appropriate response would be not to shout GAP down but to engage them in debate.

- Lyle McMahon said he shared some of the views expressed, but the feedback he had received was alarming. The AMS had policy on this issue, and he wanted to bring to light concerns brought to him. The GAP display cannot legally be defined as inciting hatred, but whether illegal or not it causes psychological distress, and students feel threatened by it. AMS policy encouraged him to lobby the University on this matter. He was at a loss to figure out a compromise between safety and academic freedom in this case.

- Ian McKechnie asked what policy was being referred to.

- Bernie Peets explained that what was meant was not actually a policy, but a motion passed in 1999.

- Joel McLaughlin said the feedback received by the VP Administration had been influenced by interested groups.

- Paul Sutton said it did not seem to him that there had been a planned swarm of people coming to the safety tent to fill out questionnaires.

- Brenda Ogembo said the decision to have a safety tent and record responses came from the Safety Committee.

- Ian McKechnie wondered which Council members had been at the meeting of the Safety Committee that approved this. He said he saw the warning signs about GAP’s disturbing imagery, so he biked around the display to avoid it. Students who felt psychologically assaulted had chosen to see the display.

- He added that the newspaper headlines were saying that the AMS was taking on GAP, but really it was just the Executive and the Safety Committee. There was no prior consultation with Council. He said policies expire after three years. He was surprised that a five-year-old motion was still in effect.

- He also wondered why the Executive could not have waited two more days until Council met to have Council determine what to do. He asked the Executive to involve Council in its decisions. Council members were responsible as directors of the Society.

- Lyle McMahon said he had no justification for not waiting till Council met; he just thought it was important to act. More people could have been involved in the decision, but the issue didn’t just jump up. Previous VP Admins had to deal with the GAP issue; it was one of the most difficult issues in his portfolio.

- He apologized for being more familiar with the background than Council was. It was not...
necessarily Council’s responsibility to be up-to-date on GAP. He was entrusted with that responsibility.

- The aim of his letter had been to get a serious response from the University on the conflict between the University’s policy on academic freedom and its policy on safety. He said it was important to champion free speech, but safety issues were what he was concerned with. If any students had been traumatized, that was very serious.

- Alison Atkinson questioned the method used to gather evidence. She said there were leading questions on the questionnaire. She added that although the safety tent was supposed to be separate and neutral, it was located on the same side as the pro-choice group and had been staffed by a number of people known as being pro-choice.

- She said it would be better to pass a motion opposing GAP’s message, not its presence. And she wanted evidence collected in a more valid way.

- Gavin Dew expressed concern that terms like safety were being politicized. He also wondered about double standards: there was complaint when GAP compared abortion to the Holocaust, but if George Bush were compared to Hitler would there be the same concern? He also said the AMS should not support biased and unethical survey procedures.

- Lyle McMahon said he took little part in the survey; it was done by the Safety Committee. He trusted AMS committees to act in a professional manner. As to the location of the table, he had tried to put it in a neutral spot, but it ended up closer to the counter-demonstration in part because of a concern not to impede traffic.

- Brenda Ogembo said the process had been rushed; she would have preferred further discussion at the Safety Committee and in Council. The Executive could do a better job at involving Council. There had been no time to provide input on the letter.

- Ian McKechnie said the letter should have gone to the Safety Committee, which has Council members on it. He was still not satisfied with the situation. There was a letter out now that the AMS may not actually endorse. And he wondered if it was possible to debate a motion from five years ago. He asked if the AMS was bound to every motion ever passed, and called on the Code and Policies Committee to clarify the situation.

- Bernie Peets said that if they were still relevant, old motions were still in effect. Sheldon Goldfarb read out the motion on GAP passed by Council in 1999, which condemned GAP’s tactics, stated that the AMS did not endorse GAP being brought to UBC campus, and voiced support for the rights of students who wished to demonstrate their non-violent opposition to GAP.

- Quinn Omori said he didn’t feel the spirit of the motion had been followed in the letter. The 1999 motion applied to a specific event in 1999. He added that if there was hate speech involved, he would go to the authorities, but otherwise it was not right to restrict free speech.

- Lyle McMahon said he had used the motion passed by Council in 1999 as justification for writing the letter and didn’t think there was anything wrong with that.

- Hugh Turner asked if the AMS had been in touch with GAP.

- Bernie Peets said the AMS had spoken to GAP in 1999 and expressed its concerns verbally. Afterwards there had been a court case costing the AMS thousands of dollars which established the right of the AMS to keep GAP out of the Student Union Building.

Q) Submissions:

< Executive Procedures Manual [SCD 278-005]

R) Next Meeting:

< The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:
11. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Defeated

*Ubyssey* article

- Scott Price mentioned recent scathing articles in the *Ubyssey* about a certain AMS Executive.

12. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN, HUGH TURNER:

“That Council go in camera.

Note: With Council approval the following individuals be allowed to remain for the in-camera session:

Alison Atkinson and Paul Sutton.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

**T) Social Activity:**

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*Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo*

VP Academic & University Affairs

BAO:pr
Amina Rai explained the proposed bylaw amendment to add two new seats to Council: one to represent international students and another to represent First Nations students. She said there would be other bylaw changes as well, which would be presented to Council in January in time for a referendum at the same time as the executive elections.

- Dave Tompkins asked where these bylaw changes had come from.
- Amina Rai said from the Code and Policies Committee. Quinn Omori said they came from the committee at the direction of the Executive.
- Nabeela Khan, President of the International Students Society, said international students want a voting seat on Council. She said the Canadian education system places limitations on international students; they are now an AMS club, but they resent having a token position and want real authority equal to other Council members. This would benefit both international students and the AMS.
- Larry Skulsh (Indigenous Students Society) said First Nations people face challenges getting through the education system: a lot of discrimination in a society dominated by white people, in a white people’s system, but they want to be part of the system.
- Alanna Young of the Indigenous Students Society spoke of the historical ties between the First Nations and the AMS, including the gift of a totem pole and permission to use the Thunderbird logo. There are about 550 First Nations UBC students, far less than the 5,000 foreseen in 1948. They are under-represented. She added that nine other universities already have First Nations voting representatives.
- Nabeela Khan said the international students first formed an informal group, then an AMS club. They have been recognized by the UBC administration and now want to go to the next level: a seat on Council. There are over 4,000 international students at UBC. Their fees have tripled since 1997. There have been six motions concerning international students brought to Council since 1997; she said that was inadequate. She said international students’ concerns are tuition, financial aid, and the ability to work off campus. The AMS created the position of International Students Commissioner on its University Commission in 2002, which was a great start, but there was a need to go further. The commissioner is not chosen by
international students and lacks direct contact with them. Also, the commissioner is not on Council.

- Lianne McLean asked how creating new seats could be done. Would these groups become Constituencies?
- Amina Rai said the plan was to make them Constituencies.
- Lianne McLean asked if this meant someone could then be a member of two Constituencies. Amina Rai said Yes.
- Quinn Omori asked about issues such as insurance if new Constituencies were created. He recommended the GSS model, in which the Graduate Student Society exists as a separately incorporated society.
- Stacey Chiu said the two groups are already clubs; so the AMS already takes care of their banking and insurance.
- Hugh Turner asked whether other clubs could become Constituencies.
- Amina Rai said these were two very unique groups. The idea was not to redefine the Bylaws for all clubs, just for these two. She also noted the difficulty of passing a referendum.
- The Speaker asked the two groups if they could explain why they should get representation on Council and not others.
- Dustin Johnson of the Indigenous Students said they were not just an interest group; they have traditional rights and distinct experiences. Alanna Young noted that UBC was on traditional territory.
- Nabeela Khan of the International Students said there were 4,000 international students at UBC, 500 of whom were on the club's list of members, 150 of whom were active members.
- The Indigenous Students have about 50 members out of approximately 550 First Nations students on campus. The exact numbers cannot be determined.
- Gavin Dew asked who will determine whether someone is an international student or a First Nations student.
- Nabeela Khan said UBC policies define who is an international student; they pay a differential tuition fee.
- Dustin Johnson said that the First Nations students self-define, as was their cultural right. They were opposed to allowing others to define them as the government had done through the Indian Act; that was racist. His group accepted self-definition for aboriginal students from around the world, for instance Maoris.
- Mia Amir said both of these groups already represent 10 percent of their populations, which was as much as the total turnout in AMS elections, so these groups were already more legitimate.
- Richard Davis asked whether the seat for indigenous students would represent the First Nations of Canada or of all the world.
- Dustin Johnson said the first thing was to acknowledge the Musqueam, but they were open to any aboriginal students.
- Patricia Lau asked how these two groups came to be selected. Had they approached the AMS? There are other groups that could be considered for representation, for instance disabled students. How will it be decided which groups get represented?
- Amina Rai said it is true there are many special groups. As to why these two had been chosen, it was based on communication with the International Students Association; also, through the recent totem ceremony she had had a chance to talk to indigenous students and had discussed this issue. But in the future there could be more groups: a disabled representative, a women’s representative.
- Patricia Lau said Council currently is made up of Constituencies; students are in only one, and everyone has a representative. By introducing new groups, there would be double representation. An international student would have two votes. This could be a major change to Council that should be thought about.
- Ian McKechnie said he had had no idea that the agenda topic (“Prospective Bylaw
Referendum") would mean a discussion of International and First Nations students. It was a vague agenda topic. He added that no one was blocked from running to represent the students in any Constituency. Council already has a wide range of representatives. And he questioned the introduction of double representation, saying some people would have two votes based on where they were born or what tuition they pay. There are many deserving groups on campus and he was very reluctant to consider just these two instead of studying the whole issue.

- Brenda Ogembo said double representation already occurs. A Law student is on Council as a Senate representative and there is also a Law representative. International and Indigenous students will shed new light on various issues. Despite openness, there have been few International or First Nations students on Council.

- Millie Bojic asked if there were going to be representatives for the First Nations, then why not also for the Chinese or the Punjabi? She wondered if the Indigenous students wanted to be the catalyst leading to that.

- One of the Indigenous students said the First Nations have quite a history. There had been discriminatory legislation against them. This land that UBC is on was Musqueam land a hundred years ago. It had been used for 30,000 years and not legally taken away. They had a unique position in Canadian history. It was not till 1960 that they got the vote.

- Amina Rai said that in 1990 Council voted to create a non-voting seat for indigenous students, but the indigenous students didn’t want to fill it because it was not a full voting seat.

- Gavin Dew asked if there was evidence that that was the reason they had not filled it, or was it only an assumption?

- Amina Rai said it was an assumption.

- Dave Tompkins said that for all those who wanted to sit on AMS Council he had news: it was not all that exciting. He added that voting was not the most important activity on Council; it could be useful to be in a non-voting seat to have a chance to be consulted and offer opinions. He also advised the groups that instead of asking Council to bring these matters to a referendum, they might want to get a petition going to force a referendum. He added that he hoped there would be two separate questions.

- Kenneth Ryan said the two groups were quite different. The First Nations were here long before the rest of us and owned the land, if ownership was the right term, and historically had been excluded. As for the international students, they pay more because the tuition of domestic students is subsidized by Canadian governments and Canadians pay the tax that provides the subsidy. There is a staggering difference in tuition fees, but there is a good reason for it.

- Jitesh Mistry said double representation is a red herring. As to other ethnic minorities, he said the First Nations are not an ethnic minority.

- Quinn Omori said Council members should be going to their Constituencies to work out mechanisms. This should not be done in haste.

- Gavin Dew said everyone supports inclusivity, but the logistics were crucial. There was danger of going down a slippery slope.

- Mia Amir said the Board of Governors had already discussed changing the status of the International Students Association. There is a movement to make them a Constituency. As to the argument that no one has been blocked from running, this ignores the analysis of privilege and systemic barriers in an exclusive society. As to double representation, she said Council double and triple represents white students.

- An international student said international students are not treated equally. They need someone to speak for them.

- Amina Rai apologized for not specifying the topic more clearly on the agenda. She said a non-voting seat would be little different from a guest at a Council meeting. She added that a recent survey of Canadian student societies showed that 9 out of 34 had aboriginal student representatives and 6 had international student
1. **MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED KENNETH RYAN:**

   “That the meeting be adjourned for a five minute recess.” ... Carried

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m.

**D) Presentations to Council:**

[SCD 281-005]

Ad-Hoc Lobbying Review Committee - Amina Rai, Richard Davis, Holly Foxcroft

- Reviewing CASA membership
- Concerns: increased fees, but no new or creative lobbying campaigns
- Fee model changing to per student model, would force AMS to go to referendum and end easy in/easy out system
- Three other schools reviewing their CASA membership
- Some schools looking to CFS; that not the lobbying committee's aim: lobbying committee sees alternatives as either CASA or non-alignment
- Provincial lobbying more important than federal
- Other CASA schools have provincial lobbying groups they belong to; not the case for UBC
- Limitations of being in CASA: when meeting MP’s have to stick to CASA’s agenda
- Can’t afford to do our own lobbying and also fly out to CASA meetings
- Committee looking at how to spend the $50,000 now spent on CASA

Questions:
- Lianne McLean asked about continuity and our ability to lobby in Ottawa if we pull out of CASA.
- Holly Foxcroft said we should still lobby federally, but she didn’t think CASA was the best way. And CASA has turnover too, so it does not necessarily provide more continuity.
- Richard Davis spoke of Western alienation from CASA. CASA focuses more on the East, where most of its members are.
- Scott Price asked if money now spent on travel to CASA could be applied to AMS travel.
- Holly Foxcroft said if Council approved, then yes.

**E) President’s Remarks:**

**F) Executive Remarks:**

**Lyle McMahon - VP Administration**

- Three discussion forums are taking place on the mural project. Hope many of you will be able to attend.
- In light of the GAP discussion at the last Council meeting, Sheldon, Quinn and myself will be revisiting the GAP motions passed by Council in 1999 and bringing the issue back to Council for further discussion in January.

**Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs**

- Invited Council members to attend the annual ‘Night of a Thousand Dinners’ an event that raises funds and awareness for the eradication of anti-personnel landmines. Tickets available from IRSA.
- Jared Wright has tendered his resignation as AMS Policy Advisor. We wish him all the best for the future.

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

Minutes of the Ad-Hoc Provincial Election Awareness Committee dated October 29, 2004... Carried

Minutes of the Assistant Appointments Committee dated September 10, 2004
Minutes of the Assistant Appointments Committee dated October 1, 2004
Minutes of the Assistant Appointments Committee dated December 1, 2004... Tabled

I) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated November 20, 2004 [SCD 283-005]
Minutes of the Renovations Planning Group dated November 25, 2004 [SCD 284-005]

J) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of the External Commission dated November 23, 2004 [SCD 285-005]

2. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

“Whereas the External Commission has re-designed the 2004 AMS tuition survey;

Whereas the tuition survey is designed to assess the impact of the recent tuition increases on the quality and accessibility of education at UBC, as well as gauge student views of affordable and appropriate tuition levels; and

Whereas the survey results will inform internal policy-making decisions and external lobbying efforts at the University and provincial levels; and

Whereas Recommendation 3.1 of the AMS Strategic Plan recommends that the Society conduct surveys to “determine the demographic, political, social and academic opinions of the students of UBC” in order to provide information in a factual manner and to establish external credibility on issues; and

Whereas it is estimated that it will cost $4,100 for UBC Applied Research and Evaluation Services to design and conduct a web survey on tuition;

Therefore, be it resolved that AMS Council authorize the allocation of $4,100 from the University and External Lobbying Fund to cover the expenses associated with the tuition survey.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Holly Foxcroft said a tuition survey was done last year and it was important to continue doing one on a yearly basis so that the AMS can have ownership of the data and can present information to governments and the University. Last year’s information had been invaluable, providing hard statistics.

- Greg Paton asked how valuable the information had been and what UBC’s reaction had been to it.

- Holly Foxcroft said the AMS survey asked students about their satisfaction and whether they had seen an improvement since the tuition increases. Having data lent credibility to AMS arguments.

- Lyle McMahon said the most effective tool in lobbying last year was the survey.
- Mia Amir said the Board of Governors is obsessed with quantitative data.
- Lianne McLean mentioned the survey done by Arts students.
- Gavin Dew suggested an information campaign so that students will know the facts before the survey.
- Holly Foxcroft said she was working on that, doing a flyer.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

G) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

[SCD 286-005]
Minutes of the Assistant Appointments Committee dated September 10, 2004 as amended
The motion was moved by ‘Brenda Ogembo’ and not ‘Richard Davis’.
[SCD 287-005]
Minutes of the Assistant Appointments Committee dated October 1, 2004 as amended
Under Members Absent, delete ‘Matt Holme’.
[SCD 288-005]
Minutes of the Assistant Appointments Committee dated December 1, 2004 as amended
Under Members Present, insert ‘Justine Chan (SUS - via telephone)’.

J) Submissions:
H) Committee Motions:

4. MOVED BRENDA OGEEMBO, SECONDED JUSTINE CHAN:

“That Council approve the following appointments to the Elections Committee on the recommendation of the Assistant Appointments Committee for a term commencing December 1, 2004 and ending April 30, 2005:

Paula Martz  Chief Returning Officer
Timothy Kaan  Member at Large
Esther Yuen  Member at Large
Li Lily Cheng  Member at Large.”

C) Discussion Period: (Continued)

Constituency Elections:
- Holly Foxcroft reported on a meeting with UBC’s election officers concerning the running of Constituency elections on the UBC computing system. Because of the introduction of the new UBC card two years ago, making it difficult to identify voters at polling stations, UBC assured the AMS that it would offer its computing system to run AMS and Constituency elections electronically.
- However, they did not recognize the magnitude of this, and they would like some help in controlling the workload. They would like fewer elections and fewer positions, and they would prefer not to have to run elections when only one candidate is running. They also want at least two weeks’ notice of upcoming elections.
- Patricia Lau said that to reduce the number of elections in Science would require changing bylaws, which are as hard to change as the AMS bylaws.
- Jeff Potter said Commerce still runs paper ballot elections, using voters’ lists provided by the Registrar’s office.
- Sheldon Goldfarb explained that the new privacy act may make it difficult for the Registrar’s office to continue supplying those lists.

5. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That the meeting be extended by an hour to 11:09 p.m.”

6. MOVED MIA AMIR, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE, PATRICIA LAU:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic Affairs

BAO:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

1. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

   “That Council accept the following five motions for consideration at the next meeting to be held on Friday, December 17th, 2004:

   ‘Be it resolved that Amina Rai (President) be removed from office’

   ‘Be it resolved that Brenda Ogembo (VP Academic and University Affairs) be removed from office’

   ‘Be it resolved that Holly Foxcroft (VP External Affairs) be removed from office’

   ‘Be it resolved that Lyle McMahon (VP Administration) be removed from office’ and

   ‘Be it resolved that Stacey Chiu (VP Finance) be removed from office’

2. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

   “That staff members be requested to leave the in-camera session.”

3. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

   “That motion #2 be amended to read:

   “That staff members be requested to leave the in-camera session with the exception of Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist and Researcher).”

4. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

   “That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
5. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

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... Carried

6. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED BRENDA Ogembo:

“That staff members be requested to leave the in-camera session with the exception of Sheldon Goldfarb (AMS Archivist and Researcher).”

... Carried

7. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That all ‘would-be’ proxies be allowed to stay for the in-camera session.”

8. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED BABAK KHORRAM:

“That motion #7 be amended to include Yashar Khalighi (GSS President).”

... Defeated

9. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED CHRISTINE BOYLE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED ALAN WARKENTIN, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That all ‘would-be’ proxies be allowed to stay for the in-camera session.”

... Carried

11. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED JEFF POTTER, ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council go into camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“Whereas the Friday, December 17th meeting of Council will require legal counsel to be present,

Therefore, be it resolved that Council request Davis & Co. to be present at the December 17th meeting.

Be it further resolved that Council specifically request Allen Soltan and Jacqueline Kelly if they are available.”

- Ian McKechnie said he would like to see the AMS lawyers (Davis & Co.) on this issue.
- Lyle McMahon said Davis & Co. had not been consulted previously on this issue, save for one conversation with the AMS President, so he did not think their presence would be as valuable as that of Rush Crane and Guenther, but perhaps both Crane and Davis could attend. The Executive didn’t go with Davis & Co. because of their personal relationships
with the staff member in question.

- Quinn Omori asked if it would be possible to provide Davis & Co. with the same information as Crane.
- Amina Rai said there is another law firm involved (Crane), so it wouldn’t make sense to involve Davis & Co.
- Quinn Omori said it would be valuable to have two legal opinions on the matter and have both of them present.

13. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

"That motion #12 be amended by adding:

“Be it further resolved that Davis & Co. be provided all pertinent information as Rush Crane and Guenther.”

... Carried

- Dave Tompkins said it would be great to have lots of opinions and to have another assessment (from Davis & Co.). They will also have experience on some of the grounds for termination.

14. MOVED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

15. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

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Therefore, be it resolved that Council request Davis & Co. to be present at the December 17th meeting.

Be it further resolved that Council specifically request Allen Soltan and Jacqueline Kelly if they are available.

Be it further resolved that Davis & Co. be provided all pertinent information as provided to Rush Crane and Guenther.”

...Carried

Discussion

Suspension of Executive powers

- Ian McKechnie said the powers of the Executive are very limited in the Bylaws. He was in favour a motion to say that the Executive’s duties, other than those listed in the Bylaws, would be nil until the termination of the motion.
- Quinn Omori said this would require a suspension of Code.
- Rhyannon O’Heron said it might be easier to just take away certain powers as opposed to adding ones to a “blank slate.”
- Brenda Ogembo asked if a motion to suspend would simply be the same as the notice to impeach the Executive, which had already been submitted. She was told that it was not the same.
- Brenda Ogembo said that a suspension of the Executive would hinder their ability to gather
information relevant to the motion to impeach.

16. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“Whereas the Executive Committee recently terminated the contract of the AMS General Manager, Bernie Peets; and

Whereas Section VI, Article 3, Section 4 of the AMS Code states that Council has the authority to overrule any Executive Committee decision,

Therefore be it resolved that Council overturn the decision of the Executive Committee to terminate the contract of the AMS General Manager, Bernie Peets.

Be it further resolved that the General Manager be suspended until Friday, December 17th, 2004, with pay.”

- Ian McKechnie said it seemed to be the overwhelming opinion of Council that the termination was rash, irresponsible, and dangerous to the Society. He said a suspension would allow the same functions to take place, but would indicate that the Executive should not have fired with such haste.
- Mia Amir said it would be intelligent for Council not to change what had been done, but to move ahead with the process that has been suggested and make a decision after the next Council meeting.
- Lyle McMahon disagreed with the perception of Council’s attitude. Whether Council as a whole feels this action was right or wrong has not been determined yet. Many questions had not been answered and a lot of information had not yet been disclosed.

17. MOVED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

18. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That motion #16 be amended by adding:

“Be it further resolved that this motion neither confirms nor denies the legality of the Executive’s decision.”

- Dave Tompkins said that without the amendment it may appear that Council was admitting that the Executive acted properly. It was definitely a grey area. As Directors of the Society, Council members should not give credence to this.

Speakers list passed to Mia Amir.

- Tim Louman-Gardiner said that if this matter goes to court there’s a principle that liability may be reduced by other parties. Adding this amendment still achieves the objective while minimizing damage.
- Rhyannon O’Heran said the motion was meaningless and would complicate things more until legal counsel could be present.
19. MOVED JEFF POTTER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

20. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That motion #16 be amended by adding:

“Be it further resolved that this motion neither confirms nor denies the legality of the Executive’s decision.”

...Carried

- Alan Warkentin said there was not enough information to feel comfortable about this issue of termination.
- Brenda Ogembo said it was not a safe thing to do to pass this motion. Council would be compromising the AMS legal position, and the motion was not based on legal advice. Until there could be legal consultation, Council was not really in a position to pass this.
- Other points raised: emotional distress will be caused to the employee if he is then re-fired.
- Spencer Keys said the motion was a good idea because there might be something there, but this allowed Council to distance itself from the decision. It meant that Council was saying it was possible there were grounds but that not all the information is available yet.
- Brian Duong said that if Council did not approve the motion, it would legally compromise the AMS position. It would keep the GM out of the office, but in good faith.
- Courtney Campbell said the motion might complicate the issue, because the GM was already fired and it was impossible to go back in time.

21. MOVED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

- Quinn Omori asked the Chair to rule on whether or not the Executive had the power to fire the General Manager.

22. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG, RICHARD DAVIS:

“That Council go into camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Out of Camera.

- The Chair ruled that there was no specific reference in the Code to the procedures for termination of the GM. It was not clear that any article of Code had been violated. There was no unambiguous reference in Code. If the situation is uncertain, Code says that the Executive Committee can take action and Council can overturn that action.
- Quinn Omori said the Bylaws should be taken into account, especially the Bylaw requiring a two-thirds vote by Council.
- The Chair said the Bylaw specifies that the two-thirds rule applies in cases of appointment by Council. There was no reference in the General Manager section of the Bylaws about appointing by Council.
23. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the decision of the Chair be sustained.”

- Dave Tompkins said Council can get more advice. The Bylaws include a two-thirds rule for removing appointees; Code says the Executive Committee decides in the first place when jurisdiction is unclear. There is a potential breach of a bylaw here. He would question any legal argument that did not reference the bylaw in question. The issue of whether the GM was appointed or hired could be discussed.
- Mia Amir said Council may want to delay since it had already committed to re-evaluating next week.
- Holly Foxcroft said the Executive had sought legal counsel on this question.
- Quinn Omori asked if there had been any re-affirmation of the GM hiring at Council after Motion 20 on March 29th, 1995.
- The Chair said the Bylaw passage was ambiguous. In Code, dealing with the GM seems to be the responsibility of the Executive Committee and the President. Council reserves final authority to overturn.

24. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE, ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That a roll call vote be held.”

25. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED MIA AMIR:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” …Defeated

26. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the decision of the Chair be sustained.”


Against: Lianne McLean, Quinn Omori, Scott Price, Richard Davis, Spencer Keys, Michael Grunberg, Brian Duong, Jeff Potter, Frederick Cheng, David Pelletier, Ian McKechnie, Dave Tompkins, Alan Warkentin, Reka Pataky

Abstention: Kate Bisby …Defeated

- Babak Khorram said without waiting Council might be making a mistake.
- Amina Rai said the motion could ultimately damage the AMS legal position.
- Stacey Chiu said Council should not act in haste.
- Karen Ward said it was necessary to make an informed decision and recommended tabling the motion until the next meeting, providing time and information on which to base a decision.

27. MOVED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds … Defeated
28. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

"Whereas the Executive Committee recently terminated the contract of the AMS General Manager, Bernie Peets; and

Whereas Section VI, Article 3, Section 4 of the AMS Code states that Council has the authority to overrule any Executive Committee decision,

Therefore be it resolved that Council overturn the decision of the Executive Committee to terminate the contract of the AMS General Manager, Bernie Peets.

Be it further resolved that the General Manager be suspended until Friday, December 17th, 2004, with pay.

Be it further resolved that this motion neither confirms nor denies the legality of the Executive’s decision."

Noted in favour: Dave Tompkins, Ian McKechnie, Brian Duong, Alan Warkentin, Richard Davis, Dave Pelletier

Noted abstention: Frederick Cheng, Quinn Omori, Spencer Keys, Lianne McLean

...Defeated

29. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED RHYANNON O’HERON:

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:30 a.m.”

...Carried
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Behshad Darvish (Alumnus), Erfan Kazemi (Alumnus), Maryanne Adamec (Alumnus), Ryan Marshall (Alumnus), Alexandra Brzozowski, Igor Ostrovsky, Bijan Ahmadian, Jade Shiller, James Boak, Joel Atwater, Trevor Gilks, Michelle Mayne (The Ubyssey), Alexandra Leslie (The Ubyssey), Jackson Hall, Darren Peets, Greame Worthy, Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist - left 6:30 p.m.), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant - left 6:30 p.m.)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations:

1. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO, STACEY CHIU:

   “That Council go in camera.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

   Out of camera 8:20 p.m.

   Recess from 8:20 p.m. to 8:44 p.m.

2. MOVED TORILL GILLESPIE, SECONDED STACEY CHIU, MIA AMIR:

   “That Council go in camera.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

   - Quinn Omori - Did we get clarification on people being invited back in during camera?
   - Speaker – Yes, in terms of procedure easy to do, not sure on legal ramifications.
   - Alan Warkentin - Could we get the former AMS Executives present to talk about the strengths and weaknesses of Bernie Peets?
   - Speaker - We can do that.
   - Lianne McLean - Council should set up parameters, e.g., knowledge of particular issues.
   - Carey Hill - Would like to know what this will add to the debate. Can assess information ourselves. Don’t see the benefit. Need to consider the questions at hand and whether or not the Executive should be censured or impeached.
   - Joel McLaughlin - Had one perspective of Bernie’s performance. Claim is that actions have occurred over a number of years. Pattern of performance. Individuals in the room have unique perspectives. The current executive has had 2.5 hours to state their views. This is an interpretation of his skills as manager. Would be beneficial to see other opinions.
   - Mia Amir - Information is relevant to past and current issues. The information presented needs to be dealt with in the now. Perspectives change over time, therefore others’ viewpoints may no longer be relevant. Also likely that this would become a personal discussion. We cannot discuss the Executive positions because we are now out of camera.
   - Ian McKechnie – Bringing in others will counter what the Executive have presented; that’s the reason why we should do it. Information was presented from prior years. He suggested that speakers be invited in, each to speak for at most three minutes about the professional behavior or lack thereof of the GM, and about his competence with regard to HR issues and cooperation with staff, the Executive, and Council.
   - Carey Hill - These people will have very eloquent, interesting presentations to give, but we are not likely to get out of here before 2:00 a.m. Perhaps they could answer the question whether or not they have had problems with the GM. As Councillors, we have all interacted with the General Manager and all have our own judgments concerning him. All her dealings had been positive.
   - Joel McLaughlin – Point of personal privilege: believe that individuals sitting around the Speaker have greater access to him.
3. MOVED MIA AMIR, SECONDED AMINA RAI, LYLE MCMAHON:

“That Council go in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Moved out of camera at 9:20 p.m.

4. MOVED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That Council invite former AMS Executive members and Executive Coordinators into an in-camera session of Council to individually answer questions that relate to the performance of the General Manager in human resources, financial and general matters for a maximum of five minutes, to be asked by the Speaker.”

- Patricia Lau - point of information - Are we making the motion, then moving back into camera? Yes.

5. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON:

“That the questions asked be worded in such a way as to produce yes or no answers.”

- Alan Warkentin - That is not good; yes or no answers nothing.... Lack of a seconder

- Greg Paton - Need to create specific questions that remove value judgments
- Alan Warkentin - These people have been waiting for a long time, do not want to see Council argue about what questions we should ask.
- Patricia Lau – This is important, but need to have thought out feedback adequately. Generous of them to offer feedback, but Council did not invite them.

6. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

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8. MOVED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN, QUINN OMORI:

“That Council go in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Moved out of camera: 10:03 p.m.

- Amina Rai requested a ten minute recess. Had a lot of Executives present their cases. Concerned about presenting a letter from a prior Executive, but feel the need to balance the viewpoints expressed by circulating a letter.
- Quinn Omori - Meeting would lapse due to time limits.

9. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.” ... Carried
10. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council move out of Discussion Period.”

(No objections.)

11. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That Council adjourn for a ten minute recess.”

... Carried

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 p.m.

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

12. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“Whereas at the time of their decision, the Executive Committee did not have just cause to
dismiss the General Manager,

Be it resolved that Council overturn the decision of the Executive Committee to dismiss the
General Manager;

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Executive Coordinator of Student Services to
swiftly negotiate the return of the General Manager, with the aid of legal counsel; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution does not confirm that the Executive Committee has
the authority to dismiss the General Manager.”

13. MOVED FREDERICK CHENG, SECONDED JEFF POTTER, RICHARD DAVIS:

“That Council go in camera.”

... Carried

Council moved out of camera 11:50 p.m.

14. MOVED CAREY HILL, SECONDED MICHAEL GRUNBERG:

“That motion #12 be amended to read:

“Whereas the Executive Committee did not have just cause to dismiss the General
Manager; and

Whereas the Executive Committee has the authority to terminate the contract of the General
Manager with one year’s severance, subject to the approval of Council,

Be it resolved that Council overturn the decision of the Executive Committee to dismiss the
General Manager; and

Be it further resolved that Council terminate the contract of the General Manager; and

Be it further resolved that Council direct an Ad Hoc Committee, formed from members of
Council, in consultation with legal counsel, to recommend an appropriate severance which
shall be a minimum of one year’s salary.”

- Ian McKechnie - Point of Order: The amendment negates the original motion, which is
improper.
- Speaker - The amendment is in order.
- Ian McKechnie - Point of order: The second “Be it resolved” clause is in fact the primary part
of the amended motion.
- Joel McLaughlin – The amendment is not well taken as an amendment itself. Better as a
separate motion.
- Lyle McMahon – This amended motion still addresses the same Executive motion, therefore
15. MOVED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN, SECONDED MICHAEL GRUNBERG:

“That the decision of the Chair shall stand.” ... Carried

16. MOVED CAREY HILL, SECONDED MIA AMIR, CHRISTINE BOYLE:

“That Council go in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Moved out of camera at 12:20 a.m.

17. MOVED KATE BISBY, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

18. MOVED CAREY HILL, SECONDED MICHAEL GRUNBERG:

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Be it further resolved that Council terminate the contract of the General Manager; and

Be it further resolved that Council direct an Ad Hoc Committee, formed from members of Council, in consultation with legal counsel, to recommend an appropriate severance which shall be a minimum of one year’s salary.” ... Defeated

19. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED MICHAEL GRUNBERG, PATRICIA LAU:

“That Council go in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Moved out of camera 1:01a.m.

20. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

“Whereas at the time of their decision, the Executive Committee did not have just cause to dismiss the General Manager,

Be it resolved that Council overturn the decision of Executive Committee to dismiss the General Manager;

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Executive Coordinator of Student Services to swiftly negotiate the return of the General Manager, with the aid of legal counsel; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution does not confirm that the Executive Committee has the authority to dismiss the General Manager.”
21. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED PHIL ORCHARD:

That motion #20 be amended to add:

“Be it further resolved that the General Manager meet with an Ad Hoc Committee of Council to address concerns that have been raised by the Executive concerning his performance, to be constituted through a formal review process.”

- Dave Tompkins – This can be done in a completely separate motion. Can set up an Ad Hoc Committee later on. Will likely not affect too many people’s opinion of the current main motion.

22. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

23. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED PHIL ORCHARD:

That motion #20 be amended to add:

“Be it further resolved that the General Manager meet with an Ad Hoc Committee of Council to address concerns that have been raised by the Executive concerning his performance, to be constituted through a formal review process.”

...Defeated

24. MOVED KAREN WARD, FREDERICK CHENG, COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“That Council go in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Out of camera at 1:34 a.m.

25. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

26. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS, LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That Council call for a secret ballot.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

- The Ombudsperson was directed to distribute and collect the ballots.
- Spencer Keys - Point of Parliamentary Procedure: Given that the motion says that this was not with just cause, and an affirmative vote as such could be grounds for impeachment, would the Executive be in a conflict of interest?
- Speaker- It is not a conflict of interest.
- Speaker notes that those who are concerned about confidentiality can hand in a blank ballot.
- Christine Boyle - Point of Information: Is an affirmative vote a vote in favour of the motion?
- Speaker - Yes.
27. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED ALAN WARKENTIN:

" Whereas at the time of their decision, the Executive Committee did not have just cause to dismiss the General Manager,

Be it resolved that Council overturn the decision of the Executive Committee to dismiss the General Manager;

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Executive Coordinator of Student Services to swiftly negotiate the return of the General Manager, with the aid of legal counsel; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution does not confirm that the Executive Committee has the authority to dismiss the General Manager."

Note: In favour 19, Against 16, 1 abstention and 1 spoiled ballot ... Carried

28. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED MIA AMIR:

"That the meeting be adjourned." ... Defeated

- Point of information - Grant Wong - Has been directed to negotiate with the General Manager, but needs direction on how to do so.
- Dave Tompkins - Any negotiations should come back to Council in January.
- Grant Wong – Should he begin the process on Monday?
- Ian McKechnie - Point of Parliamentary Procedure: Could Council delegate its authority to a committee with time to negotiate?

29. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED CHANTAL LEMIRE:

"That Council strike an Ad-Hoc General Manager Negotiation Committee of Council comprised of the Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services as Chair, the President, the Vice-President Finance, and four Councillors."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- The Vice-President Finance said she will be away. Can another Executive fill the position?
- The Vice-President External can fill the position - Amendment is friendly.
- Ian McKechnie - Council as a body does not want to meet again this month. By delegating our powers, Council can achieve a positive result.
- Grant Wong - There is a threat of personal liability under the letter submitted by Mr. Peets.
- Mark Fraser - Proposes removing the two Executive members; they can apply for the Councillor positions.

30. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

"That motion #29 be amended to include five members of Council and not specify any Executive members."

- Mark Fraser - Having the Executive involved in the rehiring process would not be prudent; it may also not be relevant after this meeting.
- Holly Foxcroft - Would like to remind Council that the five current Executive members are still the Executive and still have a stake in this Society. As it is the will of Council, they will work to carry this out. Having the Executive on the committee will bring a lot to it. Otherwise, it will create a disconnect.
- Carey Hill – The amendment is confusing personalities with positions. No sense to have committees without members of the Executive. Need Executive authority. To derogate this because of the conflict would be dangerous from a governance perspective.
- Alan Warkentin - Point of Order: Under the Bylaws the President is a non-voting member of every committee of Council.
- Spencer Keys - The President would be allowed on as a non-voting member, but not as a voting member.
- Patricia Lau - The Executive are willing to take Council direction. She expected them to work with the GM.

31. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED CHANTAL LEMIRE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

32. MOVED MARK FRASER, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That motion #29 be amended to include five members of Council and not specify any Executive members.”

... Defeated

33. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That motion #29 be amended to add the Treasurer-Controller to the committee.”

- Holly Foxcroft - The Controller would be rehiring his own boss.
- Ian McKechnie - Point of Information: How much information does the Controller have?
- Dave Tompkins - Point of Order: The Controller could remove himself if he feels he has a conflict of interest.
- Mia Amir – The idea is to institute accountability. Against this process to have the Controller on the committee. Would affect them in their own job.
- Ian McKechnie – Has faith in ability of the Controller to recognize a conflict of interest. To rob this committee of this resource would be wrong.

34. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

35. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That motion #29 be amended to add the Treasurer-Controller to the committee.”

... Carried

36. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED BABAK KHORRAM:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

37. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED CHANTAL LEMIRE:

“That Council strike an Ad-Hoc General Manager Negotiation Committee of Council comprised of the Executive Co-ordinator of Student Services as Chair, the President, the Vice-President External, the Treasurer-Controller, and four Councillors.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

38. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JITESH MISTRY:

“Be it resolved that _______________ and _______________ be appointed to the General Manager Negotiation committee.”

Open nomination period.
- Joel McLaughlin, Ian McKechnie, Mia Amir, Chantal Lemire, Greg Paton, and Brian Duong nominated.
- Mia Amir declined.
- Sameer Wahid suggested that the committee be expanded by one.
- Amendment deemed friendly.

39. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JITESH MISTRY:

"Be it resolved that Joel McLaughlin, Ian McKechnie, Chantal Lemire, Greg Paton and Brian Duong be appointed to the General Manager Negotiation committee."

... Carried

40. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED MICHAEL GRUNBERG :

"That the meeting be adjourned.

Carey Hill - Point of Information: Wondering if it is the case that the General Manager would not return unless there is some form of censure.
- Speaker: Could be dealt with during negotiations.

41. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED MICHAEL GRUNBERG :

"That the meeting be adjourned.

Defeated

42. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG:

"Be it resolved that Council request that Amina Rai (President) tender her resignation immediately."

Speaker: Ruling on conflict of interest. To begin with, the recall provision in the Bylaws states that the Executive can be recalled on 2/3 votes, including abstentions. In this case, abstentions in effect are counted as No votes. That is perplexing. On the face of it, there is a conflict of interest, and according to Code, no director may vote in a matter in which he or she has a conflict or apparent conflict of interest. Therefore, the Executive would be required to abstain, but by abstaining they effectively vote No. However, Robert’s Rules notes that the rule against voting when one is in a conflict of interest does not mean members shall not vote in votes for offices for which they are eligible. And if a member never voted on a motion concerning himself, it would not ever be possible to hold events, etc. Would also not be possible for a majority to defeat a small minority motion to expel members. Therefore, none of the directors are in conflict of interest in voting on their own recall, and further if they are not, it is impossible for anyone else to be in a conflict of interest. Therefore no one has a conflict of interest. Extending this to resignation, it is not clear that they have a private interest; it would embarrass them but not necessarily more so than the defeat of a motion they had heavily lobbied for. It is a statement from Council asking for a particular action, which they can ignore.

Therefore, the Speaker rules that the Executive are not in conflict of interest in either case.
- Alan Warkentin – Is there an issue because they are in paid positions?
- Speaker - Payment is not qualitatively different from other privileges. That is a benefit of their position.
- Sameer Wahid - Everything that the Speaker has said is technically correct.
- Spencer Keys - Any financial gain made by being a director of the society is not a conflict of interest.

43. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG:

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44. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED MARK FRASER, PHIL ORCHARD:

"That Council go in camera."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated
- Dave Tompkins - The President has been very strategic in her decisions. Many Executive Committee meetings are held in private; their minutes are not always up to snuff; they have not been holding official meetings. But it is apparent that a lot of strategy sessions have been held. Steamrolling has been going on, keeping Council in the dark, denying access to people who will be in opposition. He was denied access to documents presented in Council. An example was presented by the Executive minutes, where they wanted to change the firing from just cause to not just cause; the Executive decision was at a public meeting but it was not presented until tonight.
- Another example: Legal counsel said they would only deal with the President. He had been assured that questions would be answered provided they were forwarded through the President, but this did not occur.
- Many times the Executive have been unwavering on their points. But they have had problems accepting contrary advice.
- He said the timing of when the firing happened was very questionable, strategic. It seems the Executive thought they would get away with it, and that they carefully considered all these things beforehand. Of course, an Executive must sometimes make decisions that might seem questionable. And the President does have a certain amount of authority. But the President knew there would be dissent concerning this in Council, knowingly put the AMS in a litigious position.
- It is not black and white concerning whether the Executive had the authority to act as they did, but it is clear that Council had that authority. It comes down to a question of trust. There were numerous opportunities when the Executive could have asked the General Manager to leave a meeting; Council could then have had a proper discussion.
- But in his opinion the Executive did not trust Council. They had lost many votes in Council this year, and he believed that the Executive decided to not take this to Council. One can draw one’s own conclusions from this evidence. What is wanted is an Executive and President that respect Council.

- Lyle McMahon - Takes exception to some of the foregoing statements, such as “they thought they would get away with it.” The Executive maintains that this decision was made in the interests of the Society. The motion to reverse it passed by only three votes.
- Seems that many people have been swept up in an Executive impeachment head hunt. Many people are interested in impeachment for unrelated, political reasons. The issue has been politicized to a level that made him feel uncomfortable. It had adversely affected his own personal relationships with Councillors. The fact that Councillors were describing this situation as “exciting” troubled the Executive. He had noted the jovial tone adopted by some Councillors.

- Ian McKechnie - Point of Order: The motion is addressing the resignation of the President alone.
- Speaker - Would allow this, as the motion for the motion had discussed the Executive as a whole.
- Lyle McMahon – The issue has involved the entire Executive. Council must decide if this constitutes grounds for recall of the entire Executive.
- Joel McLaughlin - Point of Order: The motion refers only to the President.

45. MOVED CAREY HILL, SECONDED MIA AMIR:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Defeated

- Ian McKechnie - The President sets the tone of the Society. He respected the candour that she brings to these meetings, but she does not have respect for this Council. He saw the motion to adjourn as an example of this.
- Carey Hill - Point of Personal Privilege: She made the motion because it is hard for Councillors to continue to think straight at this late hour.
- Amina Rai - The Executive have gone through a lot and it is very difficult for the Executive to make decisions at this stage.
- Ian McKechnie - Fair enough, but this is one of the aspects of political life. If the Executive had addressed this to Council, there would be a much different position now. There has been a lack of transparency, such as with regard to the minutes. Many promises, but few deliveries. Often, slow in coming. One worrying point was the failure to have legal counsel here. Also, on the day of the decision, the Executive were nowhere to be found. To see the
Society’s leaders, and particularly the President, as not present was difficult and reflected poorly on them. Finally, there was the potential of legal liability created by the Executive. In any such situation, he would expect them to be censured and to ask for their resignation.

- Lianne McLean – The VP Administration said the Executive made the best decision for the Society. But that decision changed. Performance reviews provide an excellent manner to judge staff performance. That that route was not used reflects poorly on the Executive. They had a perfectly legitimate outlet to bring information to us.

- Spencer Keys – There are big questions that need to be answered: Was Council treated well? No. Why? Council is the ultimate body in the AMS; the Executive is subordinate to it. It should be referred to on big, weighty matters. And it was prudent that if Council has ultimate say, the issue should have been brought there first. Risky behaviour otherwise.

  - Second question: Did the Executive exercise due diligence? Did they decide on an appropriate process, and did they stick to it? No, as well. Uncomfortable that written records were not kept. Was this process at fault? There was a shift in the perspective of the Executive. It all suggests a rash decision-making process. If the Executive was so set on a decision, and felt that they had dealt with appropriate reasons, why should they change their mind – they must not have followed proper process. He identified a pattern of risky behaviour, of not giving full weight to issues, of not covering the AMS so that potential legal findings would be mitigated. The present motion is tantamount to saying Council does not condone such behaviour, and he wondered if it was still productive for the President to stay.

- Joel McLaughlin – It comes down to leadership and the conduct of the President in particular. She must be held to a higher standard then the rest of the Executive. Must be held accountable. Good intentions are not enough when rational people can see that a decision was wrong and that due process was not followed. Continued tenure in office would not be productive, given that she will sit on the committee to renegotiate the GM’s contract. This was not personal.

- Alan Warkentin – As to the issue of perceived joviality, he said he often laughs in high stress situations and was sorry if the Executive took that in the wrong way. This whole process shows that Council can work. This is not personal. The leader needs to know where they are going from direction from the people. Perhaps Council does not always address due diligence themselves. But Bylaws and Code spell out what the Executive and the President are supposed to do. He felt that the Executive and the President put the Society in an uncomfortable position with regard to the lawsuit. They had demonstrated a lack of trust in Council.

46. MOVED COURTNEY CAMPBELL, SECONDED MICHAEL GRUNBERG:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

47. MOVED CHRISTINE BOYLE, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN, IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That Council call for a secret ballot.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

48. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED MIA AMIR, MICHAEL GRUNBERG:

“That Council call for a roll call vote.”

- Dave Tompkins asked for a recount on the vote on whether to have a secret ballot.
- Speaker - The request is too late; a new topic of discussion had already begun.

49. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN:

“That Council overturn the request for a roll call vote.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated
50. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG:

"Be it resolved that Council request that Amina Rai (President) tender her resignation immediately."

For: Brian Duong, Christine Boyle, Dave Tompkins, Frederick Cheng, Sanjay Coelho, Dave Pelletier, Ian McKechnie, Jeff Potter, Joel McLaughlin, Kate Bisby, Lianne McLean, Mike Long, Mark Fraser, Patricia Lau, Quinn Omori, Reka Pataky, Richard Davis, Spencer Keys, Alison Atkinson

Con: Amina Rai, Babak Khorram, Brenda Ogembo, Chantal Lemire, Courtney Campbell, Debbie Loo, Gregory Paton, Holly Foxcroft, Jitesh Mistry, Karen Ward, Gina Eom, Lyle McMahon, Mia Amir, Michael Grunberg, Millie Bojic, Carey Hill, Phil Orchard, Stacey Chiu

... Carried

51. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council adjourn for a three minute recess.” ... Lack of a Seconder

- Quinn Omori – Suggested that the word “immediately” be removed from the motion just passed. He was in favour of Council’s motion, but felt that Council should afford the President time to reflect on this issue and come back to Council with a defence or, alternatively, give her time to submit her resignation. By the rules, there would have to be a vote to reconsider this motion, but if Council agrees, he would suggest simply tabling the next motion.

52. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED DAVID PELLETIER:

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:31 a.m.” ... Carried
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:

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks:

- I wish to inform Council that I have decided not to resign from my position as President. I hope to address my reasoning of why during my recall motion.
- Tsunami Service: Today the university hosted a service for the Tsunami disaster. I spoke at the service and discussed the prospects of student involvement.
- Meeting with Minister Sgro: Brenda and I attended a round table meeting with Minster Sgro, Brian Sullivan and others to discuss initiatives the university and the AMS can partake in. At the meeting I brought to attention the issue of international students not being able to work off campus. Due to the severity of the tsunami disaster, and the number of people it has affected, I urged the Minister to look into the ability for international students to work off campus as many have been financially affected by this situation. As a whole, as well, CASA and many other students’ unions are lobbying the federal government for the rights of international students to work of campus.
- I ask that we observe a moment of silence for the individuals who have lost their lives in the Tsunami disaster.

E) Executive Remarks:

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance

Tax Clinic

- On Thursday, December 2nd I met with volunteers for the UBC Tax Assistance Clinic for students. We discussed advertising and logistical plans for the upcoming tax season. The group is also currently looking for volunteers so if anyone would like to get trained by the CRA and help others, please let me know.

BOC

- I will be sending out an e-mail to coordinate a time for regular BOC meetings this term. The Food and Beverage department has come up with a proposal in response for Tsunami Relief. All employees will be donating their tips for the month of January and the Department will match the amount.
Budget
- Projections for businesses and expenditures for this fiscal year have been completed by myself and Treasurer-Controller Henry Chen. I will be bringing this information as well as financial projections for the next two years to an upcoming Council meeting.

Other
- I attended IRSA’s Night of a Thousand Dinners on December 15th and the Tsunami Memorial Event today.

Brenda Ogembo - VP Academic

Tsunami Disaster
- I would like to send my condolences to the families of the Tsunami disaster. It has been with great shock that the recent events in South Asia have transpired and they are in my thoughts and prayers.
- I attended a memorial service today at the Chan Center in honour of the lives lost to the Tsunami disaster. It was well attended and our president Amina gave a very moving speech. President Piper stated UBC’s commitment to supporting the victims by launching a $2million campaign. This was followed by an open meeting with the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship Judy Sgro at International House. She stated the commitment of her department to ensure that all students who are affected by the Tsunami disaster will be assisted either through the provision of work visas to support themselves or through processing of immigration documents. Also present was Brian Sullivan and members from the Sri Lankan Students Association who are holding a huge fundraiser on January 15th 2005. For more details please contact Amina.

Globally Positive
- This was a huge success and was held during the week of November 29th to December 2nd. It involved a Film Festival, Panel Discussion including the Executive Director of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, a Candle light vigil and ‘Behind the Pandemic’ a simulation on the global HIV/AIDS pandemic. The student turn out was quite positive despite the fact that this was held during the last week of classes. We will be approaching SAC to see if we can get Globally Positive Week to be recognized by SAC.

Teaching Excellence Initiative
- On my front I supported the TEI application for the TLEF. The application was completed on December 6th 2004 by the Faculty of Arts, and Margery Fee has been instrumental in getting the proposal together. Commerce and Science who both supported and endorsed the application, and Brian Bemmels and Paul Harrison also played key roles in expressing this support. The next steps are to await the announcement of the TLEF fund and then to implement the project.

Seats on Council
- Based on the number of students registered in the different faculties, Sheldon has informed me that the following new seats will be in place. Please inform your constituencies so that they can officially appoint individuals for the seats for the next council meeting: an extra seat for Engineering, GSS, and possibly Commerce, once they confirm if those under Accounting Diplomas will be members of the CUS.

Africa Awareness
- Preparations are underway for Africa Awareness 2005. We spent quite a bit of time trying to get a speaker for the conferences and we partnered with the University in our efforts to get Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai as our Speaker of honour. Unfortunately her schedule was booked up and she is unable to attend the conference. The conference will be held on January 24-30th. Once the final speaker is established I will be sure to
Campus Development

- There have been some very disturbing posters that have gone up by a group that identifies itself as a student groups. The posters that have a picture of the University’s VP External and Legal Affairs Dennis Pavlich claim that he is wanted for Rape and Murder, speak against Campus Development issues. The use of words ‘rape’ and “murder” are inappropriate to use metaphorically especially in this regard. It is libelous and defamatory to use these tactics to critique this individual and the University. I encourage students who have critiques about campus development to express their views constructively either through myself or directly to the University Town office.

- University Boulevard Competition – There were 52 firms that submitted Expressions of Interest and these have been short-listed down to 7 by the Short-listing Committee – the membership of which will be made public at the end of the process, but there was a student on the committee and the University Town office have assured me that the student had relevant expertise. The 7 firms are going to undergo an in-person interview process by the same shortlist committee to narrow them down to 3. The 3 firms will be short-listed by the 17th of January. For more information please visit the University Town website.

SASC

- We are currently working on trying to get a referendum for the SASC to address the inadequate funding it receives and will be meeting this week with the SASC coordinators, VP Finance and President to see what options there are. This year the SASC required the whole of the SAIF Fund and even with this they barely met their budgetary needs; yet, 20% of the fund was mandated to be set aside for projects throughout the year. Addressing the funding issues means allowing for more services and projects to be available to students and the campus has proved that it needs them. Lisa will talk more about this in her presentation.

Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Academic Success Partnership

- Finalized 2005 Tutoring TLEF, with VP Students Office. The new TLEF is called the Academic Success Partnership. We are asking for funding of $154,000 for learner resources.

- The Academic Success Partnership will provide a single, coordinated interface with students to provide supplemental learning skills for first and second year students to enhance learning and support student success. This proposal incorporates the submission previously submitted for AMS Tutoring, which has received TLEF support in the past. This is an opportunity to expand and coordinate like student support services to provide an improved and more coordinated service.

- This project will enhance and coordinate:
  - AMS Tutoring program.
  - The Learning Skills Workshops offered through the Chapman Learning Commons.
  - On-line tutoring and academic resources.
  - Supported Learning Communities.

Food Bank

- Submitted joint request for space for an AMS Food Bank with UBC Red Cross and the Ismaili Students Association.

- Volunteered at the Vancouver Food Bank with the UBC Red Cross to acquire some food bank management skills.

- Job posting for Food Bank Coordinator will be posted shortly. Funding will come from IPF fund.
UBC Festival of Lights

- The UBC Festival of Lights was a great success at the end of November. Approximately, 300 students attended the event. Funding came from the IPF fund. This was a great way to showcase how IPF funding can launch innovative ideas. Hopefully, they can continue and improve the tradition next year. The partnership with UBC Rec, HKIN and the AMS was highly successful.

Tsunami Relief

- I have assisted and coordinated the UBC Red Cross, Sri Lanka Society of UBC, UBC Food Nutrition and Health Committee and the Tzu Chi Buddhist Association with bookings in the SUB. AMS Services is donating the extra AMS Orientations clipboards to the UBC Red Cross and the Sri Lanka Society of UBC to raise funds for Tsunami Relief.

SLC 2005

- Set up an involvement booth at the Student Leadership Conference 2005 with Emergene Sam to describe how students can get involved with AMS Services. Paid for the registration of 18 AMS service employees to attend the SLC from my professional development budget.

Ad-hoc GM Negotiating Committee

- Held a meeting and communicated regularly with the committee over email on the status of the negotiations.

AMS Services

Tutoring

- Kimberley Jones has resigned as tutoring coordinator. The new Tutoring Coordinator is Mandy Wong. The assistant coordinator is Lynn Cheek. We have transferred Nathania Lo from orientations to be assistant tutoring coordinator.
- We have approval of funding to hire two more tutors to meet increased demand for tutoring on Math and Physics.

Joblink

- Joblink has been experiencing technical difficulties with their on-line employer form for 1 month. We are trying to work with Linda Ong to fix the technical difficulties.

Minischool

- Registration is open for 21 courses. New courses this term are exotic pole dancing, photography and introduction to acting.

Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs

U-Pass

- Met with Translink to discuss the breakdown of the summer U-Pass and how it would be administered, both from a funding point of view and also structurally.
- Finished up the last of the U-Pass subsidy allocations for Term 1.
- Worked with Translink on the 18 month U-Pass review.

UBC Budget

- Received a copy of the UBC Budget at the end of November 2004.

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

Mural

- Artist has been collecting painting materials off campus.
Renovations Planning Group
- Will be meeting to discuss the Great Trekker display case, access renovations and the Sprouts renovation $20,000 oversight.

Other Business
- Styrofoam alternative to-go - containers are coming.
- I hear the Moustache Club plans to organize an AMS Election All Candidates Debate which should be pretty silly.

F) Committee Reports:
- GM Re-Hiring Advisory Committee - Grant Wong

1. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS, JOSHUA CAULKINS:

   “That Council move in camera.” ... Carried

Council moved out of camera at 7:10 p.m.

G) Constituency Reports:
- Phil Orchard - Graduate Student Society
- Lianne McLean - Arts Undergraduate Society
- Debbie Loo - Education Student’s Association
- Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
- Frederick Cheng - Commerce Undergraduate Society
- Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
- Jitesh Mistry - Law Students Association
- Mike Long - Science Undergraduate Society
- Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
- Christine Conkin - VST

H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports

Mia Amir - Board of Governors:
- The next meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on January 28, 2005.
- Committee meetings will be held on January 21st.
- Will be making a motion asking the university to undertake a climate survey looking at social, economic and employment standards.
- Brian said he was busy looking over 100 TLEF applications.

Jitesh Mistry - Senate:
- Next meeting of Senate will be held on January 19, 2005.
- Attended a reception regarding appeals and penalties.
- Will be busy working on the Senate Handbook.

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson:
- Things have been off to a busy start in the Ombuds Office. We opened five new files yesterday.
- The current stats are: 81 cases, 51 closed and 5 referrals.
- We are looking to get an intern for policy research soon so if you know anyone that might be interested please send them our way.

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

Minutes of Student Council dated November 24, 2004 [SCD 289-005]
Minutes of Student Council dated December 1, 2004 [SCD 290-005]
Minutes of Student Council dated December 10, 2004 [SCD 291-005]
Minutes of Student Council dated December 17, 2004 [SCD 292-005]
Minutes of Business Operations Committee dated November 16, 2004 [SCD 293-005]
Minutes of GM Re-Hiring Advisory Committee dated December 21, 2004 [SCD 294-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

"Whereas the shocking devastation caused by the December tsunami in Asia and Africa has moved people around the world to help,

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize a donation of $_________ to be sent through the _________________ to assist in the tsunami disaster relief effort.

Note: The 2004-05 budget allocated $3,000 for donations."

- Amina Rai said the Executive wanted to leave it to Council to decide the amount of the donation and the agency to donate it to.
- Jackson Hall said that rather than simply donating the $3,000 available in the donations budget, it would be better to use it to attract additional donations.
- Lyle McMahon noted that Code specifies that the first priority in making donations is giving to a student group.
- Patricia Lau recommended caution in spending all the money in the budget because there might be other things going on that the AMS would want to donate to.
- Quinn Omori asked about other places in the budget to take money from.
- Amina Rai mentioned the Executive Projects budget line. Stacey Chiu mentioned the contingency, though she added that probably the money shouldn’t come from there.
- Mia Amir said she understood the idea of being cautious, but this was a great tragedy and it was already almost the end of the fiscal year.
- Lianne McLean said constituencies and clubs were already raising money. She said the AMS could spend its $3,000 on a specific area, such as adopting a village.
- Richard Davis asked about using the External Lobbying Fund.
- Holly Foxcroft said there was $4,000 left in the lobbying fund, plus $80,000 in a reserve fund.
- Stacey Chiu said a portion of the donations budget could be allocated now and if nothing else came up by April, the rest could be given then.
- Gavin Dew said it was important to give money now to save lives.
- Jitesh Mistry said he was not comfortable about choosing a city; he would rather donate to a general organization with a track record.
- Phil Orchard suggested setting up matching amounts if students donate. He noted that some agencies were saying they had already received enough.
- Joshua Caulkins said donating the $3,000 was not the most efficient way to provide aid.
- In response to a suggestion that a working group be set up to look into the issue, Karen Ward said the time limit to get donations matched by the government was January 11.
- Brenda Ogembo said there was no need to choose between donating the $3,000 and doing other things like fund-raising. Other things could be done too, but at the moment the question was to deal with the amount to be donated.

3. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JITESH MISTRY:
“That motion #2 be amended by inserting the following:

‘25¢ per student’

Note: The 2004-05 budget allocated $3,000 for donations. Determination of appropriate fund to be used be left to the discretion of the VP Finance.”

- Quinn Omori asked about where to get the additional money.
- Stacey Chiu mentioned the contingency fund.
- Sheldon Goldfarb said the contingency is only to be used to cover unexpected deficits.
- Dave Tompkins suggested giving the money to the University and letting them decide how to donate it.

4. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JACKSON HALL:

“That motion #2 be amended by inserting the following:

‘that a donation of 25¢ per student be sent to an organization the university chooses.’

- Quinn Omori said he would prefer that the AMS choose. The AMS was perfectly capable of doing that.
- Amina Rai said UBC was donating $1 million anyway. It would be good if the AMS made a separate statement.

5. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Defeated

6. MOVED PHIL ORCHARD, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That motion #2 be amended by inserting ‘Red Cross’”.

- Dave Tompkins suggested voting on all the possible aid agencies.
- Patricia Lau said Future Shop had an arrangement which could increase the value of a donation.
- Mia Amir suggested going with Oxfam.

7. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED NAOMI GARRISH:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried
8. MOVED PHIL ORCHARD, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That motion #2 be amended by inserting ‘Red Cross’”. ... Carried

9. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That motion #2 be amended to read:

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize a donation of 25¢ per student to be sent through the Red Cross to assist in the tsunami disaster relief effort in a manner that maximizes the donation.”

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10. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That motion #2 be amended to read:

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize a donation of 25¢ per student to be sent through the Red Cross to assist in the tsunami disaster relief effort in a manner that maximizes the donation”.

... Carried

11. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

"Whereas the shocking devastation caused by the December tsunami in Asia and Africa has moved people around the world to help;

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize a donation of 25¢ per student to be sent through the Red Cross to assist in the tsunami disaster relief effort in a manner that maximizes the donation.

Note: The 2004-05 budget allocated $3,000 for donations. Determination of appropriate fund to be used be left to the discretion of the VP Finance.”

... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

12. MOVED JITE SH MISTRY, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Emma Gibson 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

P) Discussion Period:

U-Pass Referendum - Holly Foxcroft

- Holly Foxcroft said there had been a decision not to bring the referendum forward at this time. There had been limited time in December to prepare the referendum, and she thought it would be best to follow the model from two years ago and hold a mid-February referendum.

- Meanwhile Translink was promising additional service hours and there was agreement on what the summer U-Pass would look like. Students taking summer courses of five weeks or longer would pay $80 for the summer U-Pass.

- As to extending the winter session U-Pass, the contract with Translink expires in April. A memorandum of agreement to extend the contract was being worked on, and then there would be negotiations with Translink for a new contract.

- Christine Boyle asked if Translink would help in the referendum.
- Holly Foxcroft said last time Translink put out leaflets in favour of the U-Pass.

SASC Referendum - Lisa Lafreniere/Jordana Deveau
- Lisa Lafreniere said the Sexual Assault Support Centre was flooded with business and had only half the money it needed, so they would like a $1 increase in the SASC fee.
- Jason Loxton asked if SASC was only for women.
- Lisa Lafreniere said in the past SASC didn’t have the background to counsel men, so would refer them. But now she has gone through training for men and also for transgendered clients, and she felt confident in offering both services.

Bylaw Referendum - Amina Rai
- Amina Rai said that since the U-Pass referendum would likely bring out more people than the elections, she would like to postpone the bylaw referendum till then. This would be the referendum to amend the bylaws to provide two additional voting seats on Council: one for international students and one for indigenous students.
- There were also some technical issues, for instance altering the turnover date for the Executive from February to May to make it line with most student societies across the country. There were also some other minor issues which had already been discussed at the Code and Policies Committee.

L) Committee Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

13. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“Be it resolved that Amina Rai (President) be removed from office.

Note: Requires 2/3rds including abstentions.”

14. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED NICK DRAGOJLOVIC, QUINN OMORI:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated

Dave Tompkins’s motivation:
- Dave Tompkins said Amina Rai had been guilty of gross incompetence, negligence, and malicious intent as President. He said he had served under eight AMS presidents and been a president himself at Western. He had lots of experience on Councils, and in general it was best to let things go ahead, as in a children’s soccer game. But there was something very wrong in this case.
- He said Amina had brought a motion to withdraw the AMS from the TravelCuts lawsuit in September 2003 and had been disappointed when it failed. One argument against withdrawing had been the indemnity clause, which the AMS lawyers had suggested so that if other schools pulled out they would still be on the hook. The intent of the indemnity clause was to protect the AMS, but it’s true that it also made it more difficult for the AMS to pull out. The contract containing the indemnity clause had been signed by the President and VP Finance at the time as well as the General Manager, not by the General Manager alone.
- He said the President spent a great deal of time investigating the legality of the indemnity clause, time that could have been spent on other things. She went outside the AMS to another lawyer as far back as June. That’s how the President was spending her time, trying to terminate the General Manager.

- The General Manager had been fired for entering the AMS into that indemnity agreement, and this was called just cause. In fact, it is very hard to fire someone for just cause, and in this case the situation didn’t even come close to just cause. But Amina felt that the end justified the means: she felt that Bernie Peets was not an asset to the organization and should be removed.

- He noted that Amina Rai was doing this in June, not long before a Council meeting when Bernie Peets was absent. She could have discussed the situation with Council at that meeting, or even at later meetings, in camera. The fact that she did not indicated that she did not trust Council; she feared a leak would get back to Bernie.

- Supposedly things happened in December. The President waited till after all the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the term were done and until exam period.

- But in November the President had sent out evaluation forms for the staff to evaluate the General Manager. What was the point of collecting all that feedback about the General Manager? One cannot go looking for just cause; that would increase the danger to the Society.

- He said the Executive was looking for loophole after loophole to terminate the General Manager, and then changed from saying the termination was for just cause to saying it was not for just cause. The President used something that happened four and a half years ago. That was the only loophole she could find. There is no way that was just cause. The President at the time signed the agreement, and if an employer acknowledges or condones an action, there is no just cause for firing.

- Now the Executive says maybe it wasn’t for just cause, but it’s too difficult to reinstate him, just let the process continue. That was the Executive’s plan; they deliberately went behind Council’s back and hoped time would pass.

- The President did an act knowing it would cost the Society, knowing that Bernie would sue for thousands of dollars. She did this without going to the Board of Directors, to Council; he had never seen such a flaunting of disregard for Council. And had she shown any remorse? None that he had seen. She put the AMS in financial jeopardy by firing the General Manager for ridiculous reasons. The legal costs so far were already more than Council had voted for the tsunami. How is that a responsible director or president?

- In firings for just cause, the proper procedure is to give the employee a chance to defend their actions. Then there is a verbal warning. The responsible approach is to follow the three strikes rule; that would have reduced the risk. Instead, the Executive had the General Manager escorted out of the building by security guards, causing humiliation and defamation of character, compounding the losses to the AMS.

- Holly Foxcroft intervened to say much of this was hearsay.

- Dave Tompkins said all his information was hearsay. People had come to him with information. They were coming out of the woodwork.

- He said the question was whether the Executive had acted appropriately in relation to the Board of Directors. He thought it was the most disrespectful thing, the most impeachable thing, he had ever seen a President do. The AMS would be better off with the President removed and with a smooth transition to bring the General Manager back. This was not the way to treat the Board of Directors.

_Amina Rai’s response:_

- Amina Rai disputed the notion that the Executive had strategized for months and deliberately waited until December. She said that what some call strategizing, others call communication. She had not coerced other members of the Executive; she had good communication with them. There were charges of the Executive colluding in back rooms after Council meetings, but they were simply deciding how to go forward in the wake of what happened at Council meetings. They had not been strategizing to release the General
Manager. If any member of the Executive had had concerns, the release would not have occurred. The Executive felt in their conscience that this action needed to be done.

- She said things should have been done differently. She said some Council members had approached her about being kept in the dark. It was her understanding that in the past HR issues had never been brought to Council. Other staff members had been released without going to Council. But she understood why Council members were angry about not being informed and she apologized.
- She said she realized that Council had been placed in an uncomfortable positions. She said the Executive had more information than Council, but didn't strategize to do this in December. The Executive had hoped to do this earlier, but other issues came up. She did recognize that the timing may have negatively impacted Council members, and she apologized for that.
- She said the Executive had to ask themselves if they were doing everything they could for the best interests of the Society. The answer unfortunately was No. They had grave concerns about Mr. Peets, and they felt they had to deal with this issue before their term was up.
- She said the Executive had nothing to gain personally from their action and none of them disliked Mr. Peets personally. They did not question Mr. Peets as a person but as a manager. The intention was always to serve the Society. There was no malicious intent. It was false that they had been looking into terminating him in June. They had received a legal opinion then about the lawsuit, not to find a reason to release the General Manager.
- As to the evaluations, she was allowed to do a review of the General Manager and thought it was an opportune time to do this to conduct the review.
- The Executive had received legal advice that it had a legal right to release the General Manager. Her greatest regret was that she had neglected to follow an involved method for Council and the Executive.
- Since Council had decided to reinstate Mr. Peets, she was determined to work with him through conflict resolution. Her aim was to serve the Society first.

Quinn Omori:
- Quinn Omori said that he thought the President had done a lot of great things in her term, but he had concerns about process, about closed Executive meetings without staff, without minutes, without records. It was inappropriate for the Executive to keep meeting this way for extended periods. There was a need for transparency and accountability. The Executive had shown at worst contempt and at best a lack of trust for Council. They had undermined the authority of Council.
- Even if the Executive thought Bernie should go, there were ways to do it, due process. They could have brought their concerns to Bernie. He deserved at least a face to face evaluation of his performance.
- He found the Executive’s decision incompetent. The President has now grudgingly apologized for some mistakes, but he was not convinced that necessary changes would be made to make him believe she should still be in office.
- He realized it had been a group decision, not just the President’s; it would be right to hold all five responsible, but it was in the best interests of the Society not to recall all five. Ultimately, the President was responsible.

15. MOVED NICK DRAGOJLOVIC, DAVE TOMPKINS, NAOMI GARRISH:

   “That Council move in camera.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Council moved out of camera.

Further discussion
Richard Davis said he felt stabbed in the back by the Executive’s decision in December, the way they went around Council, not trusting the Board of Directors. They acted without asking for input and had made an irrational decision showing contempt for Council. Someone had to be accountable, and it should be the person at the top.

Kate Woznow spoke in defence of the President’s character. Amina had tirelessly worked for students’ benefit; she had run to make the Society more democratic, equitable, and student-friendly. There were no grounds for impeachment; she had not benefited personally; she had done what she thought was good for the Society. The process may have been rough, but that didn’t mean there should be an impeachment. It showed the need for an HR person. Impeachment would reflect on the AMS. Council would be overstepping the democratic process that elected the President.

Letters were read into the record in support of the President.

Lyle McMahon said he and the President had had their differences, but on this issue she had told him that never before had she felt that she was acting as much for the wellness of the Society. He encouraged Council to consider the ramifications of the recall motion; it would revoke the power of the electorate to choose their leadership; the only proper forum for recall was a referendum. If the President were removed, it would also mean a complete loss of transition for the incoming Executive member. Some might feel that things should have been done differently, but was recall the best corrective measure?

Lianne McLean said her concern was with process. Were there issues of concern with the General Manager? Absolutely. But the fact that the Executive had shifted from firing for just cause to not just cause was troubling. Having people escorted out of the building cannot be reversed. She found such actions distasteful, and the chair of the Executive should take responsibility for them.

Patricia Lau said this is a big deal. Someone’s job and reputation were at stake. As to whether the recall motion was democratic, she said everyone at Council is elected. How would it be democratic to have no mechanism for recall? As to going to a referendum, Council members were elected to do something, and they knew facts that could not be shared with all the students. Perhaps the release should have been done, but it had not been done in the right way. At first it was for just cause and it had to be done quickly. Then it was not for just cause; it was dismissal with severance. But if that was so, why remove him like that, humiliating him? It was not necessary to be dramatic in that way. A Society should not treat its employees that way. She noted that a majority of the Board of Directors had called for the President’s resignation, showing they did not have confidence in her.

Lisa Lafreniere said it was difficult to remove a manager and especially difficult if one is too transparent or else the manager can remove materials.

Holly Foxcroft said Council needs to be informed; lines of accountability need to be established. She spoke of a President’s advisory committee to advise on the General Manager, of having the General Manager report to Council, and of having semi-annual reviews of the General Manager. Mistakes had been made, but these actions would correct the situation.

Christine Boyle said the recall motion was not about character traits; it was about actions while in office. She didn’t disagree with the spirit of removing the General Manager, but the recall motion was a response to the course of action taken by the Executive.

Brenda Ogembo said there are many projects still to be done by the President, including the bylaw referendum, hiring a new policy analyst, and hosting the anti-racism conference. All these would be compromised by recalling the President. Even to take out just one person and force the other four to do the work would compromise the work of the Executive. Council seems to want to give the General Manager a chance, but because of one mistake it is going to recall the Executive and not give it a chance.

May Tee said the best approach is not to remove the chief spokesperson of the Society just before a provincial election. The AMS needs a strong voice. Impeachment seems extremely punitive. When government officials make a mistake, as this Executive has done, they are not impeached. Perhaps a third party should investigate the matter.
Brian Duong:
- Brian Duong raised concerns about the process the Executive followed. They planned for months, then let the General Manager go less than a week after the last Council meeting of the term, when Council members were preparing for exams and the *Ubyssey* was not publishing. The use of security guards caused humiliation. The staff were warned not to talk to the General Manager or it would be grounds for dismissal. The Executive then disappeared over the next week. The atmosphere they created was grim and poisonous.
- The Executive had only one reason for termination originally, but then began rummaging to find dirt. They made a biased presentation to Council, but former Executives of the AMS refuted almost everything the current Executive brought up.
- The Executive did not consult the regular AMS lawyers; they didn’t trust the regular lawyers because they thought the General Manager was in cahoots with them. The Executive turned to Don Crane, who they said was a specialist in the removal of general managers. In fact, he is a lawyer for the CFS-BC, and the AMS is in a lawsuit against the CFS.
- The actions of the Executive could potentially have led to a lawsuit costing $500,000. This was not responsible fiscal management.
- The Executive made a series of poor decisions and the President had once again ignored the will of Council by refusing to resign.

16. MOVED JITESH MISTRY, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:
   “That the question be called.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Defeated

17. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:
   “That the meeting be extended indefinitely.” ... Carried

18. MOVED CHRISTINE BOYLE, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU, MIKE LONG:
   “That Council move in camera.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Moved out of camera at 10:42 pm

19. MOVED BRIAN DUONG, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:
   “That the question be called.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

20. MOVED MIA AMIR, SECONDED BRENDA OGEIBO, STACEY CHIU:
   “That Council call for a roll call vote.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

21. MOVED DAVID PELLETIER, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:
   “That Council overturn the request for a roll call vote.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Defeated
22. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“Be it resolved that Amina Rai (President) be removed from office.

Note: Requires 2/3rds including abstentions.”

For: Brian Duong, Christine Boyle, Dave Tompkins, Frederick Cheng, David Pelletier, Michael Tung, Jackson Hall, Lianne McLean, Matt Holme Mike Long, Nick Dragojlovic, Patricia Lau, Quinn Omori, Reka Pataky, Richard Davis, Scott Price


... Defeated

23. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED MICHAEL GRUNBERG:

“That Council omnibus motions 2 - 14 on the agenda.” ... Carried

24. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED MICHAEL GRUNBERG:

“Be it resolved that Brenda Ogembo (VP Academic & University Affairs) be removed from office.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds including abstentions

“Be it resolved that Holly Foxcroft (VP External Affairs) be removed from office.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds including abstentions

“Be it resolved that Lyle McMahon (VP Administration) be removed from office.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds including abstentions

“Be it resolved that Stacey Chiu (VP Finance) be removed from office.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds including abstentions

“Be it resolved that Council appoint ________________ as the interim President.”

“Be it resolved that Council request that Brenda Ogembo (VP Academic & University Affairs) tender her resignation immediately.”

“Be it resolved that Council appoint ________________ as the interim VP Academic & University Affairs.”

“Be it resolved that Council request that Holly Foxcroft (VP External Affairs) tender her resignation immediately.”

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“Be it resolved that Council request that Lyle McMahon (VP Administration) tender his resignation immediately.”
“Be it resolved that Council appoint ________________ as the interim VP Administration.”

“Be it resolved that Council request that Stacey Chiu (VP Finance) tender her resignation immediately.”

“Be it resolved that Council appoint ________________ as the interim VP Finance.”

... Defeated

25. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JACKSON HALL:

“Whereas the actions that the AMS Executive took following their decision to fire AMS General Manager Bernie Peets were inappropriate and unprofessional; and

Whereas these actions could have exposed the society to costly litigation; and

Whereas these actions displayed a lack of trust for the body that is AMS Council; and

Whereas this lack of trust undermines the proper functioning of the Society; and

Whereas, while there is no evidence of ill intent on the part of individual members of the Executive, these actions are unbefitting of an AMS Executive;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society Council censure AMS President Amina Rai, Vice President Academic and University Affairs Brenda Ogembo, Vice President Administration Lyle McMahon, Vice President External Holly Foxcroft, and Vice President Finance Stacey Chiu.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially apologize to Mr. Bernie Peets for any embarrassment that he has unduly suffered because of these actions”.

- Dave Tompkins said some may have felt impeachment would cause too much disruption or that the Executive’s action did not warrant impeachment. But this motion to censure says clearly on the public record that the Executive’s actions were inappropriate, sending a clear message to students, the community, and the Executive itself.

- Holly Foxcroft said that with power comes responsibility and also vulnerability. It takes courage to hold office. The Executive had felt the depth of Council’s concern and taken it to heart.

- Quinn Omori said there was debate about the General Manager’s performance. Some said he was great; some said there were some things that were questionable. But this was a process issue. The General Manager was not treated fairly; he had not been afforded due process. It was essential that Council recognize this and apologize for it.

- Jitesh Mistry said something like this censure motion can dog a person for their whole career, showing up on resumés. He also saw a problem with the motion for trying to do two things: first saying Bernie was good and trying to ameliorate the harm done to someone, and second, causing harm to someone.
26. MOVED JITESH MISTRY, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That motion #25 be divided.” ... Carried

- Christine Boyle said she had weakly supported the recall motion, but strongly supported this one. After the amount of time spent on these issues, something had to be done.
- Kate Woznow suggested taking the issue to an HR person.
- Lyle McMahon said that what the Executive had gone through, all the stress, had been more punitive than a motion to censure. If Council members were interested in letting the Executive know that they were not happy with what the Executive had done, that had happened. It was important that this not happen again.

27. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JACKSON HALL:

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28. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED GREG PATON:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

29. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JACKSON HALL:

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Therefore, be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially apologize to Mr. Bernie Peets for any embarrassment that he has unduly suffered because of these actions”.

- Jackson Hall said Council should still apologize.
- Karen Ward said it was legal issue; the reinstatement was still not settled.

31. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED NICK DRAGOJLOVIC:

“That motion #30 be postponed until the next meeting of Council.” ... Carried

Q) Submissions:

› Letters in support of the AMS Executive. [SCD 295-005]

R) Next Meeting:

› The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2004 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

32. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 p.m.” ... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

BAO: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:

C) Presentations to Council:

Financial Aid - Brian Sullivan (VP Students) [SCD 296-005]
- Number of UBC bursaries is up 8%.
- Average award is up 10%
- The revised Policy 72 means that all unmet need beyond a deductible amount is being met; the principal idea is to get money to those with the greatest need

Questions:
- Quinn Omori asked about the deductible system, especially in dentistry, which has the highest deductible.
- Brian Sullivan: Need is calculated based on a formula; from that is subtracted loan entitlement. The remainder is the unmet need, all of which will be covered except for the deductible in each faculty. Policy 72 puts the responsibility on each faculty. The deductible is high in dentistry because less money is available there.
- Naomi Garrish said bursary amounts seem totally random.
- Brian Sullivan said he hoped not; he would have to look into the specific situations mentioned. He hoped students were pleased the process was quick.
- Richard Davis asked about unmet need and work-study.
- Brian Sullivan said one way to meet need was through work-study, but he said he would look into the situation because he recognized that not everyone would have been placed in a work-study position by the time unmet need was established.
- Kenneth Ryan noted that tuition in medicine had increased 300% and unmet need in medicine and dentistry was phenomenal, but it was less easy for students in those faculties to access bursaries.
- Brian Sullivan said this was decided on after much back and forth. There is a bias at the University in favour of satisfying students in first degree programs. Those faculties seeking to increase tuition were responsible for using some of that increase to pay for financial aid. Those with the highest need in medicine were pleased because there is no cut-off now, but the funding situation does probably still affect career choice.
- Michael Grunberg asked for an explanation of Policy 72.
- Brian Sullivan said the policy meant that no student would not be allowed to take up an offer for financial reasons.
- In response to questions from Mia Amir and Holly Foxcroft, Brian Sullivan said that a considerable portion of tuition increases would continue to be set aside for aid. He said he would look into what the exact percentage would be.
- Ian McKechnie asked about the situation in engineering and about consultation with the
Dean of Engineering.

- Brian Sullivan said engineering was getting a better deal by not being differentiated as some other faculties were. He said this had been decided on by the Vice-President Academic and the Dean.
- Karen Ward asked which graduate students were excluded from bursaries.
- Brian Sullivan said that for those in research graduate programs, it was like being in an undergraduate program. But those in professional graduate programs like the MBA and the master’s in Education did not have access to University-level financial support. The University would be looking into this.

Campus Development - Brenda Ogembo/Darren Peets [SCD 297-005]

- Darren Peets summarized the history of the University Boulevard project, noting that the commercial area kept expanding in succeeding versions of the project, though opposition to the idea of introducing 18-storey towers caused the University to back off on that idea. Also, some AMS recommendations were adopted, such as holding an international architectural competition for the design.
- Brenda Ogembo noted that thanks to AMS lobbying a workshop on the project was held in September 2004. The architectural competition began with 52 firms expressing interest in October 2004. A short list of seven firms was produced in December 2004, decided on by a secret committee including a student chosen by a secret process; there were concerns over this. This month a final shortlist of three was produced. There will be a campus-wide poll producing input on the three remaining designs, but the final decision will be made by a jury; there had been some confusion over that.
- Brenda Ogembo said that in general there were problems with transparency and lack of clarity. Also, there was a concern that students won’t be given enough information to be able to respond to the poll. And there is no option in the poll for students to vote to keep the campus the way it is and not adopt any new plan.

Questions:
- Joshua Caulkins: Is the poll non-binding?
- Darren Peets: Yes.
- Joshua Caulkins: Would a big turnout of students have an effect?
- Darren Peets: A big vote for one option would give the jury an indication of what students wanted. The jury is not required to follow that, but they would probably give it weight. The competition must produce a winner, though whether the winning design gets built or not is another matter.
- Kenneth Ryan: When will this happen?
- Darren Peets: End of March or April. Digging will have begun already by then near the SUB. In other parts of the area, work will not happen till later.
- Quinn Omori asked how the poll would be conducted.
- Darren Peets said originally it was going to be through Student Services, but that is no longer the plan.
- Clara King said there is a longer-term problem than just this area. There are other areas of campus that need protecting. Questions need to be asked: Whose needs are being met? How can we assess our needs?
- Darren Peets: Campus development is being done to make money.
- Clara King asked about structuring a response to set a precedent and not be a rubber stamp.
- Darren Peets said his concern was not over the fact of doing development but over the process, the going ahead despite opposition. On the other hand, in the area near the theological colleges there had been support.

D) President’s Remarks:
- Re-instatement of the General Manager.
Had the opportunity to sit with Mr. Peets, the Executive, the Executive Coordinator of Student Services and a Negotiator to talk about issues and concerns. It is my strong belief to move forward for the remainder of our terms in a respectful and professional manner.

Health and Dental Plan

The Committee met last week to discuss opt-out/opt-in cases. We also were informed of the survey that was conducted on approximately 150 students. The survey results were very positive. It seems that more students know about our plan and are familiar with the procedures which shows that the outreach of the plan has been successful through the mass emails etc.

Ad-Hoc Anti Racism Action Committee

ARAC met on January 17th and had guests from the Resource Groups and the Equity Office to discuss the next steps. We have decided that it is next to hold another systemic racism forum in February and look towards May for a conference. Colour Connected had expressed plans to work on a forum similar in nature and we have contacted them to work on this project jointly. There had still been an expressed desire and interest to continue to work on this committee as it is a pro-active measure to issues and concerns brought up.

President’s Advisory Committee

The Committee met on January 18th and the major topic for discussion was the Draft Operational Timetable of Goals and Strategies. The paper basically specified the major points of TREK 2010 and sub points that specified targets and target dates. Some major points were:

- Meeting with UBC Fund Manager and Development Office: this morning I met with Lindsay and Michelle to talk about joint initiatives between students and the university:
  - student campaign drive - media coverage decreasing.
  - provide assistance, advice and resources.
- UBC Administration/AMS/GSS - UBC Budget:
  - TUPC asking for $50 million
  - UVic, SFU, Royal Road and UBC.
- Joint lobbying initiatives between students and the university.
- If there is any year to fight for a 0% increase in tuition, it is this year.

Bylaw Work

Bylaw work - on Saturday, January 15th, I met with Lisa Lafreniere (SASC Coordinator) and Brenda Ogembo to assist with working on the SASC referendum. Also on Monday, January 17th, I worked with Sheldon on the International Students and Indigenous Student Bylaw Referendum.

Board of Governors

I met with Mia Amir, Darren Peets and Brenda Ogembo regarding topics on the BoG docket.

Council and Election Candidate Meeting

From 5:00 - 6:00 pm today, I facilitated a meeting between Election candidates and AMS Council.
Tsunami Relief

- On January 15th, I attended a Sri Lankan Students Society fundraiser event. I addressed the audience on behalf of the AMS.

E) Executive Remarks:

Holly Foxcroft - VP External Affairs

Tuition Survey
- Submitted the survey to ARES on January 11th.
- Working on finalizing the text/language.
- Working on finalizing incentives for tuition survey.

U-Pass Referendum
- Working on promotions material with the Marketing and Promotions department.
- Arranging ads to be placed on buses.
- Still discussing with Translink their participation in referendum: announcements on buses.
- Still working to finalize details on some aspects of referendum, ie. forums.

Get Your Vote On
- Set up table at SLC.
- Have received more materials today!
- GYVO campaign will be rolled out February 8th.

Mission Tuition
- The External Commission has begun planning for this.

Brenda Ogembo - VP Academic

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance

Tsunami Relief
- Further to my e-mail that I sent last week which stated that a cheque of $10,583 has been sent to the Red Cross, I have registered our donations with UBC to go towards their campaign of raising $2 million.

Financial Projections
- Due to a heavy agenda, my financial projections presentation has been postponed to the next Council meeting. I will provide an overview for the remainder of the fiscal year as well as projections for the following two years.

Coke
- Yesterday, Bernie, Nancy Toogood, and I met with UBC and Coca-Cola. A proposal has been made. It will first go to Martha Piper and depending on what she decides, it will then come here to AMS Council for discussion.

Fundraising
- The Executive Committee has renewed the contract of Coreen Douglas, AMS Development Officer, until October 2005. She will continue to work on the Norm Theatre Campaign and we will begin working on an event for Sigma Tao Chi, that is former active members of the AMS, shortly.

UBC Budget
- I’ve taken the envelope of five years of information that the University has sent us and
condensed it onto a spreadsheet. If anyone is interested in getting a copy, please let me know. The Ad-Hoc UBC Budget Committee will be meeting this Friday.

Education Student Fees

- A cohort of one year Education students beginning school in July were found to be assessed student fees in July and September. I have indicated that the AMS does not believe the double assessment is fair. The students will be going to the Board of Governors to get the University to not charge the students twice for University fees

Fincom

- Fund applications are now online. Reports of previously granted projects will be going up shortly. Last Friday, money was granted to CAPSI to attend a national conference and to Sauder Impact, a commerce student run publication.

Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Tsunami Relief Coordination

- Assisted the UBC Red Cross with bookings to collect donations. Furthermore, donated 213 AMS Clipboards (minimum $1 donation) to help with their fundraising. UBC Red Cross raised $4036
- Assisted with Food Nutrition and Health committee with their booking for a bake sale. They raised $272.
- Assisted Gado-Gado UBC and Tzu Chi Foundation to share a table during Arts Week. The Tzu Chi Foundation raised $534 for one day.
- Currently, helping the Kung Fu UBC with a demo for Tsunami Relief on Friday January 21.
- Met with Students’ Initiative for Disaster Relief – provided support and promotion funding (~$40) to promote their benefit concert ‘Sounds of Solidarity’, Thursday January 27, Caprice Night Club

Ad-hoc GM Negotiating Communication

- Arranged for facilitated meeting with Executive and Mr. Bernie Peets.
- Re-instatement finalized. Press release issued to university officials, AMS staff, AMS Council and bought a 1/8 space in the Ubyssey.
- Will receive a summary from the facilitator on the session.

SASC

- Met with Jordana from SASC to discuss Food Bank Request for space.
- Discussed the possibility of creating an in-service training on the AMS harassment policy for AMS Service Coordinators.

IPF

- Completed IPF application for computer workstations for On-Line Tutoring service.
- Promoted IPF to AMS service staff. Assisted Volunteer Connections with Shinerama IPF.

Hong Kong Student Visit

- Holly Foxcroft and I met a group of student leaders and administration staff from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. We gave them a tour and discussed how HKUST could become a more diversified campus.

AMS Services

- Completed reference letters for AMS Marketing interns.
- Completed Co-op evaluation for Stephanie Mui.
- Held an Appreciation Dinner for UBC Festival of Lights volunteers
Speakeasy
- David Treleaven has resigned as Speakeasy Coordinator.
- They just finished their January training and the service is fully operational for this term.
- The Coordinator position has been posted and I expect the position to be filled shortly.

Tutoring
- Mandy Wong has been very busy the last two weeks hiring new tutors, training and scheduling tutors for term 2.
- The service started on January 17.
- Lynn Cheek will be organizing a Tsunami fundraiser for AMS tutoring

Mini-school
- The staff has been very busy promoting Mini-school. They are giving away free pop courtesy of the AMS/UBC event sponsorship fund. Can register for a draw for a 5 x $40 vouchers to Mini-school.
- 21 sections for 19 courses.

Joblink
- Very busy with 76 job postings since January 4, 2005.
- There will be a new UBC Careers website in February.
- The technical difficulties that they have been experiencing with their employer order form has increased their workload dramatically.
- Caitlin is in the interview process of the Internship program. Approximately, 90 students have applied for the program.

Safewalk
- The Safewalk team has been busy hiring and interviewing more Safewalkers for the second term.

Orientations
- Discussed the reorganization of AMS Orientations with the Executive Committee.
- Discussed possibility of eliminating having tours and focusing on collaboration with other orientations (Imagine, GALA, GSS and faculty orientations) to ensure that they have AMS content.
- Distribution of extra binders to assist student groups with Tsunami Disaster Relief Donations. Donated 2 boxes of binders to UBC Red Cross for their 30 hour famine.

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

SAC
- Resource Groups Open House finished today and was very successful - thank you Vy!
- The AMS Moustache Club held the AMS Elections Circus last Friday. We have a fabulous picture of Tim and Quinn kissing Spencer that we would be more than happy to share.
- PSFCSS space - SAC is currently talking with the Food Bank and the SASC about space allocations. Both services will be provided with suitable spaces as soon as possible. I’d like to commend Grant for the work he has done and clubs in getting this service established.

Renovations Planning Group
- Meeting being held tomorrow.

Impacts Committee
- I have had a difficult time determining dates - thanks to Patricia, Christine, Fred and Scott. Goodbye to Helen and Hugh, I have yet to hear from you since you nominated yourself to join Impacts.
- The eco-footprint project has begun.
Styrofoam alternatives are on their way.

**Ethical Purchasing Policy**
- I might be presenting an end of term status report on where the policy is at.
- I am scheduling a conference call between Oxfam, myself and the Workers Rights Consortium for next week.

**Anti-Violence Week**
- Work has begun on this project.

**Mural**
- Heather is working on the mural off campus. We are hoping to hold a casual installation ceremony at the end of the month, concurrent with the AMS permanent collection show at the Art Gallery. The Conversation Pit has gotten a lot of attention.

**Tuition**
- I will be offering assistance to the VP External on lobbying against impending tuition increases because tuition is a high priority.

**AMS Elections**
- I expressed my concern regarding the possibility of a dismal elections voter turnout. If anyone cares to, perhaps Council could add a Discussion Period topic, about 'preparing for a slate-free election'.

**F) Committee Reports:**

**GM Re-Hiring Advisory Committee - Grant Wong**
- Bernie’s back.
- Bernie met with the Executive in the presence of conflict resolution advisers.
- The cost of this episode, including the cost of three sets of lawyers, would be around $12,000.
- Recommended an ad hoc committee to deal with the issues that had been raised.
- Council may also want to create a permanent General Manager advisory committee.

**CASA Lobbying Report - Amina Rai**
- Amina Rai said she would send out the report by e-mail so it could be discussed at the next Council meeting. She did not expect a motion to come out of it.

**G) Constituency Reports:**

Phil Orchard - Graduate Student Society
Naomi Garrish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Dave Sidhu - Law Students Association
Lianne McLean - Arts Undergraduate Society
Sandra Gin - Education Student’s Association
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society - said they were in the market for a new building and it looked like they might get one.
Mike Long - Science Undergraduate Society
Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Chantal Lemire - Music Students’ Association
Clara King - VST
Kenneth Ryan - Medicine Undergraduate Society - said the new UBC distributed program had begun and there were now 24 UBC medical students in Victoria and another 24 in Prince George.
H) Board of Governors, Senate, and Ombudsperson Reports

Brian Duong - Board of Governors:
- Still working through TLEF applications. Meeting to be held on January 27th.
- Board of Governors Committee meetings are being held tomorrow.
- Met with Brian Sullivan on Monday regarding the Law Student’s tuition increase. Concerns that part of the increase is going towards a new building.
- Also working on the Athletics and Recreation fee.

Mia Amir - Board of Governors
- Tomorrow’s Board of Governors agenda was emailed to all Council members. Hope to see you all there.

Debbie Loo - Senate:
- Senate meeting being held at 7:00 pm tonight.
- Having pizza with Dr. Piper prior to the next Senate meeting in February.
- Still busy working on the Senate Handbook.

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson:
- The current stats are: 89 cases, 59 closed.
- Attended the Speakeasy training on Sunday.
- Attended the meeting of the Access and Diversity Committee and spoke on access issues affecting students.
- Handed out referral guides around campus.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated January 5, 2004 [SCD 298-005]
Minutes of Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee dated October 14, 2004 [SCD 299-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 15, 2004 [SCD 300-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 22, 2004 [SCD 301-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated May 13, 2004 [SCD 302-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 10, 2004 [SCD 303-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 17, 2004 [SCD 304-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated June 24, 2004 [SCD 305-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 14, 2004 [SCD 306-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 22, 2004 [SCD 307-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated July 29, 2004 [SCD 308-005]
Minutes of Primary Appointments Committee dated January 11, 2005 [SCD 309-005]

- Richard Davis asked why it took nine months to get Executive Committee minutes to Council.
- Amina Rai apologized. She said minutes were her worst thing. She noted that she did not have an assistant.
J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:  

"Be it resolved that Council approve in principle an agreement with Translink and the University of British Columbia for the implementation of a Summer Universal Transportation Pass (Summer U-Pass) program commencing on May 1, 2005 for the 2005 summer session and for subsequent summer sessions, as discussed.

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 Summer U-Pass agreement with Translink and the University.

And be it further resolved that Council endorse a _________ Summer U-Pass referendum campaign.

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

Holly Foxcroft said she had received a lot of input from students perplexed over there not being a Summer U-Pass. Now there was a plan for one; it was the culminating moment of a year’s negotiating with Translink and UBC.

2. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That ‘Yes’ be inserted in the blank.”

Quinn Omori said the U-Pass had been extremely popular, though unpopular to some. Its benefits to the environment outweighed the opposition.

Lyle McMahon asked if there were political concerns about funding if the AMS ran a Yes campaign.

Holly Foxcroft said she at first had thought that the AMS would be limited to $1,000 for a Yes committee if it took a side, but that is not so.

Dave Pelletier: Why take a Yes position? Why not leave it to the students to decide?

3. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED FRASER MCLAREN:

“That motion #1 be divided.” ... Carried

Dave Pelletier asked about the five weeks requirement.

Holly Foxcroft said Translink had not been amenable to splitting the summer session into terms. Five weeks was the compromise position. Students registering for courses of at least five weeks duration will receive the U-Pass for the whole four months of the summer session, and it will start when they register.

4. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

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to call a referendum to raise AMS fees in order to comply with the terms of the Summer U-Pass 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

5. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“Be it resolved that the Summer U-Pass referendum question read as follows:

‘I support the implementation of a summer Universal Transportation Pass (Summer U-Pass) program at a cost of $20.16 per month for 4 months (May through August) for students registered in the 2005 summer session and at a cost of $22.18 per month in subsequent summer sessions for students registered in those sessions.

Note 1: This cost will be added to the AMS fee paid by students registered in the summer session and will entitle those students 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 UBC TREK transportation programs.

Note 2: Under agreements with Translink and the University, the $22.18 per month cost is fixed through the 2008 summer session. There will not be an increase in the cost for summer students beyond $22.18 unless such an increase is approved through another referendum.

Note 3: The Summer U-Pass will be mandatory for all AMS members registered in the summer session for courses of at least five weeks duration, with certain limited exceptions.’ ”

6. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS, PHIL ORCHARD:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council remain in camera.” ... Carried

Council moved out of camera at 8:35 p.m.

- Dave Tompkins said he thought the $20.16 and $22.18 figures looked ugly. He preferred round numbers.
- Patricia Lau said if UBC won’t pay the difference, there will be a fair amount the AMS will have to pay out of its general funds and not from the new fee.
- Ian McKechnie said Engineering has a long history of verbal contracts not being fulfilled. This was a rare opportunity for the AMS to stand up for itself.
- Lyle McMahon: If we don’t have to make students pay, let’s not.
8. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

“That motion #5 be amended by striking $20.16 and replacing it with $20.00 and striking $22.18 and replacing it with $22.00.”

... Carried

9. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“Be it resolved that the Summer U-Pass referendum question read as follows:

‘I support the implementation of a summer Universal Transportation Pass (Summer U-Pass) program at a cost of $20.00 per month for 4 months (May through August) for students registered in the 2005 summer session and at a cost of $22.00 per month in subsequent summer sessions for students registered in those sessions.

Note 1: This cost will be added to the AMS fee paid by students registered in the summer session and will entitle those students 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 UBC TREK transportation programs.

Note 2: Under agreements with Translink and the University, the $22.00 per month cost is fixed through the 2008 summer session. There will not be an increase in the cost for summer students beyond $22.00 unless such an increase is approved through another referendum.

Note 3: The Summer U-Pass will be mandatory for all AMS members registered in the summer session for courses of at least five weeks duration, with certain limited exceptions.’

Noted: Abst. Lyle McMahon, Amina Rai ... Carried

10. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

Be it resolved that Council endorse a Yes Summer U-Pass referendum campaign.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“Whereas AMS members voted in favour of a U-Pass program in the referendum of February 2003; and

Whereas the cost of the U-Pass was fixed at $20 per student per month until April 2005; and

Whereas Translink now says that it requires a $2 per month increase in the price of the U-Pass in order to continue the U-Pass program; and

Whereas the university has assessed a handling fee on the collection and remittance of the U-Pass fees collected adding an additional 35 cents per month, and

Whereas under the terms of the 2003 referendum there can be no increase unless students approve it through another referendum,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve in principle an agreement with Translink and the University of British Columbia for the continuation of the winter session Universal

Transportation Pass (U-Pass) program at an increased cost of $22.35 per student.

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 U-Pass continuation agreement with Translink and the University.

And be it further resolved that Council endorse a _____________ U-Pass referendum campaign.

Note: The final continuation agreement will be brought before Council for approval following the referendum and a review by AMS Legal Counsel.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Holly Foxcroft said the U-Pass had been an overwhelming success; ridership was up 53%. Car emissions were down. Translink was promising to increase service.

12. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That motion #10 be tabled until after motion #4 on the addendum.” ... Carried

13. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“Be it resolved that the U-Pass continuation referendum question read as follows:

‘I support the continuation of the Universal Transportation Pass (U-Pass) program at a cost of $22.35 per month for eight months (September through April each year).

Note 1: This cost will be part of your 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 UBC TREK transportation programs.

Note 2: Under agreements with Translink and the University, the $22.35 per month cost is fixed until April 2008. There will not be an increase in the cost for students unless students approve such an increase through another referendum.

Note 3: The pass will be mandatory for all AMS members with certain limited exceptions.’”

Quinn Omori asked about the effect of changing the $22.35 to $22.

Stacey Chiu said it meant $57,000 would have to be found to pay for the first two years of the U-Pass. It would take a while to figure out where the money could come from.

Patricia Lau said that if UBC did not agree to pay, the AMS would be stuck.

Dave Tompkins: Let the Board of Governors raise UBC’s own fees.

14. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED PHIL ORCHARD:

“That motion #12 be amended by striking $22.35 and replacing it with $22.00.” ... Carried

15. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED CHRISTINE BOYLE:

“That motion #12 be amended by inserting the following:

‘Note 4: If the referendum receives a majority No vote or fails due to a lack of quorum (insufficient number of votes) the U-Pass Program will be
16. MOVED PHIL ORCHARD, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That motion #14 be amended by inserting the actual number of quorum.”

17. MOVED HUGH TURNER, SECONDED KAREN WARD:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

18. MOVED PHIL ORCHARD, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE:

“That motion #14 be amended by inserting the actual number of quorum.”

... Carried

19. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED CHRISTINE BOYLE:

“That motion #12 be amended by inserting the following:

‘Note 4: If the referendum receives a majority No vote or fails due to a lack of quorum (less than 4,000 Yes votes) the U-Pass Program will be terminated.’”

... Carried

20. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“Be it resolved that the U-Pass continuation referendum question read as follows:

‘I support the continuation of the Universal Transportation Pass (U-Pass) program at a cost of $22.00 per month for eight months (September through April each year).

Note 1: This cost will be part of your 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 UBC TREK transportation programs.

Note 2: Under agreements with Translink and the University, the $22.00 per month cost is fixed until April 2008. There will not be an increase in the cost for students unless students approve such an increase through another referendum.

Note 3: The pass will be mandatory for all AMS members with certain limited exceptions.

Note 4: If the referendum receives a majority No vote or fails due to a lack of quorum (less than 4,000 Yes votes) the U-Pass Program will be terminated.”

... Carried

21. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“Whereas AMS members voted in favour of a U-Pass program in the referendum of February 2003; and

Whereas the cost of the U-Pass was fixed at $20 per student per month until April 2005; and
Whereas Translink now says that it requires a $2 per month increase in the price of the U-Pass in order to continue the U-Pass program; and

Whereas the university has assessed a handling fee on the collection and remittance of the U-Pass fees collected adding an additional 35 cents per month, and

Whereas under the terms of the 2003 referendum there can be no increase unless students approve it through another referendum,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve in principle an agreement with Translink and the University of British Columbia for the continuation of the winter session Universal Transportation Pass (U-Pass) program at an increased cost of $22.35 per student.

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 U-Pass continuation agreement with Translink and the University.

And be it further resolved that Council endorse a _________ U-Pass referendum campaign.

Note: The final continuation agreement will be brought before Council for approval following the referendum and a review by AMS Legal Counsel.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

21. MOVED PHIL ORCHARD, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That motion #20 be amended by deleting

Whereas the university has assessed a handling fee on the collection and remittance of the U-Pass fees collected adding an additional 35 cents per month, and

And replacing $22.35 with $22.00.”

... Carried

22. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED HOLY FOXCROFT:

“That motion #21 be amended by inserting ‘Yes’ in the missing blank.”

... Carried

Stephanie Ryan expressed concern that the wording of the notes meant Translink could raise fees and force the AMS to go another referendum.

Holly Foxcroft: We have it in writing that they won’t.

23. MOVED HOLLY FOXCROFT, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

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Whereas the cost of the U-Pass was fixed at $20 per student per month until April 2005; and

Whereas Translink now says that it requires a $2 per month increase in the price of the U-Pass in order to continue the U-Pass program; and

Whereas under the terms of the 2003 referendum there can be no increase unless students
approve it through another referendum,

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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 U-Pass continuation agreement with Translink and the University.

And be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes U-Pass referendum campaign.

Note: The final continuation agreement will be brought before Council for approval following the referendum and a review by AMS Legal Counsel."

Note: Requires 2/3rds Carried

24. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL: [SCD 311-005]

“Be it resolved that, in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(a), Council direct the President to call a referendum on question number X:

‘Do you accept the proposed amendment to the AMS Bylaws to add a voting seat on Student Council for indigenous students?’"

Amina Rai said the voting seat for indigenous students was not just a want, but an essential need. As to the double representation argument, she said double representation already exists: there is a Law rep and also one of the Council Senators is from Law. First Nations students were an essential part of UBC as reflected in the University’s Trek 2010 document. Other student unions have taken a step towards opening up their Councils.

Ian McKechnie: Do only indigenous and international students have this essential need for a voting seat? A vote is not needed to make one’s voice heard at Council; to say that it is means expressing a lack of confidence in Council’s ability to listen and respond. Any student or group can come in and express their views to Council. There are many deserving groups; this proposal is giving these two and only these two the right to sit on Council. It would also change the fundamental democratic structure of Council. It was important to uphold a system that has worked well. He was against the special inclusion of specific groups.

Trevor Gilks asked about mechanisms.

Amina Rai said there is a mechanism in place to identify international students; it was more difficult for indigenous students. The idea was to use self-identification and the honour system.

Trevor Gilks: Until there’s a system, don’t open a seat.

Lyle McMahon said indigenous students have never appeared at Council except for one recent meeting. This could mean they are not interested, but he thought it was more that they were not sure they would be listened to. This would be a welcoming gesture, a pro-active step, recognizing the unfortunate history of First Nations people. He had been on bodies with such seats: e.g., the CFS, which had seats for queer students, women, mature students, and First Nations people, and there didn’t seem to be problems with a slippery slope. The move would simply be recognizing that some of these groups are disadvantaged. Indigenous students had no interest in being non-voting members; it was almost offensive to offer that.

Darren Peets said he had reservations because of the self-identifying mechanism. In theory a non-indigenous person could self-identify.
Chantal Lemire said that the worry that there would be a slippery slope leading to seats for women, mature students, etc. should not be a worry. It would be great to have all those representatives.

Mia Amir: First Nations students have not come to this room. First Nations people did not have the right to vote until the 20th century. The AMS is on Musqueam territory and yet does not even recognize that when beginning its Council meetings. First Nations students have undergone marginalization which many others cannot relate to and will not experience.

Lianne McLean said the proposal would mean some students might be able to vote three times: for instance, a Maori from New Zealand would be able to vote as an indigenous student, as an international student, and as a student in a specific Constituency.

Brenda Ogembo said it would be trivializing the situation to offer a non-voting seat.

Dave Tompkins said Regent College and the VST had non-voting seats and were able to provide perspective and input.

25. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED TREvor GIlKS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...

26. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED IAN MCKECHNIE, HUGH TURNER:

“That Council call for a secret ballot vote.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...

27. MOVED AMINA Rai, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“Be it resolved that, in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(a), Council direct the President to call a referendum on question number X:

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... Carried

28. MOVED AMINA Rai, SECONDED BRENDA OGEmBO:

“Be it resolved that, in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(a), Council direct the President to call a referendum on question number Y:

‘Do you accept the proposed amendment to the AMS Bylaws to add a voting seat on Student Council for international students?’”

Amina Rai said she had felt intimidated when she first came to a Council meeting. That is how international students feel, but if they had a vote, they would feel empowered. International students are different from others: they pay higher tuition and are treated differently. There is a disconnect between them and the AMS. It was important for them to sit at the table; they had a need, not a want.

Joel McLaughlin: Martin Luther King Day had just been celebrated in the United States. Martin Luther King’s vision, in his famous “I Have a Dream” speech, was that his children be judged not by the colour of their skin, but by their character. These proposals were setting that aside and judging by skin colour.

Chantal Lemire: Point of Personal Privilege: Being aboriginal is not about skin colour. Much applause from Council members.

Joel McLaughlin: If we are talking of intimidation, it is intimidation when someone is shouted
down for making a comment from a different perspective. It is difficult to advocate a point of view when others say if you're a good person or a progressive, you'll vote the other way. International students make up 40% of the current Executive. He was not sure how many Council members were international students because he doesn't judge people by that. The proper forum to run through to get to Council is the Constituencies. There is no real barrier to run for Arts seats; there are not even enough candidates to fill the seats available.

The Speaker said he had not responded to the original point of personal privilege because Joel McLaughlin had already done so. But he wanted to say a few things: Council is a democratic body, which meant two things, first that the majority prevails through votes, but second that the minority has to be allowed to make its case; there are rules to protect that. He was concerned about the violence of the response in support of the point of privilege. He said some people who use language about oppression and people being silenced are the same people who usurp the floor and heckle. He asked Council members to be aware that there were people in the room who might have views that others found distasteful; he said members should strive to create an environment where the minority feels comfortable expressing its views.

Quinn Omori: The majority view here is the minority view outside.

Holly Foxcroft said putting an international student on Council would create an opportunity to work with a group of students Council normally does not work with.

Lyle McMahon said Martin Luther King's vision was all about equality and being inclusive. He referred to the number of white males on Council and said the demographic in Council chambers was not reflective of the demographic of the campus. He was, just barely, an international student himself, being American. He spoke English as his first language. Other international students felt much more disoriented coming to UBC. There was an obligation to make them feel welcome; they have unique issues. Even though two of the five members of the Executive were international students, they still hadn't had enough time or energy to devote to international issues. This suggested the need for international students to have their own representative.

29. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

30. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

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... Carried

31. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the meeting be extended until 11:00 p.m.”... Carried

32. MOVED KAREN WARD, SECONDED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN:

“That Council adjourn at 10:10 p.m. for a five minute recess.”... Carried

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 p.m.

33. MOVED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:
“That the agenda be amended to include the following motion:

‘Whereas the AMS is committed to diversity of opinion;

Whereas conservative students on AMS Council are vastly under-represented; and

Whereas with the impending retirement of Joel McLaughlin, conservative students at UBC will no longer have a strong voice advocating for them; 

Be it resolved that Council draft a proposed bylaw amendment to create a voting seat on AMS Council for one conservative student representative, elected by and from the active members of the Society who self-identify as conservative.”

Note: Abst. Brenda Ogembo, Lyle McMahon, Christine Boyle ... Carried

C) Presentations to Council: Continued

SASC - Lisa Lafreniere/Jordana Deveau [SCD 312-005]

Lisa Lafreniere:
- Half of all women and one-third of all men will suffer sexualized violence in their lifetimes.
- Majority of assaults in 18-24 age group, the dominant age on campus.
- Another factor encouraging assault: alcohol and drug use, which happens on campus.
- Other student societies have $2 per student for sexual assault centres, even though some of those campuses are significantly smaller.

Jordana Deveau:
- SASC had 93 information or support sessions in its first year, 143 in its second year, and already 104 halfway through this, its third year.
- 60% of clients come again.
- Gaps in service: not open full-time, problems of access and responding, strain on communicating with other services.
- Would like to reach out to graduate students, international students, male survivors.
- Would like to produce foreign language pamphlets.

Lisa Lafreniere:
- Increasing the funding would allow full-time hours (9-5).
- Also looking into developing a resource library, creating support groups, doing more preparatory work in the summer.

Questions:
- Dave Tompkins: Why not ask for more?
- Lisa Lafreniere said they were trying to be fair. Jordana Deveau said they were comparing to other campuses.
- Ian McKechnie: What amount does UBC contribute?
- Lisa Lafreniere: Zero.
- Ian McKechnie: What efforts are being made to get them to contribute?
- Lisa Lafreniere: There are barriers on the other end. SASC is willing, and has worked with front-line workers.
- Amina Rai said the University is reluctant to admit there is a problem on this campus.
- Brenda Ogembo: UBC sees things differently. We have not really gone down that road for funding.
- Karen Ward: Is $1 more enough?
- Lisa Lafreniere: We’re an infant service, so don’t have many past figures to project from.
Not sure how much SASC will grow. The $1 figure is a conservative estimate.

Trevor Gilks: The more money you ask for, the more likely the referendum is to fail. Students will also be voting for more money to U-Pass.

J) **Executive Committee Motions:** Continued

34. MOVED BRENDA OGE Между, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“Whereas most people who are sexually assaulted are between the ages of 18 — 24 which represents a significant demographic of our campus; and

Whereas during the first Sexual Assault Support Services referendum, students voted overwhelmingly in favor of contributing a dollar per student towards establishing a sexual assault support services fund; and

Whereas the amount of students accessing the current Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) has steadily increased since its inception, and most notably usage of the SASC has increased by a third since last year; and

Whereas the SASC has established itself as an well recognized, integral, and necessary centre for our community well being; and

Whereas there is an increased demand for SASC services that cannot be fulfilled due to inadequate funding;

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 increase the funding for 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, to increase the funding for the sexual assault support services fund.”

Note: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in the Sexual Assault Support Services 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.’

And be it further resolved that Council endorse a Yes campaign in favor of this question.”

Brenda Ogembo said SASC is an important service.

Holly Foxcroft raised the issue of assaults on buses and at the bus loop.

Lyle McMahon said students are paying $15 for CPAC, fifteen times what they’re paying for sexual assault support.

35. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That motion #34 be amended by striking $1 and replacing it with $2.”

... Carried

Ian McKechnie said UBC should provide matching funding.

36. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:
“That motion #34 be amended to read:

‘I support an increase in my AMS fee of $2 a year, refundable upon request, to increase the funding for the sexual assault support services fund and call upon UBC to match this amount.’

... Carried Unanimously

37. MOVED STACEY CHIU, SECONDED CHANTAL LEMIRE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

38. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

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40. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

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Joel McLaughlin, speaking half tongue-in-cheek, but half seriously: Conservative students are a minority on campus, but there are more of us than you think. Alternative views are not respected; he’s had petitions torn up, been called fascist, sexist, racist, Nazi; at a rally last year, conservative signs were ripped down; conservative demonstrators were pushed around, intimidated. It’s difficult for some students to express their views without being branded racist, etc. For the most part, he’d seen nothing but respect at Council, but outside it’s different. This was his last Council meeting and it had been an honour to serve.

Dave Tompkins said he would rather appoint a non-voting conservative.

42. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“That motion #41 be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that Council appoint a non-voting member of Council for students who self-identify as conservative’.”

Brenda Ogembo said there was an inherent difference between conservatives and the other two groups. The proposal was problematic. There might already be conservative members on Council.

Christine Boyle suggested extending a warm welcome to any member of the Young Conservatives who wished to attend Council.

43. MOVED CHRISTINE BOYLE, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

44. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:
“That motion #41 be amended to read:

‘Be it resolved that Council appoint a non-voting member of Council for students who self-identify as conservative’.”

... Defeated

Quinn Omori: What was the mechanism for choosing this conservative representative? Could there not be double representation as a result? Would this not undermine the democratic structure of Council? And what about the slippery slope? If a seat were set aside for conservatives, would there not then have to be seats set aside for left-wing students, moderates, and worst of all, federal Liberals?

45. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED FREDERICK CHENG:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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... Defeated

47. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

“That the agenda be amended to include the following motion”

‘Whereas the University Boulevard Neighbourhood Plan was passed by UBC’s Board of Governors over widespread objection; and

Whereas the concerns of campus constituencies were not addressed; and

Whereas the current architectural competition will decide the future direction of the neighbourhood, perhaps irreversibly;

Be it resolved that, in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(a), Council direct the President to call a referendum to establish the level of support for the Neighbourhood Plan,

Be it further resolved that the question read as follows:

‘Do you support the proposed development for University Boulevard?’

Darren Peets called for an opinion poll referendum question on the University Boulevard proposal, like the one done a few years before on legalizing marijuana.

Lyle McMahon asked if students would know enough to vote.

Brenda Ogembo said a formal poll carries weight.
Quinn Omori said a referendum question, with a Yes or No answer, would not be helpful from a lobbying standpoint. He said students would vote No.

Brian Duong said such a simple question would not carry weight. It would be like asking students if they were in favour of tuition increases.

48. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED RICHARD DAVIS:

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‘Do you support the proposed development for University Boulevard?"

Note: Abst. Lyle McMahon ... Defeated

49. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.” ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

50. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU:

“That Council appoint the following members to Student Court on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee for a term commencing January 11th, 2005 and ending May 1st, 2005:

Arun Mohan - Chief Justice
Lori Massini - Student Court Judge
Anna Sekunova - Student Court Judge

Brenda Ogembo said the appointments committee was not able to have quorum because several of its members were running in the election and did not want to compromise the elections by taking part in the hiring of someone who might be adjudicating election appeals.

Ian McKechnie asked if these appointments would fill the court.

Brenda Ogembo: No, five judges are needed for that, but only one is needed to chair elections appeal committees.

51. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU:

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Note: Abst: Richard Davis, Darren Peets, Scott Price ... Carried

52. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED KAREN WARD:

“That Council appoint ____________ to represent the AMS on the UBC VP Research Search Committee.”

53. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED AMINA RAI:

“That motion #52 be amended to read:

“That the AMS delegate the appointment of ____________ to represent the AMS on the UBC VP Research Search Committee to the GSS.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business, including Notices of Motion:

54. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN:

“Whereas the actions that the AMS Executive took following their decision to fire AMS General Manager Bernie Peets were inappropriate and unprofessional; and

Whereas these actions could have exposed the Society to costly litigation; and

Whereas these actions displayed a lack of trust for the body that is AMS Council; and

Whereas this lack of trust undermines the proper functioning of the Society; and

Whereas, while there is no evidence of ill intent on the part of individual members of the Executive, these actions are unbefitting of an AMS Executive;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society officially apologize to Mr. Bernie Peets for any embarrassment that he has unduly suffered because of these actions”.

A question was raised about whether the AMS had already apologized, making the motion redundant and out of order. The Speaker ruled it in order.

55. MOVED QUINN OMORI:

“That motion #54 be postponed indefinitely.”

... Failed due to lack of a seconder

56. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED JOEL MCLAUGHLIN:

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... Carried

Bernie Peets thanked Council for inviting him back. He knew it had not been pleasant for Council to go through all that. He hoped in time its trust would be rewarded.

P) Discussion:

Okanagan Student Union - Amina Rai

Amina Rai reported that the student society at the new Okanagan campus of UBC has proposed to call themselves the UBC Student Union. She expressed her disappointment over this and over their lack of consultation with her. She said if they adopt this name, it will be a logistical nightmare, with people thinking they are us. She found it quite disrespectful. She had asked them if they could call themselves UBC-Okanagan, but they said they were not a “colonized university.”

Richard Davis said he was very disheartened. When people think of UBC, they will think Vancouver, not a satellite campus in Kelowna. When government leaders see a letter from the UBC Student Union, they will think it is from the AMS. He was quite willing to have the AMS take any action, including legal action. Perhaps a compromise could be worked out: UBC-Vancouver and UBC-Okanagan.

Ian McKechnie said the Okanagan action was very unfriendly. He hoped they knew the AMS was upset. It was not the way to start a relationship. The two groups had a lot to benefit from each other, but it was a bad first step for them to steal our name. The AMS already had enough trouble branding itself. He hoped Barry McBride would say their proposal does not fit the UBC template. The AMS should fight this at all possible costs.

Patricia Lau said she would like to refrain from legal action. That would be a horrible way to start a relationship. She thought speaking to Barry McBride would be best.
Course Management Systems - Gavin Dew

Gavin Dew said there was a time-sensitive issue about the proposed upgrade to UBC’s WebCT program, a program used by many students and one thought to enhance the academic environment. Students care about this and want improvements. The system will be inadequate in a few years, a disaster.

Brenda Ogembo said Council should be cognizant of the repercussions of supporting a $3.5 million initiative. It could lead to tuition increases. UBC will proceed anyway without AMS support.

Gavin Dew said UBC will not necessarily proceed. There is resistance in the University. Student support is very valuable.

58. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED BRIAN DUONG:

“Whereas the University’s Course Management System (WebCT) is a core academic resource and a mission critical system, used by 30,000 students yearly in 900 courses;

Whereas WebCT usage has shown massive increases and will likely continue in this trend;

Whereas the current version being utilized is inadequate and overloaded, and vendor support will be significantly scaled back in the near future;

Whereas both students and faculty rely upon WebCT but, while supportive of the system, are frustrated by its current limitations;

Whereas an implementation project for an improved CMS has been piloted and is in the budgetary proposal phase;

Be it resolved that Council support this project and lobby the university to do the same.”

59. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED KAREN WARD:

“That motion #58 be tabled until the next Council meeting.” ... Carried

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Be it resolved that Council support this project and lobby the university to do the same.”

... Tabled

Q) Submissions:

Statement to Council on behalf of Canadian Red Cross [SCD 314-005]

R) Next Meeting:
The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

61. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:05 a.m.” ... Carried

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic & University Affairs

BAO:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Chris Baitz, James Heras, Josh McNorton (Volunteer Services), Anthony Woo, Jessica Klug (VP External elect), Jordie Yow (CiTR), Yuk-Sing Cheng (SEC), Neil Braun, Robert Cross (Engineering), Jennifer Ross, Jesse Marchand, Sarah Bourdon (The Ubyssey), Paul Sutton (AMS Safety Coordinator), Linda Ong (Marketing and Promotions Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), David Andersson, Daren Peets (Graduate Studies), Manj Sidhu (VP Admin elect), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

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:

C) Presentations to Council:

Pride - David Anderson, Pride Co-Chair
< 25th anniversary Out week next week
< Events include flagraising (the Pride flag)

Financial Projections - Stacey Chiu [SCD 315-005]
< So far the AMS is on budget
< Business operations are achieving their overall commitment
< Coke deal expiring this year; AMS will be losing $160,000 annually from that
< New Coke deal being discussed; currently with Dr. Piper
< The AMS can sustain its services over the next two years even without Coke sponsorship

Questions

< Christine Boyle asked about the discretionary funds.
< Stacey Chiu: Nothing will be put into the discretionary funds for the next two years.
< Lyle McMahon noted that any new Coke deal will have to adhere to the new Ethical Purchasing Policy. There are three options: a) Coke could go along with the policy; b) the AMS could drop or reword the policy to accommodate Coke; c) the AMS could turn down a new Coke deal.
< Jeff Potter asked about sponsorship.
< Stacey Chiu: Now being handled by the Marketing and Promotions Coordinator instead of through the Events Department.
< Jeff Potter noted the reliance of Constituencies on sponsorship.
< Stacey Chiu said partnerships can be worked out with Constituencies to avoid overlap.

Ad Hoc Hiring Review Report - Brenda Ogembo and Josh McNorton [SCD 316-005]
< Currently a lack of training for those doing the hiring (VP Academic, members of Appointments committees) and for the Compensation Review Committee
< Recommending the hiring of a permanent, part-time HR person to train the Executive, the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, the Service Coordinators, etc.
< Funding is a matter of priorities, deciding where to spend our money
< Recommending a restructuring of Appointments committees; HR adviser to be non-voting consultant on these committees
< Recommending earlier preparation and signing of contracts
Questions:
< Dave Tompkins: Is the intention to have the HR person in place before the new hiring this spring?
< Brenda Ogembo: The sooner, the better, but even if done soon, they will not be fulfilling their role to the fullest this spring.
< Jeff Potter questioned the idea of having current position holders sit as voting members on Appointments committees choosing their successors. He said it would bias the hiring.
< Josh McNorton: Traditionally these people have sat on the committees, though not as voting members. He didn’t think one past officeholder would bias a whole committee.
< Patricia Lau asked about the cost of hiring an HR person and about whether one would be easy to find.
< Amina Rai said there are lots of HR issues involving service coordinators and staff; it was essential to have a permanent HR person.
< Brenda Ogembo: A full-time HR person would cost between $30,000 and $60,000 in salary. The AMS would aim for someone in the midrange, which would be $45,000 if full-time, but on a part-time basis that would be $22,500. Office costs would raise the total expense to $30,000 or $35,000.
< Bernie Peets said there is a job site for HR and there is a fair-sized pool of people who could fill this role. But a part-time HR person would be working more than half-time, so the total cost would probably be $40,000 or $45,000.
< Gavin Dew said he found the committee restructuring idea disturbing because it seemed to be codifying mediocrity by reducing the number of people who would have to attend meetings.
< Brenda Ogembo said it was good for Code to be as close to reality as possible. The aim was to make it reflect practice. Also, large committees are not good for interviews anyway: they make candidates nervous.

D) President’s Remarks:
< I was sick last week and I have not completely recovered so my report will be briefer than normal. Firstly I’d like to congratulate all the individuals who have been elected in their positions as executive members, BoG reps and Student Senators. I would particularly like to congratulate Spencer Keys, the blushing bride, for his presidency win. Since the election results I have been working to transition Spencer and will continue to do so for this month. Spencer has also show great initiative by meeting with students and staff and learning more about the internal dealings of the AMS. The elected executive will be going on a retreat that has yet to be finalized and the outgoing/incoming executive will be meeting later next week to go through issues in general with thorough discussion on particular topics. Currently Spencer is utilizing the Policy Advisor office - anyone interested in meeting to talk to him can find him in that office.
< The Policy Advisor job posting has been put up on www.charityvillage.com. If anyone knows someone who is interested in the position, please direct them to the job posting on that website, the Vancouver Sun and the AMS website.
< Tim, Quinn, Spencer, Mia and I met to formulate a letter to the Provincial Government stating support and encouragement for the $50 million. Thanks to Quinn, Spencer and Tim.
< AVP International:
I am currently sitting on the selection committee for the AVP International. This week I met one on one with the head hunters and answered questions that would provide feedback to the committee in determining the best profile for the position. The selection of this person will take about 4-5 months. If any councillors have any input or feedback about the AVP International, please provide me with any comments and suggestions.
< Tsunami:
Meeting with clubs and administration. I had a meeting with the University Fund members and strategized methods of holding a united tsunami campaign. I’ve also been asked by Nancy Toogood, the Food and Beverage Manager, to read out the following press release.

< Referendum:
Much of my time this week has been focused on the referendum. I met with ISA and ISU for a meeting on Monday and also attended meetings at International House and First Nations Log House to move to centralize the efforts of campaigning.

< Equity Office:
Realities of Race. Meeting with Jennifer Lau and Spencer Keys to discuss realities of race and the future of ARAC. Letter to provincial government. Thanks to Tim, Quinn and Spencer.

< Africa Awareness:
I spoke at an event at African Awareness and made the opening remarks for the event. I would like to congratulate Brenda Ogembo and Veronica Fynn for their amazing work.

C) Presentations to Council:

Election Report – Anthony Waldron
< Uneventful election; no appeals; no penalties, just warnings
< No significant change in turnout as a result of banning slates
< More work overseeing a multitude of independent campaigns rather than a few slate campaigns
< More resources needed
< Lack of resources created frustrations and morale problems: “We couldn’t get our job done, and you hated us for not doing our job.”
< Perhaps elections should be farmed out to an independent body

Questions
< Lyle McMahon asked about turnout.
< Anthony Waldron: Not significantly different from last year; down 1 percent.
< Lyle McMahon: Can anything be done to increase it?
< Anthony Waldron: Increasing the length of the campaign might help, though it would be hard on candidates.
< Stacey Chiu: What additional resources are needed?
< Anthony Waldron: Primarily computers.
< Darren Peets: Why did polls close at 5 pm?
< Anthony Waldron: He was strictly following the Code requirement of one week of voting and polls opened at 5 pm. Didn’t see point of opening and closing at midnight. Perhaps Code should be amended to allow more flexibility.

E) Executive Remarks:

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration

First allow me to introduce my successor, Manj Sidhu who has been in SAC for two years and knows her clubs well. Welcome Manj! We counted recently that we have constituted 38 clubs this year which brings us up over 300 subsidiaries. Today we constituted the Cannabis Culture Club, my new favourite.

< Next Week:
Meeting to discuss Resource Groups Organizer/Librarian. Employee position paid for by themselves - don’t worry.

**< Impacts Committee:**
Nothing new. Keeping it real. Ethical Purchasing Policy lobbying teleconference this morning at 8:00 am with WRC and Oxfam UBC. Jess Klug and Manj Sidhu will be picking up these negotiations. The University is trying to stall me out of office but we are trying to find a meeting before March.

**< Renovations Planning Group:**
We meet tomorrow and have invited the Food Co-Op to discuss the Food Co-Op budget oversight. We also discussed a new display case for the Great Trekker, plus old projects.

Other than that I’ve been working hard to save your U-Pass, get funding for the SASC and seats for the Indigenous and International Students. Lastly the Resource Groups are interested in holding a pre-emptive tuition increase party after the budget drops.

Brenda Ogembo - VP Academic

**< Africa Awareness:**
I gave a keynote Address at the symposium opening ceremony on 24\textsuperscript{th} January as the co-chair for the Board of Africa Awareness. A symposium was held between 24-28\textsuperscript{th} where I hosted one of the sessions and everything was free for students. Conference was held on 28-30\textsuperscript{th} and it had multiple plenary sessions discussion various aspects of Africa. Congratulations to Veronica Fynn and all the others who have worked very hard to see this through! The total funding that we received for the project was 27,000 from the TLEF, Arts and VP Students Office as well as myself. We got a lot of support in kind from restaurants and cafes and individuals within the community. Overall there were 32 speakers, 16 of whom were African, We raised about $1000 for Zimbabwe which was the group that we were fundraising for an Orphanage in Zimbabwe.

**< African Studies Minor:**
At the opening ceremony of the conference on January 28\textsuperscript{th} Dean Gallini mentioned that they were looking into the possibility of creating an African Studies minor program. The university is finally responding to the pressure of Africa Awareness and the lobbying efforts for the African Studies Department. The Dean met on Monday with Associate dean to discuss the possibilities of having and interdisciplinary minor in African studies for Sept 2005, and will be consulting with UBC Africa Network and other students including myself on Feb 8\textsuperscript{th} on how to implement the program.

**< Referenda:**
Promoting the Referenda for the SASC, UPass, Indigenous Students and International Students all week including doing classroom talks, poster and handing out flyers.

**< Ad-hoc Hiring Review:**
Also had the Ad-Hoc Hiring Review Committee meeting on the 28\textsuperscript{th} of January and we concluded the report that has been submitted to council. Thank you very much to all involved in the process.

**< Campus Development:**
Following council meeting on Wednesday, I made a 5 minute presentation to the Properties and Planning Committee of the Board of Governors on January 20\textsuperscript{th} 2005. In the presentation, I brought to light the fact that the webpoll system did not allow for sufficient input from the community as to the rationale behind their options. The board was quite receptive about the ideas, and on Friday, January 21\textsuperscript{st} 2005 at the U Town Steering
Committee meeting, Dennis Pavlich pointed out that they would indeed be adding a fourth option to the 3 poll questions and this would be none of the above. While this does not address all of the concerns in terms of allowing people to comment on the plan as a whole, it does allow for those who do not support the designs or the plan to express this.

< Speakeasy:
The Speakeasy Coordinator resigned and to fill up the position left by the former assistant coordinator, I conducted interviews for Speakeasy assistant coordinator. I am happy to announce that Christine Arnold is the new Speakeasy assistant coordinator.

< HR Issues:
I met with the Ombudsperson to discuss some HR issues on January 27th and January 31st.

< University Commission:
University Commission met on Monday, January 31st and passed 2 motions that will be presented to Council regarding International Students and WebCT. UCom also held a volunteer appreciation dinner on January 31st.

< TEI:
I met with Dan Yokum from Senate to discuss the TEI and partnerships between the AMS and student senators on the initiative.

< International Students Initiative:
I met with Don Wehrung the Executive Director of the International Students Initiative within the university to discuss lobbying efforts with the university as regards international students. Also present was the International Students Coordinator Esther Maunze.

< Safewalk:
I met with Grant and Jenny the Safewalk Coordinator to discuss the financial status of Safewalk and lobbying efforts on February 1st.

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance

Congratulations to all who ran in the past elections.

< Transition:
Kevin Keystone and I have been steadily working on transition. He has been shadowing me and attending meetings with me.

< Fincom:
I have had meetings with all of my commissioners to discuss progress thus far and goals for the remainder of their terms. We gave out funding to the Masala Club’s Dance Competition and Circle K to attend a National Kiwanis Club conference.

< BOC:
Discussed updates for the DVD Machine and ABM. Patch Computers should be opening up shortly.

< Marketing Students:
I have been contacted by several groups of Marketing students wanting to conduct research and strategize for promotion. There will be a group working on the DVD machine and Minischool.

< Fundraising:
Coreen, Bernie, Kevin, and I met to discuss Sigma Tao Chi. We will also be meeting tomorrow morning with Film Soc to discuss the Norm Theatre Project, which is the AMS’ first big fundraising kick off.

< Walter Gage:
Met on Tuesday, January 25th. We are still waiting to receive confirmation of another student being able to sit on the committee.

< AMS Hoodies:
I am taking orders for AMS hoodies until Friday. They are $40 each if you would like one, please come see me.

Holly Foxcroft - VP External

< U-Pass Referendum:
- worked on U-Pass materials
- co-facilitated a volunteer meeting at which time campaign materials were disbursed
- started campaigning Friday - since that time we have had a very positive response
- already 8,000 U-Pass leaflets have been distributed and almost 3,000 lollipops
- many independent emails have been circulating and at this point 85% of students are aware of the U-Pass referendum, with the majority saying they have already voted.
- forum at noon in the Conversation Pit with Bill Lambert (Translink) and Catherine McCure (Coast Mountain Bus Company)
- we have been giving out free coffee every morning near the diesel busloop and it has been very successful
- there have been problems with webvote which I hope do not compromise the referendum - we have been encouraging people to keep trying.

< U-Pass Handling Fees:
- followed up with Geoff Atkins - he said he would work on something.
- requested to present to BoG and was denied
- spoke with President Piper about the U-Pass handling fee
- President Piper brought up the matter with Brian Sullivan and Michelle Aucoin
- the University was surprised to hear about our concerns via the route they did
- at the request of Michelle Aucoin I have drafted a letter outlining concerns that council brought up at the last meeting. I have brought the letter here today and would appreciate your feedback in the discussion period.

< Tuition:
- Phil Orchard and I have a meeting tomorrow with Ida Chong, Minister of Advanced Education to discuss TUPC’s request of $50 million and also to discuss the $8 million that UBC is underfunded.

< Transition:
- Jess Klug and I have agreed that her transition will take place after the U-Pass Referendum as we are both heavily involved.

Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

Tsunami Relief Coordination:
< Assisted the Kung-fu Club, UBC Red Cross, UBC Dance and Dance Horizons with a demo fundraiser by arranging for bookings and AV. They raised $470.00 for the Red Cross.
AMS Food Bank:
< Met with SASC and Lyle to discuss space allocation for AMS Food Bank and SASC. The AMS Food Bank will be located in the old SASC offices once they move.
< Met with Michael Kingsmill to discuss health, safety and logistical challenges of the placement of the AMS Food Bank.
< Met with Ismaili Students Association, UBC Red Cross and Imagine UBC to create a stock the AMS Food Bank food drive and to plan logistics (i.e. buying shelves, food, food donation bins, etc..) for opening up the food bank
< The goal is to have a food drive and sorting during reading week and to attempt to open up the week after reading week

ECSS Transition:
< Met with Gavin Dew to discuss current projects of the ECSS (i.e. Academic Success Partnership, Online Tutoring, AMS Food Bank, AMS Orientations proposed reorganization)
< Noted to GM and VP academic that current job description of ECSS listing 35 hours/week does not reflect the description in AMS code of 30 hours/week

Institute for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISoTL):
< Attended the ISoTL network dinner where they discussed community service learning.
< It was great opportunity to discuss how to improve AMS tutoring. Moreover, I was able to discuss and lobby for the Academic Success Partnership TLEF

Ad-Hoc Hiring Committee:
< Wrote feedback to the comm. and new executive with some serious concerns and feedback on the recommendation of the creation of a Part Time Human Resources person.

AMS Services:
< Working on the organization of an in service training on the AMS Harassment Policy where SASC will discuss and present on the issue. Service coordinators, assistant coordinators, advocates, Safewalk Team Leaders and Speakeasy Group Leaders invited.
< It was brought to my attention by some service coordinators that I am a poor listener and sometimes insensitive to their needs. I am working to improve communication with my fellow coordinators.

Advocacy:
< To date the AMS Advocacy Office has assisted 130 students – this figure is up 9% from last year. In particular, the office has made arguments before the President’s Advisory Committee regarding Turnitin.com and the lack of notice about the program or the fact that students are not suppose to be required to submit works to it. The result was that the Committee chose to give the student a letter of reprimand rather than the typical suspension.
< As well, the Advocacy Office has had a significant increase in the number of Senate Appeals – in particular, appeals as a result of Academic Standing are up nearly 14%.

Speakeasy:
< We conducted interviews for the assistant Speakeasy Coordinator position. Anisa Mottahed is the new Speakeasy Coordinator and Christine Arnold is the new assistant Speakeasy Coordinator.
< They are working together to increase promotion for Speakeasy emphasizing the peer counseling aspect of the service
Working on year end dinner

Mini-school:
< Busy planning year end Beer & Wine Festival
< Registrations are going well. Mini-school may make money this year. Exotic pole
dancing and wine tasting have full registrations.

Tutoring:
< Drop in math tutoring very busy. Trying to address the very dirty working conditions
in the tutoring space. I met with Jane Berry to try to get the house staff to clean the
area before the service opens
< Contacted ISoTL to seek assistance in creating evaluation tools for AMS Tutoring

Joblink:
< 146 posting so far this month – beating last years total
< Job Fair on March 21-22 – lots of work to do
< Anthony trained for resume consult, cover letters and mock interviews
< Caitlin is meeting regularly with Careers Services to prepare for new website of
Careers Online
< 55 interviews for internship – 22 accepted into the program
< IPF grant application for internship program next year

Safewalk:
< Completed Library IPF for extended hours
< Planning a Karaoke Social
< To meet with Parking and Security to discuss shuttles and promotions of service

F) Committee Reports:

CASA Lobbying - Amina Rai

Ad Hoc Hiring Committee Report - Brenda Ogembo

P) Discussion Period:

U-Pass Handling Fee - Holly Foxcroft
< Holly Foxcroft said UBC’s Michelle Aucoin expressed shock at not being informed
about the AMS position at the UBC-AMS liaison meetings.

Okanagan Students’ Name - Amina Rai
< Amina Rai said the Okanagan students had gone ahead and changed their name
to “UBC Students Union.”
< Patricia Lau asked if Barry McBride, the head of UBC Okanagan, had been
contacted.
< Amina Rai said a letter had been sent to him.
< Quinn Omori said this might be a short-term annoyance, but he didn’t see it as a big
issue in the long term.
< Dave Tompkins said the AMS should have trademarked the name. Action should
still be taken under the Society Act.
< Karen Ward said the Society Act forbids causing confusion through a name.
< Patricia Lau: We shouldn’t sue, but this is important. It will be confusing to incoming
students.
< Spencer Keys: It’s important to make sure there’s a clear delineation between us
and them. Other organizations and the public won’t know the difference. And we
should acknowledge that we don't represent UBC-Okanagan students. He looked forward to negotiations.

< Quinn Omori: There are far more important issues affecting the two student bodies.

Campaign Finances - Karen Ward

< Karen Ward said the reimbursement system put low-income students at a disadvantage. They need the money advanced to them up front.

< Lyle McMahon said it's an issue of access. Some students without money have to cut down or stop campaigning.

< Spencer Keys said the Code and Policies Committee had looked at a proposal for election loans to low-income students, but in the past the AMS had tried a loan system and there had been a high default rate, so the election loan system had not been pursued. He was sure the chair of Code and Policies would look into it, though.

< Karen Ward said the problem was especially acute now that there were no slates.

< Scott Price suggested using accounts at Copyright.

< Holly Foxcroft said perhaps there could be something like the Initiatives Fund. She said it is hard for a student to work at a job, go to class, and also campaign.

< Quinn Omori: Council, not the Elections Committee, should set the expenditures level. Council needs to take more initiative in promoting elections, but the rules need to be tightened. It's too easy to cook the books on a campaign, saying you spent money on elections when it was really on beer.

< Grant Wong said one candidate had won in the past election by spending only $20. He said Council might not want to encourage more posterizing, but perhaps should go more electronic.

< Gavin Dew said there was a sustainability issue. Also, posters were the least effective means of advertising.

< Holly Foxcroft said the issue was access. There could be something like the U-Pass Subsidy Committee, which finds it easy to see if students are on student loans.

< Karen Ward: January is a crucial time of year. Loans don't kick in till then.

G) Constituency Reports:

Gavin Dew - Arts Undergraduate Society
Sandra Gin - Education Students Association
Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society
David Williams - Regent College
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Zoe Ahking - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society - Even though the faculty is changing its name, the Constituency will still be the Agriculture Undergraduate Society and the students still want to be known as Aggies.
Phil Orchard - Graduate Students Society - The GSS passed a motion saying the AMS should not be charged U-Pass handling fees.
Jitesh Mistry (for David Sidhu) - Law Students Association - The Law students' social organization is merging with the governing body (the Law Students Association) to form a new body called the Law Students Society.
Karen Wong - Planning Students Association

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports

Gregory Patton - Senate

< There’s a problem with the new Council of Senates for UBC, being created by the University Amendment Act: it has no student representatives on it. The Act has
The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated January 19, 2005 [SCD 318-005]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated July 20, 2004 [SCD 319-005]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated September 16, 2004 [SCD 320-005]
Minutes of the Impacts Committee dated October 27, 2004 [SCD 321-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated August 24, 2004 [SCD 322-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 5, 2005 [SCD 323-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated August 12, 2005 [SCD 324-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated September 24, 2005 [SCD 325-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 29, 2005 [SCD 326-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated November 19, 2005 [SCD 327-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated December 8, 2005 [SCD 328-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED SPENDER KEYS:

“Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society be held at 12 noon on February 25, 2005 (venue to be advised).”

. . . . Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

2. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

“Whereas the current Chief Returning Officer has stepped down from her position; and

Whereas in such a situation, Code empowers Council to appoint a replacement on the advice of the Elections Administrator without a recommendation of the Assistants Appointments Committee;

Be it resolved that, on the advice of the Elections Administrator, Council appoint Timothy Kaan as Chief Returning Officer for a term ending April 30, 2005.”

. . . . Carried

3. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

Whereas most institutions of similar size as the AMS have fully functioning Human Resources departments; and

Whereas the human resources concerns that have been raised within the society have negatively affected the working environment within the society and involvement in these issues has detracted from time spent in respective portfolios; and

Whereas the AMS Executives, Service Coordinators, the Ombudsperson and other student
Whereas the AMS as a student society has a high natural turnover rate and continuity is integral in maintaining a healthy and efficient working environment;

Be it resolved that a human resources staff position be created;

Be it further resolved that said position be a part-time permanent position;

Be it further resolved that recommendations within the Ad-Hoc Hiring review committee report be adopted and the necessary changes to the code be made to reflect this."

< Brenda Ogembo: Everyone’s aware of the need for an HR person. It’s surprising we don’t have one. They would be able to provide expertise and assist the VP Academic in hiring, freeing up the VP Academic to work on other issues. There’s a need now; it should not be deferred.

< Quinn Omori: This should go to both the Code and Policies Committee and the Budget Committee to get it in order and find the money.

4. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Motion 3 be referred to committee.”

< Spence Keys: The new Executive is behind the principles here, but is concerned about implementation, and concerned that a mere referral to committee may lead to the issue dying. He would suggest amending the main motion rather than just sending it to committee.

5. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED BRENDA OGEMBO:

“That the question be called.” . . . . Carried

6. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Motion 3 be referred to committee.” . . . . Defeated

7. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED STACEY CHIU:

Whereas most institutions of similar size as the AMS have fully functioning Human Resources departments, and

Whereas the human resources concerns that have been raised within the society have negatively affected the working environment within the society and involvement in these issues has detracted from time spent in respective portfolios, and

Whereas the AMS Executives, Service Coordinators, the Ombudsperson and other student supervisors do not have any professional human resources, equity training, human rights training or experience, and

Whereas a human resources person would serve the needs of full-time staff, part-time staff, and student employees,
Whereas the AMS as a student society has a high natural turnover rate and continuity is integral in maintaining a healthy and efficient working environment

Be it resolved that a human resources staff position be created,

Be it further resolved that said position be a part-time permanent position

Be it further resolved that recommendations within the Ad-Hoc Hiring review committee report be adopted and the necessary changes to the code be made to reflect this.”

8. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“That Motion 7 be amended to read:

Whereas most institutions of similar size as the AMS have fully functioning Human Resources departments, and

Whereas the human resources concerns that have been raised within the society have negatively affected the working environment within the society and involvement in these issues has detracted from time spent in respective portfolios, and

Whereas the AMS Executives, Service Coordinators, the Ombudsperson and other student supervisors do not have any professional human resources, equity training, human rights training or experience, and

Whereas a human resources person would serve the needs of full-time staff, part-time staff, and student employees,

Whereas the AMS as a student society has a high natural turnover rate and continuity is integral in maintaining a healthy and efficient working environment

Be It Resolved that, in principle, Council supports the creation of a part-time permanent human resources staff position; and

Be It Further Resolved that Council request the Budget Committee to investigate financing options for this position and report to Council on its progress at the next Council meeting, and subsequent Council Meetings until it has provided official options for Council’s consideration, and

Be It Further Resolved that recommendations within the Ad-Hoc Hiring Review Committee be adopted, in principle, and that the Code and Policies Committee be directed to draft amendments to the Code to reflect this.”

Quinn Omori: Brenda chairs the Budget Committee; her own committee will be looking at her recommendations.

Brenda Ogembo: There are eight members on Budget Committee.

Spencer Keys: The amendments address the principles and allow Council to give clear direction to the committees.

Grant Wong: There are other options besides those recommended by the ad hoc committee, besides the idea of an HR position. Six students could be hired for the price of the part-time HR person. Some student unions have HR departments run by students. This approach has not been discussed.

Gavin Dew: We have not adequately considered the various options. We’re just debating how, not if.

Amina Rai: This has been going on for two years now. There has been a lot of discussion
and debate.

9. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED GREG PATON:

“That the question be called.”

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

10. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“We have raised within the society have negatively affected the working environment within the society and involvement in these issues has detracted from time spent in respective portfolios, and

Whereas the AMS Executives, Service Coordinators, the Ombudsperson and other student supervisors do not have any professional human resources, equity training, human rights training or experience, and

Whereas a human resources person would serve the needs of full-time staff, part-time staff, and student employees,

Whereas the AMS as a student society has a high natural turnover rate and continuity is integral in maintaining a healthy and efficient working environment

Be it resolved that, in principle, Council supports the creation of a part-time permanent human resources staff position; and

Be it further resolved that Council request the Budget Committee to investigate financing options for this position and report to Council on its progress at the next Council meeting, and subsequent Council Meetings until it has provided official options for Council’s consideration, and

Be it further resolved that recommendations within the Ad-Hoc Hiring Review Committee be adopted, in principle, and that the Code and Policies Committee be directed to draft amendments to the Code to reflect this.”

Michelle Quigg: The Ombudsoffice deals with lots of HR issues. It would be so much easier if prevention was in place in the first place. Things can get out of control, and morale gets threatened. An HR person would also free up her time to work on other issues. The Ombudsperson is only a one-year appointment while some disputes last longer. It would be better to have someone going on longer.
11. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

Whereas most institutions of similar size as the AMS have fully functioning Human Resources departments, and

Whereas the human resources concerns that have been raised within the society have negatively affected the working environment within the society and involvement in these issues has detracted from time spent in respective portfolios, and

Whereas the AMS Executives, Service Coordinators, the Ombudsperson and other student supervisors do not have any professional human resources, equity training, human rights training or experience, and

Whereas a human resources person would serve the needs of full-time staff, part-time staff, and student employees,

Whereas the AMS as a student society has a high natural turnover rate and continuity is integral in maintaining a healthy and efficient working environment

Be it resolved that, in principle, Council supports the creation of a part-time permanent human resources staff position; and

Be it further resolved that Council request the Budget Committee to investigate financing options for this position and report to Council on its progress at the next Council meeting, and subsequent Council Meetings until it has provided official options for Council’s consideration, and

Be it further resolved that recommendations within the Ad-Hoc Hiring Review Committee be adopted, in principle, and that the Code and Policies Committee be directed to draft amendments to the Code to reflect this."

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 4, 2004 [SCD 329-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated August 5, 2004 [SCD 330-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated August 23, 2004 [SCD 331-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 21, 2004 [SCD 332-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 28, 2004 [SCD 333-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 4, 2004 [SCD 334-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 18, 2004 [SCD 335-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated November 25, 2004 [SCD 336-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated December 2, 2004 [SCD 337-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 6, 2005 [SCD 338-005]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated January 13, 2005 [SCD 339-005]

12. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED KAREN WARD:

Whereas International Students, unlike domestic students, are only permitted by law to work on campus;

Whereas it is important to provide as many employment opportunities as possible for
International Students;

Be it resolved that the AMS make concerted efforts to advertise jobs more effectively to International Students;

Be it further resolved that the AMS lobby the university to make concerted efforts to advertise jobs more effectively to International Students;

Be it further resolved that the AMS work with the university to lobby the government to enable International Students to work off campus.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

< Brenda Ogembo: The idea for this motion originated in the discussions in the hiring committee, which led to looking at hiring policies at Queen’s. Queen’s makes sure to advertise its jobs to international students. The UBC AMS would benefit by reaching out in the same way, providing a home or niche for international students, making the AMS more inclusive. Lobbying UBC too. In some provinces international students can work off-campus. If we work with the University, we can get this done here for international students.

< Dave Tompkins said there are complicated visa issues involved and he was not prepared to vote on the last clause without more information. He was concerned that the policy was coming at the last minute on an addendum.

13. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:

“That Motion 12 be amended to read:

Whereas International Students, unlike domestic students, are only permitted by law to work on campus;

Whereas it is important to provide as many employment opportunities as possible for International Students;

Be it resolved that the AMS make concerted efforts to advertise jobs more effectively to International Students;

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Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

< Holly Foxcroft said CASA was already lobbying the federal government on this issue.

< Lyle McMahon said there was not much point to passing the motion without the last clause.

14. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED KAREN WARD:

“That the question be called.”

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

15. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:
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Sean Huff: What’s restraining the Executive from doing this already without the motion?

Lyle McMahon: Work could be done, but passing a motion at Council has influence.

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18. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

Whereas the University’s Course Management System (WebCT) is a core academic resource and a mission critical system, used by 30,000 students yearly in 900 courses;

Whereas CMS usage has shown massive increases and will likely increase in this trend;

Whereas the current version being utilized is inadequate and overloaded, and vendor support will be significantly scaled back in the near future;

Whereas both students and faculty rely upon the CMS but, while supportive of the system, are frustrated by its current limitations;

Whereas an implementation project for an improved CMS has been piloted and is in the budgetary proposal phase;

Whereas action on the part of the university to implement the project is necessary, and delays will lead to increased costs and service disruptions;

Be it resolved that council lobby the university to swiftly implement the project, as long as the following conditions are met: that the CMS be used to augment rather than replace face-to-face learning; and that implementation funding be derived from sources other than tuition increases.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

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Gavin Dew: The Course Management System (CMS), also known by the proprietary name of WebCT, has grown sixfold since 2001. It is a core system used in many courses. Implementing an improved CMS will cost $3.65 million, and there will be $325,000 in ongoing costs and $1,000,000 for support.

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Some might object to the cost. It is a lot of money, but the current system is going to fail, and as long as UBC is continuing with e-learning, which Trek 2010 says they plan to do, they will have to pay eventually for a new system. In the meantime, not introducing a new system will lead to service disruptions.

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As to concerns about reducing face-to-face learning: if administrative business is handled through WebCT, there will be more time for substantive face-to-face interaction in the classroom.

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Some may ask why the AMS should provide its support. He has been on the University committee looking into this, and the Deans are pleased to have input through a student survey and from the AMS. Also, students care about this: 5900 filled out the survey; that’s more than the 4300 who voted in the AMS presidential election. A new CMS will improve the teaching environment.

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O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

20. MOVED GREG PATON, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“Whereas there currently exists a noticeable absence of child care informational resources available for students; and

Whereas the mission of the AMS is to improve the quality of the educational, social, and personal lives of students and to advocate student interests; and

Whereas in order to do so we must recognize that such resources are badly needed and would be valuable in contributing to the goal of our mission statement;

Be it resolved that the current and incoming AMS Executive be directed to oversee and ensure the creation a student parent resource booklet which will serve as a guide for students seeking information about child care and other parent resources, which will also be available on our website;

Be it further resolved that this booklet include an overview of information that would be valuable to student parents, such as a summary of childcare bursaries, day care centre options, scholarships, counseling and other valuable information and advice.”

Gregory Paton: With campus development and more non-students on campus, child care has become more of an issue, because prices will be driven up and there will be access issues, wait lists. This motion, to provide information to students, is just a small step, but it shows the AMS is doing something about day care. UBC Child Care has few resources for outreach. The AMS currently has no outreach, no information on child care. The GSS hopes to liaise with the AMS on this.

Chantal Lemire gave a personal example of the long waiting times and the cost, and the stress this causes.
21. MOVED BRENDA OGE MOBSE, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds Carried

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Whereas the AMS has been invited to UBC Daycare Council and whereas the Council has been advocating student interests as demonstrated in the attached letter; and

Whereas there are a number of endeavors the AMS could undertake which would improve resources for student parents, such as facilitating the creation of community support groups for new and expectant parents, in partnership with UBC Childcare;

Be it resolved the Executive be directed to strike a committee to examine the possible initiatives that could be undertaken in partnership with UBC Childcare.

Be it further resolved that the AMS officially endorse and sign the letter sent to the administration by UBC Daycare Council, and further lobby the University on this issue to demonstrate that childcare is an issue of importance to students.

And be it further resolved that the Executive be directed to attend UBC Daycare Council and show their support for the effort put forth by the Council in lobbying on behalf of students.”

Gregory Paton: Important for the AMS Executive to look into effective ways to make day care more accessible. UBC Child Care, which is really just a group of students but is also a branch of the UBC administration, is drafting a letter to send to the central administration. They are speaking on behalf of students, but they don’t yet have the official support of students.
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Note: Requires 2/3rds . . . . . . Defeated

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. . . . Carried
27. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“That the agenda be amended to include the following motion from the floor.”

. . . . Carried

28. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

"Whereas Courts across Canada have ruled that the right to marry a person of the same sex is a right enshrined in Canada’s constitution that does not infringe on the religious freedom enshrined in the same document; and

Whereas the Government of Canada has proposed legislation that confirms these rights; and

Whereas many members of the University Community have come together to celebrate the LGBTQTI community, as represented by the AMS resource group Pride UBC, and the 25th anniversary of Out week;

Be it resolved that the AMS supports the right of same sex couples to marry; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS supports the work of students groups on campus advocating for this right; and

Be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society of UBC calls upon the Honourable Members of Parliament to vote in favour of Bill C-38.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

Quinn Omori: A newly formed group approached him with this motion, which is timely because of the upcoming vote in the House of Commons and because it is Out week at UBC next week. The aim is to mobilize support, draw press coverage, and show that students are in favour. In the academic world a large majority is in favour of same sex marriage.

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Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

S) Adjournment:

30. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED PHIL ORCHARD:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . . Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo
VP Academic

BAO:val
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Michael Duncan (Science), Trevor Gilks, Paul Sutton (AMS Safety Coordinator), Veronica Fynn (Africa Awareness), Raj Mathur (Music), Brian Sullivan (VP Students) Michelle Aucoin (Exec. Coordinator VP Students Office), Sarah Bourdon (The Ubyssey), Erica Baird, Jess Klug (VP External-elect), Kevin Keystone (VP Finance-elect), Spencer Keys (AMS President-elect), Chris Ross (Moustache Club), Karen Ward (GSS), Timothy Kaan (Chief Returning Officer), Colin Jack (Mini School), Linda Ong (Marketing and Promotions Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

The following amendments were made to the Agenda.

Africa Awareness Presentation - Veronica Fynn

Safewalk Discussion

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

Tuition - Brian Sullivan, VP Students: [SCD 340-005]
< Provincial government regulating tuition again, capping it at the cost of living.
< Not clear what cost of living rate they will use.
< Not clear whether it will affect all programs.
< Not clear whether multi-year approvals already in place will stand.
< Not clear whether processes underway can be brought forward.
< No answers from Ministry yet.
< Major disconnect between Throne Speech and Budget because budget done before speech.
< Premier has talked of fully funding places for students, but no one knows what that means.
< There is no budget letter from the government yet.
< As soon as the University knows something, they will inform the AMS.
< The University Presidents Council (TUPC) asked for $50 million extra.
< If half the $50 million went to UBC, that would mean there would only have to be a modest tuition fee increase.
< Athletic fees are going up 2%

Questions
- Kevin Keystone asked about the athletic fee increase.
- Brian Sullivan said it was to avoid increasing user fees. The increase would all be going to intramurals and recreation.

Financial Assistance and Policy 72 – Brian Sullivan
< Under the old policy, only students on loan were eligible for bursaries, and there was a maximum they could get ($3000 per term for students with no dependants).
< Under the new policy, all unmet need beyond a deductible will be met.
< The deductible varies by program.
< Students in professional graduate programs have no access to bursaries.
< Under the new policy, money will be getting to those with the greatest need.
< The new policy is putting pressure on the faculties; they have more responsibility
now.

< This is the first year of the new policy; it will be reviewed.
< Obviously there are issues for those in professional graduate programs

Questions:
- Colin Jack asked if UBC could do anything to lower interest rates for students who have already graduated.
- Brian Sullivan said UBC was trying to. He mentioned the First Student Loan program that UBC recommended last year, but noted that it hadn’t been popular at the AMS. He mentioned pooling debt.
- Lyle McMahon: What effect will the upcoming election have?
- Brian Sullivan: There won’t be uncertainty over funding because of that. Governments know universities can’t operate without information. He was expecting to hear soon. By March the Board of Governors will know where the funding is.
- Karen Ward asked about the door between now and September, when the cap takes effect.
- Brian Sullivan: Do you mean will someone try to get something under the wire? But the intent of the tuition cap policy is clear.
- Amina Rai asked about the ambiguity in the budget speech about old money, new money, etc.
- Brian Sullivan: It’s difficult to fathom what the announcements mean in relation to the $50 million. We think it is not a positive response. UBC is probably not getting anything near the $25 million that would have been its share. The UBC position in speaking to the government is: Okay, you’ve removed one lever (tuition increases), so how will we foot the bill? Supply us the money.
- Ryan Corbett asked about those not getting bursaries; wasn’t that violating the policy on unmet need?
- Brian Sullivan: The policy does distinguish between students in different programs. In high cost programs with a chance of high remuneration on graduation, people know the costs going in. It is not appropriate to have Arts and Science students subsidizing those students. The new policy tilts the playing field differently, and some people are not happy, but the University is dealing with limited resources.
- Spencer Keys: When will the legislation be coming down?
- Brian Sullivan said he didn’t know, but it is supposed to be effective September 1.
- Spencer Keys: Will there be a funding shortfall?
- Brian Sullivan: It depends on the $50 million. Last year there was a projected shortfall of $34 million; now it is down to $26 million. If UBC gets half the $50 million, there would be only a small gap, but it’s not clear what UBC will get.
- Sean Huff asked about student loan limits staying the same despite tuition increases.
- Brian Sullivan said that was difficult. He had not seen any progress on that.
- Paul Sutton asked about the effect of the abolition of the grant system on unmet need.
- Brian Sullivan: Relatively few students qualified for grants. Some provinces had loan forgiveness programs; BC does not.

Referendum Results - Timothy Kaan, Chief Returning Officer:  [SCD 341-005]
< U-Pass referendum had the highest turnout ever.
< Concern over possible inequity in SASC and U-Pass referendums because Council took a side in those; the AMS had an unfair advantage.
< Potential opponents did not have enough time to prepare; there had been complaints.
< One minor voting problem: the server was down briefly; to compensate, voting was extended two hours at the end
Recommendations:
< Appoint Elections Committee on time.
< Allow the Committee more time to prepare for a referendum.
< Don’t call a referendum while the elections are still going on.
< Prepare the elections budget earlier.
< Make WebVote more user friendly.
< Reach a contractual agreement with UBC for WebVote.
< Decide compensation earlier.
< Council should not take sides in referendums

Questions:
- Holly Foxcroft questioned whether there was an unfair advantage. She said the rules allowed Council to take a Yes position.
- Timothy Kaan: Students interested in a No campaign did not become aware of the referendum in time. Students didn’t know. The AMS knew. Council and the Executive followed Bylaws and Code, but it would be better if there were a longer campaign period. Things were too rushed.
- Lyle McMahon asked for recommendations for better promoting democracy.
- Timothy Kaan: In the elections, candidates had another week before the voting. In the referendum, there were only 10 days after it was called. There should be a designated campaign period for referendums, like elections. Students weren’t aware; they should be informed.
- Stacey Chiu said it was only for the CRO that compensation was not set. The Compensation Review Committee couldn’t come up with that figure.
- Timothy Kaan said it still should have been known.

Africa Awareness - Veronica Fynn: [SCD 342-005]
< Money spent on technology for video games when there is poverty and injustice.
< An era of globalization, inequality, injustice.
< We must be conscious of the environment we live in.
< Africa Awareness is about you taking on global responsibility by being concerned.
< A moral, ethical, human rights question.
< Arts Dean, Nancy Gallini announced a new minor program in African studies.
< Should have been hailed as a breakthrough, but no one was there to record it.
< The Faculty of Medicine is consulting with Africa Awareness to improve academic exchanges with Africa.

Recommendations:
< Provide office space (this year she had to run Africa Awareness out of the Safety Office).
< Provide funding for two work-study students.

Minischool - Colin Jack: [SCD 343-005]
< More courses and greater exposure last year.
< Pole dancing the best seller this year.
< Got sponsorship for beer tasting course.
< Did survey which showed students thought the fees were appropriate.
< Every student surveyed said they would recommend Minischool to their friends; 98% said they were satisfied.
< Demographics: 85% UBC students; 80-85% women; women the majority in all courses except beer tasting.

Recommendations:
< A summer Minischool.
< A full-time coordinator paid $45,000
< Daytime courses to reach out to the community

Questions:
- Matt Holme asked about weekend classes.
- Colin Jack: He worked only 15 hours a week. Weekend classes would be overwhelming unless the coordinator was full-time.
- Christine Boyle: Are there conflicts with clubs for space?
- Colin Jack: Every day. We get priority booking, but need specialized space. Not many clubs are looking for space in the evening, but the rooms he really wants (e.g., the Party Room) are never available.
- Brenda Ogembo asked about summer bookings.
- Colin Jack: The UBC name is a draw in the community. External revenue could be generated.

D) President's Remarks:

E) Executive Remarks:

Holly Foxcroft - VP External

U-Pass Referenda:
< What a success! The success was due to all the hard work that volunteers put into the campaign. This result could not have been possible had it not been for all the impassioned students.

Translink Contract Negotiations:
< On February 22, 2005 Jess Klug and I met with representatives from the University and Translink to discuss renegotiating the U-Pass contract. Unfortunately Translink called 15 minutes before the meeting and said they were unable to attend. The meeting was used productively to negotiate with UBC some of the exemption criteria that has arisen over the course of the year.

U-Pass Handling Fees:
< I received a letter from Martha Piper that she has forwarded our letter to VP Finance Terry Sumner to review further.

Transition:
< Jess and I have been transitioning over the course of the month. It has been great. Over reading break I worked on my transition report and will be completing it tomorrow.

Final Words:
< It has been a pleasure working with everyone this year. I have greatly enjoyed it and have learnt immensely.

Stacey Chiu - VP Finance

It’s hard to believe that a year has gone by. I have learned a lot during my term as VP Finance and am grateful for the experience. I am going to miss many at the AMS who I have gotten to know over the past three years. I would like to say to the executive that I am appreciative of each of you and that my term wouldn’t be what it was without you. I would like to thank Council for the experiences and laughs every now and then. I would like to thank all of the AMS staff for their support and encouragement.

Transition:
Kevin and I have been working hard at transition. We met several times over reading break and have discussed everything from the Coke Deal on how to sign out office supplies. Most of my time has been spent organizing the office and writing my transition document. Kevin, I am fully confident that you will make a significant contribution to the AMS and will be an amazing executive.

Budget Committee:
Budget Committee met on Friday, February 11th to discuss how an HR position can be incorporated into the operating budget. We began by listing possible options including: part time contract staff member, student employees, equipping students in managerial positions with HR training, and an HR consultant. Henry was then invited as an advisor to provide approaches on how to incorporate an increase in the operating budget and to answer questions about the HR job market. We then went on to examine each department and assess possible increases and decreases for the upcoming fiscal year. We concluded that research with market costs were necessary. Budget Committee has not been able to meet since there was Reading Break in between and the executive have been undergoing intensive transition. I hope the Budget Committee will be able to use the information that we have come up with as a foundation and further explore having an HR person, as mandated by Council.

Compensation Review:
Compensation Review has been mindful of the problems that came up earlier in our term with compensation being determined before hiring. We met on Saturday with the incoming exec to set salaries for the quickly approaching hiring season. We managed to discuss most services and government positions. We did not determine salaries for certain government positions as that is dependent upon the structure that the incoming executive want to lay out. Although we discussed most positions, at the request of the incoming executive, only the time sensitive ones in which were was no contention will be coming to Council and the rest of the positions will be forthcoming. Brenda and I encourage you to complete this in a timely fashion to prevent a delay in hiring.

Fundraising and Sponsorship:
The Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee met earlier in the week to discuss progress on the Norm Theatre Project and a project that Ethics Commissioner, Yanni Marin, has been working on to compile a database of suppliers and venues that subsidiary groups have found useful.

Safewalk Study:
I have been meeting with a group of Commerce students conducting a logistics efficiency study on Safewalk. I have arranged for them to interview Safewalk coordinators and Budget Committee members.

Walter Gage:
The Walter Gage Fund Committee met yesterday. The approved changes in composition and criteria that the Committee requested were presented. The only significant change is the Engineering Undergraduate Society will no longer have a permanent member. This was done as a signal of a change in the direction of the Committee. However, AMS Council can now appoint a Council member in addition to the VP Administration and VP Finance to sit on the Committee and can encourage for the rep to be from Engineering. The VP Students Office has also committed to appointing a Grad Student Rep, which will increase the number of students on the committee.

Lastly, I would like to say that I am glad to have been given the opportunity to work with all of you and I wish you the best of the luck in the upcoming year. Thank-you.
Brenda Ogembo - VP Academic and University Affairs:

Lyle McMahon - VP Administration:

First of all I’d like to pay my appreciation to the over 50% of UBC students who voted.

Sprouts $20,000 Oversight:
< We went to call on the University for SASC Cous-cous - heckled Michelle Aucoin - no response was received.

Ethical Purchasing Policy:
< I really talked the ears off Mary Hayden,- no accomplishments except being called a genius.
< I designed these fabulously indignant exec shirts. I was quoted.

University Athletic Council:
< Apparently the UAC has been meeting without informing me, whether that’s because of my apathy or because they don’t want me to come, I cannot speculate.

GAP:
< The GAP display is coming on March 15th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and in case you’d like to come out for a thrill or a laugh, perhaps a traumatic experience or two, it will be right outside the SUB, over there. You should, it will be good fun. I think the Moustache Club might hold a concurrent event next door on the knoll. The allied might decide to do some radical cheerleading. I will also be reminding the VP Students Office that I have yet to receive a response to that letter. By the way I haven’t gotten around to amending the GAP Policy. Impeach me.

Manj:
< Does half my job already and better than I do. After two years of activists for VP Administration, I’m sure you’ll enjoy her level-headedness.

There is a lot of work to do:
< The divide of power and involvement between Executives and Council needs to be brought closer together.
< Commissioners more than anything, are offensively underpaid.
< Executives are incredibly overworked - 1) pay them more 2) find a way to destructure for example: SAC Vice-Chair - VP Admin Portfolio.
< Perhaps when we can afford it a 6th Executive, VP Communications or VP Advocate? Let’s hire a Coordinator of Subversive Activities. I’d love to apply. Another thing, let’s stop hiring people and then not giving them anything to do. The result is bad. People getting paid to do nothing, and still being frustrated on top of it all.

Let’s stop fighting with each other:
< Council/Exec - the old star loyalties SFS/SPAN, CASA/CFS. We students aren’t our own enemies. While we bicker over or pat ourselves on the back, the university continues to make poorly consulted decisions, tuition continues to go up, First Nations Students and others continue to experience discrimination and for God’s sake, the University still owes us $99,000. Let’s get it back.
< Spencer, you once wrote a letter in the Ubyssey professing your infinite wisdom on the topic of student politics. I wrote a response and that was all fun and everything, yet there was one think I decided to wait to say until my last night on Council. You said that it is important to find a way to keep execs from running away and abandoning the AMS after just a year. And I couldn’t agree more. If you could accomplish this, you are going to be able to get a lot done in the future. Good Luck.
Grant Wong - Executive Coordinator, Student Services

UBC/AMS Student Food Bank:
<  Set up shelves, desk, computer for food bank and arranged for office supplies. With the assistance of the Ismaili Students Association, I went shopping and spent $1300 in IPF funding to do an initial stocking of the Student Food Bank during the Reading Week. A team of 4 volunteer co-coordinators have been working hard to try to create an organization structure for the student food bank.
<  We are currently working on an operating manual and will attempt to open next week.
<  Met with the University of Alberta Food Bank Coordinator to get his advice on how we should operate our food bank.
<  Met with new VP Academic to discuss funding of a staff position for next year to coordinate the student food bank.

Student Development:
<  Met with Janet Teasdale, Director of Student Development to discuss next steps for the Academic Success Partnership TLEF. We discussed the current challenges of the space used by AMS tutoring and options for an improved space for next year.
<  Discussed the re-organization of AMS Orientations and the AMS role in Imagine.
<  I booked rooms in the SUB for the Leadership Workshops Series March 7 – 14 to give an opportunity for students and AMS service staff for professional development.

Youth Outreach Club:
<  Donated 70 AMS Orientation clipboards to the Youth Outreach club for their after school tutoring/events program at Mackenzie Elementary school.

PIPA Committee:
<  Met to discuss the draft of the Personal Information Protection Procedures.

ECSS Transition:
<  Completed 32 page transition report for new ECSS.
<  Met with new Executive to give them an orientation to AMS Services.

AMS Services:
<  Organized an in-service training session on the AMS Sexual Harassment Policy with SASC and the GM for the Service Coordinators.
<  Discussed plans of future staffing levels for the student food bank through Volunteer Connections with Josh McNorton, Volunteer Connections Coordinator and Gavin Dew, VP Academic – elect.
<  Presented an AMS Orientations re-organization proposal to Executive Committee.

F) Committee Reports:

Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee - Amina Rai

Questions:
- Patricia Lau: Will this die out with the transition?
- Amina Rai: The new executive will be continuing on with the ad hoc committee and should report back to Council after the May CASA AGM.
- Lyle McMahon: What position is the committee recommending?
- Amina Rai: The committee believes there is a lot of value in being unaligned. They strongly recommend that.
- Lyle McMahon: This would not mean joining the CFS. There were glaring concerns with the
CFS, such as their squelching of dissent.
- Amina Rai: The committee is merely making recommendations, not bringing a motion, out of respect for the new executive.
- Spencer Keys: During the March CASA conference, lots of issues will be raised, such as the easy in/easy out procedure. Before that, there will be a Council motion on these issues to bring to CASA.

1. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“That the agenda be amended to include the report from the Compensation Review Committee.” . . . . Carried

**Compensation Review – Brenda Ogembo:**
< The Ad Hoc Hiring Committee recommended getting going early on Compensation Review, so they were trying to get the ball rolling.
< Nothing much has changed in the recommendations made so far, except for an increase in the salary of the Minischool Coordinator because Minischool is going to become a year-round service.

2. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“That Council accept the recommendations outlined in the Interim Compensation Review Report.”

3. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED GAVIN DEW, STACEY CHIU:

“That Council move in camera.’ . . . . Carried

4. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT, MATT HOLME:

“That Council move out of camera.” . . . . Carried

5. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

“That Council move to adjourn.” . . . . Defeated

6. MOVED BRENDA OGEMBO, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“That Council accept the following recommendations for Elections Committee compensation:

1. The CRO position be established at $1500 remuneration for the year;
2. That the referenda bonus be established at $100 per question.

Note: The amounts only hold for the 2004/2005 year.” . . . . Carried

**Ad Hoc Anti Racism Committee Final Report. - Mia Amir and Amina Rai**
< Amina Rai: Idea of inter-campus conference involving BC institutions to deal with systemic racism and other forms of oppression on campuses. She has been in discussion with the new Executive. They will report back to Council.

**G) Constituency Reports:**

Naomi Garish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Joshua Caulkins - Graduate Student Society
Lianne McLean - Arts Undergraduate Society
Sean Huff - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Zoe Ahking - Nursing Undergraduate Society
Christine Boyle - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Clara King - VST

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson
< 104 cases, 55 closed. 8 referred.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated February 2, 2005  [SCD 346-005]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated October 14, 2004 [SCD 347-005]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated February 11, 2005 [SCD 348-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated January 27, 2005 [SCD 349-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 3, 2005 [SCD 350-005]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated February 10, 2005 [SCD 351-005]
Minutes of Ad Hoc University Budget Committee dated January 21, 2005 [SCD 352-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated November 30, 2004 [SCD 353-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated January 25, 2005 [SCD 354-005]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated February 8, 2005 [SCD 355-005]
Minutes of Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee dated November 19, 2004 [SCD 356-005]
Minutes of Restore the Norm Campaign Committee dated February 3, 2005 [SCD 357-005]
Minutes of AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee dated October 21, 2004 [SCD 358-005]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

7. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“That motions 1-7 be omnibussed. . . . . Carried

8. MOVED LIANNE MCLEAN, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council appoint Brian Duong (Council Member) to the Primary Appointments Committee for a term and ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Stephanie Ryan (Council Member) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Matt Holme (Council Member) to the Commissioner Appointments Committee for a term ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Ryan Corbett (Council Member) to the Communications Planning Group for a term ending March 31, 2005.”
“That Council appoint (Council Member) to the Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee for a term ending March 31, 2005.”

“That Council appoint Matt Holme (Council Member) to the UBC Emergency Steering Committee for a term ending March 31, 2005.”

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes be accepted as presented:

Minutes of the External Commission dated November 23, 2004 [SCD 359-005]
Minutes of the External Commission dated January 14, 2005 [SCD 360-005]
Minutes of the External Commission dated February 11, 2005 [SCD 361-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated August 5, 2004 [SCD 362-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated August 23, 2004 [SCD 363-005]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated November 4, 2004 [SCD 364-005]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated January 19, 2005 [SCD 365-005]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated January 26, 2005 [SCD 366-005]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated February 2, 2005 [SCD 367-005]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

Library Hours [SCD 368-005]

< Gavin Dew (reading motivation provided by student senator Gina Eom): There’s a lack of study space after 11:00 p.m. In November 2006, the new Barber Centre will be open 18 to 24 hours a day. Gina Eom ran on a platform of 24-hour study space.

< Gavin Dew (reading a message from Josh Bowman, the former VP Administration): He ran a pilot project in SUB, keeping it open 24 hours during exams in 2003. Large numbers used the space up to 11:00 p.m., less after that. There was a lack of advertising and funding, but it had been a success nonetheless. A large number of American universities do this.

9. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“Whereas there currently exists no official late night study space on Campus; and

Whereas extended library hours would provide a safe and quiet place for students to study; and

Whereas a proposed pilot project to be implemented during the April and December exam periods would cost $18,226.73;

Be it resolved that Council support the extension of library hours during exam periods as presented by the Senate Library Committee;

Be it further resolved that Council lobby the University to fund this initiative;

Be it further resolved that Council lobby the University to extend library hours throughout the school year.

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

10. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That Motion #9 be amended as follows:
Whereas there currently exists no official late night study space on Campus; and

Whereas extended library hours would provide a safe and quiet place for students to study; and

Whereas a proposed pilot project to be implemented during the April and December exam periods would cost $18,226.73;

Be it resolved that Council support the extension of library hours during exam periods as presented by the Senate Library Committee;

Be it further resolved that Council lobby the University to fund this initiative;

Be it further resolved that Council lobby the University to extend library hours throughout the school year.

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

<  Gavin Dew (quoting Grant Wong): Spending $18,000 on this when it could go to tutoring was not an efficient use of money.
<  Sean Ruff: This is not necessary. It’s fine to leave at 11:00 p.m. Go home. It’s good for you.
<  Patricia Lau: A report has shown that there are 500 students at Koerner library at 11:00 p.m. She was in support of this as a pilot project. It was just for two months.
<  Lianne McLean said AUS Council had passed this. It would be better to extend library hours than to have a space in the SUB. This would not force people to migrate; it would extend hours where people already are.
<  Lyle McMahon: It’s romantic to be able to study all night, but $18,000 is a lot of money.
<  Clara King: Queen’s has a 24-hour coffee shop, but people just drink coffee there. Facilities do exist off campus. The library is huge; it’s a lot to keep open.
<  Lianne McLean: The pilot project is not for 24 hours, just to 1:00 a.m.

11. MOVED LYLE McMdhON, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

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Whereas a proposed pilot project to be implemented during the April and December exam periods would cost $18,226.73;

Be it resolved that Council support the extension of library hours during exam periods as presented by the Senate Library Committee;

Be it further resolved that Council lobby the University to fund this initiative;

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

Debating Event:
<  Spencer Keys: Wanted the motion brought to Council before he became president. It wouldn’t look good if it came when he was president, given his longstanding association with the Debating Society.
<  The Worlds Council meeting is ten days that determine the smartest and most eloquent students, and UBC gets to host it. It was awarded once before to UBC, in 1986, but was taken away because of a lack of campus support. This time the aim is to ensure that campus stakeholders have a chance to express support.
12. MOVED AMINA RAI, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

"Whereas the University of British Columbia Debating Society is an AMS-sanctioned club,

Whereas the UBC Debating Society won the bid to host the 2007 World Universities Debating Championships at the 2005 Annual Worlds Council Meeting in Kuala Lumpur,

Whereas the Worlds Bid must be ratified at the 2006 Annual Worlds Council Meeting in Dublin;

Be it resolved that AMS Council endorse the Worlds Bid and preparations by the UBC Debating Society for hosting this event."

... Carried

Wreck Beach:

Chris Ross spoke of the recent construction of the Marine Towers residences, which are poking up above the treeline and can be seen from the beach. Student housing is important but not at the expense of environmental damage. Also, the Musqueam have a claim to the park and are concerned that this construction will threaten their heritage. Currently the tower is at 16 storeys; it is going to go to 18, with a shaft above that. This is a bit of a compromise from the original plan of 20 storeys.

Ryan Corbett: Is this compromise the best that we can get?

Chris Ross: In a way it's conservative, accepting what the GVRD has put forward. But he didn't think it compromised too much. It shows park values are of concern.

13. MOVED LYLE MCMAMHON, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

"Whereas the AMS affirms the need for more student housing on campus; and

Whereas the AMS understands that UBC is proceeding with non-student housing developments on campus land; and

Whereas the AMS recognizes that UBC campus is unique in its intrinsic natural beauty and proximity to extensive parklands; and

Whereas the AMS confirms that this intrinsic natural beauty and values of the adjacent parklands are important and longstanding aspects of student experience; and

Whereas the AMS supports the maintenance of the beauty of the parkland and park values for future generations; and

Whereas the AMS acknowledges that the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) also supports the maintenance of the beauty of the parkland and park values;

Be it resolved that the AMS expresses opposition to any UBC student housing developments that fail to ensure protection of the environmental values of Pacific Spirit Park; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS endorsed the recommendations made by the GVRD Parks Committee and Communities Committee on February 11, 2005 concerning the Marine Drive Student Residences; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS specifically endorses the GVRD’s proposed “line of sight” analysis as the appropriate basis for determining the height of phase 2; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS requests UBC to provide specific notice of public consultations for Phase 2 so that undergraduates and their representatives have the opportunity to participate fully; and
Be it further resolved that the AMS inform UBC Campus and Community Planning, the UBC Board of Governors, President Martha Piper and the GVRD of this resolution.

14. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Motion #13 be tabled.” . . . . Carried

15. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED LYLE MCMAHON:

“That the meeting be extended for a further fifteen minutes.” . . . . Carried

16. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:

“That Motion #13 be amended as follows:

‘Whereas the AMS affirms the need for more student housing on campus; and

Whereas the AMS understands that UBC is proceeding with non-student housing developments on campus land; and

Whereas the AMS recognizes that UBC campus is unseeded Musqueam land, and is unique in its intrinsic natural beauty and proximity to extensive parklands; and

Whereas the AMS confirms that this intrinsic natural beauty and values of the adjacent parklands are important and longstanding aspects of Musqueam culture and student experience; and

Whereas the AMS supports the maintenance of the beauty of the parkland and park values for future generations; and

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Be it further resolved that the AMS requests UBC to provide specific notice of public consultations for Phase 2 so that undergraduates students and their representatives and representatives of the Musqueam Nation have the opportunity to participate fully; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS Vice President Academic inform UBC Campus and Community Planning, the UBC Board of Governors, President Martha Piper and the GVRD of this resolution.”

Note Requires 2/3rds” . . . . Carried

17. MOVED LYLE MCMAHON, SECONDED HOLLY FOXCROFT:
“Whereas the AMS affirms the need for more student housing on campus; and

Whereas the AMS understands that UBC is proceeding with non-student housing developments on campus land; and

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Be it further resolved that the AMS specifically endorses the GVRD's proposed “line of sight” analysis as the appropriate basis for determining the height of phase 2 of the Marine Drive Student Residences; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS requests UBC to provide specific notice of public consultations for Phase 2 so that students and their representatives and representatives of the Musqueam Nation have the opportunity to participate fully; and

Be it further resolved that the AMS Vice President Academic inform UBC Campus and Community Planning, the UBC Board of Governors, President Martha Piper and the GVRD of this resolution.”

Note Requires 2/3rds” . . . . Carried

P) Discussion Period:

Safewalk

< Brenda Ogembo: Met with University to discuss Safewalk funding. UBC has been paying the AMS $30,000 a year over three years to supplement our funding, for one-time costs, but this hasn’t reduced AMS funding.

< Safewalk needs to grow. The University should be assisting. How?

< Safewalk improves safety, is one of the tangible services of the AMS.

< Seeking Council direction: Are we willing to give up autonomy? The University wants to know if we are willing to give up control of Safewalk. Are we willing to re-envision Safewalk?

< Lianne McLean: Comfortable with some levels of integration, but not others. If this frees up resources, it could be beneficial.

< Sean Huff: What are we worried about?

< Brenda Ogembo: There are pros and cons. The Student Society has played a role and should continue. A peer service can ensure that Safewalkers are students. On the other hand, compare Orientations. We began that when UBC didn’t offer anything. But now UBC offers Imagine. We can scale down Orientations and free up resources.
Gavin Dew: Would like to see more funding. UBC’s Michelle Aucoin says UBC is not interested in just subsidizing an AMS service. The University is interested in developing a partnership. This doesn’t mean selling out. Our core goal is providing service to students. The argument has been made that the University should be funding this sort of thing, but they won’t fund it without running it. Lots of ways this could work. He recommended coming up with a clear position, then getting a position from UBC; then there can be discussion. He was not in favour of discussing this further now; research needs to be done.

Scott Price suggested that the Executive Committee discuss this.

Sean Huff: If there’s a chance to sell out, let’s do it. Let the University run it. That’s what they do.

Lyle McMahon: He could appreciate that view. Safewalk is expensive, but all too frequently the University doesn’t do things the way the student society wants. He didn’t trust the University to do anything right.

Gavin Dew: The talk is not of sloughing it off, but about partnership with, say, campus security. He wasn’t looking at giving away any decision-making authority.

**Turnitin - Jason Young:**

Jason Young: He is a fifth year history honours student taking a course in political science. The Political Science Department has made it mandatory for students to submit all their work to Turnitin.com. This means students must defend themselves against charges of plagiarism. And there is a larger issue concerning intellectual property rights. UBC says students retain copyright to their works and has said that students who choose not to submit to Turnitin should be accommodated.

He is the first student deciding not to submit his work to Turnitin here. (Applause.) He feels it is unethical; students are entitled to respect, to preserve copyright. The Political Science policy flies in the face of the University’s policies on academic freedom and copyright.

The result is that he will fail the course. He’s asked the Faculty of Arts to review the Department’s policy. He may also win an appeal of the failing grade, but that could take eight months. He hopes it will lead to UBC developing a consistent policy; there is inconsistency at UBC.

He does not consent to Turnitin using his work to make a profit. Does UBC have the right to sell your intellectual property? There was an onus on the AMS to take a stand.

He was asking the student society to bring a motion to support his challenge. Students should have the right not to turn their work in to Turnitin. Jason requested that any letter or motion of support be copied to Arts Department Head - Richard Johnson; Dean of Arts Dr. Nancy Gallini; and Associate Dean of Students John Cooper.

Quinn Omori said he strongly supported the AMS doing something. It could go to the Executive Committee or the Code and Policies Committee or the Senate Caucus or the Advocate.

Lyle McMahon: The incoming Executive could write a letter right away.

Amina Rai: There’s a consensus on that.

Jason Loxton (speaker): The time for the meeting has expired.
Q) **Submissions:**

< Letter from Hugh Kellas, Manager, Policy and Planning Department dated February 2, 2005 re Pacific Spirit Regional Park and UBC’s Marine Drive Student Residences. [SCD 369-005]

< Letter from Greg Paton, AMS Senate Rep dated February 22, 2005 to Brian Sullivan re Childcare. [SCD 370-005]

< Letter from Karon MacLean, VP For Advocacy, UBC Daycare Council dated January 4, 2005 to Brian Sullivan re daycare at UBC. [SCD 371-005]

< Letter from Holly Foxcroft, AMS VP External dated February 2, 2005 to Martha Piper re concerns over the U-Pass Handling Fee. [SCD 372-005]

R) **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 6:00 pm in SUB Room 206.

S) **Adjournment:**

18. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” . . . . Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

T) **Social Activity:**

Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo  
VP Academic and University Affairs  
BAO:val
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Present: Amina Rai (Outgoing President), Holly Foxcroft (Outgoing VP External Affairs), Spencer Keys (Incoming President), Stacey Chiu (Outgoing VP Finance), Kevin Keystone (Incoming VP Finance), Jessica Klug (Incoming VP External Affairs), Manj Sidhu (Incoming VP Administration), Brenda Adhiambo Ogembo (Outgoing VP Academic), Lyle McMahon (Outgoing VP Administration), Gavin Dew (Incoming VP Academic), Grant Wong (Outgoing Exec. Coord. Student Services), Paul Sutton, Karen Ward (GSS), Rob Cross (EUS), Candice Vallantine, Jason Loxton (Speaker of Council), Bernie Peets (AMS General Manager), Valerie Levens (Executive Secretary)

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:

   < Auditor's Report Financial Statements as of April 30th, 2004 [SCD 001-006]
   < President's Annual Report [SCD 002-006]

2. MOVED ROB CROSS, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON:

   "That the Society approve the Auditor's Financial Statements as of April 30th, 2004."

   ...Carried

3. MOVED CANDICE VALLANTINE, SECONDED KAREN WARD:

   "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."

   ...Carried

4. Handing over of the gavel and brief statement by the new President.

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

Gavin Dew
VP Academic & University Affairs

GD:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Josh McNorton (Volunteer Connections), Raj Mathur (Music), Richard G. Davis (Grad Class Council), Paul Sutton (Safety Coordinator), Caitlin McCreary-Burke (Joblink), Elena Chang (Joblink), Anthony Woo (Joblink), Darren Peets (GSS), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

Volunteer Connections - Josh McNorton, Coordinator: [SCD 004-006]
< Volunteer Connections serves UBC students by matching volunteer and internship opportunities with students’ specific needs.
< On-line form launched in September and over 350 forms have been submitted so far.
< One-on-one student consultations are held during office hours or by appointment.
< Online database launched in conjunction with the new AMS website. Database allows searches to be done by category. Over 200 postings and 196 organizations have been on the database. Paper postings of local and international opportunities are on display and arranged by category.
< VeX is an email list for students wishing to volunteer on campus. Some of the problems encountered with the program this year included a lack of team atmosphere, inability to ensure accountability of volunteers and the fact that most campus groups do their own volunteer outreach. VeX has been terminated for Term 2.
< 2 volunteer fairs held annually.
< Shinerama is an annual fundraising event held in September supporting the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Raised over $5,200 during FirstWeek.
< Collaborating with Not For Profit Organizations.
< Operating the AMS Internship Program with the collaboration of Joblink.

Questions
- Millie Bojic asked if the VeX program was being terminated.
- Josh McNorton said it was being terminated for his term and suspended for the future. A decision on it would be made by the new Service Coordinator in May.

AMS Joblink – Caitlin McCreary-Burke, Coordinator [SCD 005-006]
< Joblink posts positions on Careers Online, free resume and cover letter consultations, give mock interviews to students, provide workshops to resource groups, direct the Internship Program and track positions to help students find jobs quickly.
< 1363 job postings to date; 46 resume consultations and 4 mock interviews.
< So far this year Joblink has made $6,120 and $12,292.50 since the Service started charging for postings.
< Upcoming events include: Job Fair (March 21 and 22), resume and cover letter writing workshop and an interview workshop.
< The AMS Internship Program has had another successful term. In the second term of operation we received 94 applicants, 44 students were accepted into the program and 15 students have accepted internship positions.
< In July last year we hired an Internship Project Coordinator to get the project up and
running. Unfortunately, this person did not do the work she was supposed to do and did not come into work for most of the time. A missing persons report was filed with the RCMP and we ended up losing $1000 from this venture, in wages, and we had to pull the program together in two weeks in order to be ready for September. Fortunately, it has been quite a success so far.

$500 was given to Joblink for volunteer appreciation and this has been our total budget.

Recommendations for Next year.
- Push university to encourage postings on-campus positions on-line.
- Work with other universities so that students seeking summer employment from out of province can find work.
- Have someone whose portfolio is only the Internship Program so that the program can expand and become even more successful.
- Increase the lines of communication between Joblink and the AMS Executive.
- There should be a better system to allow students and sponsors to connect with each other so that turnover is quick and efficient.
- Work with the university to have the Internship Program recognized on UBC transcripts and eventually a credit course.

Questions:
- Spencer Keys asked about the missing persons report for the Internship Project Coordinator who didn’t show up.
- Caitlin McCreary-Burke said it was done at the suggestion of the ECSS; there was concern about the coordinator’s personal safety. She said the only letdown by the AMS was that this person could have been terminated a month earlier and some money would have been saved. She said the lesson was: don’t be afraid to fire someone.

AMS Orientations - Trevor Gilks, Exec Coord., Student Services

AMS Orientations is a student service run annually by the AMS.
- It consists of 1 coordinator, 2 assistant coordinators and 10 tour guides.
- We charge $15 - $25 (discounts for early registration) for a comprehensive student-guided tour of campus.
- Last year, AMS Orientations saw a significant drop to 700 people, largely due to the elimination of High School visits.
- Orientations’ budget was $10,100 and went over budget to run $20,000
- With the approval of last year’s executive and the assistance of the VP Students Office, it was decided to eliminate tours from AMS Orientations.
- The restructuring of AMS Orientations was already underway when I came into the office. The position of Coordinator was neither comp. reviewed nor posted and it is too late to do this now. UBC promotional material sent to first years did not contain any information on AMS Orientations because they were told there would be no tours.
- Therefore in the absence of AMS Orientations, the additional resources will be used to attempt to better meet student needs by:
  - involving the ECSS in the hiring of Imagine Coordinators and the training of Squad Leaders to ensure higher AMS/student content in Imagine.
  - Draft AMS/student text for insertion into UBC promotional material.
  - Liaise with UBC Student Development for increased involvement in programs such as Gala and Campus Tours.
- This is a pilot year and if need be the service can be brought back for 2006.
Questions:
- Lianne McLean: Sad to see Orientations go. Imagine is not as good.
- Trevor Gilks: The aim is to integrate everything you loved about Orientations into Imagine.
- Richard Davis and Gregory Paton asked about the reasons for Orientations’ problems, including the weather and the resignation of the marketing assistant.
- Trevor Gilks: There were lots of problems, including the late hiring of the ECSS and thus of the Orientations Coordinator and the scrapping of the high school visits.
- Gregory Paton asked if there was evidence of waning interest in the program.
- Trevor Gilks: That was the reason last year’s Executive gave for moving away from it, the drop in numbers.
- Gregory Paton: Why the concern over the loss of money? Orientations is a service. Safewalk doesn’t come to Council and say it lost money.
- Gavin Dew: The issue was not losing money; it was going over budget.
- Gregory Paton: There were external factors causing problems but he hoped the program could get back on track. He didn’t think the Orientations content could be made up in the Imagine program.

D) President’s Remarks:

On the day of turnover I had the opportunity to go on the Bill Good Show on CKNW to promote the documentary series I was in last year. Bill asked about the provincial election and how I think post-secondary education issues will stand out in the campaign. It was a great opportunity to discuss the Alma Mater Society’s stance on education issues as well as make some professional contacts that may result in future invitations to talk about PSE on CKNW.

Then I got sick.

In a moment of idiocy, I thought my fever had broken so I went to the Thunderbird Millennium Breakfast on March 1. The Vice-President Students’ Office hosted me, along with Tim Louman-Gardiner and Brian Duong, at the fundraiser that earns $500,000 annually for the Millennium Endowment that sponsors scholarships for student athletes. Both Martha Piper and Ron MacLean gave speeches. Contest of the day: what did Ron MacLean not joke about – Don Cherry, Gary Bettman, or 18th century Russian literature. You’ll be pleasantly unsurprised at the answer.

Other highlights of that day, and there’s a reason March 1 is getting such big airtime, was an election strategy meeting with Jess Klug and Linda Ong as well as meeting with Kristin and Lev from Studentcare with the rest of the Executive. I also talked to Jason Young about his case and drafted a letter to send to the Political Science department.

Then the dark times came. I entered into a world of pain and suffering hitherto unknown to my gentle disposition. At the 9th circle of mono I cried out for death but there was nobody save for my fever-induced hallucinations.

On Sunday night, while I lay in bed, crying for simpler times and unbroken dreams, vandals, nay – terrorists, broke into my office and decided to deposit within all of the recycling bins of the Student Union Building, along with an impressive collection of vintage and British pornography.

On Tuesday, I came in briefly to discover the infestation of fruit flies.

Whilst staring at Focus on Butts and Boobs’s “Housewife of the Month”, contemplating the raw horror before me, it came to my attention that being president in this post-3/7 world is going to be fundamentally different. The Alma Mater Society Executive can no longer afford
to think that it’s alone. We must put an end to terrorism and protect the Executive homeland. It was President George W. Bush who said, “You’re either with us, or you’re with the terrorists”. I will take that notion further and say you’re either with us or you ARE a terrorist. While I consider myself to be a benevolent-ish dictator, I have no choice but to introduce a battery of oppressive security measures: frisking, cavity searches, an easy-to-understand colour-coded crime alert system, and for everybody’s safety and security, and to preserve our way of life, I’ve put up security cameras for safety, security, and omniscient, unblinking, information gathering of everybody’s activities… for safety.

And so we are currently in Week 2 of the 2005/06 Executive and things are starting well, if a little bumpy. I’m returning to work on a minimal basis but am still spending most of my time at home, convalescing. For everybody’s knowledge, the crime alert level is still at the highest stage – Dick Davis Crying on the Cover of the Ubyssey.

E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

Anti-Violence Week:
< I’ve been peripherally involved, it’s going great. Props to the SASC, thanks to Lianne for letting me hijack Sunday’s ACF poster party to help put up posters.

PLUG EVENTS: take back the night, grooveathon

International Women’s Day:
< Attended celebration at City Hall yesterday, as invited by Access and Diversity. Will be attending a follow-up luncheon with Access and Diversity tomorrow.

Hiring:
< Spent a bunch of time compiling, editing, reformatting job postings with feedback from outgoing coordinators, etc. Also intending to involve SCs in hiring their replacements - SACSEC has been hired (Patrick Lin) for a two-month term (as has Ucomvice (Marissa) thru internal process) - Postings for most service coordinators are up, Insider, Xcom Vice-Chair - I’m devising a new timeline, catching up on stuff that’s behind.

Compensation Review:
< The Compensation Review process has been completed, report written, thus hopefully avoiding the mass of issues that arose last year. -a few things have not been 100% decided yet, will be in an addendum in the very near future -as mandated by the ADHR, avoiding non-ratified salary postings: only Insider, with caveat

RCMP Strategic Planning session:
< Along with Veronica, attended RCMP Strategic Planning session, discussing the future of the RCMP and developing the safety community on and around campus. This was a very productive and interesting meeting attended by a good cross-section of stakeholders, with good networking opportunities. Having met Bruce Lovell, director of campus security, we arranged a meeting:

Campus Security:
< Myself and Manj had a great meeting today with Bruce Lovell (Director of Campus Security) and Iain McLellan (Administration Manager, Campus Security). They gave us an overview of some priorities and projects they’re working on, and there are some exciting new possibilities for Campus Safety and Security that we’ll be involved in the processes for.

Safewalk:
Further discussion with Bernie, Sheldon, Trevor about models elsewhere, history, moving forward. Motion tonight to ensure Council consultation/approval.

Janet Teasdale:
- Met with Janet Teasdale, Spencer, Grant, Trevor to discuss orientations and the Academic Partnership which is awaiting TLEF grant information.
- Discussed re-invigorated involvement with Imagine on the part of the AMS/Executive involvement in hiring process of Imagine coordinators, larger role on day of in terms of better promoting the AMS -discussion of Academic Partnership, how it will be administered. Follow-up meeting on Friday with Margot Bell, Michelle Lamberson, etc.

Farm Symposium:
- Met with Yona, aiming to provide some support, helping them to find other funding and support.
- Lunch with Brian on Monday, chatted with Michelle Aucoin (Lifeline response on the way).

University Boulevard Architectural Competition:
- Working on promotional strategy to get the student vote out. Very positive meeting with Brad Foster and Norm Sippert this morning to discuss promotion, mutual goals and initiatives. - aiming to get more student vote out, show of interest, more legitimate results mean more-presentation in next Council meeting.

U-Town Committee:
- Also in discussions to get more campus development presentations to Council. Dennis has offered Major Project updates every 6 weeks. Should have presentations in the near future on Library Gardens, SUB Boulevard, Marine Residences, etc. Trying to improve communication/lack of information: more opportunities to ask questions.
- Also discussed SOV reductions, Darren Peets floated the notion of putting parking under McInnis Field if astroturf to improve space efficiency -discussion of campus town hall meetings in the future: fall -discussion of the consultation process for SUB Boulevard development.
- Barn Committee on the 23rd. Good sandwiches. Jim Taylor is on holiday, so nothing going on for UNA/Barn for a while, but the UNA Director’s Retreat will be coming up in April.
- Have been a guest at some UEEP meetings. I’m just guesting on those, ask Lianne if you want more info.

TAG:
- Great meeting with TAG Director, Gary Poole to discuss ways of involving/engaging students w/ Center. We came up with the idea of a student advisory committee to balance the current advisory committee that I sit on. Likely an upcoming presentation, and around that time I’ll be helping to spread information to faculties to recruit representatives.

Library Hours Proposal:
- The proposal we supported last time got approved: big shout out to Gina, I didn’t really do much.
- On that note: ALUMNI CENTER task force. Will be meeting with a representative from the Alumni Association next week to discuss. Hopefully study space: investment in future alumni.
- Arts ISIT: Met with Warren Scott and Kirsten Bole from Arts ISIT. We brainstormed some ideas in terms of a concept they had for innovative networking software with substantial
student potential. Combining networking, messaging, info-sharing, e-portfolios, etc. to an extent that hasn’t been done before. Also potential for a dynamic and informative “org chart” of the institution, as suggested by me based on discussion w/ Dave Olson. Will be pursuing this in the future, helping to build support. I’ll also be connecting ISIT with Campus Security, given that I’ve just found out that Campus Security has a related project under way, trying to generate communication and leverage their ideas.

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

Transition:
< Transition went really well. Holly is super and I miss seeing her everyday.

Tuition:
< As many people have already heard, UBC’s tuition decision has been pushed back to May, pending arrival of the University’s budget letter. You can imagine how confused the UBC Administration was when the Province’s Speech from the Throne included a legislated cap on tuition. Many questions still need to be answered in regards to the cap. The good news is that I won’t need to present at the Board Finance Committee meeting on March 17th, 2005 and so I will be heading to the CASA Annual General Meeting in Halifax with Spencer next week.
< At the Monday luncheon with Brian Sullivan, I also requested that we be sent the Efficiency Benchmarks report and I hope to receive it within the next week.
< The AMS Tuition Survey finished up after reading break with approximately 2,500 responses and I will be meeting with Bill Mercer at ARES tomorrow to discuss the results.
< XCom is also working on a tuition/PSE event called Mission Tuition! It will be an interactive display set up on the concourse all day March 23rd, 2005. We will have tasty treats for incentives to participate and we will have one grand prize for the winner of our draw (likely an I-pod shuffle). This event is another aim to help us put PSE on the agenda with respect to the election. Please visit the display on the 23rd of March, XCom is working very hard to make it great!

Provincial Election:
< I had a meeting with Spencer and Linda Ong to brainstorm ideas for the upcoming provincial election. We are looking to put on 3 possible All Candidate Forum:
1. Youth Forum at UBC
2. Public forum on PSE issues at UBC Robson Square
3. OUCSAK (UBC-O)
< We want lots of media coverage, and we will also be working with Get Your Vote On (GYVO). GYVO has been great and they have been putting in a lot of work on the UBC Campus. They will be tabling at the SUB everyday to register voters. They will also be doing classroom talks and going to UBC events. GYVO is putting on a large rally/orientation session downtown on March 19th and I encourage everyone to attend, it should be a lot of fun. We are also always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to help please come talk to me.

U-Pass & Translink:
< We still have not been able to meeting with Translink to discuss the renegotiation of the contract, but there is a meeting planned for sometime in the next 2 weeks. I also attended an 18 month review meeting of the program and we should be expecting a 2nd draft of that report very soon. The Subsidy Review Committee will hopefully be meeting this week to review all applicants and make sure they get their money.

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:
< Been busy signing cheques.
< Orientations with Henry and Bijan.
< Sitting on IPF and Walter Gage Fund Committees.
Doing treasurer training (AUS and ACF).
Assisting Jitesh with the Senate food budget.
Working on Restore The Norm campaign.
Damage control on the U-Pass Handling fee.
Research on flagpoles, Travel Cuts Lawsuit, Cellmart contract, Coke contract and the Health and Dental Plan.
Research on financial transparency (Athletics).
Research on Event Sponsorship/Coke - meeting with Arlene Chan.
Constituencies to start thinking about their budgets.
Firefly (Gage Musical - Norm Theatre, Saturday - Tuesday).

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

Transition:
This is my ninth day as Executive Coordinator of Student Services.
I got a whirlwind but impressively comprehensive report from Grant. We went to a few meetings together, and then we sat in his/my office for nine consecutive hours on Monday.
I've had one-on-one meetings with (almost) all the Coordinators of the services, to help me better understand their service and the ECSS’s role in it. Particularly, the way the ECSS has helped them out in the past.

UBC Stuff:
I have met the Head of Student Development, Janet Teasdale, First Year Coordinators, Sarah Sims and Michael NG, VP Students, Brian Sullivan and Executive Coordinator, Michelle Aucoin. All of us are going to become very good friends over the course of the year ... I’m looking forward to it!
We’ve mostly talked about Orientations and the TLEF, and in the future we will be discussing potential renewals (or increases!) in the Safewalk grant.

Job Postings:
Gavin has been super amazing at getting the job descriptions Compensation Committee reviewed and posted.
We will be hiring the coordinators and assistant coordinators for every single one of the services, so the next few weeks of my life will be spent in the scenic and beautiful room 266J.

Food Bank:
The Food Bank opened on Thursday, and had 4 people come by (very encouraging).
The Food Bank was originally going to open Thursdays from noon to 3 pm, but due to overwhelming volunteer interest, it will also open from noon to 3 pm on Wednesdays.
We’ll see how much interest it gets between now and the end of the school year (as well as what kind of support we’re going to get from UBC’s Financial Aid Department) and make a decision then whether to keep it open during the summer.
Gage Towers runs food drives and they’ve agreed to give the food they get to us instead of the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. That combined with other regular donations (ie. Hkin, food baskets in Totem/Vanier) means that the Food Bank might be self-sustaining in terms of food.
March 31, Barcode, $5
Hire a Coordinator.

General Manager’s Reinstatement:
$2,247 - Sainlang Communications.
- Reinstatement Facilitator/Mediator.
- Sainlang was recommended by Davis & Co.
< $4,998 - Fraser Milner Casgrain.
  - General Manager’s Council.
  - Agreed upon to not be over $5,000
< $6,265 - Ogilvy Renault/Rush Crane and Guenther.
  - Executive’s Counsel.
  - Also for consultation work dating back to September.
< $19,983 - Davis & Co.
  - Council requested representation for reinstatement.
  - Davis & Co. has done employment stuff for the AMS in the past.
< Total: $33,493

Individual Services:
< Volunteer Connections and Joblink: you just heard from them, so you know.
< Safewalk: UBC Parking changed their radio license over to Campus Security, but failed to
tell them that Safewalk also uses the radios ....Safewalk now has to reprogram all of their
radios .... hopefully Campus Security will allow us to continue using the system without
paying a rental fee, but this is a concern we should bring to the table when discussing next
year’s Safewalk grant from the University.
< Mini-School: Spring Mini-School is in full swing, and Colin and Kate are already doing some
preliminary planning for Summer Mini-School - only the most popular classes will run in the
Summer, it’s smaller because there are fewer people on campus, and it will be a good
opportunity for the new Coordinator to get his/her feet wet before the more hectic fall mini-
school.
< Speakeasys: Speakeasy is running smoothly .... the year end dinner for all team leaders and
volunteers is in April. Anisa has been very busy collecting prizes for volunteers. It sounds
fun and makes me wish I was a Speakeasy volunteer.
< Tutoring: Currently negotiating with the VP Students’ Office in regards to the TLEF grant.
This is a very large grant that, if we get it, will completely overhaul the service. Exciting ...

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:
< Transitioning and reading piles of papers (getting one’s sea-legs).
< Liaising with Campus Security/Lifeline/Students for Choice regarding potential GAP Display.
  Writing to Michelle Aucoin (will discuss this during Discussion Period).
< Attended a luncheon with Brian Sullivan & VP Student’s Office (term Mono Man coined
  here).
< Organizing meeting times for SAC/Impacts/Renos and other committees.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Phil Orchard - Graduate Student Society
  - The GSS is planning to amend its constitution and increase its fees at its upcoming
    AGM.
  - Have to amend membership rules to keep students in professional graduate
    programs in the GSS.
  - The GSS is going to the Okanagan to discuss graduate student representation
    issues.
Lianne McLean - Arts Undergraduate Society
Debbie Loo - Education Students Association
Sandra Gin - Education Students Association
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Derry Dance - Law Students Association
Naomi Garish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
- Has been involved in the Undergraduate Experience Project, a survey or report card to see how faculties are doing. Unfortunately, the student-driven part of this has been reduced. The University is taking it over and she is not happy about that.
- Science is also looking into earlier streaming, i.e., having students choose applications in second year.
- Science is considering adopting Broad Based Admission.
- There is a 90% certainty that the social space project will go to the Board of Governors in May.

Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society

Jeff Friedrich - Agriculture Undergraduate Society

Kenneth Ryan - Medical Undergraduate Society

Zoe Ahking - Nursing Undergraduate Society

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Jitesh Mistry - Senate
< Senate will meet on March 23rd.
< The major issue at the moment is the Council of Senates representation.
< Senate will discuss the issue of Turnitin.com at the next meeting.
< Mark scaling is badly organized at UBC.
< If there are issues you would like raised at Senate, please let us know.

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson
< 111 cases, 59 closed.
< Conference with other ombudspersons, all of whom were full-time employees of their universities
< Met with Michelle Aucoin regarding potential funding for the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.
< Hired 2 interns.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated February 23, 2005 [SCD 007-006]
Minutes of the Commissioners Appointments Committee dated March 3, 2005 [SCD 008-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

"Be it resolved that Council direct the VP Academic, the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, and the General Manager to move forward in preliminary discussions with the University Administration of a shared responsibility model for the Safewalk Program."

- Gavin Dew: Not necessary to bring this motion to Council, but thought it appropriate to see if there are any objections to entering into discussions with the University. The University is giving money but does not want simply to subsidize Safewalk; they’re interested in a partnership model. This might involve some sacrifice of autonomy by the AMS, but it might make the program better.
- Patricia Lau: Would this increase the total funding, or would the AMS pay less?
- Gavin Dew: The AMS would pay less. It would free up resources.
- Joshua Caulkins asked about potential conflicts with the unions.
- Gavin Dew: We certainly know about this. It is an issue that will be addressed.
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... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

3. MOVED JITEESH MISTRY, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

"Whereas the Student Caucus of the University of British Columbia Senate wants to provide guidance to student senators on the Senate Ad Hoc Committee to Study the UBC Council of Senate;

Whereas the Student Caucus is seeking the support of the AMS Council with respect to the following principles;

Whereas these principles will allow the Council of Senate to better uphold its mandate, ‘to harmonize policies and establish common UBC positions on important matters’:

Be it resolved that Council officially endorse the following principles as a guideline for student senators on the Senate Ad Hoc Committee to Study the UBC Council of Senators:

1. the Council of Senators’ composition should mirror the composition of the UBC Senate in order to ensure representation from all parties currently involved in Senate decision-making;

2. in changing the composition of the Council of Senators, there should be designated specific student seats with a one year term of office to ensure student representation.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Jitesh Mistry: The second campus in the Okanagan is going to have its own Senate. There will be a Council of UBC’s two Senates. It is supposed to be just a coordinating body, but it is defined loosely enough in the amendments to the University Act that anything could fall under it.

- The current UBC Senate is 40% faculty, 20% students, 15% alumni, and the rest administrators. The new Council will have no guaranteed student seats, and because its members will have three-year terms while student senators serve only one year, this may preclude students from sitting on it.

- Two student senators, Gina Eom and Torill Gillespie, brought this problem to Senate’s attention, and Senate set up an ad hoc committee to lobby for changes to the University Act and to work within the Act.

- It is important that the student senator on this committee can say they’re supported by the senior government of UBC students.

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

L) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN: [SCD 009-006]

“Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendations of the Compensation Review Committee as presented.”

- Gavin Dew reviewed the changes recommended in the report from the Compensation Review committee:
  - salaries going up for commissioners, the workhorses of the AMS.
  - reorganizing the University Commission.
  - returning to having only one Safety Coordinator.
  - clarifying the rule on paying Elections Committee members for referendums: per period instead of per question.

- Patricia Lau: Re paying for Constituency elections, that’s a lot to pay.
- Spencer Keys: There are difficult voters’ lists to work with.
- Quinn Omori: The University will run these elections for free. Why should we pay?
- Gavin Dew: The University is none too happy about running those elections.
- Lianne McLean: The University is planning to start charging.
- Quinn Omori: Commissions can’t have two vice-chairs as is proposed for the University Commission.
- Gavin Dew: He thought Code allowed it. It just says there must be at least one.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: Code specifies only one vice-chair per commission.
- Jason Loxton (Speaker): Code would have to be suspended to pass this as is.
- Quinn Omori said he didn’t like the idea of suspending Code.
- Spencer Keys: There is no serious compelling reason to hold up the hiring process over this.

< Friendly amendment to change vice-chairs in the report.

- Jason Loxton asked about the Speaker’s position in the report: why was there no extra pay for proposed new duties (chairing election appeal committees)? And why was there a cap on the Speaker’s pay?
- Patricia Lau: It’s only fair to compensate the Speaker for doing their job.
- Quinn Omori: Remove the cap; there aren’t going to be that many emergency meetings.
- Gavin Dew: Could rescind the cap and change compensation to $100 a meeting, period.
- Scott Price: Could just leave it up to Council to pay additional money.
- Gavin Dew: That would be conflict of interest: if, for instance, Council didn’t like the
The Speaker.

- Bernie Peets: Maybe make it $2,000 or $100 per meeting, whichever is greater, and also $100 for each meeting of an election appeal committee.
- Jason Loxton: The Chief Justice gets only $50 for election appeal meetings.
- Gavin Dew: Can add asterisk under Student Court saying that if the Speaker fulfils the Chief Justice’s role, they get the same pay. And that would not count against the Speaker’s other salary.
- Kevin Keystone: He was against removing the cap. It was not reasonable. He strongly supported some sort of cap, say, $2,500. Council could approve an honorarium above that.
- Sean Huff: If we need the Speaker, we need to pay the Speaker. Why have a cap?
- Kevin Keystone: Because it isn’t in the budget to pay $3,000 or $4,000. If Council ever holds a meeting in haste or unnecessarily, then that’s $100 being paid unnecessarily. He didn’t want the Speaker’s salary to spin out of control.
- Scott Price: It’s an honour to be Speaker, a prestigious position, and the highest paid per hour of all student jobs in the building.
- Reka Pataky: Student Court doesn’t meet a lot. Where’s the incentive even to hire a Chief Justice if the Speaker can fill in for elections?
- Ryan Corbett: If we call a meeting in haste, that’s our fault. We should be aware of the costs.
- Spencer Keys: The previous Speaker, Janice Boyle, was paid an honorarium for the year. Only when she left did the $100 per meeting wage come in, and it was supposed to be more of a supplemental fee than the way the pay was determined.
- Jason Loxton: He originally thought it was $2,000 a year. It’s not. It’s $100 a meeting up to $2,000. The $2,000 is not guaranteed. The Speaker’s position should be impartial, and the best way to ensure that is to pay. You might get someone who wanted to serve for philosophical reasons, but really you’re likely to get someone who’s too interested in student politics. As to the per hour pay, it’s a good rate usually, but for the crazy nine-hour meetings and the pre-meeting work he puts in, it can work out to less than minimum wage. If there were 30 meetings, he’d expect to be compensated for the increased work load.
- Kevin Keystone: Council can set the cap at $3,000 if it likes. But it is not Council that suffers if it goes over budget; it’s students who are penalized: money will have to come out of services or the businesses. And the reason he’s being stingy is that there is the U-Pass handling fee of $57,800 to pay. That has hit hard, along with the loss of the Coke fees and the increase in insurance costs. We’re not looking good for the next few years; things are tight. He will have to work hard to avoid a deficit.
- Sean Huff: These meetings are the highest priority of the Society. If it costs $100 to have a meeting, that’s a worthy expense.

7. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

“That the Compensation Review report be amended by striking the Speaker of Council position to avoid holding up the hiring process.”

... Carried
- Sean Huff: Re the Assistant to the President, why the increase in pay?
- Gavin Dew: It used to be $4,000. It was less last year because there was an Executive Projects Assistant. Now it’s being brought back to what it used to be.
- Gregory Paton said he hoped the appointment of the assistant would not be a patronage appointment. Would it go through a committee?
- Gavin Dew: It will go to the appropriate committee and he hoped the best candidate would be hired.

8 MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED LIANNE MCLEAN:

“Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendations of the Compensation Review Committee as amended.”

... Carried

9 MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2005: Policies, etc.’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Quinn Omori reviewed the proposed Code amendments:
  - naming the Speaker to chair election appeal committees in the absence of a Chief Justice would provide a safety net
  - re policies: internal policies don’t expire; external policies expire after three years; but some policies talk of changing things the AMS does but also call on others to do things, so they’re combined policies
  - re nicknames, this is the Dick Davis rule; nicknames had been banned when slates were banned, but now the plan was to allow reasonable nicknames as long as they don’t indicate membership in a group

- Kevin Keystone: Why will combined policies expire? Because of their external aspects?
- Quinn Omori: Yes.
- Darren Peets: What does “reasonable” mean for a nickname?
- Quinn Omori: It will be up to the discretion of the Elections Administrator.
- Richard Davis: Is it any group in the world that the nickname is forbidden to refer to?
- Quinn Omori: Yes.

10. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MANJ SIDHU:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Patrick Lin to the Student Administrative Commission on the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term commencing March 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2005.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:
P) Discussion Period:

GAP Display - Manj Sidhu:
< Manj Sidhu: The Lifeline Club thought they had a confirmed GAP display for this month, but Storm the Wall already had the area booked; they have it booked annually at this time of the year up to 2025. So Lifeline was told that GAP could not have a display until after March 31, and she was elated. But now GAP has asked for another venue, in front of the Goddess of Democracy. However, this would not go well with the space guidelines.
< She said she was sending a letter expressing her concerns about safety. The protesters would be in close proximity and there could be conflicts. She was also liaising with Campus Security; there will be security at any event and increased signage warnings. She was trying to meet with Lifeline and Students for Choice; both want to do as they wish; they will go ahead as they see fit. Everything is still up in the air.
< Ryan Corbett: Due to controversy last year, he recommended staying away from moral concerns and focusing on safety, being as impartial as possible.

Student Council Contact Information - Sheldon Goldfarb: [SCD 011-006]
< Sheldon Goldfarb presented the proposed new information form for Student Council representatives. To comply with PIPA, the new privacy law, the reason for collecting the information was being specified. Council members’ contact information would be used to inform them of upcoming meetings of Council and Council committees and to inform the Registrar of Companies of their names and addresses.
< Additionally, Council members can consent to have their e-mail addresses on the website and to providing their contact information for a directory to be circulated to their fellow Council members.
< Patricia Lau said she had been uncomfortable when Council members’ home addresses were published in the agenda last year for the AMS Foundation meeting.
< Sheldon Goldfarb: That was a mistake, and it won’t happen again.

Q) Submissions:
< Minutes of the AMS Annual General Meeting dated February 25, 2005 [SCD 012-006]
< AMS Policy Manual [SCD 013-006]

R) Next Meeting:
< The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at 6:00 pm in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

12. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED PHIL ORCHARD:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs GD:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

1. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“Be it resolved that Council allow documentary filming during the University Boulevard Architectural Competition presentation during the Council meeting of March 23, 2005, with the caveat that any individual who wishes not to be filmed will not appear in publicly-released footage.”

... Carried

C) Presentations to Council:

University Boulevard Architectural Competition – Linda Moore and Norman Sippert, University Town

< Because of importance of the location, it was decided to go to competition to get leading architects from around the world.
< Originally 52 competitors, then a short list of seven were interviewed, out of which three finalists were selected who are now preparing their designs.
< Designs will be on view in the Belkin Art Gallery, April 1-10
< Voting on the three designs will be possible on-line and at the Belkin.
< The jury will receive vote information.
< Important to get comments too.
< An opportunity for students to have a voice.

Questions:
- Ryan Corbett: Why was the “none of the above” option removed? Now students can only vote for the least offensive of the three options.
- Linda Moore: A professional research company said including the none-of-the-above option would lead the poll in a negative way. Students will have the opportunity to make comments and can say “none of the above” there.
- Norman Sippert: You can leave the question blank, not cast a vote. The “none of the above” option is still available through the comments section, but it will not be there leading people.
- Ryan Corbett: For dissent to be voiced, students will have to jump through a bunch of hoops. You will need to educate the voters how to voice dissent.
- Norman Sippert: We will make it clear how to express opposition.
- Linda Moore: There will be an opportunity to make any and all comments. We want to hear what you have to say. Qualitative comments will all be reported.
- Gavin Dew: How will the analysis of qualitative comments work?
- Linda Moore: There will be statistical and qualitative information on the website which will inform subsequent steps.
- Paul Sutton: How appropriate is it to have a non-binding vote in which you lead people to agree rather than dissent?
- Linda Moore: We’re leaving lots of options open. We set out with the intention that the community would be able to vote, but we have to comply with the rules of conduct of an architectural competition. We fought to maintain community involvement.
- Naomi Parrish: Will the on-line voting site show the three designs?
- Linda Moore: All the material will be both at the Belkin and on-line. The only difference is that at the gallery it will really come alive.
- Jeff Potter asked about the effect on AMS businesses if lots of commercial buildings create a barrier to even entering the SUB.
- Linda Moore: The intention is not to create a barrier, and new usage will have to be compatible with what’s already in the SUB. Further discussion will happen with the AMS Executive and Council. But in the current competition, give us your comments.
- Quinn Omori: Why wasn’t there a poll earlier asking if there should be shops and businesses at all?
- Linda Moore: We actually did solicit student feedback through University Boulevard workshops last June and September. Your past VP Academic was very involved, but only 18 participants showed up in June; 15 in September. This is another opportunity to give us your feedback.
- Quinn Omori: If the plans had been put to a poll, that would have been more useful than a forum in June, when students are not on campus or even in the country. It seems land use has already been decided.
- Linda Moore: Yes, land use was decided 15 months ago. This is an architectural competition. We did hear what you had to say about the planning process, and that will shape what we do for the South Campus. It’s not often that we have architectural competitions; the last one was for 1914 for this campus.
- Ian McKechnie said the Engineers were excited and reassured by the prospect of the poll, but worried about whether there was an openness to strong opposition.
- Linda Moore: The Board of Governors has given its support and we are moving forward. The Neighbourhood Plan was approved. We want a cohesive plan, with strong connections between the buildings and the spaces between buildings.
- Darren Peets: How would a “none of the above” option be leading? The choices now are analogous to asking someone whether they would like to be stabbed, shot, or poisoned; some might like another option. Why can there not be a question asking, “Do you like this?” There is no way to cast a spoiled ballot electronically.
- Linda Moore: All these concerns can be accommodated.
- Norman Sippert: It is possible to put in comments without voting; students do not have to cast a vote in favour of any of the three designs, but will still be able to make comments in the poll. We can explain how this works. The idea is to get a big turnout of students. There may be those who like all three designs and can’t choose between them.

2. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED JEFF POTTER:

“That question period be extended until the end of the Speaker’s list.”

... Carried

- Quinn Omori: How about a whole set of options, including “all of the above”?
- Norman Sippert: Why include a whole string of possibilities? Let people explain in the comments.
- Jeff Friedrich: Why not have a second option?

- Gavin Dew: We had this discussion at the University Town committee. Al Poettcker of UBC
Properties Trust objected, saying it was an architectural competition in which people were simply being asked to choose a design. My response was to suggest having a three-option question for aesthetic evaluation for the architectural competition and then a second question saying “Do you have any reservations?” At the time it seemed that this had been agreed on.

- Norman Sippert: We can set up a meeting with the pollster so people can hear the reasoning from the professional.

3. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That question period be extended by five minutes.”  ... Carried

- Linda Moore: We have been criticized in the past by people wanting to know if our questionnaires have been done professionally. This time we did go to a professional.
- Clara King: How amenable are you to strong opposition?
- Linda Moore: The University Boulevard Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the University Board of Governors and the GVRD in January. The plan is going forward; the opportunity you have is to see how it transpires.

AMS Tutoring – Trevor Gilks

< Services offered include: drop-in tutoring, appointment tutoring, exam database, tutoring skills workshops and tutor registry.
< The Tutoring office of one Coordinator and two Assistant Coordinators. 34 tutors were hired with 4 mid-term resignations.
< Total students using the service in 2004-2005 were 1365 compared to 1007 in 2003-2004.
< Waiting on approval of new TLEF grant.
< Actively campaigning for a dedicated tutoring space not in the SUB Study Alcove.
< Revamping of hiring, disciplinary and training procedures for next year’s tutors.

Questions:
- Ian McKechnie: Can these presentations be e-mailed beforehand so Council members can absorb them ahead of time?
- Dave Tompkins said he was not sure if there was much point to having the Services make presentations to Council. He was not sure how Council had any effect on the day-to-day operations of the Services.

AMS Advocacy - Trevor Gilks, Exec Coord., Student Services

< The Advocacy Office assists students to navigate university processes, informs students and assists them with their options within the university system, recommends specific courses of action and represents students before formal university hearings and appeal bodies.
< The Advocacy Office consists of the Coordinator who manages the day to day operations of the office as well as working as an advocate for clients. The three other advocates work with students on their particular case, including informing them of their rights, preparing for hearings and making oral submissions during hearings.
< This year the office assisted 146 students – a 252% increase.
< There has been a 50% increase in academic standing cases since last year.
< There has been a decrease of 36% in student discipline cases since last year due to the fact that faculties are referring less cases to the Presidents Advisory Committee on Student Discipline.
< The office has seen a 25% increase in the total number of cases over last year.
< There has been a 126% increase in “other” cases since last year.
Some of the goals and initiatives last year included promoting student awareness of the AMS Student Advocacy Service, providing accessible & student friendly resources detailing university processes, educating students about academic misconduct & its potential consequences as well as working towards a more transparent student discipline process whereby the University is more accountable for its actions.

Some of the achievements of the past year include working with the AMS Ombuds Office and the VP Students on the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook at this point the University is formatting the document, increased awareness in our service, created posters to promote the office and organized an evening of academic discussion.

Had three successful cases against the University regarding turnitin.com. We are are slowly chipping away at the notion that students MUST submit their papers

Some of the issues to address in the coming year include:

**Student Discipline Process**
- Continue to promote student rights especially at the Faculty level.
- Work towards more efficient & effective representation of students.

**Challenges**
- Increasing case load.
- Funding.
- Maintaining current initiatives.

Questions:
- Michelle Quigg said there is a draft Letter of Understanding between the AMS and UBC's VP Students office about the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. UBC has offered to kick in resources. An editorial board would be set up.
- Ian McKechnie: Does the increased case load referred to in the Advocate’s report include telephone calls? Are they counted as cases?
- Michelle Quigg said she would look into that.
- Richard Davis asked why there were so many presentations.
- Spencer Keys said some had been pushed back from earlier meetings.
- Trevor Gilks offered to postpone the Safewalk presentation.

4. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JESS KLUG:  [SCD 016-006]

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled “Code Changes 2005: EXECUTIVE PERFORMANCE REPORTS and thus amend the Code as recommended to alter the dates of written Executive reports.

Note: If this amendment does not pass, the Executive will have their first written reports ready for the April 6 Council meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Spencer Keys: It would be more appropriate to do quarterly reports at the end of each quarter instead of doing the first one after one month. Also, there are dead months at the end of the Executives’ term when the outgoing Executive don’t make reports.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds  ... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

The Past Two Weeks:
<  David Wells — After an exhaustive search involving 30-40 applications, we have hired David Wells to be the new AMS Policy Advisor. David comes with significant experience with the provincial government and I know that he will be a great asset to the AMS and students.
<  President’s Advisory Council — This regular meeting with the Deans, Vice-Presidents, Associate Vice-Presidents, and Martha, was held on March 22 and the topic of discussion was “global citizenship”. It was very interesting and there seems to be a consensus that the notion of global citizenship deals with the interconnectedness of knowledge across a variety of disciplines. It was also the general consensus that a “Centre of Global Citizenship” was unnecessary.
<  CASA Conference — Last week Jess, David, and I attended the CASA Annual General Meeting. We asked a lot of questions pertaining to concerns that came from the Ad-Hoc Lobbying Review Committee and felt it was a worthwhile experience. At the workshop on membership fees I was able to clarify that the “per student fee model” being contemplated is purely an accounting mechanism and that the cap on fees paid by a school could still happen.
<  Brock Hall Welcome Centre — I gave a speech on Monday at the “opening” of the Welcome Centre. People liked it.
<  Anna Kindler — Along with the rest of the Executive we had a very interesting lunch with the AVP Teaching and Learning. We discussed many methods to get beyond the current impasse for the Teaching Excellence Initiative.
<  Election Policy Development Meeting — The Election Brain Trust has begun developing policies for the upcoming election.

The Next Two Weeks:
<  Workplans — The Executive are developing their quarterly workplans (though a little late since I was sick) and should have those completed soon.
<  Strategic Planning — Bernie, David and I are going to meet to discuss some initial plans for the development of an AMS strategic plan this year.
<  Election Planning.

E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

Global Services Committee:
<  Attended the first meeting of a committee co-chaired by Brian Sullivan and Lorne Whitehead, discussing global service initiatives.

Academic Partnership:
<  More meetings, continued discussion of moving forward with this, details/level contingent on results of TLEF application.

SASC:
<  Dealing with ongoing issues, more in committee report.

Architectural Competition/U-Town:
<  Preparing promotional rollout to increase student voting.
Poll format has gone through numerous changes.

Elections Agreement:
Met with Chris Eaton, Sheldon Goldfarb and Anthony Waldron to further discuss elections agreement with the University.

Hiring:
Lots of shortlisting and interviews, even more to come in the near future.

Alumni Association:
Met with a rep from the Alumni Association to discuss AMS relationship therewith, Alumni Center planning, etc.

Action to End Racism Forum/Awards:
Presented awards to numerous community members involved in anti-racism work, including some former execs.

Enterprise Course Management System Steering Committee:
Another new committee dealing with WebCT: first meeting this morning, working toward implementation of improvements to the CMS.

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

Hiring:
We have hired new coordinators for all of the following positions: Volunteer Connections, Tutoring, Minischool, Speakeasy, Safewalk.
Still interviewing: Advocacy, Ombudsperson, Imagine UBC, Firstweek, Joblink, AMS Insider Editor, AMS Insider Designer.
I have begun planning Service Coordinator Orientation Day.
All Assistant Coordinator job descriptions have been written and posted.
All in all, Gavin and I have performed over 20 hours of interviews.

Food Bank:
The Coordinators and I decided not to open the Food Bank during the summer.
During the summer we will continue to collect donations and direct people towards the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. We will also plan a kick-off food drive event for First Week.
A part-time (5-10 hours per week) coordinator for the Food Bank will be hired to start September 1st.
“Clear The Shelves” is an event occurring during April, which encourages Residence students to make end-of-year donations to the Food Bank. This food will be either kept for September or donated, depending on expiry dates. The Ubyssey has agreed to give us a free half-page ad in the April 8th edition.
March 31st at Barcode Night Club & Lounge, the Food Bank is having its Fundraiser.

Academic Partnership:
Another weekly meeting was held last week. The plan of action for the time between now and the next meeting is to create a survey for all AMS tutors to fill out, and create another one for all AMS Tutoring clients (whose email addresses we have, as they are stored on a database). The purposes of these surveys are to assess areas of need so we have an idea of what issues to address with the new projects.
Janet Teasdale assured us all that the project WOULD get funding, if not from TLEF, then from Brian Sullivan.

Joblink Job Fair:
Joblink is running another job fair Monday and Tuesday next week. They will have 14 vendors on the main concourse of the SUB.

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

CASA:
- We spent the first day electing the new National Director. His name is Phillipe Ouellette, he is a Masters student at Queens and fully bilingual.
- Bilingualism was a topic of major discussion throughout the week and during the closing plenary all schools agreed to make it a high priority for CASA.
- We also met with Alexa McDonough, NDP critic for education, and she emphasized the need to involved students.
- There were no new developments on switching to a per student fee model or changing the easy in/easy out model.

Tuition:
- Met will Bill Mercer from Applied Research and Evaluation Services (ARES) to discuss results of 2005 AMS Tuition Survey; they will shock and amaze you!
- I will be working on a report or presentation about the Tuition Survey and I hope to have it ready for the first Council meeting in May as I think this would be a good intro for new council members.
- I still have not received the Efficiency Benchmarks report from Brian Sullivan’s office; I will follow up next week.

Mission Tuition:
- Thanks to Xcom for putting this great event together! The purpose of the event was to put post-secondary issues and tuition specifically at the front of everyone’s minds and on the agenda for the election.
- We had lots of people reading the information and filling out the ballot to win an iPod shuffle.
- We then sent them over to the Get Your Vote On table to make sure they registered to vote in the provincial election.

BC Election 2005:
- It is now 54 days until the provincial election.
- Spencer, Linda, David and I are working extensively on a campaign direction for the BC election and we are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to hold an All Candidates Forum before the term ends.

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:
- The UBC Tax Assistance Clinic for students received 105 rsvp’s in five hours - 210 attendees in total.
- Had my head shaved for Cuts for Cancer.
- Went skydiving.
- Lunch with Dr. Anna Kindler.
- Attended the Walter Gage Fund Committee meeting.
- Stormed the wall with the AMS Executive.
Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

SAC:
- Kinks ironed out of office allocations.
- Locker and parking pass forms are out.
- Planning for Clubs Days 2005.
- Executive and budget list deadlines.
- Posting commissioner postings.
- New Vice-Chair has been appointed: he is wonderful!

Renovations Planning Group:
- Met a couple of times but have not had quorum so we can’t go forward with anything! But hopefully quorum will be reached at next meeting and issues like the Till Tape Room/Bike Co-op heater will go through.

Impacts Committee:
- Meeting this week and that should be exciting

Other Business:
- Breakfast with Dr. Piper and then lunch with Dr. Kindler.
- AMS Executive Stormed the Wall.
- GAP: received a response from Michelle and their 2nd request was denied; now pending a third request. Will keep Council updated on this.
- Grad Class Council is well on its way.
- Resource Groups are putting together a Coordinator Position and have been involved in the Steering Group for that (also very exciting).
- Been in meetings with Campus Security & Sustainability Committee.
- HR training with Bernie.
- Was published in the Ubyssey but they don’t know what SAC stands for and have promised a retraction to that affect.

G) Constituency Reports:

Lilian Shun - Graduate Student Society
- Passed $10 fee increase at AGM, first increase since 1982.
- Hoping to set up Ombudsperson for GSS.

Dave Tompkins - Graduate Student Society

Quinn Omori - Arts Undergraduate Society
- Turnitin presentation to AUS Council; Ryerson has opt-out provisions and students can view the Turnitin reports.

Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Hugh Turner - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Ian McKechnie - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Derry Dance - Law Students Association
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Jeff Friedrich - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Clara King - Vancouver School of Theology
Sandra Gin - Education Students Association
Naomi Garish - Pharmacy Undergraduate Society
Kenneth Ryan - Medical Undergraduate Society
Courtney Campbell - Science Undergraduate Society
H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Mia Amir - Board of Governors
< Encouraged everyone to attend tomorrow’s board meeting.

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson
< 118 cases, 60 closed.
< Working on Student Rights Handbook.
< Assisting Gavin with hiring.

F) Committee Reports:

Compensation Review Committee - Gavin Dew
< Gavin Dew: Proposed new pay rate for Speaker of Council will be $2000 or $100 per meeting, whichever is more, and if the Speaker does not serve a full year, the amount will be pro-rated. Also, the Speaker will get the same as the Chief Justice for chairing election appeal committees: $50 per sitting.
< The Tutoring Assistant Coordinator, now to serve for a full year, will get $6,000, the same as the other full-year assistant coordinators.

SASC Personnel Committee - Gavin Dew

6. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON, SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

7. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT, DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council remain in camera.” ... Defeated

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated March 9, 2005 as amended [SCD 017-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

8. MOVED HUGH TURNER, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Bijan Ahmadian as the student representative for the Faculty of Applied Science and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

9. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That motion #8 be tabled until the next Council meeting.” ... Carried
L) Committee Motions:

10. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“Be it resolved that Council accept the amendments to the Compensation Review Report as recommended by the Compensation Review Committee.”

- Ian McKechnie asked whether Council members who fill in as Speaker will receive $100 per meeting. He expressed opposition to this. It should be an honour to serve. Compensation should be for the regular Speaker only. The regular Speaker has to deal with a lot of crap.

11. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED DAVE PELLETIER:

“That the Compensation Review Committee Report be amended by adding that ‘active Council members will not be eligible for the $100 remuneration when acting as Speaker of Council’.”

- Dave Tompkins: Temporary Speakers have to deal with a lot of crap too. Their work should not be belittled.
- Spencer Keys: There’s a benefit to paying. The monetary incentive creates impartiality; otherwise, you may be attracting people too eager for power.
- Paul Sutton: Though being Speaker is an honour, no one should have to do a job without getting paid.
- Quinn Omori: Council members volunteer to be on Council. If they step up to be Speaker, they’re still volunteering. If someone is hired as permanent Speaker, they should be paid, but Council members who volunteer should not be.
- Ryan Corbett: What possible incentive is there for the AMS to hire an outsider when they can get the job done for free?

12. MOVED IAN MCKECHNIE, SECONDED DAVE PELLETIER:

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Note: Dave Tompkins - abstained ... Defeated

13. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“Be it resolved that Council accept the amendments to the Compensation Review Report as recommended by the Compensation Review Committee.” ... Carried

14. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council appoint Sean Huff (Council member) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing March 24, 2005 and ending April 1, 2005.” ... Carried

15. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“That Council appoint (Council member) and (Member at large) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term commencing March 24, 2005 and ending April 1, 2005.”

16. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:
“That motion #15 be tabled.” ... Carried

17. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the meeting be extended by an hour until 10:05 p.m.”

18. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the meeting be extended until 11:30 p.m. ... Carried

19. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED COURTNEY CAMPBELL:

“That Council appoint Derry Dance (Council member) and ____________ (Member at large) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term commencing March 24, 2005 and ending April 1, 2005.” ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 9, 2005 [SCD 018-006]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated February 23, 2005 [SCD 019-006]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 2, 2005 [SCD 120-006]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated March 9, 2005 [SCD 021-006]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

20. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED DAVE TOMPKINS:

“Whereas Section 23(1)(c) of the University Act forbids “a person who is not a Canadian citizen or is not a permanent resident under the Immigration Act (Canada)” from sitting on a university’s Board of Governors, and

Whereas international students, by holding student visas, are thus ineligible from serving on the Board, and

Whereas the Charter of Rights and Freedoms forbids discrimination by “national or ethnic origin”, calling into question the constitutionality of this section of the University Act, and

Whereas 11% of UBC’s students are international students giving them a significant stake in how the university is run;

Therefore be it resolved that the AMS lobby the provincial government to exclude students from Section 23(1)(c) of the University Act, and

Be it further resolved that the AMS encourage BC’s other student societies to do likewise.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
- Darren Peets: Students have been on the Board of Governors since 1974. Probably because of the influence of the Company Act, the University Act requires members of the Board of Governors to be Canadian. It is probably self-evident that international students should be allowed to serve on the Board. Last year Lyle McMahon couldn’t run because he was American. There is a possibility of getting the law amended. The deputy minister in the Ministry of Advanced Education suggested working with other student associations.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

The Fire Alarm went off at 10:15 p.m.

22. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That the meeting be moved to the Meekison Arts Student Space.” ... Carried

23. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED DERRY DANCE:

“Whereas the AMS recognizes the critical importance of the services provided by the SASC, and is committed to continuing to provide these services; and

Whereas the AMS is concerned regarding the services provided to clients and uncertainty in contractual relations involved in the SASC;

Be it resolved that Council ratify the letter of March 21st sent to WAVAW by the VP Academic and University Affairs, notifying them of their breach of contract as per paragraph 18 of the Letter of Understanding between the AMS and WAVAW;

Be it further resolved that Council suspend the operation of the Sexual Assault Support Center effective Thursday, March 24th pending resolution of the AMS’s claim of breach of contract by WAVAW;

Be it further resolved that the AMS make all reasonable efforts to refer potential SASC clients to alternative support services;

Be it further resolved that, in the event that resolution of the issues between WAVAW and
the AMS does not occur, the AMS enters into discussions regarding the development of a sexual assault support service under an alternative management scheme, as approved by Council;

Be it further resolved that the AMS implement a 21 day closure period of the SASC to address these concerns.”

... Carried Unanimously

P) Discussion Period:

Indigenous and International students
- Dave Tompkins suggested the Executive look into a non-voting Council seat for indigenous students.
- Spencer Keys said it seemed that everyone on Council broadly supported non-voting seats for indigenous and international students.
- In response to the concern that offering such seats might be seen as an insult, Spencer Keys said the offer would be made; it was the best offer Council could make.
- Dave Tompkins said this would be a chance to see how the two groups would choose representatives, a good exercise to see if it would work.

Gage Housing
- Hugh Turner said he is on the committee looking into rental housing for students, staff, and faculty in the Gage South area. He wanted to know AMS views on the idea.
- Patricia Lau asked about MacInnes Field.
- Darren Peets said the Student Recreation Centre plans to expand.
- Manj Sidhu said the stress should be on student housing. There hasn’t been much, and more student spaces are needed.

Q) Submissions:
< Minutes of Restore the Norm Campaign Meeting dated February 3, 2005 [SCD 022-006]
< Minutes of Restore the Norm Campaign Meeting dated March 1, 2005 [SCD 023-006]

R) Next Meeting:
< The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at 6:00 pm in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

25. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

T) Social Activity:
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Aleesha Gillette, Kim Perry (Perry & Associates), Dan Bock (UBC Properties Trust), Joe Stott (Campus & Community Planning), Darren Peets (Graduate Studies), Karen Ward (Graduate Studies), Quinn Omori (incoming BoG rep.), Tim Louman-Gardiner (incoming BoG rep.), Raj Mathur (Music), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Linda Ong (Promotions and Marketing Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

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:

C) Presentations to Council:

Library Gardens – Joe Stott (Campus & Community Planning), Kim Perry (Perry & Associates), Dan Bock (UBC Properties Trust)

< Redoing the garden area between Koerner Library and Main Library.
< Aim to make space more usable.
< Irving Barber wants activities from the new Barber Learning Centre to carry out into the gardens.
< The fountain will be retained and restored; the stone bench will be relocated.
< Aiming to restore link between the front doors of the two libraries and create a pastoral setting.
< Introducing two additional “secret” gardens in flanking areas on the sides.
< Using stone, waterfalls, retaining walls.

Questions:
- Scott Price asked about using the clock tower to create a sundial.
- Gavin Dew asked about design details and the plans for going forward.
- Kim Perry said things are in process: working drawings, pricing, etc.
- Dan Bock: Part of the garden project has to wait until the completion of the Barber Learning Centre in 2006 or 2007, but the rest can be done at any time.
- Joe Stott: The plans have been to Board 1 (the conceptual level) and are still to go to Board 2 (costs). There are five Board levels altogether in the process.
- Dan Bock: The hope is that most of the work will be done by this fall.
- Gavin Dew asked about further consultation.
- Joe Stott said the design can be amended. There have already been discussions at public meetings about the paths.
- Kim Perry said one issue is saving the trees.
- Joe Stott: There is going to be a workshop on a different area, on the other side of the Barber Centre. The workshop will be led by Ike Barber himself.
- Paul Sutton asked about a potential safety hazard because of a hole in the old Sedgewick area.
- Kim Perry said there would be a railing around it. There are also fire safety issues, exit stairs.
- Patricia Lau asked about funding.
- Dan Bock: The cost is estimated at $4.5 million; so far funding of $2.6 million has been raised. We are looking for additional funding or cost cuts.
- Karen Ward: Will materials from the Main south wing be used to reinforce the old Sedgewick area?
- Dan Bock: Some of the fill may or may not come from there, depending on whether it is suitable.
- Karen Ward: Suitable would mean free of asbestos and lead?
- Dan Bock: Yes, partly that. There are also issues of structural stability.

AMS Safewalk/AMS Speakeasy – Trevor Gilks (ECSS)  [SCD 024-006]
< Safewalk is a safety service offering walks around campus after nightfall.
< Speakeasy provides information, peer counseling and referrals to UBC students.
< Safewalk has 100 - 130 walkers, 14 Team Leaders, 2 Assistant Coordinators and 1 Coordinator. Approximately 16 staff are working each night during the winter terms and 5 during the summer.
< Speakeasy consists of 37 Peer Counselling volunteers, 5 Team Leaders, 1 Information Coordinator, 1 Assistant Coordinator and 1 Coordinator.
< Safewalk conducts approximately 270 walks a month during the winter terms and approximately 67 walks a month during the summer.
< Speakeasy peer counsels approximately 36 people a month and answers an average of 2,378 questions a month.
< Speakeasy has a $32,000 budget.
< Safewalk has a $143,000 budget and receives another $30,000 from the UBC VP Student’s Office.
< Both services are on budget this year.
< Some of the challenges faced by Speakeasy this year include; persistent inappropriate callers on the support line, budgetary restricts on promotion and volunteer retention.
< Challenges faced by Safewalk - this was the first year in two years that Safewalk has operated without a shuttle service and liaising with UBC Parking continues in an attempt to restore the service. A new plan is in place requiring all staff to re-apply for their jobs at the end of April, allowing the opportunity to review their file and evaluate their performance before re-hiring. This will hopefully alleviate staffing problems and difficulty filling shifts. Warnings will be carried over from year to year.

Questions:
- Sean Huff asked about the number of walks done by Safewalk.
- Kate Bisnaire said this worked out to $58 per walk and asked if this was a reasonable amount to spend on walking someone home.
- Trevor Gilks: The bulk of the budget comes from paying the walkers. There is a safety concern, so there are always two walkers per student. That’s the source of the cost.
- In response to a question about inappropriate calls to Speakeasy, Trevor Gilks said these were crank calls. There was also a case of one Speakeasy worker being harassed.

D) President’s Remarks:

Announcements:
< Despite an email to the contrary, sent out on April Fool’s Day, I haven’t resigned. However, Dr. Piper did and she will step down in June 2006 and we anticipate hearing about the selection process soon.

Meetings:
< Michelle Aucoin re: UBC-O.
< Katy Short and Andrew Livingston re: AMS-Greek Relationship.
< Allan Tupper re: UBC-AMS Joint Lobbying.
< HR Training Part 1 from Bernie.
< Communications Planning Group met without quorum.
< Executive Committee (notable because minutes have already been submitted).

Projects:
< First Year Involvement – Along with the ECSS, I have begun meeting with Steve Ng and
Sara Sims about starting some form of project to get first years students involved with the AMS government and services in the first few weeks of school.

Student Assembly – I did an interview with the Ubyssey today to discuss the development of a proposal for an “AMS Student Assembly”. Hopefully this will be a topic that interests the next Code and Policies Committee.

AMS Insider hiring – it’s done. Congratulations to Michelle Mayne and Jackie Wong.

Provincial Election – VP External, Policy Advisor, and Marketing and Promotions Manager have been meeting with me to set out our vision for the election and you’ll see the fruits of those labours later in the meeting.

Strategic Plan – I have begun initial discussions with the Policy Advisor and the General Manager on the development of the AMS Strategic Plan. Especially in a no-slate AMS, this is going to be vital to ensure a continuous progression of the Society to better meet the needs of students.

Budget development with Kevin.

Upcoming Items:
- Hiring an assistant.
- Election preparations.
- WOW preparations.
- Strategic Plan work.

E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

Hiring:
- Mandy Wong as Tutoring.
- Imran Beg for Safewalk.
- Kelsey Patton for Speakeasy.
- Charles Voon for Volunteer Connections.
- Sarah Costa for Firstweek.
- Colleen Nimchuck for Advocacy
- Assistants shortlisted yesterday
- More postings up - vice-chairs, commissioners, etc

Architectural Competition:
- Did signage, interview, etc.
- Went to the reception and media breakfast.

Other Business:
- Veronica Fynn (AMS Safety Coordinator) is working on self-defense classes.
- SASC work continues.

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

Coordinator Hiring:
- All coordinators are hired!
- For the 8 positions I performed 34 interviews and spent over 25 hours interviewing and deliberating. So hiring was definitely rigorous this year. Thanks to Gavin for lots of help.
- I will be hiring all of the assistant coordinators in the next two weeks… so I will be going through the whole process again.
- I won’t list of all of the hiring, but notables include: Mandy Wong was re-hired for the position of AMS Tutoring Coordinator; Imran Beg was selected as the Safewalk coordinator – he has 2 years experience as an assistant coordinator and a total of 6 years experience
with the service; Colin Jack has agreed to coordinate AMS Minischool for an extra two months beyond his contract so that summer Minischool can get off the ground. He also offered to help us hire a new coordinator to start in July.

< I have been meeting with the coordinators to introduce them to the AMS and then transitioning them into their new jobs with the help of the outgoing coordinators.
< I am planning an extravagant orientation ceremony on Monday May 2nd for all new service coordinators.

Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund:
< We've been working on actually coming up with a name for this project.
< The decision about whether or not the project will be funded by the grant has been made, but, apparently, the UBC faculty member in charge of mailing out notification letters was called to jury duty.
< The Student Development Office is considering hiring former ECSS Grant Wong as a resource, as he has been involved since the project’s conception and is very knowledgeable about the project’s history and its goals.

Food Bank:
< Tomorrow is the Food Bank’s last day open of the year.
< The Food Bank will not be open during the summer, but we will continue to collect donations.
< The Food Bank coordinators & I will plan a food drive event for the beginning of school and a promotional plan for the rest of the year.
< Clear The Shelves – all rez kids are encouraged to make food bank donations at the end of their stay. This event is in coordination with UBC Residence Life Association.

AMS Minischool Wine & Beer Festival:
< Saturday, April 16th, SUB Ballroom.
< Tickets are $20 and you get 1 free sample from over 25 different vendors.
< Buy tickets from either myself or Colin Jack, the Minischool Coordinator.

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:
< Have been answering 15-20 e-mails a day about the summer U-pass.
< Other than the e-mails, I have focused all of my energy on the provincial election and the AMS strategy that will be discussed later in this Council meeting.
< Spencer, David Wells, Linda Ong and myself have been discussing some great media strategies and policy strategies for the provincial election.
< I have been working on a website for the election that will showcase the policies we are pursuing and other information with regards to the election.
< Our AMS election website should be launched next week hopefully, I am aiming for the last day of class. The website is: www.studentsforbc.ca so tell all of your friends.
< I will be tabling at Arts County Fair with Get Your Vote On for a good part of the day so that we can register more youth voters and leave the last day of classes this term with the election on their minds!

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:
< Holding budget meetings.
< University Town Architectural competition.
< Job posting for Commissioners and Vice-Chairs are up.
< Corrections on Accounts.
< investigations ‘forensic accounts’.
< SAC.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:
SAC:
< April Fool’s Joke on Clubs: it went over quite well with only one phone call asking for legal clarifications.
< Job positions for SAC are up thanks to Gavin.
< Had a record 2.5 hour meeting.
< We have been Liaising with SAV (Students Against Vector) regarding their concerns over Vector Marketing.
< Potentially, Lifeline was reported to be leafleting in the SUB but SAC is looking into this.

Renovations Planning Group:
< Some projects are on the table but as we have not reached quorum, things are hard to approve.
< Next meeting should have full quorum so I will keep you updated on that.

Impacts Committee:
< Met for the first time last week and caught up on projects that have been happening as of late.
< Mural Project Update: it is half-done and the other half is being completed.
< Talked about Responsible Awareness Week (it is going to be awesome).
< Bounced some ideas around about a Centralized Postering Space.
< Styrofoam Alternatives: slowly but surely……..waiting for the samples to arrive.

GAP:
< Yee-haw!
< It happened and it was raining.
< A big thank you to Linda Ong for providing large beautiful signs that read “Warning: Graphic Images Ahead”.
< Only minor incidents that were taken care of by Michelle Aucoin and Campus Security.
< Had a safety table outside but it was very wet so not many students stopped by.
< In the future, there will be another meeting happening with UBC Administration, the student clubs and the AMS in regards to the present ‘agreement’ that exists.

Personal:
< I will be at Arts County Fair with the Safety Crew.
< I love Arts Academic Advising for granting me two academic concessions on my term papers.

G) Constituency Reports:

Lilian Shun - Graduate Student Society
- Discussing proposed GSS ombudsoffice with AMS Ombudsperson and hope to discuss further with AMS executives to work out whether it will be the AMS or the GSS that will pay

David Claassen - Arts Undergraduate Society
- About 8000 tickets sold for Arts County Fair

Sean Huff - Engineering Undergraduate Society

David Williams - Regent College
- Regent is expanding its library

Noorie Javer - Human Kinetics Undergraduate Society

Jeff Potter - Commerce Undergraduate Society

Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
- Unimpressed by University Boulevard Plan B, which would cover over the planned Science social space area
H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson
< 122 cases, 73 closed, 13 referrals.
< Assisted Gavin with hiring.
< The new Ombudsperson has been hired.
< Working on transition material.
< Reminded everyone the importance of seeking academic concession before writing exams.

F) Committee Reports:

SASC Personnel Committee – Gavin Dew
< Gavin Dew reported that letters have been exchanged.

AD Hoc Privacy Committee - Sheldon Goldfarb
< The AMS is subject to the new privacy law and must comply or be liable to fines.
< In compliance with the law, Council has already approved a privacy policy.
< In further compliance, the ad hoc privacy committee has now drawn up privacy procedures and guidelines.
< The procedures explain to managers, executives, etc. how to comply with the requirement to obtain consent from individuals before collecting, using, or disclosing their personal information.
< The procedures deal with employment matters and with listservs, e-mail lists, election voting lists, club membership lists, reunions, etc.
< The AMS privacy policy and procedures apply to all AMS constituencies except the GSS, which is a separately constituted society and which should have its own privacy policy and procedures.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated March 23, 2005  [SCD 026-006]
Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 11, 2005  [SCD 027-006]
Minutes of the Ombuds Advisory Committee dated March 10, 2005  [SCD 028-006]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 22, 2005  [SCD 029-006]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 24, 2005  [SCD 030-006]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 25, 2005  [SCD 031-006]
Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated March 29, 2005  [SCD 032-006]
Minutes of the Primary Appointments Committee dated April 5, 2005  [SCD 033-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DAVID CLAASSEN:

"Be it resolved that Council appoint Tim Louman-Gardiner to Council, as a non-voting member, for a term ending when he officially becomes a student representative to the Board of Governors."
Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Spencer Keys: Neither Tim Louman-Gardiner nor Quinn Omori can take up their Council seats until they have sat on the Board of Governors, which may not be until June. Quinn has arranged to serve as a proxy for Arts reps in the meantime. This motion would put Tim on Council temporarily.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

3. MOVED TREVOR GILKS, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE: [SCD 034-006]

"That Council adopt the report of the Executive Committee entitled “Code Changes 2005: Firstweek” and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Trevor Gilks: Last year the President wanted the Firstweek Coordinator to report to her. This year the Executive wants to switch back. It makes sense to have the coordinator report to the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, who can be a resource for them. Last year the thinking was that the ECSS had too much to do, but that’s not true now, especially with the suspension of Orientations. Also, the argument was that Firstweek was the face of the Executive, but so are all the Services; that doesn’t mean they should be micro-managed by the President. This year’s President will of course still oversee things and have a veto.

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Policy on Student Financial Responsibility

5. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON: [SCD 035-006]

"Whereas the Alma Mater Society believes that any academically qualified student with the desire to pursue post-secondary education should not face a barrier – financial, social, political, physical, cultural, or otherwise

Whereas tuition rates have increased 84% over the past 4 years

Whereas University enrollment has continued to outpace available courses, leading to longer average degree completion times.

Whereas government run student financial assistance and grants have been capped and in some cases, such as with the BC Grant, eliminated resulting in growth in the number of students applying for government loans and grants who will not receive assistance."
Whereas the average government investment per student has dropped by 20% over the last 10 years.

Whereas students in British Columbia believe that their share of financial responsibility for their education should be 13%, with family responsible for 8% and government responsible for the other 79%

Whereas the share of student responsibility for funding their education has grown from approximately 20% in 1995 to approximately 30% in 2005

Whereas this greater burden of responsibility has pressured students to spend more time in non-learning based employment and less time on their education

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the Provincial Government to cap the percentage of student financial responsibility for their education at 30%.

Be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society request the Provincial Government to reduce this proposed cap on student financial responsibility to 25% by 2007 and 20% by 2010."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Patricia Lau: It seems like a nice idea, but is it realistic to expect the government to accept the 20% level? Or is this just negotiating?
- Spencer Keys: It’s an election year. This is the time for asking more aggressively than at other times in the government’s term. Is this realistic? It’s not unrealistic to say it’s possible. It’s less realistic to expect the government to do this, but they won’t laugh us out of the room as long as we bring some serious arguments.
- Quinn Omori asked for the source of the numbers in the motion.
- David Wells said they were from a 2003 UBC research report.
- Sean Huff: Is there a cap now?
- Spencer Keys: No. And in Ontario, where there is no cap, some universities (like Western) are getting half their budget from tuition.
- Michael Woodward: Can we really expect the government to do this?
- Spencer Keys: Health and education are the two major issues for the public, and now the Liberals are pushing education as one of their primary goals, so it sounds like they’d be willing to talk to us.
- Scott Price asked how the tuition increase figure was arrived at.
- Paul Sutton said it was a comparison of the 2004-05 figure with the one for 2001-02.
- Derry Dance asked how we compare with the national average.
- David Wells said BC is above the national average. Nova Scotia is still the highest, at $5,000 or $6,000. The national average is $4,000 and change. For BC it is between $4,400 and $4,700.
- Reka Pataky said this would be a dramatic rolling back to 20%, to what it was 10 years ago.
- David Wells said freezing tuition meant the percentage contribution by students remained basically the same; it only went up during the freeze to the extent that there were increases in the number of students.
- Michael Duncan: Is this calling for a reduction in tuition or for government to contribute more?
- Spencer Keys: We’re not specifically saying one or the other. Education costs a certain amount. We’re saying students should pay a lower percentage.

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

Policy on BC SAP Grant Reinstatement

7. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS: [SCD 036-006]

"Whereas the provincial government cancelled the BC Grant program in 2004, removing $80 Million in non-repayable financial assistance from the provincial system.

Whereas tuition rates have increased 84% over the past 4 years.

Whereas University enrollment in British Columbia has increased by 33% in the last 5 years.

Whereas University participation, amongst 18-21 year-olds in British Columbia, remains the lowest in the country at 13.5%.

Whereas degree completion times have increased because of over enrollment in existing capacity.

Whereas the Provincial government cancelled the funding of the University work-study programs.

Whereas the percentage real increase in average student debt among university students..."
holding public loans over the past 20 years has been more than 200%

Whereas said provisions may force students to incur massive debt loads, thereby dissuading potentially qualified individuals from pursuing post-baccalaureate studies

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the Provincial Government to reinstate the Provincial Grant Program to address the current unmet need that students in British Columbia face.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Policy on Financial Assistance Accessibility and Affordability

8. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED RYAN CLARE: [SCD 037-006]

"Whereas the Alma Mater Society believes that any academically qualified student with the desire to pursue post-secondary education should not face a barrier – financial, social, political, physical, cultural, or otherwise

Whereas parental income stipulations have limited accessibility to public financial assistance for students whose parents have assets and income above a pre-determined threshold

Whereas many families have assets that are indispensable and/or integral to their livelihood, such as families dependent upon agricultural production

Whereas 36% of students aged 18-19 and 48% of students aged 20-21 expect no support from parents

Whereas the absence of adequate financial loan and grant resources has pressured students to work more and study less, resulting in longer degree completion times and less eligibility to benefit from the Loan Remission Program

Whereas the province of British Columbia has the lowest University participation rate amongst 18-21 year-olds at 13.5% as compared to a National average of 23.8%

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the Provincial Government to reduce or eliminate parental income stipulations, and grant Financial Assistance solely on the basis of student financial need, rather than on parental income levels.

Be it further resolved that the Alma Mater Society request that the Provincial Government to extend eligibility to the loan remission program to all students who have completed their degree within 5 years."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Derry Dance raised the issue of students whose parents do have money. He was against those students being included.
- Ryan Clare: There’s no correlation. Parents may have money, but they may not be giving it to the students.
- Paul Sutton: Many students don’t talk to their parents and don’t get a cent.
- Michael Woodward: Only 48% of students expect no support. Don’t forget those who do get support. How much money would the government lose if it did this?
- Spencer Keys: These are aggressive policies to get on the political agenda, to push for a review of the program and how things are calculated and who gets benefits.
It’s true that this could cause conflict with other policies. The Executive is going to prioritize things. The Executive wants to make sure Council is behind these policies. Students shouldn’t be dependent on their parents. Society should pay its fair share.

Gavin Dew: Parental restrictions are predicated on fallacious assumptions not based on the reality of society today.

Derry Dance: If your parents aren’t supporting you, aren’t there provisions for opting out of parental dependence?

Spencer Keys said he didn’t think so, short of divorcing one’s parents, and that would be drastic.

Jonathan Lamb asked for more details. Spencer Keys said there was a complex calculus of gross income and assets that it would be difficult to go into.

Jonathan Lamb: How can we pass a policy till we understand how it works? We’re just hearing one side.

Jeff Friedrich said that as an international student he did not feel represented in this discussion. Every four years Canadian students get a chance to make a statement about tuition.

Michael Woodward asked about communication with other schools.

Spencer Keys said significant information had been obtained through CASA. David Wells said there had been communication with the University of Calgary, which went through a provincial election in November.

9. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED RYAN CLARE: [SCD 037-006]

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Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

Policy on Provincial Government Loan Forgiveness
10. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD: [SCD 038-006]

"Whereas a widespread labour shortage is projected for British Columbia by 2010 across a broad spectrum of industry sectors and occupational positions, including post-secondary faculty

Whereas there has been a net migration from British Columbia to other provinces in Canada for 8 of the last 10 years

Whereas the percentage real increase in average student debt amongst university students holding public loans over the past 20 years has been more than 200%

Whereas provincial spending on all student financial assistance decreased by 47% relative to federal spending between 1997 and 2002

Whereas investing in post-secondary graduates produces a 160% return on investment in terms of tax revenues, and a 22% lower unemployment rate, relative to high-school graduates

Whereas the Provincial Government pioneered the Loan Forgiveness program for select professions in British Columbia in 2004, such as medicine and pharmacy

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alma Mater Society call upon the Provincial Government to expand the Provincial Loan Forgiveness program to include graduates of all undergraduate and graduate programs who are employed in underserved areas of British Columbia."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

11. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE: [SCD 039-006]

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amended Bylaws of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations as adopted by the CASA Annual General Meeting Plenary, held March 14-19, 2005, as presented."

- Kevin Keystone: The CASA bylaws have to be voted on by all CASA’s constituencies. One of the changes is meant to create better relations with the members by turning the Members Relations Committee into a standing committee.
- Jessica Klug: This is being done for communication, to make sure everyone is on board with what other schools are doing.
- Spencer Keys: There is also a change to introduce a quorum requirement. Currently there is no quorum requirement, so a committee chair alone could constitute a committee meeting.
12. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

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... Carried

13. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH: [SCD 040-006]

"Be it resolved that Council ratify Mr. Phillipe Ouellette as National Director of CASA (the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations) for 2005/2006."

- Jessica Klug: The proposed new director was president of the student society at St. Thomas (part of the University of New Brunswick) and he is now studying at Queen’s and knows a lot about what is going on.
- Spencer Keys: He is fluently bilingual.

14. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

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... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

15. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Bijan Ahmadian as the student representative for the Faculty of Applied Science and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council's decision.”

- Gavin Dew asked about the previous postponement of this motion.
- Kate Bisnaire: Engineering hadn’t discussed the appointment enough with Nursing. It’s an Applied Science seat, encompassing both Engineering and Nursing. We needed time to confirm Nursing’s approval.

16. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:

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... Carried

L) Committee Motions:

17. MOVED REKA PATAKY, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE: [SCD 041-006]


Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Quinn Omori: Last year’s Executive created a checklist of transitional Executive duties which was put in Code. It listed the tasks to do, but didn’t set deadlines. This year one of the Executives has still not received the required transition report, which is outrageous. So we’re putting a deadline in for the reports.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: Can this be made retroactive?
- Gavin Dew: No.
- Quinn Omori: The other amendment just changes an anomalous situation pointed out by the Vice-President Finance. The current Code says that whichever Executive member hires a Commissioner has the right to dismiss them, but in the period after Executive turnover and before Commission terms expire, the Executive member who hired the Commissioners is out of office and can’t dismiss anyone and the new Executive member was not the one who hired anyone. So the amendment would merely rewrite this provision to say that dismissals can be made at the discretion of the Executive in charge of a Commission.
- Bernie Peets: There should be some qualification put on the discretion of the Executive, making it subject to the disciplinary procedures in the AMS Personnel Handbook.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: The reference should probably be to the Executive Procedures Manual instead of the Personnel Handbook, since Commissioners are appointees instead of regular employees.

18. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DAVID CLAASSEN:

“Be it resolved that Section VIII A, Article 3 (1) be amended to read:

‘Members of a Commission other than SAC may be dismissed at the discretion of the Executive in charge of that Commission in accordance with the disciplinary process contained in the AMS Executive Procedures Manual’.”

... Carried

19. MOVED REKA PATAKY, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:


Note: Requires 2/3rds

... Carried

20. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council suspend Code of Procedure to allow the sharing of the roles and responsibilities of the Ombudsoffice for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Gavin Dew said he was asking Council to suspend Code in order to allow two people to share the Ombudsperson position. The reason was that the candidate who was clearly the best cannot do the required 15 hours but can do 10 hours. At the same time, the outgoing Ombudsperson is willing and able to be involved in an Ombuds role, working 5 hours. If the two were hired, there would be no increase in spending; the salary would be split. And there would be a stronger Ombudsoffice.
- Trevor Gilks: This would be a drastic alteration to the Ombudsoffice: two Ombudspeople. How will this be done? It seems very last-minute.
- Gavin Dew: This discussion just took place yesterday. The current Ombudsperson would work on the more systemic issues while the new Ombudsperson would work more on individual cases. The exact division of duties has not been discussed, but it is very doable.
- Michelle Quigg: There are a variety of tasks. It’s just a matter of allocating different areas. It shouldn’t be a problem and it will help with transition.
- Patricia Lau: It sounds like a good division of the job. But what sort of precedent is this? If Code is broken to allow this to happen, what’s to stop two people for applying for other positions?
- Gavin Dew: This is not exactly breaking new ground.
- Paul Sutton: Be very, very careful when splitting up coordinator positions.
- Gavin Dew: This was felt to be the best option, given the situation.
- Jonathan Lamb: Why not just get a new candidate?
- Patricia Lau: Was there quorum at the committee meetings?
- Gavin Dew: Most of the interviews were conducted by me, along with the current Ombudsperson and one member at large. Quorum could not be obtained. And to get a level playing field for all the interviews, it was decided not to have people attend for just some interviews.
- Trevor Gilks: Next year will there be two ombudspersons?
- Gavin Dew: No, just this year. It is not systemic.

21. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS, MATT HOLME:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

22. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS, MATT HOLME:

“That Council remain in camera.” ... Defeated

23. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED JOSHUA CAULKINS:

“That Council suspend Code of Procedure to allow the sharing of the roles and responsibilities of the Ombudsoffice for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

24. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED DERRY DANCE:

“Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee and appoint Jenny Biem and Michelle Quigg to fill the position of Ombudsperson for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

... Carried

25. MOVED MATT HOLME, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council omnibus motions 11 - 30 on the agenda.” ... Carried

26. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED DAVID CLAASSEN:

“That Council appoint Scott Price, Jonathan Lam and Abigail Ong (Council members) and Michael Grunberg and Sophia Haque (Members at large) to the Budget Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Derry Dance, Paul Sutton, Reka Pataky and Tim Louman-Gardiner (Council members), Quinn Omori and Aleesha Gillette (Members at large) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Paul Sutton as Chair of the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint David Claassen, Kate Bisnaire, Reka Pataky, Michael Woodard, Manj Sidhu and Jeff Friedrich (Council members) to the Primary Appointments Committee for a
“That Council appoint Sean Huff, David Claassen and Michael Duncan (Council members) to the Coordinators Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Abigail Ong, Chris Baitz and Laura Levine (Council members) and Stacey Chiu (Member at large) to the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint David Claassen and Kevin Keystone (Council members) to the Assistant Appointments Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Patricia Lau, Scott Price and Ryan Clare (Council members) and to the Compensation Review Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Jeff Friedrich, Marina Kaplunovska and Michael Duncan (Council members) to the Impacts Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Paul Sutton (Council members) to the Campus Safety Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Patricia Lau, Joshua Caulkins, Erica Baird, Derry Dance and Clara King (Council members) to the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Joshua Caulkins as Chair of the Ombuds Advisory Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Gavin Dew, Scott Price, Michael Woodward and Jonathan Lam (Council members) to the Business Operations Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Chris Baitz, Julio Hernandez and Derry Dance (Council members) to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Laura Levine, Sandra Gin and Abigail Ong (Council members) and Derek Eidick and Meghan Doxsey-Whitfield (Members at-large) to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Paul Sutton, Julio Hernandez and Derry Dance (Council members) to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Marina Kaplunovska and Kate Bisnaire (Council Members) and Darren Peets, Colleen Brown and Karen Ward (Members at-large) to the Campus Planning & Development Committee for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Ryan Corbett (Council Member) to represent the AMS on the Board
of Directors of CiTR (the Student Radio Society) for a term ending June 2, 2005."

“That Council appoint Ryan Clare, Marina Kaplunovska and Michael Woodward (Council Members) to the Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee."

“That Council appoint Michael Duncan, Laura Levine and Jessica Klug (Council members) to the Communications Planning Group for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Erica Baird, Chris Baitz and Ryan Clare (Council members) to the Renovations Planning Group for a term commencing April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

... Carried

27. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED JESSICA KLUG:

“That the meeting be extended by fifteen minutes until 10.19 p.m.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the University Commission dated October 28, 2004 [SCD 042-006]
Minutes of the External Commission dated February 23, 2005 [SCD 043-006]
Minutes of the External Commission dated March 4, 2005 [SCD 044-006]
Minutes of the External Commission dated March 9, 2005 [SCD 045-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 14, 2005 [SCD 046-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 21, 2005 [SCD 047-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated January 28, 2005 [SCD 048-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated February 4, 2005 [SCD 049-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 4, 2005 [SCD 050-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated March 18, 2005 [SCD 051-006]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 16, 2005 [SCD 052-006]
Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 23, 2005 [SCD 053-006]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

_Provincial Election Budget - Jessica Klug_
- Jessica Klug went over the budget, which had to be drawn up at the last minute. The aim will be to target voters in general, not just UBC students. The AMS will be non-partisan.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

The minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 6, 2005. [SCD 054-006]
28. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

"Be it resolved that Council approve an expenditure of up to $35,000 on the 2005 Provincial Election Campaign run by the AMS from the External and University Lobbying Fund on the recommendation of the Executive Committee."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Architectural Competition - Gavin Dew
- Gavin Dew: The previous Council was very strong on the competition. The idea was that the more students that vote, the more it documents that students care and the stronger the assertion to the jury. The jury is not bound by the vote, but a large turnout would make it more binding. The jury would be hard-pressed to vote against what large numbers of people want.

Q) Submissions:
< Minutes of Restore the Norm Campaign Meeting dated March 15, 2005 [SCD 055-006]
< Compensation Review Committee Report [SCD 056-006]

R) Next Meeting:
< The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 6:00 pm in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:
29. MOVED DAVID CLAASSEN, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

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Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs

GD:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Ezra Edelstein (Dalhousie Student Society), Michelle Mayne (Inside UBC), Jackie Wong (Inside UBC), Aleesha Gillette, Bijan Ahmadian (Senate), Veronica Fynn (AMS Safety Coordinator), Ruth Situma (Chair, Africa Awareness), Jo-Anne Osei-Fwurn (Vice-Chair, Africa Awareness), Michelle Aucoin (VP Students Office), Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Karen Ward (Graduate Studies), Quinn Omori (incoming BoG rep.), Raj Mathur (Music), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Bernie 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:

C) Presentations to Council:

Tuition Consultation – Brian Sullivan (VP Students) [SCD 057-006]

< After meeting with the Executive and reviewing some of the material, we agreed this would be an appropriate time to share some of this information with Council. Will be coming back to Council in a few weeks for further feedback and discussion.

< The Administration will be submitting a tuition proposal to the Board of Governors at the June 3rd, 2005 meeting.

< The bottom line is a 2% increase across the board effective May 2005.

< At UBC O tuition levels for comparable programs will become the same as for UBC Vancouver.

< A proportion of institutional education costs will continue to be borne by tuition being in the range of 25% - 30%; probably 27.5%. It was 28% last year.

< Tuition increases will be based on current Provincial guidelines. We will report where those tuition increases are allocated. Policy 72 says domestic students will be eligible for unmet need.

< We have no legislation until September but in the meantime we have an understanding with the government that tuition increases are limited to 2% for all degree programs for the next year effective May. This includes all professional and differentiated program tuition, whether its Commerce or Law. International tuition, mandatory fees and third party contracts are not included.

< Tuition levels for new program fees may be set at market or comparable tuition rates with similar programs.

< The University has not received the funding letter from the Ministry of Advanced Education.

< The Board did approve a working budget at the March 2005 meeting. My guess is that we will not have a final university budget until November 2005. It is the President’s ardent belief that we will receive $14.7 million from the province.

< The Senate Financial report will be presented to the Board in May and that complete report will be made available to Council to distribute in any way you like.

< In December UBC allocated $12, 076,575 in bursary assistance - an 8% increase from 2003/04.

< A 2% increase in tuition across the board will generate $2.5 million.

< A 2.3% increase in International undergraduate tuition has already been approved by the Board. International tuition for graduate students will not increase at all. The International Partial Tuition Scholarship will be adjusted to ensure that no international tuition is lower than the associated domestic tuition.
< Mandatory fees will be harmonized at both campuses.
< A 2% increase representing a cost of living adjustment was considered for all fees. The Administration recommends no change to the current fee schedule if there were no changes to direct costs.
< Where fees are different, the fees at UBC Vancouver are recommended as those fees have been approved by the Board.
< Fee revenue will be collected and distributed on the basis of the UBC Vancouver fee distribution model moving to a system of understanding.
< In September 2002, the Board approved a requirement for all international students to enrol in a 3/4 month health plan and this was extended to exchange students in May 2004. In February 2004, the University issued a tender, an increase of about $10 for mandatory insurance.
< The Work term fee for UBC Vancouver is significantly higher than the fee for UBC O. The Administration is proposing a graduated fee increase for continuing students at UBC O already enrolled in the Co-op Education Program.
< Athletics and Recreation programs and facilities are not comparable at UBC Vancouver and UBC O. The UBC Vancouver fee is higher reflecting greater options and facilities. As UBC O increases options and facilities, the fee will increase until it harmonizes with UBC Vancouver - probably in about three years time. The Board will look at fee increases annually.
< Currently we have two fees under discussion:
  - Educational Technology Fee.
  - Campus Life and Services Fee (a $20 fee to help support campus life).
< The tuition consultation website goes live tomorrow, so please check it out.

Questions:
- Paul Sutton: the tuition fee increase proposal will be going to the Board on June 3rd, does that mean the fee increase will not take place on May 1st?
- Brian Sullivan: The tuition increase will be effective May 1st.
- Paul Sutton: Is the Administration allowed to do this?
- Brian: yes the Administration can do this, however if the fees increase doesn’t get approved by the Board, then the money will be returned.
- Scott Price asked if it would be possible to see a breakdown of the Athletics fee which is $100 more than UBC O.
- Brian said he would provide this information following consultation with Spencer and other members of the University Athletic Council.
- Scott Price: as with most business consolidations, having two bureaucracies become one frees up a lot of money in the long run. What does the Administration plan on doing with this excess money and is it right to assume that there won’t be much improvement in the quality of education.
- Brian: your assertion that there ought to be some economies of scale is probably correct and we have already achieved some of them. The other assertion that there won’t be too much difference in the quality of education for a couple of years I hope is incorrect. It is a UBC degree and we are part way into hiring 40 new faculty members The costs associated with this are high. By 2009 our per student cost will look better. With the budget I have been given, I think we are having to do more with less.

1. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED GINA EOM:

   “That question period be extended to include everyone on the Speaker’s list.”

   ... Carried

- Manj Sidhu asked if fees at Student Service Centre online accounts will be changing as of
May 1st.
- Brian said the basic answer was yes, but he hadn’t gone into individual accounts. However there will be an explanation so that people don’t get confused.
- Darren Peets: on retroactivity he is fortunate enough to have scholarships cover tuition but the fees haven’t been raised yet, so will he have to give some of the money back?
- Brian said he didn’t have this information to hand but would be happy to find out.
- Darren asked how much the university is actually intending on making from tuition for the period May - September 2005?
- Brian said he would provide this information.
- Karen Ward asked about graduate student bursaries
- Brian: fewer PhD. students receive bursary support because the PhD. award kicks in fully.
- Karen: does UBC keep track of students who drop out because of unmet financial need?
- Brian - yes, we do make an effort to keep data on why people leave the institution, but this has been an unsuccessful enterprise, because the last thing most people want to do is tell us why they are leaving.
- Paul Sutton: a member of your office was heard saying ‘its only 2% and nobody is going to care about that’. If 2% is no big deal, why not scrap it?
- Brian: I have actually heard the same coming from students. Any increase in tuition or mandatory fees is a big deal and that is why I am here tonight and why we have Policy 71.
- Karen Ward: most of the money that is made from May to August is money the university is making on the back of primarily graduate students enrolled in summer classes.
- Paul Sutton: the preliminary budget you presented to the university declares annual increases of nil to keeping employees for the next five years. It was two years ago when the TA strike took place and the administration made a backroom deal with the Liberals to put them back to work and their contracts are up this summer. Are there any other backroom deals that are leading to this line item being nil for the next five years?
- Brian asked if the budget said nil or a dash. Paul said it was a dash. A dash in the budget means we don’t know and don’t want to presume. However, 0 means 0. I am certainly not aware of any backroom deals but the Public Sector Employers Council just announced an increase of 1.5% and opportunities for market adjustments.
- Paul Sutton: with only 17,000 students on campus in the summer, do you really think Policy 71 is being done justice?
- Brian: to the best of our abilities, yes. We are sending an email out to 40,000 students tomorrow. With the Board meeting a month away I think we have opportunity to get the word out and people will be able to offer comments. However, it is a little awkward in terms of holding forums.

Teaching and Academic Growth - Gary Poole (Director, TAG) [SCD 058-006]
< The Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth is the facility on campus that has as its main mandate the enhancement of the quality of learning at UBC.
< Not nearly enough students know about it. Our work needs to be better informed by your reality as students by your needs and challenges.
< You might be surprised to know that TAG offers over 90 events in a calendar year attended by over 2,000 people in the pursuit of teaching excellence.
< We receive a big chunk of the TLEF grant and funds from general operating to do the work we do.
< TAG has been in existence since the mid 1980’s to enhance teaching and help students learn better.
< There are 10 full-time equivalent people working in TAG and compared to other universities in Canada we are one of the bigger ones.
< Want to make your time here more worthwhile. Looking at ways in which we can expand student involvement in the work of TAG.
< Want to create a Student Advisory Committee for TAG with representation from graduate and undergraduate students who care about the quality of teaching.
< Want students to participate in workshops that we put on to explore new teaching ideas.
< We have a lot of teaching and learning ideas that affect your workload significantly, sometimes making it lighter but often making it considerably heavier.
< We want to make your time here more worthwhile and for this we need your feedback.
< We want students to tell us what workshops we should run and want students to take part in them.
< I report directly to Anna Kindler (Associate VP Academic Programs). She is working on a 14 point plan called student horizons.
< Would love your thoughts and ideas on how to proceed.

Questions:
- Gina Eom: on courses that are offered to professors, do you ever do follow-ups to look into their teaching evaluations before and after courses?
- Gary: teaching evaluations are one way to measure the effectiveness of the work we do. We have not done a systematic study of that. We work one on one with people and do see improvements not only in student evaluations but in other things that students say about what goes on in the classroom.
- Michelle Quigg: expressed interest in sitting on the Student Advisory Committee. A lot of the complaints received by the OmbudsOffice are related to grading practices, particularly scaling. A lot of students feel they are not getting accurate feedback on the work they do because assignments can be scaled sometimes by 25%.
- Gary: what you are talking about is policy level work. Although TAG has to be in the business of lobbying around policy we also have to stay away from faculty business. Colleagues will say for every time that a student suffers from scaling, there will be another time when they will benefit from it. The Teaching Excellence Initiative which has put faculty teaching evaluations on the web is lobbying and working at the policy level.

2. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That question period be extended by ten minutes.” ... Carried

- Reka Pataky: do you see the role of the Student Advisory Committee be to provide feedback or rally support for TAG?
- Gary: see it as a bit of both but don’t want to make the task too onerous.
- Veronica Fynn: what is the overall objective of getting students on the Student Advisory Committee and where do you see this in five to ten years time?
- Gary: if this works there will be a greater connection between the efforts people are putting in to enhance their methods of teaching and students learning.
- Jason Loxton: what steps are taken to address the issue of professors whose first language is not english or who speak a non-north American english dialect?
- Gary: at TAG we don’t do anything about this. This gets addressed at the Centre for Intercultural Communication. The University of Ottawa received a grant to investigate ways of supporting new faculty members who have come to Canada from other countries.
- Gina Eom: In January a motion was passed by Senate regarding the spoken component to TOEFL. How many professors get recommended by their departments to attend TAG workshops due to low teaching evaluations?
- Gary: I don’t have that information but it does happen.
- Gavin Dew: Anna Kindler mentioned improving training for Teaching Assistants when they get here.
- Gary: we put on 17 three day training sessions for graduate students per year. Anna has plans to triple that. Virtually every graduate student will have to go through this training program before they start work. Anna has given us funding to put on these workshops. It
is going to be incremental and by August 2006 we hope to provide meaningful entry level training for all graduate students who are going to be teaching assistants.

AMS Preliminary Budget - Kevin Keystone (VP Finance)  [SCD 059-006]

Keypoints:
< This year revenues and transfers increased.
< Government expenditures increased, services decreased and programs and publications increased big time.
< Accumulated deficit is $43,854. According to the AMS Bylaws we are not allowed to project a deficit. Hopefully this will change sometime this year.
< Student fees went up due to FTE enrollment and also the SASC referendum which increased from $1 to $3 per student.
< Health and Dental Plan CPI increase.
< Despite a loss of $86,000 in Coke revenue, business operations still increased net contributions due to efficiencies. Individuals who lost their jobs due to the Business Consolidation Project were planning on leaving the AMS anyway.
< AMS Catering had a banner year and more than doubled their estimated contributions for this year.
< We also have an automatic bank machine on the main concourse and we are replacing the Scotia bank machine in the basement with one of our own. Also rolling out some ABM’s into constituencies through discussions. Hopefully both the AMS and constituencies will get a cut out of this.
< Investment revenues decreased marginally due to low interest rates.
< Sponsorship revenue is down due to the loss of Coke money.

Expenditures:
< The Administration Office line has changed to Admin/Systems Office and it needs to be made clear that Administration decreased their expenses this year but Systems brought greater expenditures which brought a marginal increase of $3,300

Student Government:
< Increased mainly due to the VP External’s account which is now being billed $57,600 for the U-Pass handling fee.

Services:
< Decreased due to cutbacks with AMS Orientations. Rentsline bringing in lots of extra revenue.

Programs and Publications:
< Their budget increased by $53,000 and the Events and Firstweek budget had a combined increase of $48,000. The reason is not that they are spending more money but bringing in ‘less revenue’; the revenue they stated for this year’s budget is reasonable as opposed to the revenue they stated in last year’s budget. Revenues were inflated last year because we didn’t have an Events Manager when planning the budget.

Transfers:
< Decreased due to budget cutbacks from the Policy Advisor of $7,660.
Challenges:

- We have a deficit of $52,827 and an accumulated deficit of $43,854.
- There is no sponsorship revenue due to the loss of Coke revenue for this year and next year.
- Increasing budgets and CPI linked expenses such as salaries and wages for staff members go up every year to account for cost of living allocations.
- An increasing student population means more expenses on the part of Government and Services.
- University Neighbourhood businesses will be providing much unwelcome competition to our own businesses.

Opportunities:

- We need to re-evaluate our expenditures on both macro and micro levels. Macro meaning a re-evaluation of certain AMS Organizations such as Safewalk and micro meaning a line by line re-evaluation of expenses.
- We need to create and rank a wish list.
- Seek out sponsorship revenue, although this is just a band aid solution.
- Increase business opportunities.

Objectives:

- Decrease deficit to 0.
- Hold regular meetings of the Budget Committee throughout the year to monitor the AMS Budget and make changes accordingly.
- Work closely with the AMS Development Officer to increase our funding opportunities, maybe appealing to alumni.
- Work closely with the AMS Treasurer/Comptroller to monitor and predict revenues and expenditures.

Questions:

- Matt Holme asked when the Meekison Arts Student Space would be getting an ABM.
- Kevin said MASS would not be getting an ABM machine because the ABM people didn’t think there was enough volume of transactions to make it worth their while. However Buchanan 200 might be an option.
- Michael Duncan asked if the AMS had a deal with TD Bank to not replace the TD bank machine with an AMS one.
- Kevin: we don’t have a deal with TD Bank; their lease hasn’t expired yet.
- Gina Eom wanted to know which other constituencies had approached him about ABMs.
- Kevin said he sent out an email about a month and a half ago and got two responses, one from SUS and one from the AUS. However, interest has been expressed to ABMs in Scarfe, Commerce, Medicine and Forestry.
- Gavin Dew wanted to know when the contract with TD Bank expired. Kevin said he had no idea but thinks it will be within the next five years.
- Paul Sutton suggested putting ABM’s outside all Starbucks on campus.
- Kevin said that would be great and for everyone’s information within the next year and a half there is the prospect of replacing Express On The Go with a full blown Starbucks. We have no control over that space because it comes under the territory of UBC Food Services.
- Veronica Fynn: as we are running a deficit, will you be looking to cut salaries and wages and if so how are you going to go about doing this?
- Kevin: this can be a really big problem and is something I ran a platform not to do. I have yet to speak with the General Manager about salary negotiations. We cannot control admin/systems office salaries because they are covered under union negotiations which take place in the summer. The last thing I want to do is cut someone’s salary, especially a student worker. If it needs to be done I hope there is lots of consultation.
- Mia Amir: when seeking sponsorship revenue, will you be working within the guidelines of the Ethical Purchasing Policy?
- Kevin: hoping that all sponsorship will be done in accordance with the Ethical Purchasing
Policy. A commissioner has been hired to look at every single sponsorship contract we enter into. The commissioner will also be talking to labour organizations and Amnesty International.

D) President’s Remarks:

Meetings and Appearances:
< Byron Brayley (Treasury) and Michelle Aucoin (VP Students) - re: Aquatic Centre Agreement.
< Transportation Plan Advisory Committee - re: Draft Strategic Transportation Plan.
< Health and Dental Plan Committee – see report.
< Interview on Channel M News – re: AMS Food Bank.
< Interview on BCTV News on Global – re: Dr. Piper’s retirement package.
< Jackie Wong and Michelle Mayne (AMS Insider editors) – re: direction of the AMS Insider and content we want to strategically include (such as content about possible referenda, dates for constituency events in the calendar, and things like nomination deadlines for AMS Elections in the calendar).
< Exec and Support Staff – re: Birthday lunch for Val and Paramjit (recently turned 34 and 31, I think).
< Deputy Minister of Advanced Education Philip Steenkamp – re: developing the AMS-Ministry relationship.
< Chan Internal Advisory Board – re: proposed UBC Arts Fund.

Projects:
< President’s Advisory Board – I have been talking to several AMS alumni about the possibility of creating an advisory board that meets a few times a year to talk about the larger issues that are affecting the AMS. The purpose will be to establish a continuity of vision for the AMS and to provide strategic ties to the community. Ideally they will be the stewards of the Strategic Plan. A meeting is coming up on May 12 to talk further about this project.
< AMS Strategic Plan – Bernie, David and I have been working on the strategic planning program for WOW. Please fill out the surveys that we sent to Council.
< Whistler Orientation Weekend – Planning for what I’m sure will be a fun-filled weekend.
< May 4th Streeter Campaign – Talking to the City of Vancouver to make sure we’re following bylaws for the campaign and getting approval for the space in front of the art gallery.
< Medicine Undergraduate Society Elections – I acted as a liaison to pull together the elements for the MUS elections that are running today and tomorrow.

Upcoming Plans:
< WOW Planning.
< UBC-O Visit.
< Elections!
< More Advisory Board Stuff
E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

- Arranged Gary Poole’s presentation: will be sending information out: attempting to bring a greater focus on academics in portfolio.
- Working on budget, Kevin deserves all the credit.
- UNA Board meeting on the 12th, lots of discussion. ACF Debrief meeting on the 21st, that process will continue. Retreat Sunday - actually a 5 hour meeting in disguise.
- E-Strategy: my first time at this committee. Fascinating ideas such as an integrated laboratory network.
- Enterprise Court Management Advisory Council: moving forward, seemingly back to square one, different views becoming more apparent, I am ensuring that I am informed by different student perspectives (i.e. science) to ensure accurate representation of student interests.
- Academic Round Table this afternoon: very productive and interesting, including discussion of CMS.
- Organized a tour of the IKBLC last Tuesday for the Exec. very informative. Opening July 22nd.
- Housing Advisory Committee, lots of talk about housing including discussion of getting more of it.
- WAVAW: period to rectify breach expired, moved them out on April 12th. Some ongoing discussion.
- SASS Committee met on the 22nd to come up with a plan for how we’re going to reconceptualize the SASC.
- Hiring for Assistant Coordinators, Commissioners, EA, Safety Coordinator, Student Court. 30 hours this week. Hiring all on time. Thanks to Paramjit Val and Linda
- Travel Proposal: approved by Exec, for Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education conference in PEI.

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

Services Turnover:
- All new Service Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators have been hired.
- The transitions are almost complete. The new incoming coordinators have been learning the ins and outs of their new jobs from the old coordinators.
- I’ve been working extensively on the Coordinator Orientation Day, which will be taken on May 2nd, as well as the Coordinator Orientation Handbook, which will serve as a comprehensive guide to working for and within the AMS.
- The Services party is this Friday at the Rugby Club

Other Projects:
- Shinerama: Charles Voon (the new Volunteer Connections Coordinator), Shea Dahl (the AMS Events Manager), myself, and a representative from Imagine UBC will be going to the Shinerama conference in London, Ontario at the end of May. Us four (plus the Firstweek Coordinator, a representative from UBC Res Life and the Greek System) will compose the Shinerama committee which will work to create a larger Shinerama campaign during Firstweek this year.
- Teaching & Learning Enhancement Fund: The grant requested by last year’s services’ staff finally came through. The Academic Partnership program was funded for a total of approximately $116,000. The first stage of the process was to come up with a budget proposal for AMS Tutoring’s role in the program, which Mandy & I did, with the help of former ECSS Grant Wong.
- Imagine UBC: Spencer & I have had meetings with First Year Coordinators and Student
Development Officers of the University to talk about the program. Several new and exciting ideas have come forth (including a new first year committee).

Food Bank: The Food Bank has now closed its doors for the summer. We gathered, sorted, and stored all of the food we accumulated during Clear the Shelves. We are going to plan a kickoff event for the beginning of September.

Other Hiring: In addition to all of the services staff, I have also been on the hiring committee for the Safety Coordinator, Student Administration Commission, and Finance Commission. Later in the week: External Commission, President's Assistant.

Counterstrike: This Friday afternoon at 2pm in the Arcade, Spencer & I will be competing with Ubyssey news editors Eric Szeto and Paul Evans in a battle for Counterstrike supremacy.

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

GSS Liaison:

Had a meeting with Spencer, Lilian (GSS VP External/Academic), Yashar (GSS President), and Nora (AVP External) to discuss a variety of issues, but generally focused on finding a solution to much needed GSS Ombuds position.

Also discussed more frequent meetings between GSS and AMS and having AMS VP External attend GSS Council meetings (especially when issues discussed are pertinent to having an AMS representative there).

Hiring:

Have been sitting in on the SAC and Fincom hiring processes in order to help with the Xcom recruiting process.

Xcom interviews should conclude this Thursday night and we will hopefully have a great Xcom team to begin working asap on the provincial election campaign (and of course, a possible federal election).

U-Pass:

U-Pass printing began this week, after some complicated system difficulties.

Went to Translink head office on April 11th to meet with all U-pass stakeholders along with Richard Drdul, who has been conducting the 18 month review; we should be expecting the Final copy of that report within the next couple of weeks.

Met with Geoff Atkins today where we discussed some long term transportation goals.

Provincial Election:

Countdown update: 20 days until General Voting day.

May 4th streeter campaign, we still need volunteers (t-shirts are ordered).

BC-STV forum speakers have been confirmed (David Shreck and Antony Hodgson); this will be taking place in the evening of Tuesday, May 10th in the Norm Theatre.

Newspaper ads and radio ads should start popping up now to direct people to our website (www.studentsforbc.ca) where they can read our policies and issues that we want addressed.

CASA/Federal Government Update:

CASA regional conference and report for submission tonight (AGM report is in the works).

Our policy and strategy conference (when decisions about what will be done for the year are made) is happening in mid-July shortly after CCSA here in Vancouver.

Post Prime Minister Martin's televised address (which as most of you already know means a federal election is looming over us and we can certainly expect to see an election during the course of our terms.
Announcement:

Changes to Immigration policy. The federal government announced on April 17th that International students will now be able to work off campus while they complete their studies. After they graduate, International students will be able to work in Canada up to 2 years (in areas outside of Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal). This will help alleviate the massive financial burden of being an International student, but student societies and student organizations will continue to ensure that Universities & Colleges do not see this as an incentive to increase International student tuition.

Increased Transfer Payments to Reduce Tuition Fees. On April 26th, the federal government announced that it would be boosting transfer payments to the provinces in the amount of $1.5 Billion. A portion of this increase is committed to reducing tuition fees for university and college students and training unemployed workers.

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Mission Tuition:

As per Jessica’s report informing Council that any costs associated with the lobbying campaign do not come out of the AMS’ bottom line, but rather the External and University Lobbying Fund.

Mission Budget-ition:

Is going well.

Mission ‘Hiring My Commission’:

Almost done.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

Finalized VP Admin Budget with Kevin.

Newspaper Box & Postering Space meeting with UBC Admin.

Safety Coordinator & SAC Interviews with Gavin.

Hired a new SAC.

As well as new exec lists & budgets are coming in faster than ever (a good thing).

We will be going to ExplorASIAN 2005 Gala with Execs courtesy of Brian Sullivan.

Renos: finally got quorum and passed some motions.

- Accessibility Project a go.

- Other projects are forthcoming and will be keeping Council informed.

ACF Debriefing Meeting with Michelle Aucoin and UBC Admin folk (was interesting).

Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting (trying to figure out what we will be doing this year).

Impacts: Eco-Footprint of Pendulum is finished and will be meeting tomorrow.

Bought a fridge off of some guy for $80 so that all future VP Admins will have fridge abilities.

Derek Eidick - Co-Chair, Pride UBC

- Pride UBC is a Resource Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people.

- Celebrating 35 years of Pride UBC.

- Invited everyone to attend the Vancouver Pride Parade on July 31st.

F) Committee Reports:

AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee - Spencer Keys (President)

Committee met on April 14, 2005.

Present were Kristin Foster and Graham Senft.
Renewal of the policy is coming up and we’re in a position to add services for the first time in the health plan’s history.

Under the terms of the referendum, a CPI increase in the plan fee happens automatically, though Council may choose to not allow that to happen. However, the committee decided unanimously to allow the full increase to a total of $196.74.

Studentcare is going to come to the June 22 meeting to present some of the options that are available, including:
- Adding orthotics.
- Increasing diagnostic and preventative dental coverage to 80% (100% in the network).
- Limiting time between dental exams to 9 months.
- Adding health practitioners.

G) Constituency Reports:

Derry Dance - Law Students Association
Abigail Ong - Commerce Undergraduate Society
David Claassen - Arts Undergraduate Society
Darren Peets - Graduate Student Society
Julio Hernandez - Regent College
Reka Pataky - Science Undergraduate Society
Chantal Lemire - Music Students Association

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors - Quinn Omori
- The tuition proposal will go to BoG on June 3rd. The Administration is not telling us anything.
- There is a conference call scheduled for tomorrow regarding the University Town competition.
- Been invited to attend lots of ceremonies.

Questions:
- Dave Tompkins asked if the U-Pass tax issue had been addressed at the Board level yet.
- Bernie Peets: it was asked if the issue could be presented to the Board but denied.

Senate - Gina Eom
- The new Caucus met on April 20, 2005. Edward Cheung is the other Council representative and Torril Gillespie is the Vice-Chair.
- Only phase 1 of the Barber Learning Centre will be completed by July 1st. The second phase will be completed by July 2006.
- Sat on the Library Committee. Will have a follow-up meeting on May 20th to discuss the extended library hours.
- I sit on the Ad-Hoc Committee to review the Council of Senate. The mandate of the committee is to harmonize policy and establish common goals on important matters. Bill 60 or also know as the University Amendment Act that was passed by the Provincial Government has no designated student seats. There is concern that any academic policy passed will most likely affect students.
- Will be bringing forth two matters to the Academic Policy Committee:
  - grade scaling
  - Turnitin.com - Jen Collins is looking into this.

Questions:
Kevin Keystone asked how Bill 60 got passed without student representation.

Bernie said it went from the first meeting to being passed in four days.

**Michelle Quigg - Ombudsperson**

- 125 cases, 116 closed, 9 open.
- The new Ombudsperson is Geraldine Chen and the Deputy Ombudsperson is Upkar Tatlay. I have spent the day training them.
- I will still be around working on projects such as the Student Rights Handbook.

**I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:**

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

- Minutes of Student Council dated April 6, 2005 [SCD 060-006]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 1, 2005 [SCD 061-006]
- Minutes of the Executive Committee dated April 15, 2005 [SCD 062-006]
- Minutes of Coordinators Appointments Committee dated April 1, 2005 [SCD 063-006]

**J) Executive Committee Motions:**

3. **MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DAVID CLAASSEN:** [SCD 064-006]

   “That Council approve the revisions to the AMS Employee Handbook (Personnel Policies and Procedures) as submitted.”

   - Bernie Peets explained that the AMS Employee Handbook has been a work in progress and was last updated in 1996.
   - Most of the changes were made to comply with the law.
   - Some new additions to the handbook are the Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment Policy and the Responsible Computer Use Policy.
   - Gina Eom asked who enforces policies.
   - Bernie explained that this was management’s role. The policy is to familiarize employees with workplace expectations. The disciplinary process is also covered.

4. **MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DAVID CLAASSEN:**

   “That Council approve the revisions to the AMS Employee Handbook (Personnel Policies and Procedures) as submitted.”

   ... Carried

5. **MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED MANJINDER SIDHU:**

   “Be it resolved that the AMS agree to the contract between the AMS, the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (Translink), and the University of British Columbia regarding the extension of the U-Pass program to the summer session, as presented.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   - Jess explained that this was the old U-Pass contract being applied to the summer.

6. **MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED MANJINDER SIDHU:**

   “Be it resolved that the AMS agree to the contract between the AMS, the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (Translink), and the University of British Columbia regarding the extension of the U-Pass program to the summer session, as presented.”
K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

7. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED CHANTAL LEMIRE:

“That Council, pursuant to the University Act and Bylaw 14(8) of the Society, give notice to the Board of Governors to alter the fee levy for students in the School of Music so that, starting in Winter Session 2005/06, instead of paying $13 to the Arts Undergraduate Society, Music students will pay $10 to the Music Undergraduate Society, and that the Vice-President Finance send this notice to the Board of Governors.”

- Reka Pataky: Why the difference between $10 and $13?
- Gavin said $5 used to go to the Meekison student space.
- Matt Holme - Will this affect the AUS budget?
- Kevin Keystone: It will reduce the AUS budget by money that shouldn’t have been there in the first place.

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L) Committee Motions:

9. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON:

“That Council accept the recommendations of the Sexual Assault Support Service Fund Committee as presented.”

- Gavin Dew: The SASC partnership is now over. The committee met last Thursday and is looking at how to format SASC to provide services since the budget has now tripled.
- The recommendation from the committee is to hire a project manager (Lisa Lafreniere) and on May 11th the committee will bring a business report to Council.
- Gina Eom: who will do the hiring?
- Gavin Dew: an accountable and appropriate process will be put in place, further details will be determined.
10. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON:

“That Council accept the recommendations of the Sexual Assault Support Service Fund Committee as presented.” ... Carried

11. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council omnibus motions 10 - 17 on the agenda.” ... Carried

12. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

“That Council appoint Gina Eom (Council Member) to the Campus Safety Committee for a term commencing April 27, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Chantal Lemire (Council Member) to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee for a term commencing April 27, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Quinn Omori, Mia Amir and Dave Tompkins (Council Members) to the Ad-Hoc Lobbying Review Committee for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

“That Council appoint Dave Claassen and Kevin Keystone (Council Members) to the Athletic and Recreational Facilities Committee for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Mia Amir, Michael Duncan and Chantal Lemire (Council Members) and Aaron Sihota (Member at Large) to the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee a for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

“That Council appoint Reka Pataky (Council Member) to represent the AMS on the Student Legal Fund Society for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”... Carried

13. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That Council appoint Geraldine Chen as AMS Ombudsperson for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

Currently Geraldine is also the Ombudsperson for the Law Students Society. We would need to suspend Section II, Article 10 (2) of the AMS Code of Procedure which states that the Ombudsperson shall not hold any other elected or appointed position within the Society, including positions within constituencies.

Dave Tompkins expressed concerns about suspending Code and suggested that Geraldine resign from her position with the LSS.

14. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON:

“That motion #13 be amended to read:

‘That Council appoint Geraldine Chen as AMS Ombudsperson for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006 pending her resignation as Ombudsperson of the Law Students Society’.”

Derry Dance said Geraldine was elected by the Law Students Society as Ombudsperson
and by asking her to resign would undermine the legitimacy of the process. Reasons for her to stay as LSS Ombudsperson would be potentially good to integrate the two positions.

- Trevor Gilks: Don’t think we should be suspending Code just to make things easy for the LSS and the candidate. The Code specifically states why this candidate cannot take the position.
- Michael Duncan asked when Geraldine was elected to this position.
- Derry: March 2005 for a one year term.
- Michelle Quigg - Both are impartial positions and there is no conflict of interest. The workload in LSS would not compromise her work with the AMS.
- Spencer: If the LSS were unhappy with Geraldine, how would they remove her?
- Derry said he wasn’t sure what the process involved.
- Spencer: If Geraldine was ineffective as the LSS Ombudsperson, how would that affect her AMS position?
- Gavin said Geraldine was willing to do what was necessary to fulfil the role of AMS Ombudsperson.
- Paul Sutton: Didn’t see a major problem with suspending Code and the Ombuds Advisory Committee can look into this and make sure there is no conflict of interest.
- Dave Tompkins said he was concerned more about the workload than the conflict of interest.

15. MOVED DAVE TOMPKINS, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON:

“That motion #13 be amended to read:

‘That Council appoint Geraldine Chen as AMS Ombudsperson for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006 **pending her resignation as Ombudsperson of the Law Students Society**.’”

... Defeated

16. MOVED DERRY DANCE, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON:

“Be it resolved that Council suspend Section II, Article 10 (2) of the AMS Code of Procedure to allow Geraldine Chen to act as both AMS Ombudsperson and LSS Ombudsperson.”

Note: Gavin Dew abstained

... Carried

17. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MATT HOLME:

“That Council appoint Geraldine Chen as AMS Ombudsperson for a term commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

...Carried

18. MOVED MANJINDER SIDHU, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

“That AMS Council approve the Accessibility Project of the North and South side entrances of the Student Union Building, upon the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group.

Note: 100% University funded

Note: Requires 2/3rds.”

- Received $60,000 from the University to improve accessibility to SUB with the addition of sliding sensor doors. Would like the project completed before the start of school.
- Gavin: will there be any heating concerns because of the sliding doors? Manj said no. In an emergency the sliding doors turn into manual/pushable doors.
- Kevin pointed out that the potential source of funding for this project is from the Coke deal -
is this ethical?

19. MOVED MANJINDER SIDHU, SECONDED DARREN PEETS:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds.” ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the Student Administrative Commission dated March 30, 2005 [SCD 065-006]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:
< Minutes of Restore the Norm Campaign Meeting dated March 30, 2005 [SCD 066-006]
< CASA Northwest Regional Transition Report [SCD 067-006]
< Updated: Public Awareness Campaign Budget [SCD 068-006]
< 2005/06 AMS Preliminary Budget [SCD 069-006]

R) Next Meeting:
< The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 6:00 pm in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

20. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED DERRY DANCE:

“That the meeting be adjourned.” ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs

GD:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Alia Johnson (Engineering), Michelle Mayne (Inside UBC), Darren Peets (GSS), Omar Sirri (AUS), Kevin King (University Town), Linda Moore (UBC External Affairs), Michelle Aucoin (VP Students Office), Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Linda Ong (Marketing/Promotions Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist/Researcher), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Resha Hamze (Temporary Administrative Assistant), Bernie Peets (General Manager), Paramjit Rai (Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The President called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED MANJINDER SIDHU:

“That Council appoint Dave Tompkins as Speaker of Council for this meeting.”

... Carried

The Chair was passed to Dave Tompkins at 6:05 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

< Vacancy for a Council member on the Budget Committee - Kevin Keystone.

C) Presentations to Council:

Architectural Competition Results – Linda Moore (UBC External Affairs) [SCD 070-006]

University Town
< University Town vision is of a sustainable community, with more people living on campus and less commuting.
< University Town completion estimated as 2025.
< Currently of 10,400 residents in the area, 8,000 are students.
< Aim is to increase number of residents to 28,000, of whom 12,000 will be students.
< Aim is that 50% of new housing be for those who study or work on campus.
< Aiming to raise $500 million from housing which will go into the UBC endowment.
< Began introducing rental housing for faculty and staff five years ago.
< Co-development housing introduced, in which a group of faculty or staff can get together and have housing built.
< Some market housing under construction, with profits to go to the endowment.
< New student housing projects underway.

U-Pass
< Plan to expand U-Pass to the community (Com-Pass).
< Also planning to extend it to UBC faculty and staff.

University Boulevard
< Empire Pool moving.
< General Services Admin Building may or may not move.
< Planning for the area has gone on for years; the competition not to do with the planning, just with the architecture.
< Consultation through 60 public meetings led to revisions in plan (elimination of high rise buildings, replacement of market housing with University housing, abandoning plans for a through road to Marine Drive).
University Boulevard competition
< Followed standard architectural rules meant to preserve architectural professionalism.
< Had to work around the restrictions in these rules.
< Fought to have a poll to engage the community.
< Competition launched in November 2004.
< Original 52 submissions reduced to 7 and then 3 for the competition.
< The three finalists’ plans were on exhibit at the Belkin Art Gallery April 1-10
< 3200 people visited.
< In the poll of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and residents, Team A won by a landslide (79%).
< The competition jury also voted for Team A, and the Board of Governors approved on April 28.
< Phase 1 of the design to be completed by March 2008

Questions:
- Ryan Corbett: What are you asking from us now? The plan is going ahead?
- Linda Moore: It is going ahead. This is an update. The plan is to provide periodic updates and to have a steering committee with student representation.
- Paul Sutton: Would the Administration be open to putting the plan to a plebiscite on whether to go ahead at all?
- Linda Moore: The process is moving forward. This was provided for in the poll; voters could spoil their ballots and vote for none of the options. There was also a question about reservations. Only 4% of the voters refused to vote for an option. The message we got was overwhelming support for Team A.
- Paul Sutton: So why not have a plebiscite to prove that students support this?
- Linda Moore: We’ve been working with the student community all along. The Board has approved this. We are going forward.
- Patricia Lau: Why was Team B’s proposal allowed to go forward when it would have meant building over the planned Science social space which the Board has already approved?
- Linda Moore: It was a surprise, but they were not outside the boundaries.
- Quinn Omori expressed concern about broader consultation.
- Linda Moore referred to the steering committee and said the idea is for Team A to present to the campus as a whole.
- Gina Eom: How much is student housing, e.g., on Marine Drive?
- Linda Moore: Students are in a different category, in subsidized housing. There is also University housing, which is open to students, faculty, and staff for rental.
- Gavin Dew asked about quantitative analysis of the comments and reservations in the poll.
- Linda Moore: There hasn’t been time to scope this out. There were some positive comments too. She would be pleased to comment on this.
- Kevin Keystone: How will you target 50% of new housing to those who work or study on campus?
- Linda Moore: People will have to show faculty or staff credentials. Kevin Keystone asked about clawback provisions.
- Linda Moore: Anyone who enters will have to stay at least five years to preclude resale.

Tuition Consultation Update - Brian Sullivan (VP Students)
< 2% cap on increases for domestic students, effective May 1, 2005.
< UBC Okanagan same rate as Vancouver campus.
< No limit on mandatory ancillary fees.
< Athletics and Recreation fee going up 2% this year.
< UBC Okanagan athletics fee going up, and there will be improvements in facilities.
< Other UBC Okanagan fees being eliminated.
< Been consulting through website and e-mails, have responded to all e-mails.
Feedback asked for more financial support and increased loans and to delay increase until September.

To implement the increase in May rather than September would realize an additional $300,000, but based on the feedback, the Administration recommendation is going to be to delay the increase until September.

Questions:
- Sean Huff asked about a $48 increase.
- Brian Sullivan: The federal government has increased the allowable student loan by $48 per week, so additional money will be there.
- Paul Sutton asked about the funding formula, which seems to indicate revenues at 108%. Is UBC fudging to the government?
- Brian Sullivan: He wouldn’t use the word fudge. In calculating what the government grant should be, some things are not counted: 5% related to the endowment, 3% from other income. This 3% includes royalties from patents and revenue from spinoff companies. Can’t always count on it.
- Paul Sutton: Tuition could be $1000 less if endowment income and other income were included. UBC could start using the endowment to relieve tuition costs.
- Brian Sullivan: Thought has been given to that modelling, and the Administration is open to further discussions and out of the box thinking. There had been a meeting of this sort between the AMS Executive and Dana Merritt of Finance this very morning. There could be follow-up meetings including other Council members.

AMS Strategic Plan - Spencer Keys (President) [SCD 071-006]

2005/06 AMS STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT
Summary of Discussions from the 2005 Whistler Orientation Weekend (WOW)

Purposes of the Strategic Plan
- To develop a long-term vision for the Society to help reduce problems caused by continuity and frequent turnover of employees/volunteers
- To position the Society to better serve our members, as well as deal with long term challenges in our ability to serve those members
- To develop a framework to continually review our long term priorities.

The Whistler Process
- Brought together members of the Executive, Council, commissions, and services
- SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis
- Facilitated by David Wells, Policy Advisor, with assistance from Bernie
- Based on comments, ten themes were identified and ranked by participants

The Big Ten
- Engaging and involving students in AMS roles and benefits of membership
- Gauging student priorities (what is important to them)
- Developing AMS financial growth and sustainability (business, fees, sponsorship)
- Developing effective and inclusive governance and roles of various arms
- Creating an effective and continuous strategic planning process
- Assessing and developing the benefits / opportunities / roles for employees / volunteers in a positive working environment
- Branding an AMS unique from UBC
- Establishing peer performance benchmarks for AMS Services and businesses
- Strengthening relationships and building partnership with university administration and government
- Establishing strategic partnerships with non-government bodies (UNA, Alumni
Association, other student societies)

Whistler’s Other: How to Move Forward
< Preliminary feedback from Council on themes
< Development of a discussion paper
< Creation of a task force to get broad-based review of the discussion paper through surveys, focus groups, etc.
< Target Date for Draft Plan of October 2005

D) President’s Remarks:

The Past

< Provincial Election - I’ve been working with Jess, David, and Linda on putting together the StudentsforBC.ca Streeter Campaign as well as moderating two for a – one on BC-STV that was very successful in both discussion and attendance, and another on post-secondary education in BC that was less successful in terms of numbers but had some excellent content. We should thank Jess for all of her hard work thus far.

< SIS Futures - Along with Gavin and Marissa Adams (UCom Vice-Chair), I attended a focus group on potential directions for the Student Service Centre and the Student Information Systems Department at Brock Hall to take.

< Planning Framework Meeting - This morning I attended a meeting with Michelle Aucoin, Executive Coordinator of the Office of the VP Students, and Dana Merritt, Associate Vice-President Finance, along with the rest of the Executive and the External Affairs Committee of the GSS, about the University Planning Framework that informs how the budget is put together. My apologies to Council for not inviting you but I was unaware that the administration intended it to be an open meeting. We will endeavour to put together another if there is sufficient interest.

< WOW - The Whistler Orientation Weekend was held this last weekend. It was highly productive with regards to informing our strategic planning process and I would like to thank everybody that attended. Special thanks to Regent College, Commerce, and Science for high turnouts. I am currently writing the WOW section of my transition report and will include the feedback taken from the sessions.

< Admin Assistant Interviews - Conducted interviews for the person who will be replacing Paramjit while Paramjit goes on her leave of absence. The committee felt very confident in picking Resha Hamze and I’d like everybody to welcome her.

< Services Orientation/Dinner - I’ve been helping welcome the new crew.

< Assistant Interviews - I helped the Assistant Appointments Committee interview my new assistant and, on their recommendation, hired Gerald Deo.

< Counterstrike - Trevor will say it may have been cheating. I say it may have been some sort of foul wizardry. Nevertheless, we lost our Counterstrike challenge to Paul Evans and Eric Szeto. It was embarrassing and I truly regret the decision to enter into it in the first place. This may have been impeachable.

The Future
Aquatic Centre Meetings - Manj and I will continue discussions to renegotiate the Aquatic Centre Management Agreement. The University is pushing for a renegotiation and has given some compelling reasons to slightly change the makeup of the management committee. They want to turn it into an advisory board, which we have maintained is a non-starter for negotiation. Hopefully we'll have more of an update at the next meeting.

Ministry of Advanced Education (AVED) - The long march of provincial bureaucrats continues. After our successful meeting with Philip Steenkamp, Deputy Minister of AVED, we will soon be meeting with Ken Armour, Director of Universities and Research, AVED, to provide him with an orientation of the student society and its relationship with the Ministry.

Health and Dental Plan Committee - Our monthly meeting will be held on the 19th to have continued discussions on how to spend the extra room that is in the HDP budget. We may be able to include some exciting new services.

Convocations - Perk of the job. I get to sit on the stage in the “Chancellor’s Party”. Yay.

CCSA - Like the AMS Executives that preceded us, we will be traveling to exotic… Vancouver, where this year’s Canadian Congress of Student Associations is hosting its annual conference, with the help of Vancouver Community College.

E) Executive Remarks:

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Budget:
< Presentations from Service Coordinators, Government and Programs and Publications are underway.
< Final budget will be ready for June 8th.

University Budget:
< University Budget Planning Model meeting this morning at 8:30am. Information will be posted on AMS website with supplement (to be submitted for revision to Dana Merritt, Associate VP Finance for UBC.

Restore the Norm:
< Restore the Norm campaign didn’t get the leftover seats from the Capitol 6 because their head office determined the Norm Theatre to be in competition. We can’t even buy them.
< Business Operations Committee/Finance Commission/Budget Committee meetings on Monday.
< Coke deal discussions to be discussed in discussion period.
< Cleaned SAC/FinCom office with Manj.
< Doing the job of all my commissioners until our first meeting on Monday. Training treasurers and answering plenty of budget questions because Friday, May 13 is the deadline for budget/exec list submission.
< Did the Streeter Election Campaign and went to the BC-Single Transferable Vote electoral reform forum; had a great time, and congratulations to Jess Klug (VP External) for all her hard work!

**Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:**

**Impacts:**
< We scheduled, we met and we conquered? Not quite, but close! There was some great brainstorming that went on about FarmAde and I am in the process of amalgamating Lyle’s report and Nancy’s remarks to provide fellow Impact members with enough information so that we can put on a stellar event.

**Renovations Planning Group:**
< Michael and I have actually been talking quite a bit about ideas and I have asked him to prepare presentations on the Conversation Pit Furniture replacement and a Centralized Postering space. Ideally I would like to be able to present these proposals to Council on June 8th and have them ready to go. In other news, funding for the Accessibility Project has been double-confirmed and it is a definite go and the signage project for the SUB Directory is almost near completion! I also met with FilmSoc about possible renovations to the Norm and it was an enlightening meeting.

**SAC:**
< Going through Transition and it is like pulling teeth because there is just too much information! But we are bonding and my SACees have already started their jobs and are doing a great job thus far! Got some great ideas rolling and we are also having a Poker Night at my apartment next weekend so hopefully taking each other’s money will bring us even closer!

**Other News:**
< Met with Gavin and the Safety Coordinator and are working to improve the Incident Response Structure as well as met with Brian Sullivan and Judith Prat (Wellness Centre) about alcohol awareness on campus – I have this great idea about a pilot project and I will keep you updated about its progress. Also had meetings with Firstweek and Imagine UBC to ensure that there is a great set of events ready in September for everyone that is coming to UBC and everyone who is coming back.

**Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:**

**Hiring:**
< Hiring is now complete; I am pleased to announce the Xcom team of ‘2005/06’:
- Andy Nguyen, as my wicked awesome Vice Chair.
- Sarah Harper, CASA Commissioner (federal focus).
- Jessica Pisarek, PSE Commissioner (provincial focus).
- Herman Tam, Events Commissioner.
- Evelyn Wu, U-Pass Commissioner.
< I have updated the website to reflect Xcom changes and you can find the new commissioner contact info there.
< We had our first Xcom meeting yesterday: all Xcommers have been given their first projects to work on.
< We also cleaned out the Xcom/Ucom office today – you’re welcome Ucom.

**Provincial Election:**
On Wed. May 4th, we had an early morning start to our Streeter Campaign. We met at 6:45 a.m. outside the Vancouver Art Gallery, wearing our brightly coloured yellow t-shirts. We handed out postcards and chatted with the public until 2:00 p.m. that day (at which point, the majority of us passed out in the back of our rent-a-van on our way back to campus – except for me, I was driving).

I would like to shout out many thanks to everyone who helped out at the Streeter Campaign: Spencer, Kevin, Gavin, Manj, Patrice, Percy, Sophia, Andy, Herman, and Trevor.

On the same evening, we co-hosted an All-Candidates Debate on Post-Secondary Education with the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS). The event was held at SFU Harbour Centre and garnered a small crowd, but the discussion was fruitful and all 3 major parties were present. Thanks to Spencer for a fabulous job moderating.

Last night, we held a Forum on the BC-Single Transferable Vote referendum in the Norm Theatre. We were competing with some other election events, but we were very pleased to have over 50 people attend our forum. Professor Antony Hodgson (of UBC Mechanical Engineering) conducted a mock election which was interactive and quite fun. He then presented his argument for the YES side and this was followed up with a presentation from David Schreck (representing the NO side), and then a bit of debate between the two. All in all, I think the debate was very informative and entertaining.

Many thanks to Spencer again, for moderating, Shea for setting up the event, and to Kevin and Andy for saving my hide when I forgot to get a projector (and nearly had a mental breakdown – Manj thanks for your moral support).

The election is now 5 days from tomorrow and although newspaper ads, radio ads, news releases, updates to the website, etc. will continue, that about wraps it up for our AMS election events. I will write a formal report following the end of the election, but I would like to formally thank everyone who assisted me with all of the AMS election campaign, namely: Linda Ong, David Wells, Spencer, Sheldon Goldfarb, and Michelle Mayne from the Insider for all of the beautiful pictures (I have posted some of them on www.studentsforbc.ca)

Tuition:

Had the University Planning Framework meeting this morning with Michelle Aucoin and AVP Finance, Dana Merritt. It was an informative session about the University’s new budget model, and as Kevin mentioned earlier – he will be posting it on the AMS website.

Spencer and I will also be sending the Board Finance Committee a written submission about the tuition proposal. We would like to solidify the AMS tuition policy and also request that steps be taken to ensure adequate student financial support (because although the increase is a single digit number it is still important).

Although $100 a year increase doesn’t seem like much, in February and March when students find themselves having to visit our Food Bank, $100 could go a long way.

U-Pass:

Bernie and I will be meeting shortly with Enrolment Services and Trek to discuss problems we’ve run into with the summer U-Pass and we will also start brainstorming ideas for streamlining the program.

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

Finished hiring, functionally on time.

Brought some recommendations out of Code & Policies Committee

University Town Committee: received architectural competition results, arranged today’s presentation, urged further analysis of “further comments” section to assess fundamental objections to the process as a whole.

Academic Partnership moving forward at an impressive clip.

Attended lovely Services dinner, hosted by Trevor.

Met with Kele Fleming from the Office of Learning Technology, discussion of student involvement in e-learning initiatives.
Had a phone and WebEx meeting with Kirk Kelley from Customer Relations Index and am initiating discussions with Justin Marples from classroom services with regards to a collaborative survey instrument.

Continued Budget Committee work, Kevin is doing a great job.

Continued meeting with experts from around the continent for the Enterprise Course Management Advisory Council, lots of interesting information to inform the eventual CMS decision.

Began work with Access and Diversity as a hiring committee member for the Race and Ethnicity Advisor, should complete the process by the end of the month.

Oriented new members of the University Commission collectively and individually, set some goals for the year to come. In addition to Marissa Adams and Esther Maunze who are returning, I'm happy to welcome Mariana Payet as Safety Coordinator and Mark Pickersgill as University Affairs Commissioner.

Participated in a review of the Student Services Center.

SASC making progress, though initially proposed timeline being slowed a tad, I have been fielding correspondence from the VP Students office on that - Going to Uvic next Wednesday to visit Anti-Violence Project.

Bought a gym pass.

Won’t be at Council on the 8th of June, as I will be in PEI at the STLHE conference.

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

Coordinator Orientation Day:

Took place on Monday, May 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Involved a comprehensive tutorial on the AMS as well as discussions of roles and responsibilities and plans for the year.

Also, we saw Hong’s video on the networking systems of the AMS

Advocacy:

Two student discipline hearings on May 6th.

18 files open in total.

Have hired a student advocate for a one year term.

Volunteer Connections:

Continuing to work on the volunteer database.

Contacting the YouthVolunteer! program in Edmonton (a group that runs almost identical services) for tips and ideas regarding the database and other volunteer services.

Working on the creation of a Shinerama committee.

Safewalk:

Hired all the staff for the summer.

The Walker/Team Leader schedule for the whole summer is complete.

Finished payroll report for April.

Began to come up with several more efficient models for Safewalk based on other University similar services.

Joblink:

47 postings in the first week of May.

The downstairs job board is currently non-operational, as the new Career Services website does not have a “Print” option, but Career Services has promised to work on fixing the problem.

The Casual Labor Registry will be up and running by the end of the month
Speakeasy:
<    Have created the application form for Team Leaders and volunteers.
<    Reorganized the Speakeasy desk downstairs in preparation for its leasing out to UBC Campus Tours. Also, had a meeting with campus tours to go through appropriate use of desk and volunteer space.
<    Provided Mariana (the Safety Coordinator) with campus maps for people who ask her questions in Speakeasy’s absence.
<    Created a retreat proposal.
<    Planning new promotional strategy for recruiting volunteers.

Tutoring:
<    Working with members of the Academic Partnership committee to finalize budget numbers and TLEF contributions.
<    Fixing bugs in the Tutor Registry (ie mysteriously disappearing posts).
<    Contacting Brock Hall to obtain more exams to update the Exam Database.
<    Revamping the office – new furniture, paint, etc.

Minischool:
<    Over 70 people have registered for summer Minischool.
<    Extended the registration period for all classes.
<    Updated the website.
<    Handing out lots of flyers.
<    Put out a press release via the Promotions and Marketing Manager.
<    Begun work on an October sequel to the Wine & Beer Festival – potentially entitled Octobeerfest.

Firstweek:
<    Sarah has begun planning Open SUB Night for the Friday of Firstweek.
<    Preliminary bids have been placed for headlining bands.
<    Several organizations have been contacted in terms of co-involvement: International House, Pride UBC, Totem Park, CiTR, Aquatic Centre, Longhouse, Ski & Board, etc.
<    Working on drafting text for the website as well as outgoing resource material

Counterstrike:
<    Spencer and I lost our match to the Ubyssey news editors – by an unexpectedly large margin.
<    Possibly due to cheating.

F) Committee Reports:

AMS Appointments Process - Gavin Dew (VP Academic) [SCD 072-006]
<    Conducted 140 - 150 interviews for the period February 28 - April 29 for 50 positions.
<    Successes:
-     well promoted.
-     most jobs were posted early.
-     strong applicant pool.
-     compensation review done before hiring.
-     hiring finished on time.
<    Problems:
-     VP Academic workload.
-     Exec turnover continuity problems.
-     Hiring timeline.
Recommendations:
- offload redundant responsibilities.
- re-examine ADHR timeline/curve.
- create a job posting database.
- create an interview question database.
- look at committee structure.

Questions:
- Reka Pataky asked what was happening with the Speaker of Council position.
- Gavin Dew said the position was re-posted today.

G) Constituency Reports:

Omar Sirri - Arts Undergraduate Society
Julio Hernandez - Regent College
Abigail Ong - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Reka Pataky - Science Undergraduate Society
Jeff Friedrich - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Sean Huff - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Sandra Gin - Education Students Association
Lilian Shun - Graduate Student Society

The President reminded constituencies to hand in their submissions for the Insider.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors - Quinn Omori/Tim Louman-Gardiner
<  Quinn Omori reported that phase 4 of the Science Social Space was going before
   the next Board of Governors meeting.
<  Tim Louman-Gardiner: the Board meets on June 3rd. Will be holding office hours on
   Friday to discuss the Board dockett.

Senate - Gina Eom
<  The next meeting of Senate Caucus will be held on May 17th.
<  The Library Committee will have a follow-up meeting on May 20th to discuss the
   extended library hours.
<  There is a meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee to review the Council of Senate
   tomorrow.
<  Edward Cheung is the other Council representative from Senate.

Geraldine Chen - Ombudsperson
<  10 files were carried over and 8 new files have been opened.
<  Upkar Tatlay is the new Deputy Ombudsperson.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated April 27, 2005 [SCD 073-006]
Minutes of Assistant Appointments Committee dated April 14, 2005 [SCD 074-006]
Minutes of Assistant Appointments Committee dated April 14, 2005 [SCD 075-006]
J) Executive Committee Motions:

2. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DERRY DANCE:

“Whereas Council Chambers will not be available for the June 8th Council meeting, be it resolved that Council meet that night in SUB Rooms 214-216.”

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

3. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:

“Whereas Council referred the proposed policy on Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment to the Code and Policies Committee last June for revision; and

Whereas the Code and Policies Committee has now finished its work on the policy,

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment Policy as submitted.

Be it further resolved that the Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook be amended to include this version of the policy.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Paul Sutton: The Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment policy was sent to the Code and Policies Committee and sat there for nine months. It was originally drafted in the course of the union negotiations and applied only to the 15 unionized staff. The Committee has tweaked it a bit, made some small changes.

- There were concerns raised last year that the policy was not pro-active enough. If this remains a concern, perhaps a committee can be struck to be more pro-active about oppression. In the meantime, the current version of the policy was written by the employees, and that should be respected.

- Scott Price suggested some grammatical changes.

- Bernie Peets said this revised version could replace the one in the recently approved Personnel Handbook.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds  ... Carried

5. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON:

"That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2005: Appointment Committees' and thus amend the Code as recommended."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Gavin Dew: The proposed changes are motivated by what he said in his report. There is a quorum problem on appointments committees. The quorum requirement is so high as to be foolish; it is hard to meet, and if it is met, it’s silly because then there are too many people conducting the interviews. He is thus recommending a quorum reduction to three on the Primary Appointments Committee and two on the other appointments committees.

- Also, the Executive Coordinator of Student Services would be removed from the Commissioners Appointments Committee because the ECSS has nothing to do with the Commissions. And there’s a provision to have outgoing coordinators present at interviews, which was not done last year.

- Overall, the aim is to bring policy in line with reality.

- Paul Sutton noted that these changes were discussed at a Code and Policies Committee meeting after losing quorum, but he had consulted Committee members since then and they are okay with them.

6. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT:

"That the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2005: Appointment Committees' be amended to make quorum at least three (3) on all hiring committees."

- Scott Price: If quorum is only two, there might not be any Council members attending; it would be just the Executive deciding.

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: It can be a lot of trouble getting three. Two provides maximum continuity.

- Scott Price spoke of lowering standards. Reducing quorum to two was too big a step. The Executive has lots of bias.

- Patricia Lau: It’s difficult to make quorum, but what’s the message now to Council members? That you’re on the committee, but you don’t have to go.

- Gavin Dew: People don’t show up anyway. It’s imperative, if Council is going to push for a higher quorum, that Council members show up. He used to think that reducing quorum was just codifying mediocrity, but it is difficult to get people out. As to bias, even if a third person is present, two biased Executives can still determine outcomes.

- Nikki Lau: How many are on the committees?

- Gavin Dew: Ten on Primary, but only two members and a guest showed up for meetings this year. Attendance was very dismal.

- Reka Pataky suggested making the Vice-Presidents and the ECSS non-voting members to ensure the presence of a non-Executive Council member to make quorum.
Ryan Corbett: Delegating all authority to the Executive because Council is apathetic is not a good idea.

Gina Eom asked how many times quorum was not met.

Gavin Dew said about 50% of the time.

Michael Woodward asked about the punishment for not showing up.

Kevin Keystone: The committee chair keeps track and can ask Council to remove the member.

Michael Woodward suggested making this more public.

Scott Price suggested compiling statistics on attendance. He added: Why are we here if the Executive is going to do all the interviewing? We can't just let a smaller group do things on their own. If we delegate authority, we lose control. The Executive and Council don't always agree. This is playing into their hands. By giving up its power, Council is castrating itself. It is giving up doing its job.

Trevor Gilks: The proposal would not reduce the size of any of the committees; it's just reducing quorum. It would not prevent members from attending.

Quinn Omori: Council members need to show up to use their power.

Jonathan Lam: The Code is there to keep us honest.

7. MOVED SPENCER KEYS:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Defeated

8. MOVED JONATHAN LAM:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

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Note: Abstained - Kevin Keystone, Paul Sutton... Carried

10. MOVED RYAN CORBETT:

"That the question be called."

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

- Gavin Dew: This isn't the Executive seizing power. This is a question of whether Council members decide to show up. And he wouldn't expect Council members to put committee attendance ahead of schoolwork.

- Michael Woodward: Council members get the impression there won't be much work on these committees, but really they do involve a large time commitment in March and April, which is a busy time for students.

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2005: Appointment Committees' and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

12. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED GINA EOM:

“That Council approve the 2005/06 AMS Preliminary Budget as presented on April 27, 2005.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Kevin Keystone: I was all excited about passing the preliminary budget at the last Council meeting at such an early date, ahead of time, but I forgot to actually bring a motion.

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

14. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Spencer Keys to the UBC Presidential Search Committee, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.”

- Paul Sutton gave advice on what to look for in the next UBC President: no robots, good hair, no fascists. He added: Let’s do better next time.
- Gina Eom: Students a small minority on the Presidential Search committee. The Student Senate Caucus is going to push for more.
- Paul Sutton suggested pushing for a majority student presence on the committee.
- Reka Pataky said that adding that to this motion would turn it into a policy motion and be out of order.

15. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Spencer Keys to the UBC Presidential Search Committee, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.”

- Carried

16. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER:

“That Council appoint the following members to Student Court on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee for terms commencing May 2, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006:

Tessa Amundson - Student Court Judge
Natalya Pick - Student Court Judge
Oana Chirila - Student Court Judge
Gurleen Grewal - Student Court Judge
17. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED DERRY DANCE:

“That Council appoint the following members to the Student Administrative Commission on the recommendation of the Commissioners Appointments Committee for a term commencing May 2, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006:

Patrick Lin - SAC member
Aliyah Shamsher - Art Gallery Commissioner
Percy Kong - Administrative Coordinator
Xue (Jane) Jiang - Internal Subsidiaries Commissioner
Raseel Sehmi - Buildings and Facilities Commissioner
Alan Hsu - External Subsidiaries Commissioner
Holly Ma - Buildings Commissioner.”

18. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“Whereas the Primary Appointments Committee recommends that Council appoint Ian McKechnie as Elections Administrator;

Whereas Mr. McKechnie was a member of Council within the last six months; and

Whereas Section IX(A)(1)(A)(4) says that ‘members of the Elections Committee must not have been members of Council, the Executive Committee, or any of the Commissions during the six (6) months prior to being appointed to the Elections Committee’;

Be it resolved that Council appoint Mr. McKechnie as Elections Administrator for a term commencing May 2, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006; and

Be it further resolved that Council suspend Section IX(A)(1)(A)(4) to allow Mr. McKechnie to serve in this office.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Spencer Keys: Ian McKechnie was by far the most qualified candidate for the position. He was on Council less than six months ago, and thus Code will have to be suspended to appoint him. The reason for the Code rule is to maintain impartiality, and he can vouch for Ian’s impartiality. Also, by the time elections come around, it will be much more than six months.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: The issue is not impartiality, but the perception of impartiality.
- Scott Price: Ian himself would probably oppose this. [Laughter.]
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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

20. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED NIKKI YAU:

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Navi Rattan (member at large) and ____________ (member at large, must be entering 2nd or 3rd year Law) to the Prima Facie Establishment Committee of Student Court for a term commencing May 12, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

... Carried

21. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED JESS KLUG:

“That Council appoint Aaron Sihota (member at large) to the Campus Planning and Development Committee.”

... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of the University Commission dated April 20, 2005 [SCD 090-006]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

22. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER, SECONDED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“Whereas regular input from our Members, that may not have appointed or elected positions, is essential to the proper functioning of the Society; and

Whereas Council and committees should be a place where all Councillors and Members are free to express their opinions on matters relating to students;

Whereas Council meetings have been identified, by some, as intimidating; and

Whereas information about the agenda, location and opportunities to speak at Council meetings are difficult to come by;

Be it resolved that Council direct the President to consider ways to improve the inclusiveness and accessibility of Council meetings and Council processes, and to report back to Council with recommendations for discussion within sixty days.”

... Carried

P) Discussion Period:
< Coke - Kevin Keystone (VP Finance)

23. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE, MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council move into camera.”

Note: requires 2/3rds ... Carried

24. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED GAVIN DEW:

“That Council remain in camera.” ... Defeated

25. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ABIGAIL ONG:

“Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad-Hoc Ethical Review Committee;

Be it further resolved that Council appoint Kevin Keystone, Patricia Lau, Jeff Friedrich, Michael Duncan and Michael Woodward to the Committee;

Be it further resolved that the Committee can accept members at-large in a voting or non-voting capacity at their discretion.” ... Carried

< Speaker of Council - Dave Tompkins
- Dave Tompkins asked if Council wanted a full-time Speaker for the summer or just wanted to have Council members fill in.
- Gavin Dew: The job posting for Speaker is up now, but could be taken down.
- Patricia Lau: If a qualified person applies, she wanted a real Speaker. No offence to Dave Tompkins, but he was a substitute. It would be better to have someone who didn’t care about the issues before Council.

< HR Issues - Paul Sutton
- Paul Sutton: It is a strong thing to bring back Council investment in the hiring process. If Councillors are going to keep quorum up, they need to show up at meetings. He also suggested mandating HR training for Councillors doing hiring.
- Quinn Omori said he wouldn’t want to take HR training, especially in March or April. If anything was going wrong with an Executive, he would show up.
- Gavin Dew: Committee appointment terms, ending on March 31, are problematic. There was no HR training this year.
- Patricia Lau: Four people took the training last year and it was beneficial.
- Reka Pataky: People on committees do attempt to show up.
- Jeff Friedrich said he would prefer sexier motions on policy instead of spending his time on Council approving hiring minutes. A quorum of two is not as drastic as it sounds.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
- The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 6:00 pm in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs

GD:pr
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Jordana Deveau (SASC Administrative Coordinator), Lisa Lafreniere (SASC Restructuring Project Manager), Brian Sullivan (VP Students), Dennis Pavlich (VP External and Legal Affairs), Linda Ong (Marketing/Promotions Manager), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist/Researcher), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Resha Hamze (Temporary Administrative Assistant), Bernie Peets (General Manager)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The President called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

1. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:

“That Council appoint Dave Tompkins as Speaker of Council for this meeting”

... Carried

The Chair was passed to Dave Tompkins at 6:10 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Final Budget – VP Finance- Kevin Keystone [SCD 091-006]

“If I Had [25] Million Dollars…”

L) Committee Motions:

2. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED GINA EOM:

“That Council approve the 2005/06 Final AMS Budget as recommended by Budget Committee;

Be It Further Resolved that Council accept the 2005/06 AMS Budget Supplement and approve the recommendations therein”.

...Carried

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors - Quinn Omori/Tim Louman-Gardiner
< Quinn Omori: The Board approved the tuition increase.
< Tim Louman-Gardiner: Science received Board 3 approval for their social space. The Board approved funding for housing at the Okanagan campus out of the general housing pool so that in effect UBC Vancouver is subsidizing UBC Okanagan.

C) Presentations to Council:

New SASC Structure (Tentative) [SCD092-006 ]
Jordana Deveau (SASC Administrative Coordinator), Lisa Lafreniere (SASC Restructuring Project Manager), Gavin Dew (VP Academic) by speaker phone.
Lisa Lafreniere: Five years ago she worked for Speakeasy and would be approached by people who knew she had training in dealing with sexual assault because she also worked for WAVAW. There was a need for a service, but it was not financially feasible to start a medical counselling service. Instead a partnership was created between WAVAW and the AMS to extend service to campus through the Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC).

Gavin Dew: There was a contract breach between the AMS and WAVAW which led to the termination of the partnership agreement. Council wanted a new structure for SASC, so here we are.

Lisa Lafreniere: WAVAW provided professional development, clinical supervision, and help with hiring and capital acquisition.

Jordana Deveau: Options for the new SASC included finding a new partner or finding new funding and developing new structures to fill the gaps without a partner. There is new funding now, thanks to the latest fee increase, and a structure, including an advisory board, can be put in place. This will keep student money on campus.

Questions:
- Gina Eom asked about providing services for men.
- Lisa Lafreniere said there had been some confusion over whether the SASC was to serve males.
- Gina Eom asked if money went to WAVAW under the old arrangement.
- Lisa Lafreniere: In certain ways. Materials created and work done at the SASC were used by WAVAW.
- Gina Eom: How will you do professional development without a partner?
- Lisa Lafreniere: There will still be relationships with off-campus groups.
- Jordana Deveau: SASC can also budget for conferences
- Jonathan Lam: Is there enough money?
- Jordana Deveau: There is enough to cover professional development, clinical supervision, etc.
- Patricia Lau: If SASC is run independently, will it still have all the capability?
- Lisa Lafreniere: And more. She and Jordana had already spent time at SASC, and there would also be an advisory board.
- Jordana Deveau: The plan is to have two full-time coordinators: a Counselling Coordinator and a Programming Coordinator, the latter to work on budgeting, advocacy, organization, and liaising. There would also be a part-time Volunteer Coordinator to coordinate the volunteers. The first budget will include some one-time start-up costs. She wanted to move ahead as soon as possible to begin hiring and to open the centre.
- Sean Huff: How many organizations were consulted about salary levels?
- Lisa Lafreniere: The salaries are comparable to those at WAVAW and Vancouver Rape Relief. Also various campus centres, such as McGill, were consulted.
- Jessica Klug: How will the new SASC fit into the AMS? Who will the coordinators report to?
- Lisa Lafreniere: For employment matters, to the General Manager. For day-to-day matters, to the VP Academic.
- Spencer Keys: Those are the broad strokes of the reporting relationship. This can be approved in principle, and the Executive can nail down the details.
- Jordana Deveau: Why not have the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee do it?
- Spencer Keys: It’s common that the Executives are empowered to make these kinds of decisions.
- Sean Huff asked the presenters if they were in it for the long term and expressed concern about institutional memory.
- Lisa Lafreniere said she would be applying for one of the positions when it is posted.
Jordana Deveau said she wouldn’t be around forever, but she had faith in the structure.

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That Council approve in principle the concept of the AMS providing Sexual Assault support services through SASC.

Be it further resolved that Council direct the Executive Committee. to finalize the reporting structure, operating guidelines and recruitment process with the support of the SASSF committee.

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee report back to Council at the next Council meeting on their activities.

- Michael Woodward: Will this come back to Council?
- Spencer Keys: The motion is empowering the Executive, but the Executive can report back as appropriate.
- Reka Pataky asked about the purpose of the first clause.
- Spencer Keys said the clause showed Council was giving broad support to the notion.
- Dave Tompkins: It also prevents the Executive from varying too far.
- Michael Woodward expressed concern about the Executive doing something random.

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...Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

< Please refer to my Quarterly Performance Report- especially the area surrounding the UBC Arts Fund [SCD 093-006]

< In response to a question, the President said the students association at the Okanagan campus was still calling itself the UBC Student Union, but they are willing to regionalize their name. He met them at the CCSA conference and would be visiting them in Kelowna.

E) Executive Remarks:

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

< Please refer to my Quarterly Report. [SCD 094-006]
Michael Woodward asked about Coke money going to the Constituencies. Kevin Keystone said that is included in what the AMS owes the Constituencies.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

The vast majority of my doings are in my Quarterly Report. Please read and enjoy the diagrams. [SCD 095-006]

SAC

Had an unofficial meeting where the roles and responsibilities of each commissioner were discussed

This was done to give the SACees a better of what they each do and how they can help each other

Clubs Days Preparation is going super-well as my commissioners and Vice-chair are all over everything like nutella on bread and I have full confidence that this is going to be one of the best clubs days ever

This is one of the hardest working commissions I’ve been a part of

Impacts

Because it is really hard to schedule a meeting between people over the summer, trying to do so has been somewhat frustrating

But since time waits for no one, I sent out a long email regarding information about Farm-Ade and asked for input/ideas/suggestions from the committee members; I will be compiling results of this email soon and sending them out to the committee so that no time is wasted

Renovations Planning Group:

We have been busy little bees as you will see in our two motions today

It was my dream to present to Council a proposal regarding the conversation pit today but there are still some nitty-gritty details that Renos is ironing out so it will come in the next Council meetings

Random:

I have been meeting with Imagine Coordinators, Firstweek Coordinators, IFC and Pan-Hellenic representatives to ensure that everyone gets what they need in September in regards to outdoor bookings

CCSA was an interesting conference and I did steal a couple ideas in regards to what I will be doing at the Interfaculty Cup (i.e. Rock/Paper/Scissors Tournament) and some promo ideas

Will be meeting with RezLife soon in regards to the Alcohol Campaigns and building closer relationships with the AMS within residences on campus

Being going to various meetings: Buzz Network, Class Act/GCC, Safety Meetings, Safety Initiative Launch

The Resource Group Coordinator position has received a very good response and will be shortlisting and interviewing with the steering committee in the upcoming weeks

Will be posting the Resource Group Librarian Position soon with the help of Daphne and Sheldon

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:
U-Pass:
- New U-pass contract is in the works.
- I am very excited to announce that we will be moving to a mail-out option for September. This process has been used by SFU for the last 2 years and they have a tremendous success rate. The mail-out will free up a lot of time for students as they will no longer have to stand in line for their new U-pass card.

Provincial Elections Wrap Up:
- Wrap up report outlining our campaign, its successes and its recommendations is in the works and will be submitted to next Council meeting
- David has been working on a report that outlines important post-secondary issues and the AMS policies that pertain to those issues; we will be sending the document to the new ministers once they are assigned to their positions in the upcoming couple of weeks.

CASA/Federal Update:
- Spencer, David and I are headed to CASA’s Policy and Strategy Conference this Friday: one of the items on the agenda is discussing the ‘per student fee model’, a very contentious issue especially among big schools like UBC. You can expect a report at the next Council meeting
- As you know, the federal government did not fall at the May 19th budget vote and so it looks like we have a little extra time before we go back to vote in a federal election
- Announcement: Bankruptcy Amendment:
  - On June 3rd, 2005, Minister of Industry David Emerson and Minister of Labour and Housing Joe Fontana have announced reforms today in the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.
  - Currently, graduates cannot file for bankruptcy until 10 years after the completion of their studies, the proposed changes lower this timeline to 7 years.
  - Under the proposed changes, a graduate can also access debt-assistance tools offered by the government 5 years after having completed his or her studies if a court decides that the graduate is experiencing undue hardship.
  - CASA will be advocating for the government to lower the limit from 7 years to at least 5 years for all students regardless of a court assessed undue hardship.
  - Further, the proposed legislation leaves graduates in financial limbo, since there is a two year gap between the time a graduate is classified as experiencing ‘undue hardship’ and when they are permitted to file for bankruptcy.

- Everything else that I have been working on is in my First Quarterly Report.

Gavin Dew - VP Academic
- I am currently at the Society for Teaching and Learning conference at the University of Prince Edward Island, and am here by speaker phone for the SASC presentation.
- Check out the Quarterly Report for more information.
Suicide Awareness Project

- Please refer to my Quarterly Report for more information [SCD 098-006]
- I am on the steering committee with Kelsey Patton, Taraneh Erfan and Mariana Payet (we were all invited by the Wellness Centre’s Judith Prat)
- The project’s goal is to combine the resources of Speakeasy, UBC Counselling Services, the Wellness Centre, the RCMP, Campus Security, S.A.F.E.R., Vancouver Crisis Centre, and various other similar services to create awareness of depression and suicide amongst the UBC Community and to reach out to those in need of support.

Student Development’s Student Leadership Summit & UBC Rec’s FIT at UBC

- These are two programs featuring workshops and speakers that take place during the transitional period between summer and fall. Both offer students a chance to become more active and become stronger student leaders. Both are in their early developmental stages, but as a member of the planning committee for both, my guess is that many exciting developments are sure to ensue.

Firstweek

- So far, events that we have: BBQ and Intramural events on Monday, a Pool Party at the Aquatic Centre on Wednesday, a Candlelight Sessions concert in the Pit on Thursday (featuring a very exciting lineup), and a Friday night concert in the Ballroom.
- Friday night will be Open SUB Night… featuring a concert in the Ballroom, a beer garden in the courtyard, a movie in the Norm Theatre, and various attractions in between

Minischool

- All classes are underway
- 120 people registered for the first ever summer Minischool… approximately how many people registered for fall Minischool before the Colin Jack era
- Colin appeared on CBC Radio to promote summer Minischool
- The most popular classes were Pole Dancing, Wine Tasting and Photography

Joblink

- 142 job postings for the month of May
- The Internship Manager position is now posted!

Safewalk

- Imran has compiled data from several different universities across Canada
- We will begin creating proposals for improved service based on this new information we now have

Speakeasy

- Kelsey and Taraneh visited potential retreat sites
- Speakeasy has been heavily involved in and have contributed greatly to the rebirth of the SASC
- Are working with Safewalk and SUB Security to investigate the option of a SUB Lost & Found

F) Committee Reports:

- Ad Hoc Ethical Review Committee – VP Finance [SCD 099-006]
Kevin Keystone reported that he may be named to an American committee looking into the Coke situation. The AMS Ad Hoc Ethical Review Committee is recommending waiting for the U.S. committee to report, but going ahead with negotiations with Coke.

Gina Eom said she had heard there will be representatives of Coca-Cola on the committee and wondered whether that would be a conflict of interest.

Kevin Keystone: USAS (the United Students against Sweatshops) is not thrilled to have Coke on the committee, but he thought Coke should be included. It’s important to make them accountable and responsive. The balance of power on the committee does not lie with Coca-Cola.

Gina Eom expressed concern that because Coke is part of the investigation, they will have an opportunity to cover things up.

Kevin Keystone: They can’t stop anything because they don’t have the power. It’s important to have them there. They can’t be investigated without their consent.

Michael Woodward asked about putting the contract out to tender regardless of the results of the committee’s investigation.

Kevin Keystone: There are two reasons not to do that. First, Coke probably will give us the best offer, since they want to preserve their 85% share. It would not be worth Pepsi’s while to make a better offer to increase their 15% share. Second, the AMS is going to lose two years of the current deal anyway, but through negotiations with Coke we would get funding for those two years that we are not entitled to.

Bernie Peets: All this is very preliminary. Council will be informed of the numbers when we are further along in the negotiations.

Patricia Lau: This committee made a recommendation to go ahead only in connection with the ethical issue, but there is another aspect to the debate, concerning exclusivity.

Kevin Keystone: Council can fail the motion or amend the motion or approve the report but vote against renegotiation. And renegotiation does not mean signing a contract. The final contract would have to come back to Council.

Committee Motions:

5. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Council accept the Ad Hoc Ethical Review Committee Report and approves the recommendations therein.”

- Michael Woodward expressed concern about exclusivity and tendering.
- Bernie Peets: We can’t tender for two years. The twelve-year contract is still underway.
- Patricia Lau: The committee didn’t talk about exclusivity.

Ad Hoc Review Committee members asked Council for a five minute recess period

6. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU:

“That council recess for five minutes"

...Carried

The Ad Hoc Review Committee, having met during the recess, presented Council with a revision to the report it had submitted. It added a phrase to the first be it resolved clause in its motion, so that it reads:

the Committee recommend to AMS Council to authorize the renegotiation of the Coca-Cola Exclusivity Contract in question with respect to the ethical considerations of Coca-Cola’s business practices
Patricia Lau: Now that the report has been amended, does this mean we go ahead with negotiations?
Bernie Peets said he would interpret it that way.

7. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

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...Carried

G) Constituency Reports:
Stephanie Ryan - Arts Undergraduate Society
Michael Woodward - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Jeff Friedrich - Agriculture Undergraduate Society
Sean Huff - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Sandra Gin - Education Students Association
Lilian Shun - Graduate Student Society

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Senate - Gina Eom

< Chancellor elections - incumbent Alan McEachern will return for another 3 year term starting June 1, 2005 2.
< Admission targets for the 2005/2006 Academic Year are fixed to the 2003/2004 numbers as an effort to prevent over-enrollment. Breakdown of individual faculties were not shown (although I did request them). 3. Senate Review - A year long review of the current structure, operation and role of the senate was conducted and a report was published and presented to the senate.
< Key points: the senate is efficient in its operations, but oftentimes very "top down" and important discussions are missed and lost. Key example: UBC Okanagan - its structure and function was unclear to a majority of the members of senate, where senate is the highest academic governing body

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

Minutes of Student Council dated May 11, 2005 [SCD 100-006]
Minutes of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee-Feb 21, 2005 [SCD 101-006]
Minutes of the Sexual Assault Support Services Committee-Apr 22, 2005 [SCD 102-006]
Minutes of the Sexual Assault Support Services Committee-Apr 29, 2005 [SCD 103-006]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 17, 2005 [SCD 104-006]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated May 24, 2005 [SCD 105-006]
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Budget Committee-May 24,2005 [SCD 106-006]
Minutes of the Budget Committee dated June 8, 2005 [SCD 107-006]
Minutes of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee dated June 8, 2005 [SCD 108-006]
Minutes of the Ad Hoc Review Committee dated June 8, 2005 (20:01) [SCD 109-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

8. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS:

“That Council approve the Addendum to the Compensation Review Report 2004-5 as presented by the Compensation Review Committee.”

...Carried

9. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JESS KLUG:

“That Council Appoint Kevin Keystone, Reka Pataky and Jess Klug (Council Members) and Janis McKenzie and Dave Frank (members at-large) to represent the AMS on the Board of Directors of CiTR (the Student Radio Society) for a one year term.”

...Carried

10. MOVED SPENCER KEYS SECONDED JESS KLUG:

“That Council appoint Kevin Keystone, Manj Sidhu, and Sean Huff (Council members) to the Walter Gage Memorial Fund Committee for a term ending June 1, 2006.

...Carried

11. MOVED______________, SECONDED______________:

“That Council appoint ________________, (Council members) to the Gage South Advisory Committee”

...Tabled

12. MOVED JULIA RIDLEY , SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Nairika Varza (Member at large, must be entering in 2nd or 3rd year Law) to the Prima Facia Establishment Committee of the Student Court for the term from May 12, 2005 to April 30, 2006”

...Carried

13. MOVED MANJINDER SIDHU, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

“That Council appoint Patricia Lau (Council Member), to the Disability Accommodations Appeal Committee”

...Carried
14. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JESS KLUG:

"Resolved that the Minutes of Council of February 23, 2005, which were accepted by Council on March 9, 2005, be amended in accordance with the corrections submitted."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

...Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

15. MOVED MANJINDER SIDHU, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE

"That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $11,563.25 from CPAC funds for postering boards."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

– Manj Sidhu explained the need for movable postering boards.

Some Background Info

• Promotion is a BIG BIG deal for any student-run event
  (ask any one of our 300+ subsidiaries)

• Since the SUB is THE most utilized building by our 42 000 members, it is a really ideal spot for clubs, constituencies and resource groups to promote their events

What is proposal aims to do?

• Offer an alternative to our clubs, constituencies and resource groups as another means of communication

• AKA: Postering Spaces RESERVED for our student groups

– Sean Huff questioned whether there would be enough boards.
– Manj Sidhu said there would be seven new boards and restrictions.
– Ryan Clare questioned how accessible and well used the boards would be.
– Manj Sidhu said she hoped they would be accessible. She noted that there are AMS boards and UBC boards around campus, but nothing in SUB like these.
– Stephanie Ryan asked about the rules concerning the size of posters and limits on how often clubs can poster.
– Manj Sidhu: SAC will work out all the logistics.
– Julia Ridley asked about possible lighting problems with the boards and expressed concerns about the cost.
– Manj Sidhu said the AMS Designer had looked into the technical aspects.
– Jeff Friedrich asked about the waste problem.
– Manj Sidhu said this system would help; it would provide an incentive to clubs not to
make a billion photocopies.
- Michael Duncan asked how much money was available in CPAC.
- Manj Sidhu said this project would cost an insignificant proportion of the CPAC budget.
- Kevin Keystone said there is $412,000 available.
- Ryan Clare: Following the procedures to use the glass cases will take too much effort. People will paste over the cases instead.
- Sean Huff: In Engineering, the AMS poster boards are vacant because it is too much effort to jump through the hoops to put up posters. Also, $11,500 is a lot to spend.

16. MOVED MANJINDER SIDHU, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

...Defeated

17. MOVED MANJINDER SIDHU, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE,

"That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $1,870 + GST from CPAC funds for AMS Archival Renos."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Manj Sidhu said the Archives needs renovating to improve efficiency and for safety reasons.

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...Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

19. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED REKA PATAKY,

"Be it resolved that Council amend the Code of Procedures through the following revisions:
Section IX-A

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**Article 5. Polling Regulations**

4. Except in the case of by-elections or other special elections, polls during Executive elections shall be open a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of five (5) consecutive week days, not including holidays or other days on which the University is closed, for a total of at least two hundred and fifty (250) polling hours. During referenda, polls shall be open on five (5) consecutive week days, not including holidays or other days on which the University is closed, for a total of at least two hundred and fifty (250) polling hours.”

Note: Requires 2/3

• Ian McKechnie said these changes would be the first of many to the election rules. This change would allow more flexibility in the timing of elections, so they can be in either the third or fourth week of January, not just in the third week. Also to get rid of the number of polling hours, an impossibly high number of hours.

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Note: Requires 2/3... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

Student Fees

- Spencer Keys reported on an idea from the CCSA conference to have a referendum give Council the power to raise fees by 5% or $5 a year every year.
- Kevin Keystone: This went to referendum a few years ago and failed. Since student revenues are not linked to inflation, it would be unfair to link their fees to inflation.
- Jessica Klug said she was lukewarm on the idea. If higher fees were used to increase services, that would help students.
- Jeff Friedrich said he couldn’t see students opposing this.
- Ian McKechnie: It’s easy to see why the AMS needs and wants this. Our costs are going up. But it’s hard to convince students who don’t trust the AMS.
- Sean Huff: Stuff costs more every year.
- Spencer Keys said his sense of the discussion was that more research was needed, but there was no massive opposition to the idea.

Marine Drive Residences

- Spencer Keys: UBC needs GVRD approval to go ahead with the Marine Towers student residence project. Council previously passed a motion on sightlines, but there’s a question about where the sightline is, at the breakwater or the mid-tidal area of the beach. UBC is asking for student opinion on this. The question is whether we value more student residences over not being able to see the the towers at all: student housing versus the beach. He was looking for a little nuance on the policy, which had been pushed on the AMS by the Moustache Club.
- Patricia Lau: What is UBC looking for? Is it like for University Boulevard, when they’d already decided what we would be choosing from? Why is it suddenly critical?
- Spencer Keys: The GVRD has to approve Phase 2 of the project. A committee has been listening to the Wreck Beach Preservation Society, which came to the AMS through the Moustache Club. Actually, AMS policy is self-contradictory, though one part of it informs the other. Council would not be reneging, but finding the nuances within a contradictory policy.
- Gina Eom: If this is so important, why didn’t the University come see us themselves?
Reka Pataky: The first tower has been built. If we want to do what’s best for students, we need to build residences.

Kate Bisnaire: We should do what’s best for students, not the general public. There’s a 5000-person waiting list. We need more housing.

Jeff Friedrich: UBC and the GVRD make a lot of noise about sustainability. If we’re talking about what’s best for students, the atmosphere on Wreck Beach matters too. There’s a balance of concerns. He’d hesitate to jump on the bandwagon.

Manj Sidhu: Is this the only place on campus they can find to build student residences?

Stephanie Ryan: It’s sad that the choice is between residences and controversy. UBC should have looked somewhere else. They should start building up existing residences.

Conor Tapley: Can the 18-storey buildings be reduced in height? Other buildings in the project are going to be only four storeys high. The space is not being used efficiently.

Spencer Keys: The plan was to avoid the look of several towers all the same height and also to create a minimal footprint.

Patricia Lau: Does the 5000-person waiting list continue to be 5000 by the end of the year? And why was that area chosen?

Spencer Keys: UBC chose that location as part of what they call a continuous residence corridor. They saw it as beneficial to have large numbers of students grouped together.

Ryan Clare: No one is against residences. Students need housing. We don’t need a beach to study. The beach issue does not affect students.

Manj Sidhu: It’s not a continuous residence corridor. There’s a road, St. John’s College, another road, a forest.

Michael Duncan: As much as we need residences, our campus is a place of green space.

Reka Pataky: There’s already a tower that can be seen. The other towers will be further back.

21. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:

“That The Council meeting be extended indefinitely”

...Carried

UBC Vice-President External Dennis Pavlich arrived.

Dennis Pavlich: The University is responding to a need for student housing. There are from 4000 to 5000 students on the waiting list. UBC sees the importance of planning student housing on campus. It is an important part of students’ education. It would be no good to plunk students down near TRIUMF or the UBC farm. The idea was to locate them in a vicinity where there was a similar sort of profile, in a strong student part of campus, near Place Vanier, Thunderbird, and so on, in what is already a student precinct. Then the question was how to make it affordable and attractive. The place for that was in this vicinity. 2000 students can be put there, putting a substantial dent in the demand. The location was also chosen for sustainability reasons: to have higher density and use less land. And it was more economical to have high rises to keep the rental cost down.

Manj Sidhu: What consultation was done in choosing this location? She appreciated the housing, but the location was controversial.

UBC Vice-President Brian Sullivan arrived.
Brian Sullivan: The Board of Governors gave Board One approval in January 2002. Right now there are 2200 on the wait list, with an unmet demand of probably 4000. In 2001, 10 potential sites were identified and assessed. Students then did not want infill at Totem to take away their green space. That meant the obvious site was the one chosen. The site is not on the cliff face; it is 140 metres away from the cliff, across the road. The development will keep green space and provide good housing, making available to students the natural beauty of the area.

Dennis Pavlich: Only subsequent to the original consultation meetings did some people begin to get anxious about the project.

Michael Woodward: Are there plans to build up on Fairview, Vanier, and Totem?

Brian Sullivan: This is Year 4 of a five-year plan of investing in Vanier and Totem. We may make Fairview more family oriented.

Jeff Friedrich asked about the rationale for keeping students in one area and other people elsewhere. Also, sustainability was cited as a reason for building up, but other areas are not being built up. And he asked about the UBC farm.

Dennis Pavlich: The residences are ecologically sustainable. No additional parking is being built. Residents will use existing parking and transit. Meanwhile delays in the project are pushing up prices; construction costs have been going up. Lowering the number of floors, producing fewer units, would result in losing some of the advantages of economies of scale. As to the nature of the community, there will be lots of students, but also faculty members; it’s not a ghetto. As to the farm, there is no proposal to move it. There would be more hoops to jump through to move it than to do most other things on campus.

Sean Huff raised the issue of sightlines.

Dennis Pavlich said that five to seven years ago the Wreck Beach Preservation Society was concerned about the privacy of people on the beach. Then the issue became seeing the towers from the beach. Currently, someone standing at the low water mark will see only the top of the current residence and the proposed residences. UBC is saying that the demand to see nothing is unreasonable. From 70% of the beach, nothing can be seen. If you go far enough out to see the towers, you will also be able to see the airport and West Vancouver.

Reka Pataky asked why there were two phases to the project.

Brian Sullivan: It’s a large project, $137 million. It couldn’t all be constructed in one shot. The plan was to reuse construction forms from one tower for the next tower to cut costs. UBC also wanted to make sure demand was realized. But some of the economic advantages have been lost now because of the delays. He said that photos being circulated to Council members showed that the tower could not be seen at all from most locations.

Conor Tapley asked if the residences would be for first year students or older students. Dave Tompkins asked if they would be year round or just for the winter session.

Brian Sullivan: The majority will be year-round. It’s not going to be a hotel as some have suggested. The residences will be geared to senior undergraduates and graduate students, in suite style. The idea is to create a community in which students can be with their friends.

Conor Tapley asked about the rate. Numbers like $560 and $643 were mentioned, but no one was quite sure.

Conor Tapley asked about the fencing around Place Vanier.

Brian Sullivan: The fence was put up at the request of the residents because Wreck Beach users were entering the space.

Q) Submissions:
Minutes of the Restore the Norm Campaign meeting Apr 14, 05  [SCD 111-006]

R) Next Meeting:

< The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at 6:00 pm in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

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

T) Social Activity:

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Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT Council

Guests: Jas Sahota (UBCPT), Bruce Harris (PSPS), Graham Senft (Student Care), Mark Pickersgill (AMS), Chris Rarinch (WBPS), Judy Williams (WBPS), James Loewen (WBPS), Leslie Stark (UBC Education, WBPS), M. Hogan (WBPS), David Caplan (Observer), Brad Foster (External Affairs - UBC), Al Poettcker (UBCPT), Mariana Payet (AMS Safety Coordinator), Raj Mathur (Music), Marie-France Lise (Observer), Chris Ross (Moustache Club), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Resha Hamze (Temporary Administrative Assistant), Bernie Peets (General Manager)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:
The President called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

1. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED ABBY ONG,
   “Be it resolved that Council appoint Dave Tompkins as Speaker of Council for a term commencing June 29, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”
   ...Carried

The Chair was passed to Dave Tompkins at 6:28 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

2005/06 Health Plan Renewal – Graham Senft (Studentcare.net/works). [SCD 112-006]

< The plan has been well-used since 1999, with an annual cost/loss to the carrier (Sun Life)
< The carrier can continue the provision of service with a loss and so the combination of inflation and heavy usage results in plan coverage reductions each year
< This year, as a result of the fair Pharmacare component, there is actually a $9.46 surplus (not actual dollars but units)
< A committee was convened to look at options to spend that surplus and made the decision to add orthotics ($2.89) and put the remainder ($6.57) into an endowment (that the AMS would manage) for future years to forestall coverage reductions in the event of cost overruns

Questions:
- What is orthotics? Was explained
- Michael Woodward– When does the plan start? September 1/ 2005
- Who manages the endowment? The AMS manages the endowment as a separate account
- Why was orthotics chosen over additional units of teeth scraping? There are already 3 units of teeth scraping (45 minutes annually) but no orthotics

L) Committee Motions:

2. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE,
   “Be it resolved that Council accept the report of the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee and approve the recommendations therein.”
   ...Carried

3. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED QUINN OMORI:
   “That Council appoint Mike Duncan (Council Member) to the Gage South Advisory Committee”
   ...Carried

4. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED QUINN OMORI
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Whereas on February 23rd, 2005, AMS Council passed a policy endorsing the “line of
sight” recommendations made by the GVRD Parks and Communities Committees in a report dated February 2nd, 2005 for determining maximum building heights for the Marine Drive Student Residences project;

And whereas that policy was passed without full examination and consideration of the “line of sight” recommendations in question, and does not specify a stance on preferred implementation of the “line of sight” structure (i.e. whether said analysis should be considered from low, low tide, from an intertidal area, etc.);

Therefore Be it Resolved That Council advocate for an implementation of the line of sight analysis from a mid-tidal area that will allow Phase 2 of the Marine Drive Student Residences to be constructed in such a manner that no buildings rise above the current visibility and view line peak of Phase 1;

Be it further resolved that Council advocate for the completion of Phase 2 of the Marine Drive Student Residences in time for occupation as early as possible;

Be it further resolved that Council, while supporting forward movement on this project due to the economic factors and student interests at play, urge the University and its developmental affiliates to engage in improved consultation with the campus and surrounding community in a timelier manner for other development processes and undertake a system-wide communications audit to ensure that information both reaches stakeholders and interest groups and does so in timely manner."

NOTE: Motivations, for and against, will be given by the Wreck Beach Preservation Society and UBC Properties Trust.

NOTE: Requires 2/3rds

– Dave Tompkins (Speaker) noted the policy being put forward was, formally speaking, an amendment of the existing policy rather than a complete replacement. This is a change from what is seen in the Council packages. If the amendment fails, then the old policy stands as is. According to the Speaker, Roberts Rules allows for an amendment to essentially reverse the direction of the original policy, if so desired.
– Kevin Keystone asked about the process for this amendment
– Both presentations would be given, with a 10 minute limit for each
– Questions for both sides would be heard
– The actual motion would then be put forward and debated
– The Wreck Beach Preservation Society (WBPS) requested permission to videotape and audiotape the proceedings for their archival records…this was allowed
– Gavin Dew motivated this amendment
– Stated that the policy was originally passed with limited information
– The policy needs to be more informed
– The policy needs to be grammatically improved
– This policy was not originally sent to committee for review before being passed, but it has now been reviewed by the Campus Development Committee
– The committee reviewed with full information and sent back to Council to make a decision based on full information and further consideration
– The first presentation was given by the WBPS
– The focus of the presentation was that you did not have to give up the line of sight to achieve the number of residence spaces sought. WBPS argued that the high rises should be lowered and the low rises increased to create a mid-rise across the entire building footprint
– They referred to Totem Park as the model for such a mid-rise
– UBC Properties Trust (UBCPT) then began their presentation (Al Poettcker)
- Stated that the process began with the approval in principle of 2000 new residence spaces at the Marine Drive space
- The Clothing Optional rights of the beach were protected from the toe of the cliff to high-tide
- The top of the penthouse of the building was to fall under the 53 metre height restriction
- UBCPT then presented the costs entailed with time delays and reductions in the heights of the towers
- The potential overall lost number of housing spaces is estimated by UBCPT to be 420
- A 12-month delay would cost in the order of $7-8 million
- UBCPT then presented the history of Wreck Beach, dating back more than 50 years...due to the creation of the breakwater, low tide has continued to move out to sea...the area of discussion related to the triangle of beach
- There are 22 hectares of beach at low-tide...at water's edge during this period you can see the buildings
- There are 17 hectares of beach from which the new buildings would not be visible
- Only 6-8% of daylight hours afford a low-tide sufficient enough to see the buildings from the edge of water
- Last June the GVRD expanded the territory that falls under the jurisdiction of Wreck Beach to include all of the beach out to the low-low tide area
- Kevin Keystone then posed a question to UBC Properties re: why they could not infill student residences in the spaces around Totem Park...
- UBCPT Properties responded that the buildings that had been constructed in infill spaces (Korea House and Tec de Monterrey) were built as a result of partnerships and UBCPT could not replicate this with the Marine Drive residences
- The second questions to UBCPT related to whether any part of the clothing optional beach was viewable from these new residence spaces...
- Question to WBPS about how much usage of the low tide areas of the beach...WBPS responded that the view of the "dragon" is at its best from the low tide point and that people appreciate this viewpoint
- Question to WBPS about differing perspective around picture/view of building above trees...WBPS responded that it is possible to obscure most of the building behind select stands of trees for the purpose of presentation...WBPS referred back to the pictures taken/superimposed with the aid of balloons as a more accurate reflection of the views of the Marine Drive Phase I and II
- Michael Woodward posed the question to UBCPT – Why not raise the low-rise buildings to mid-rise and lower the high-rise buildings to mid-rise?
- UBCPT – The mid-rise buildings would not be built near the Marine edge or along Marine Drive itself for cosmetic and view issues...this would result in only a small number of additional spaces...additional elevator spaces would also have to be installed
- Question to UBCPTPT...could we add on to the Totem Park Building?
- Answer...no, because of seismic concerns
- Nora (WBPS) asked a point of clarification around the number of beds lost as the presentation from UBCPT said 420 would be lost but the ensuing discussion said 2000 would be lost
- UBCPTPT responded that 1000 spaces would be lost by dropping the high rises to mid-rises and perhaps 200 would be added by increasing the low-rises
- How much space is not residential?
- UBCPT - One floor is for commercial and accommodations and conference resources
- There was debate around what is the area that is clothing optional with UBCPT asserting it was the area between the foot of the cliff and the high tide mark and WBPS stating that it was the area out to the breakwater (low low tide)
- Discussion respecting privacy
- Jonathan Lam-The first tower can see clothing optional...what is UBC Properties doing for future buildings?
UBCPT is being responsible in establishing the line of sight...no steps will be taken to account for the new definitions in the line of sight.

There are many non-natural items in the view of Wreck Beach such as container ships...how does that impact the enjoyment of the beach?

Most of visual enjoyment is looking from the beach back towards the “dragon”

Ryan Clare-What are the costs from delays and/or size reductions?

Why was this not taken to a third party surveyor (to determine visibility impacts)?

Since the other towers have not been built, is it not possible to redesign them to take into account view issues?

UBCPT-Phase 2 of the project is intending on reusing plans and forms from phase 1 which will save significant time and money.

Manj Sadhu-How much space is dedicated to retail and what is that retail space for (context of question was in relation to impact upon commercial services of AMS)?

UBCPT-The retail spaces will be dedicated to the daily/weekly needs of residents and will be geared towards them...these services will be run by UBC food services.

Gavin Dew said the primary stakeholders in this issue are students.

Paul Sutton said that as a CUPE employee at accommodations with Place Vanier he sees that Place Vanier is almost full in the summer because of people who utilize the beach.

Paul Sutton- the piece of beach that is viewable from the towers is the gay portion of the beach.

Referred to the consultation process occurring within this Council meeting as the best that is likely to happen (and that is not a good thing).

Stated that the towers being built are not the best as they promote anti-social behavior.

Low-rise accommodations are the best, in his opinion, and 10 stories should be the cap for all buildings.

Stated that the University should be drawing on its endowment for the building costs and to do things like lower tuition.

Gavin Dew posed the question to Paul re: endowment...by drawing off the endowment are we not reducing the university to mediocrity for the sake of short term cheap tuition.

Paul Sutton replied that the Endowment is to improve the university as a whole and improvement needs are all about access.

Spencer Keys-spoke as generally in favour of this amendment...alluded to Chris (from the Mustache Club) that it was not his fault that the original discussion was too abbreviated...posed the general question “At what point do we see it to be reasonable to residents?”...“Has not the damage already been done with Tower I”...closed by stating that he is personally in support of the plan as it currently stands and also believes that the view (general) from the high-rises is important to students in residence...this will provide the students with a nice place to live.

Patricia Lau-Is this a time sensitive motion?

Gavin Dew - Yes, because the GVRD has their next meeting on July 20th which is the same day as the next Council meeting.

Patricia Lau challenged quorum.

A count was conducted and it was determined that there was enough for quorum (21 present).

Michael Woodward said log jams are in part responsible for the creation of Wreck Beach and have therefore always been a part of the picture (in reference to earlier statements about other intrusions onto view)...also made the comment that acceptance of the first mistake (Phase I) should not be taken as a license to accept a second mistake and continue as is.

Kevin Keystone - What happens if the building is reduced in size and we lose rooms?

UBCPT - If the buildings are reduced the economies of scale become less favourable and overall costs increase. It is unlikely that UBCPT would proceed with Phase II because of those economics.
Kevin Keystone - Would other options for construction be developed in the event that Phase II did not proceed?

UBCPT - There is no plan B at this point

Leslie (WBPS) – The GVRD made recommendations of an appropriate sight line and WBPS has accepted those recommendations but UBC Housing has rejected these guidelines in their construction. Why is there no room for student housing in other places when we are building $500,000 condos all over the place?

Jonathan Lam asked whether the need for student housing outweighs the possible multiplication of ugliness

Quinn Omori asked what type of action the GVRD could take if UBCPT contravenes the consideration of sight lines again

Darren Peets spoke about the section of the park values being vague...academic buildings can be built to 53m in height and must “consider” GVRD recommendations rather than be “required” to accept them.

UBCPT added to this discussion, stating the original staff report was changed from “required” to “consider” at the decision making stage and was then referred back to a joint dispute committee to debate the official community plan and implications of the 53m guideline and sight lines...

WBPS stated that the joint committee is coming back with a report and that until that report is available the original AMS policy should stand...

WBPS reiterated the alternative of moving to a mid-rise building

5. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED MANJINDER SIDHU:

“That Motion 4 be amended by deleting the first Be it resolved clause and by inserting the following two clauses:

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‘Be it further resolved that UBC Properties Trust consult SCARP in planning Phase 2 so that the Marine Drive residence project is the healthiest for students possible.’”

Gavin Dew spoke against the amendment...stated that healthy living environments should be defined and that low low tide be included

Quinn Omori asked what would be the impact to the amendment if it were contradicted by a SCARP consultant...apparently this would not matter

Ryan Clare asked that if the tower were to be moved, how would that affect the sight line

Jonathan Lam asked about the difference between the GVRD, the GVRD Parks committee and the GVRD Parks staff.

WBPS stated that GVRD was prevented, at the 11th hour from conducting a blimp test

The GVRD staff report was referred back to staff. GVRD approved the report and stated that the report be considered when passing building plans...the additional statement was made that only one line of sight was incorporated into the plans

Mark Pickersgill (AMS) endorsed the amendment that SCARP be included in the process for the establishment of plans

WBPS made the statement that the sight line include in GVRD documents is already a compromise and that WBPS would actually like the sight line to be set from a point further out than low-low tide and that GVRD should be allowed to send up float balloons to establish the height and visibility of proposed buildings

WBPS alluded to housing as an excuse for UBC to charge market rates for housing and make money.

Gavin Dew asked Al Poettcker whether UBC housing makes a profit...
UBCPT - All revenues go into an account that will then be drawn upon during the development of future buildings, it is a self-sustaining ancillary operation.

6. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON,
“That the question be called.”
...Carried

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Bruce from the Pacific Sprit Park Society said PSPS represents thousands of people who use the park...he feels it is important for blimps to be raised at the proposed site of construction to see what part of the park will be exposed to the building

Judy from WBPS stated that the student dorms are about generating profit for UBC...the larger benefit is from the Wreck Beach human traffic that is estimated to generate $60-90 million in net contributions to the economy

Quinn Omori - asked for clarification around where this number was arrived at

Response was the numbers come from a combination of Tourism BC and Stats Canada

The point was repeated that mid-rise buildings will be more difficult to construct because they cannot use the forms

8. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MANJINDER SIDHU,
“That the question be called.”
...Defeated

Patricia Lau asked the question to UBC whether they would continue with construction if the tower height was dropped to 12 stories

Properties Trust responded that they most likely would not proceed with construction

WBPS asked what/where the mid-tide point was located...Gavin Dew stated that the mid-tide point was fairly arbitrary choice of words.

Quinn Omori proposed an amendment to remove the mid-tide reference to add clarity...this was seen as a friendly amendment

Marilyn from WBPS argued that Council should not consider this construction of Phase 2 as a fait accompli...the consultation process is required but UBC does not want to discuss this further

Quinn Omori sought clarification around Phase 2 and its current status

Nora (WBPS) articulated that UBC stated a major drawback is going back to the drawing board, but since the drawings are not completely produced it should not be a big production

There was significant debate and discussion around the establishment of a sight line based on this policy and the chair indicated that they would find the language

Gavin Dew stated that it should be from the privacy line in earlier documents
“That Motion 4 be amended so that the first Be it resolved clause reads:

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...Carried

10. MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN,
    “That the question be called.”
    ...
    ...Carried

11. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED RYAN CLARE, THIRD KEVIN KEYSTONE
    “That Council take a roll call vote.”
    ...
    ...Carried

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Roll-Call List:
Against: Manj Sidhu, Paul Sutton, Abigail Ong, Nora Timmerman, Darren Peets.
Abstained: Kevin Keystone, Jess Klug, Babak Khorram

13. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED QUIN OMORI:
“That Council meeting to be extended to 11:30 p.m.”

...Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

CASA
< Spent time preparing extensive reports. See our reports.
< Recently elected as the Northwest Regional Director.

SASC
< Involved in several meetings to get that process moving.
< Pleased to report agreement on all the major issues including hiring, salaries, and reporting structure. The current plan is for the SASC to be a pilot program for the year and to refine its structure over that time before we engage in codification.

Great Northern Way Campus
< Along with Tim I met with Bruce Clyman, President and CEO of GNWC.
< GNWC is a consortium with equal partners from Emily Carr, SFU, UBC, and BCIT.
< Bruce would like to see more student involvement and I plan on inviting him to Council by September to present on what is happening at GNWC and to appoint a UBC student representative to their Academic Planning Committee at that meeting as well.

Communications
< Shortlisted candidates for the Marketing and Promotions Manager position.
< Due to the short week and scheduling, we’ll be doing interviews next Friday
< CPG meeting was held where we reviewed the templates for the AMS Insider

Health and Dental
< Thanks to Graham for coming to discuss the Plan and thanks to Council for passing the motion. We hope that the Health and Dental Plan will continue to be of benefit to students.

VP Research Interview
< I was given the chance to interview John Hepburn, Dean of Science and current nominee for VP Research. He listed “integrating undergraduate research into learning” as his fourth highest priority.

L) Committee Motions:
14. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,
   “Be it resolved that Council accept the report of the Code and Policies Committee, “Code Changes 2005: Cab Fare Etc.” and adopt the changes to the Code of Procedures therein.”
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   NOTE: Requires 2/3rds
   ...Carried

15. MOVED MANJINDER SIDHU, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:
   “That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $1400 from CPAC funds for the construction of a Till Tape Room.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds
   ...Carried

16. MOVED MANJINDER SIDHU, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:
   “That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $40 000 from CPAC funds for the AMS Whistler Lodge Renovations.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds
   ...Carried

E) Executive Remarks:

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Updates
< I’ve been working on updating my website and the FinCom board outside the executive offices. Examples of updates are posting our audited financial statements on the internet, posting the final budget summary, and posting updated lists of frozen club/constituency/resource group accounts.

Coke
< I’ll be discussing this in Discussion Period, but essentially I’d like to know Council’s opinion on the events that will be taking place in Chicago on July 7th at the Coca-Cola Working Group Meeting I will be attending.

Business Operations
< We’ve received confirmation that Perpetual Insurance will not be renewing their lease, so we’re looking into businesses to lease the space. Perpetual may be presenting a new proposal, but BOC is also considering other opportunities, including an optometrist. BOC has also been looking into TV screens in the SUB that would have advertising from external businesses, and a portion would be allocated to the AMS for promotion of our events/activities. The screens would be turnkey, and provide the AMS with between $5,000 and $10,000 of annual revenue.

World Peace Forum
< I’ve been attending World Peace Forum meetings on behalf of the AMS to gain a greater understanding of how the union can participate. I sit on the Youth Council and the Fundraising Committee, and my responsibilities with the organization are uncomfortably increasing. I’m looking at ways to restructure my participation to be fair to both myself, the AMS and the WPF.
SAC/Renos

I've had a blast attending SAC and Renovations Planning Group meetings. We've discussed various contracts and constitutions, and the debate is always very interesting. It's also great to know what's going on with SAC, as SAC and FinCom work so closely together. Renos is also very exciting, and we're currently looking at updates to the Conversation Pit and the Whistler Lodge. Motions coming to a Council near you.

Budget Revisions

The Budget is undergoing revisions since it was approved in June. Some AMS subsidiaries have voluntarily reduced their budgets, and others are asking for increases. An updated budget will be sent to Council for approval July 20th.

Audit

Our financial audit for the 04-05 fiscal year is nearly complete, and we have a meeting scheduled with the overseeing Partner of our audit firm D&H Group, Bruce Macfarlane, to discuss the audit findings. We're not worried, but we're interested in learning more about the details of our finances and the management review that's performed every year. Bruce will hopefully come to present the findings to Council soon.

ABMs

We're beginning the planning of the roll-out of ABMs in constituency spaces around campus. More to come at the next few Council meetings.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

RezLife Meeting: Finally met with the RLM of Place Vanier and it was a wonderfully productive and successful meeting where we bounced ideas off of each other and tried to analyze how exactly the AMS and RezLife could improve relations with one another. Suggestions included being present on move-in day on Sept 3rd, being present at events such as Brainopoly and Celebrity Servers Night in the Cafeteria and many more.

Interfaculty Cup: Coming along quite smoothly as bookings are underway for this project. I am currently brainstorming ideas about what type of events should be held on this day and how this day can also be tied into celebrating 90 years of the AMS. Suggestions are welcome!

FarmAde: A task-list has been assigned and people have been dispersed! Very exciting things are happening with FarmAde this year! It is be held later on September (Sept 30th) and in conjunction with the Sierra Youth Coalition Conference as well as the Impacts committee is striving to make the invite list as long and as diverse as possible.

RGC Interviews: been heavily involved in organizing interviews for the position of Resource Group Coordinator. We had over 20 candidates apply to the position and there were interviews granted to 6. It has taken a lot of time to organize this but the fruits of the committee’s labor will be sweet and beneficial for not just the Resource Groups, but for the campus of UBC as well. Please look forward to me announcing the results at our next meeting.

Gender Neutral Washroom: We have requested for quotes in regards to the plugs and as soon as they are tendered, we will pick a company to go with and get the job done. Hopefully, easy as pie!

Other Random Tidbits:

- Went to a Coca-Cola meeting on behalf of Kevin but I am sure Kevin will update on that issue
- Been having AMS Directory meetings left right and centre: this project is going to fly come September
- Had a CPG meeting where the dilemma of postering space for clubs might be solved but will keep council updated on any developments
- Renos: you will see our suggestions in this meeting
Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

PROVINCIAL:
Announcement:
Cabinet ministers announced mid-June:
  - Murray Coell as new Minister of Advanced Education
  - Moura Quayle, former Dean of Agsci at UBC, to be deputy minister
  - David Wells (Spencer and I have been co-pilots) has been working on a
document for all MLAs, and relevant bureaucrats which outlines AMS policies
and practical recommendations to improve post-secondary education
    • will be mailed early next week, I will also make sure each Council
      member receives an e-mailed copy
    • Document will be used as a briefer for most MLAs, but also outlines our
      expectations and for all relevant MLAs it will be accompanied by a letter
      requesting a meeting appointment

FEDERAL:
Announcement:
  - Bill C-48 Passed on June 23, 2005: $1.5 billion transfer for post-secondary education
  - Bill C-38 Passed: 158-133; making Canada the third country to legalize same sex
    marriage
  - CASA Policy and Strategy Conference:
    I found this much more enlightening than the AGM (it could be because I was a new
executive in March and didn’t have any recommendations to share). I would also like to
congratulate Spencer on becoming the new director for the Northwest region. Document
for submission

U-PASS:
  - Bernie and I went to the Translink office yesterday to finalize the U-Pass contract
  - As I mentioned in the last Council meeting, we are looking to move to a mail-out system
    for the U-Passes. There will be a meeting next week with the company we would be
    dealing with for the mail-out to discuss the costs, and the timeline that we would be
    looking at: I am trying to push the process along so that we can notify all students ASAP
    if changes to the program’s delivery are made

EXTERNAL COMMISSION:
  - Xcom has been doing some great brainstorming and event planning for the Fall
    • We have a space in the SUB booked for a week in late October specifically for
      the upcoming Municipal Elections; we are still working on the details
    • We are hoping to hold monthly Anti-Apathy days in the SUB; we want to use
      these days to inform students about issues related to post-secondary education
      and why they should care about them
    • We are hoping to put on a variety of events and/or demonstrations throughout
      September
      • The details are still being worked out, but we are hoping to raise a different
        issue each week of September (for example, in the first week, we might
        hang outside of the bookstore and tell students how unfair it is that they
        pay GST on their textbooks)
      • Xcom is very open to suggestions for September – please e-mail me
        some!

Gavin Dew - VP Academic
  - I was away at a Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education conference in
    PEI for the last meeting
  - SASC: We’ve shortlisted, will be interviewing next week. Lots of other work, as Spencer
    already summed up.
  - Finally getting Safewalk discussions with UBC underway, soon
    TEI discussions soon, too
  - Marine Towers: lots of work preparing for tonight’s discussion
  - Academic Partnership (LEAP) is coming together, significant work, really excellent.
    Positive vibes. Roundtable next week.
  - Have been involved in groups providing feedback on candidates for AVP Equity, AVP
    International, AVP Students for UBCO
  - Hiring next week for Internship, Minischool, Volunteer Connections assistant
WebCT/CMS work continues, will be involved in a web conference tomorrow at 7am.

**Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:**

**Firstweek**
- Sunday night: movie being shown on the grassy knoll
- Monday: Labour Day BBQ with UBC Rec sports activities on McInnis Field
- Tuesday: Imagine UBC, UBC Improv Show in Totem Park (7-9pm), Comedy Show in Norm Theatre (10pm-Midnight)
- Wednesday: An episode of Urban Rush will be filmed in Norm Theatre, Outdoor Pit Night, Pool Party in the Aquatic Centre (9pm-Midnight), Jazz Night (Time & Place TBD)
- Thursday: “Right To Play” charity volleyball game (McInnis Field, time TBD), Candlelight Sessions concert in the Pit featuring Buck 65 (7pm), UBC Improv show in Scarfe Theatre (7-9pm), Guest Speaker (speaker, time and place TBD)
- Friday: OPEN SUB NIGHT! The whole SUB will be filled with activities and fun. Featuring activities: all-night cartoon fest in the Norm Theatre, Pride UBC Beer Garden, a TBD big-name band in the Ballroom, a Skate & Party Club skate ramp, a party hosted by UBC’s Hip-Hop Club, and more.
- Saturday: Metric plays in the Pit

**Joblink**
- 85 job postings so far for June
- Booking information sessions for the first month of school
- The Internship Manager position is being hired for this week

**Minischool**
- 120 people signed up for 6 Minischool classes, and 885 people have registered for 48 Minischool classes since September
- The hiring of next year’s Minischool coordinator will take place next week

**Safewalk**
- In my quarterly report, I mentioned that the University had decided not to renew their $30,000 annual grant. This is inaccurate, however… the contract extends to the 2005/06 year and review of renewal is underway. I apologize to Council for the error.

**Speakeasy**
- The application form for Speakeasy volunteers for the 2005/06 school year is now online
- On the subcommittee of the Suicide Awareness Project concerned with coming up with the theme

**Volunteer Connections**
- Had a meeting of all VEX (Volunteer Exchange) members to come up with a gameplan for next year.
- Reached a sponsorship arrangement with Enterprise Rental Cars
- Shinerama day is Saturday September 8th. The day will feature volunteers raising money all over the city via street performance, shoe-shining, car-washing, etc.

**AMS/UBC First Step**
- First Step is a joint initiative of AMS Services and UBC Orientations
- It will operate based on the structure of AMS Orientations.
- All first-year students will have the option of taking this free half-day tour of campus

**Services Barbeque**
- I held a Services Barbecue on the courtyard of the SUB
- It was tremendously successful!
- I served multiple hamburgers and gardenburgers
- It definitely strengthened a variety of social networks

**Autographed Quarterly Reports**
- I, along with Spencer and Kevin, will be autographing leftover copies of my Quarterly Report
- Personal messages can be requested
- Those that go unclaimed will be auctioned off on E-Bay

F) **Committee Reports:**
- Memorandum from AMS Elections Administrator - Ian Mckechnie
Worthy Councillor,

This memorandum is intended to inform you of the current activities of AMS Elections and provide you with avenues to help shape the future of our electoral process.

The following dates, subject to ratification by the Elections Committee, have been selected for the coming spring executive election:

- Information Meeting: November 10th, 2005
- Nominations Open: November 28th, 2005
- Nominations Close: January 6th, 2006
- Voting Begins: January 25th, 2006

It is hoped that this extended elections period will provide both the administrative time required to properly support candidates and campaigning time to better involve the student body.

Voter turnout has averaged 4,000 students since the turn of the century, or approximately 10% of eligible voters. This constitutes an electoral crisis and cannot help but have a pronounced impact on the Society in the view of this office. The target voter turnout for the coming year is 25%, or 10,000 votes.

Work is continuing on exploring the many opportunities for increased election promotion and awareness, with a particular focus on involving both constituencies and campus publications to a higher degree. Additional consideration is being given to planning out the election timeline, including a variety of events to ensure candidates can fully participate in campaigning without being overwhelmed by time commitments during the academic year. With the vast majority of students not participating in AMS elections, special consideration is being given to structuring promotions to entice first time voters to take part.

We are also taking to heart numerous recommendations from past elections and are seriously examining both the structure of the Elections Committee and the environment in which it operates. Currently, it is expected that both a presentation and motions resulting from this work will be submitted to Council at the August 10th meeting.

If you feel you have something to contribute to the above processes, be it resulting from personal experience with AMS Elections or otherwise, please contact us at any time through e-mail (elections@ams.ubc.ca). Your participation and feedback is strongly solicited during this planning stage.

G) Constituency Reports:

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

   The following minutes were accepted by Council:

   Minutes of Student Council dated June 8, 2005 [SCD 113-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

17. MOVED JESS KLUG, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON:

   “Be it resolved that AMS council approve the expenditure of up to $2,000 from the External and University Lobbying Fund for a fall awareness campaign as recommended by the AMS External Commission.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds
O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

Q) Submissions:

- CASA Annual General Meetings Report 2005 [SCD 114-006]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs

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...Carried
The Alma Mater Society of UBC

MINUTES OF STUDENT Council
July 20, 2005

Guests: Raj Mathur (Music), Deborah Robinson (SFAA), Sam Wong (Joblink Internship), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Resha Hamze (Temporary Administrative Assistant), Jane Barry (Facilities Development Manager)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:
Student Financial Awards and Assistance – Deborah Robinson, Associate Registrar

Questions:
- Kevin Keystone said he had been at a meeting where the emphasis was on merit scholarships as opposed to needs-based aid, and he wondered which was considered more important.
- Deborah Robinson: Actually, merit has been neglected, and students have said they want more emphasis on merit because then they can get a mention on their transcripts indicating their ability. One problem is that awards go where donors want them to go, which may or may not be where the need is.
- Kevin Keystone: Can you put pressure on donors to give more needs-based awards?
- Deborah Robinson: It’s the Development Office that does the fund-raising, and they are not always receptive to input from us; their concern is primarily to raise as much money as possible. That’s why we would like to see revisions to the Senate’s regulations on awards. There are some awards we will not accept, primarily those that are too specific: aimed at a specific ethnic group or one gender or, for instance, for rural students.
- Reka Pataky asked about entry scholarships and the change in the system for upper year scholarships.
- Deborah Robinson: Only 35 out of 5500 entering students got awards; it is very competitive. As to upper years, the old system was going bankrupt. Now there are the Trek Excellence Awards, but with less money than before.

Coca-Cola—Kevin Keystone, VP Finance

Questions
- Sean Huff asked about the cost.
  - Kevin Keystone said each trip costs $1,000, and there will be at least two and possibly three more.
  - Chris Batiz asked if there was any other Canadian representation on the committee.
  - Kevin Keystone: No.
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Patricia Lau: Do we have to approve every time you go?
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Kevin Keystone: Council named me, but didn’t approve money for additional trips.

D) President’s Remarks:

International Students
< Following a challenging process of negotiation with other student societies, a letter was finally sent to the Ministry of Advanced Education requesting an amendment to the University Act to allow international students to sit on the Board of Governors. This is an item that has received considerable interest from the previous Deputy Minister and we hope that the delays will not prevent this from being on the fall legislation. We give our sincere thanks to the Northern Undergraduate Student Society at UNBC and the Simon Fraser Student Society at SFU for their timely and wholehearted support.

Innovative Projects Fund
< In September the AMS and UBC are going to begin discussions on the IPF. It was an agreement that expired in 2001 which has the AMS paying a tax on the business square footage of the building to the amount of $220,000 for heating, maintenance, electricity, etc.

Imagine Pep Rally
< Met with the Imagine Coordinators to discuss ways to liven up this year’s pep rally.

MarPro Interviews
< Interviews are complete and we have selected a candidate which shall be announced at the next meeting.

Insider Proofing
< We give our never-ending thanks to Michelle Mayne and Jackie Wong for their completion of the AMS Insider. The entire executive has been pitching in on proofreading their beautiful 216 pages of art.

Digital Signage
< You will be seeing a presentation on this issue today. I have been working with Manj over the last week or so to develop ideas on how to get more information out to students.

Partnership for PSE
< This is the submission document that we have sent out to several ministers outlining AMS policy on post-secondary education. I had a nominal hand in putting it together but Jess Klug and David Wells are deserving of significant congratulations on a mature, professional document that does not compromise on argumentation.

Webmaster
< We have hired a new webmaster, Derrick Tan. He appears eager and ready to roll.

International Week
< I met with Enzula from International House to see how the AMS and UBC can create an effective partnership in hosting International Week. She is going to come back to the AMS with a more concrete proposal around how that partnership could look.
Lobbying Review
< Ad Hoc Lobbying Review Committee has finally met and we’ve identified two deadlines for the year – 1) a firm recommendation about federal lobbying affiliation by early to mid-October, and 2) a comprehensive AMS Government Relations Strategy by the end of the Executive term of office that details how we conduct government relations.

Student Cultural Initiative
< The ball is still rolling, with absolutely no comment from any AMS councillor on the proposed fee coming from the Chan Centre Internal Advisory Committee to charge students to bring different performances to campus and to provide a “home” for different grassroots student cultural projects.

Turnitin.com
< Met with Dr. Anna Kindler, AVP Academic Programs, regarding Turnitin.com. The university is supporting the policy of the Political Science Department insofar as it does not conflict with their own policy, is continuing with the program, and is conducting a review of whether or not there is a Canadian alternative to the site that can be considered. At this point the University Commission and Student Senate Caucus are taking over to discuss the pedagogical aspects of the program. I am satisfied in the interim that the University is on safe legal ground but have requested a legal opinion arguing for both sides of Turnitin.com.

First Year Committee
< Yesterday I met with representatives from Commerce, Arts, and Science about the proposed FYC. This program is meant to give first year students a way of having direct involvement in the AMS in their first year. A lot of good discussion was had but the representatives were seriously concerned with how this model could ignore the constituency associations. Sometimes I write sentences just to see if anybody is reading this. I have my doubts.

Wreck Beach
< As evidenced by the absence of Gavin, Tim and Quinn, there is a Marine Drive meeting underway right now. Today I was on Global Morning News for a live debate with James Loewen, Vice-Chair of the Wreck Beach Preservation Society. That was a fun way to start the day.

E) Executive Remarks:

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Coke
< I’ve attended the first meeting of the Commission to investigate Coca-Cola’s business practices in Colombia and India. At the first meeting, we met with Coca-Cola to determine what their perspective was on the key issues. At the beginning of the meeting, the other students on the Commission read a list of demands and walked out in protest, but the Commission soon realized many of the demands were based on miscommunication between the University Administrators chairing the Commission and the students. The students came back, we had the meeting, and a lot of interesting discussion took place. The notes I took are very comprehensive and will be made available to those interested.

Audit
< The AMS Financial Audit is done. Bruce MacFarlane of D&H Group (our auditors) met
with the Executives to discuss the findings. We came out yet again with no qualifications. Bruce will hopefully be presenting at Council.

99.3 The FOX
< To be discussed in discussion period. The contract is about sponsorship of Firstweek, but because it has an exclusivity provision in it, it has to go to Council. I wrote it myself, taking large chunks from other contracts to guide me, and it was reviewed by David (Policy Analyst), Henry (Treasurer-Controller) and Spencer (President), so I’m confident that it’s ok from a legal standpoint.

World Peace Forum: Board of Directors
< Ironically, to reduce my involvement with the World Peace Forum I’m considering running for their Board of Directors. The BoD oversees the WPF Society but doesn’t play much of a management role, much like AMS Council to the AMS. The youth want a representative on the BoD, and I’ve been asked by some to consider it.

Budget
< We’ve revised the budget as per requests from various AMS internal groups. The net change is minimal, but you’ll hear more about it in the presentation.

Restore the Norm
< Things are going well with the campaign, and we recently confirmed a $5,000 donation from Studentcare.net.

BOC
Freefone
< BOC has approved the installation of a Freefone in the SUB in the niche on the Main Concourse. We have a 30 day termination clause in the agreement, so it’s really a tester, and if we don’t like it, we’ll have it removed within 30 days. It provides free phone calls to students, and when not used it runs a 6-8 minute advertising screen with sound audible from 10 feet away. As part of the contract, 1-2 minutes of the advertisement is AMS owned and operated.

Media Screens
< BOC has deferred the question of Media Screens in the SUB to Council.

Student Concerns
< I continue to spend much of my time doing what I enjoy the most – responding to student concerns either in person or over e-mail. It’s very time consuming, but it keeps me connected to the people I represent.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

FEDERAL
< Announcement: Bill C-38 (same sex marriage bill) received Royal Assent today, making
gay marriage the law of the land.

As the house is no longer sitting, no other information to report.

PROVINCIAL

We have been working very diligently on the policy document for the new ministers. Success! I devoted most of my time in the last several weeks to ensuring the document was coherent and clean of any typos, etc. We also spent time tailoring the letters to each ministerial portfolio. The document was mailed out last week to the cabinet ministers most relevant and we will be sending more out to the rest of the MLA's shortly.

You can expect to receive a copy of the document in your e-mail in the next few days, and as always, any questions are welcome and can be directed to either myself, Spencer, or David Wells.

Spencer, David, and I met briefly with Minister of AVED Murray Coell on Monday morning.

U-PASS

The U-Pass IS going to a mailout system for this upcoming winter term. I have been working with Carole at the Trek office and Marianne of Enrolment Services to put together a roll out strategy. We will be utilizing pretty much every form of communication to ensure that students know about the mail-out program and to make sure that they have their current address on the Student Service Centre website.

I am writing the newsletter that will go into the envelope along with the U-Pass and will be painting banners this week for the bus loop. If anyone wants to help in any regard, please let me know by next week.

OTHER

Have taken part in the interview process for the new Marketing and Promotions Manager, which has been going well and I’m excited to have someone back in that role again soon.

Gavin and I are starting to work on a strategy to address some of the deficiencies of the Maclean’s ranking guide for universities – this looks like a long term project, but we are excited to get it off the ground

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

Hiring:

- Hired Sam Wong as Joblink Internship Coordinator
- Hired Letlotlo Coco Lefoka as Minischool Coordinator
- Interviewing for Volunteer Connections Assistant Coordinators
- Hired for SASC: Stephanie Kellington and Lisa Lafreniere
- Trevor (ECSS) continues to be super on this front

SASC:

- Met with Michelle Aucoin today with regards to moving forward w/ improving relations

LEAP (Learning Enhancement Academic Partnership):

- Much work on this front, mainly on online aspects. Great progress, project definitely
seems to have strong potential for future growth

Enterprise Course Management Advisory Council:
< Meeting last week to discuss mitigating issues that may arise in interim before implementation of improved setup: preparing contingency plans
< UBC will be getting a free WebCT CE6 license, saving lots of money

TEI:
< Now on a committee dealing with teaching evaluations. Excellent composition with great profs.

Safety Guide:
< Safety Coordinator (Mariana Payet) has been working on this. Looks great, coming soon

Campus Development Committee:
< Lots of excellent progress on this front, constructing some overarching policies.

GVRD/UBC Joint Committee:
< Have been back and forth throughout this meeting, speaking to that committee. Their conclusion on the Marine Drive Student Residences was in line with our policy.

Marine Drive Student Residences:
< GVRD/UBC Joint Committee just passed a motion similar to ours.

University Boulevard Development:
< In talks with Linda Moore with regards to establishing mechanisms for discussions about University Boulevard. Currently playing telephone tag.

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

New staff members:
< Lisa Lafreniere will be assuming the role of AMS SASC Counselling Coordinator effective Monday, July 18, 2005. Lisa has extensive experience under our former SASC model as the SASC Coordinator, as well as a variety of positions with WAVAW including Volunteer Program Liaison, Young Women's Project Coordinator, and Directory Project Manager. Lisa has a degree in Psychology from UBC and I believe most of you have already met her during the last three years at SASC.

< Stephanie Kellington will be assuming the role of AMS SASC Program Coordinator effective Monday, August 2, 2005. Stephanie was most recently held the position of Executive Director of the Inner-City Women's Initiatives Society and also has carried out other varied roles including the Mothers with Disabilities & the BC Child Protection System Project, National Action Committee on the Status of Women (BC Region), the 52% Coalition, Aids Vancouver, and at the York University Women's Centre. Stephanie has a degree in Psychology and Women's Studies and a Masters Degree in Developmental Psychology.

< Letlotlo Coco Lefoka is the new AMS Minischool Coordinator. Coco is a 4th year.
political science student, winner of the UBC Campus-Wide Student Leader Award, former Equity Ambassador, outgoing president of Kappa Sigma Fraternity House, and cultural assistant for International House. Coco will be starting on August 2\textsuperscript{nd} and can be reached at minischool@ams.ubc.ca

Marta Bashovski and Ruth Situma are the two new Assistant Coordinators of Volunteer Connections. Both have on-campus volunteer experience… in the form of President of Amnesty International (Marta) and the Chair of Africa Awareness (Ruth). Marta will take on the Event Management portfolio of VC, while Ruth will take on International Opportunities. They both start on August 2\textsuperscript{nd}, and will be reachable via the Volunteer Connections office (249A)

Sam Wong is the Internship Manager and Joblink Assistant Coordinator. Sam has already started contacting organizations and setting students up with relevant and exciting volunteer opportunities. Sam can be contacted via the Joblink office or at internship@ams.ubc.ca.

Other projects

The Suicide Awareness project is moving along, look for booths set up promoting mental health, and wristbands for sale with proceeds going towards various counselling and crisis centers around Vancouver.

The FIT @ UBC project will take place in January now, instead of September.

The Student Leadership Summit takes place August 31\textsuperscript{st} in the SUB. It is a conference for student leaders all over campus. I’ve been working on some promotional ideas and incorporating AMS Services into the resource fair.

Committee Reports:

Constituency Reports:

Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
Science social space is going to Board 4 in the Board of Governors system and will soon go to tender. Construction is to start August 22, with completion in April or May 2006.

Abigail Ong - Commerce Undergraduate Society
Sean Huff - Engineering Undergraduate Society
Babak Khorram - Graduate Student Society

Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Ombudsperson: 31 new cases.

Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated June 29, 2005 [SCD 119-006]
Minutes of the Executives Committee July 18, 2005 [SCD 120-006]
Minutes of the Executives Committee - 2 July 18, 2005 [SCD 121-006]
Minutes of the Restore the Norm Campaign May 12, 2005 [SCD 122-006]
J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED ABIGAIL ONG,

"Be it resolved that Council strike an ad hoc Referendum Committee to plan for referendums in the upcoming year, such planning to include but not be limited to making proposals concerning referendum questions, campaign strategy, and timing.

Be it further resolved that this committee be composed of:

(a) one (1) member of the Executive, designated by the Executive, who shall be interim chair;

(b) four (4) non-Executive members of Council; and

(c) one (1) Student at Large, appointed by the committee.

Be it further resolved that at its first meeting the committee select a permanent chair and report back to Council on who that chair is and who the Student at Large for the committee is.

Note: At the request of the Chair, the Marketing and Promotions Manager shall attend meetings of the committee.

Note: By passing this motion, Council is suspending the portion of Code stipulating that all committee chairs be appointed by Council."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Spencer Keys: Every year we end up holding a referendum without much organizing ahead of time. The idea behind this committee is that we should accept the fact that there will be a referendum. This committee will plan for that; it will look into what questions should be asked; it will consider which questions would complement each other. It can also look into planning campaigns. It could put questions together in September and work on communications. Possible questions include bylaw changes, a U-Pass handling fee, and a CPI increase to student fees.

- Patricia Lau: Could this committee decide not to hold a referendum?

- Dave Tompkins: The committee can make recommendations, but it’s up to Council to decide.

- Michael Woodward asked if the committee would be permanent.

- Spencer Keys said it was for this year only, but the committee itself might recommend being made permanent.

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...Carried

3. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE,

"That Council appoint Quinn Omori, Patricia Lau, Abigail Ong and David Claassan (Council Members) to the ad hoc Referendum Committee for a term beginning July 20, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006."

...Carried

4. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED REKA PATAKY,

"Be it resolved that Council strike the Strategic Plan Task Force to take responsibility for steering the development of the AMS Strategic Plan and to ensure adequate consultation with stakeholders in the development of the Plan.

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(a) the President, who shall be Chair;
(b) the General Manager;
(c) four (4) members of Council; and
(d) a member of AMS staff appointed in accordance with a procedure determined by the Executive.

Be it further resolved that the Task Force report back to Council with a draft Strategic Plan at the first Council meeting in November.

Note: At the request of the Chair, the Policy Adviser shall attend meetings of the Committee."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

– Spencer Keys: The task force will provide definition for the themes coming out of the Whistler Orientation Weekend. It will establish our goals, work out details, and look into such things as getting our message out and determining how we can know what the priorities of the students are.
- Quinn Omori: Won’t this replicate the long-term planning going on in other committees, such as Impacts and Ad Hoc Lobbying?
- Spencer Keys: Planning at the committee level will be flawed because it cannot take into account broader directions. We need to establish broader, Society-wide goals to enable the committees to work better and to inform candidates in the next election.
- Quinn Omori: Speaking of the next election, every executive brings its own vision. This task force might do a lot of work, but it might be wasted because we don’t know what will happen next year.
- Spencer Keys: This is a broad, strategic plan, not a tactical plan with action items as in the last strategic plan in 2002. A new executive will set goals at the tactical level, but this Council will still be in office when the next Executive comes in and can make sure they adhere to the strategic plan.

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Be it further resolved that the Task Force report back to Council with a draft Strategic Plan at the first Council meeting in November.
Note: At the request of the Chair, the Policy Adviser shall attend meetings of the Committee."

Note: Requires 2/3rds
...Carried

6. MOVED JOSHUA CAULKINS, SECONDED DAVID CLAASSEN,

“That Council recess for ten minutes for the Annual General Meeting of the AMS Foundation.”
...Carried

7. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED MANJ SIDHU,

...Carried

8. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED RYAN CLARE,

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amended version of the Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy, on the recommendation of the General Manager, the Vice-President Finance, and the Vice-President Administration."

Note: Requires 2/3rds
Kevin Keystone said the amendments are meant to broaden the scope of the policy to include sponsors and other providers of funds in addition to suppliers. Also, references to the BC Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms were being added.

Quinn Omori: Aren’t we already required to follow the Charter and the Code?

Kevin Keystone: They will apply to suppliers.

9. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED RYAN CLARE, [SCD 132-006]

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amended version of the Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy, on the recommendation of the General Manager, the Vice-President Finance, and the Vice-President Administration."

Note: Requires 2/3rds...Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

10. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

“That Council approve the Science Student Social Space agreement between the University of British Columbia, the Alma Mater Society of UBC and the Science Undergraduate Society as recommended by the Science Undergraduate Society and as submitted.”

Note: the agreement is for twenty-six years, including a one year allowance for construction and a twenty-five year occupancy period. At the expiration of the agreement term, the occupancy agreement is then subject to renewal provisions as articulated.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Patricia Lau: The agreement creates a committee to program the use of the building, and the Dean of Science gets approval powers. There was a concern about a loss of autonomy for the students, but it is a University building, not an AMS or SUS building, and the University is insisting on having final say. This agreement is as good as it will get, and SUS has already approved it in principle.

11. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

“That Motion 10 be amended to add the following clause;

Be It Resolved That Council advocate that the Science Student Social Space include non-gendered washrooms, keeping with current AMS policy”

Patricia Lau: The amendment is out of order. This is an occupancy agreement; it is not about the construction of the building.

The Speaker ruled the amendment, as revised, in order.

Kevin Keystone: Current AMS policy says we are to lobby for non-gendered washrooms. The idea is to lobby UBC to change the signage from saying “Handicapped Washroom” to “Non-gendered Washroom.”

Dave Claassen: This isn’t the place for this, and it’s not new. It’s just asking us to do what we are already doing.
– Patricia Lau: There’s a forum to bring this up; she can refer to the AMS policy at a meeting, but it’s weird to put it in this motion.

– Kevin Keystone: It is appropriate when timely to reaffirm the policy, and it is not weird, because the occupancy agreement refers to the blueprints for the building, and the blueprints lack non-gendered washrooms. If we approve the agreement, we are approving blueprints that exclude non-gendered washrooms.

– Reka Pataky: This is not the time or the place.

– Derry Dance: Even if it is a peripheral item, it is an appropriate time to bring something like this up.

12. “That Motion 10 be amended to add the following clause;

   Be It Resolved That Council advocate that the Science Student Social Space include non-gendered washrooms, keeping with current AMS policy”

   ...Carried

13. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED DAVID CLAASSEN:

   “Be It Resolved That Council divide the motion.”

   ...Carried

14. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

   “That Council approve the Science Student Social Space agreement between the University of British Columbia, the Alma Mater Society of UBC and the Science Undergraduate Society as recommended by the Science Undergraduate Society and as submitted.”

   Note: the agreement is for twenty-six years, including a one year allowance for construction and a twenty-five year occupancy period. At the expiration of the agreement term, the occupancy agreement is then subject to renewal provisions as articulated.

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   ...Carried

15. MOVED PATRICIA LAU, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

   “Be It Resolved That Council advocate that the Science Student Social Space include non-gendered washrooms, keeping with current AMS policy”

   ...Carried

L) Committee Motions:

16. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED JESSICA KLUG,

   “Be It Resolved That Council direct the AMS executive to pursue electronic display media on the main concourse without an external for-profit advertising component.”

   – Manj Sidhu: Seeking direction from Council. Could have media screens with advertising or media screens without advertising.

   – Kevin Keystone: If pass the motion, we will get screens without ads. If fail it, we could go with ads or could go for no screens at all. The Business Operations Committee (BOC) has discussed the issue. Without ads, this is not a good business decision, but BOC is against advertising in the SUB.
Manj Sidhu: The screens would benefit student groups and Constituencies, and would get us out there to our members. They would be more adaptable than postering spaces.

Kevin Keystone: BOC decided to defer its decision. If Council wants advertising, BOC will pick a company. But if there is no advertising, there is nothing for BOC to do.

Quinn Omori questioned the utility of the screens beyond showing things about the AMS, which is already being done. Flashing screens won’t address the divide between us and our constituents. They will be too much in your face, like advertising.

Kevin Keystone: Commerce has screens and finds them effective even though theirs are awkwardly placed.

Josh Caulkins: We’re already intruded upon by advertising. We’re barraged everywhere we go.

Reka Pataky asked about collaborating with UBC-TV and using already existing screens.

Kevin Keystone: Those screens are in awkward positions. He hadn’t looked into collaborating with them. He didn’t think they’d buy it.

Patricia Lau: If we defeat this motion, how will the Executive know which way to go?

Manj Sidhu: If you pass this, it means media screens without advertising. If you defeat it, it means media screens with advertising.

Dave Tompkins (Speaker): No, if the motion is defeated, it means nothing.

Patricia Lau said she didn’t think it was necessary to introduce more screens, especially ones that look like CNN. And she didn’t think it was worth spending $30,000.

Michael Woodward said he was a fan of TV’s, but advised to make sure it was clear who would manage them so as to be sure they looked good.

Manj Sidhu: The AMS IT manager is in charge of the software. The company will do the training. SAC and the AMS Marketing and Promotions Manager will oversee.

Michael Woodward: Will it be free for constituencies and clubs, or how much will it cost them?

Manj Sidhu: It’s not in the budget. Not decided yet.

Sean Huff said he preferred screens to paper, paper falling or taped up. And he favoured the idea of getting money from corporations by letting them put their flashing logos on screens.

17. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED JESSICA KLUG,

“Be It Resolved That Council direct the AMS executive to pursue electronic display media on the main concourse without an external for-profit advertising component.”

..Defeated

18. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MANJ SIDHU,

“Be It Resolved That Council oppose electronic display media in the Student Union Building with the exception of all electronic display media currently installed or already approved to be located in the Student Union Building”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kevin Keystone: This is an internal policy motion which will give direction. BOC sees proposals of this sort all the time and has to spend time on them. If told not to, they can move on to other things.

Derry Dance: This seems too broad. Does it cover TV’s and VCR’s brought into the SUB for temporary displays?

Spencer Keys: How will clubs distribute information? Council has voted against postering; now it’s going to vote against electronic display media. Pick some way to let clubs distribute information; make life better for the clubs.
Quinn Omori: The postering proposal was voted down because it was poorly thought out. But this policy is too broad, and Council shouldn’t make policy on the floor.

19. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED RYAN CLARE,

“Be It Resolved That Council refer the motion to the Code and Policies Committee.”

...Carried

20. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED RYAN CLARE,

“Be It Resolved That Council ask Business Operations Committee to not pursue permanent electric display media in the Student Union Building”

– Scott Price: This is too absolute. It’s not allowing good ideas to be discussed if presented.
– Michael Woodward: We don’t seem all to be on the same page. We need more information. We need to know the different options.

21. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED RYAN CLARE,

“Be It Resolved That Council asks Business Operations Committee to not pursue permanent electric display media in the Student Union Building”

...Carried

22. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DAVID CLAASSEN, [SCD 133-006]

“Be It Resolved That Council approve the creation of the AMS Student Assembly, in principle, and direct the Code and Policies Committee to submit a recommendation for amendments of the Code of Procedure to Council on August 31, 2005.”

– Spencer Keys: He’d been asked by Council to come up with a proposal to make the AMS government structure more accessible to students, and he was proposing this new Assembly, which had already been approved by the Code and Policies Committee. Council’s problem is that it has to do two things: serve as a body of democratic representatives and also as a body of directors with corporate responsibilities. This proposal will create a body that focuses exclusively on democratic discussion of big policy issues. It will be a body of sober first thought. He was looking to see if people think it a good idea and if they want any changes.
– Josh Caulkins saw it as a good idea in principle, but was concerned about creating another layer of bureaucracy. Council should be informing itself more, doing more legwork.
– Quinn Omori: Who’s going to fill it? We can hardly make quorum at Council. Who will show up at the new Assembly?
– Michael Woodward said it was important to meet the needs of people on campus who are not represented on Council but who are affected by Council’s decisions, like the people in residences and fraternities. The Coke exclusivity deal affects them, but they had no say in it.
– Kevin Keystone: The Assembly is not a bureaucracy because it has no power. It’s for consultation, and there are proposals for who will fill it: for instance, representatives from the Resource Groups.
Scott Price: Arts conducted a similar experiment two or three years ago with its Active Artsies, a non-political version of the Arts Council. He thought it was a good idea even though the Arts experiment failed.

Dave Claassen: Should give it a try. It might fail, but it will certainly fail if we don’t try it.

Patricia Lau: Have the groups to be invited to the Assembly been spoken to?

Spencer Keys: No, this is just a draft suggestion. But there are groups, like the indigenous and international students, who have shown interest in the past in having a say.

Quinn Omori: Better to reach out to these people through small forums. If this plan fails horribly, it will be a lot of wasted effort. He liked the spirit behind the plan, but thought effort should be spent on smaller-scale methods of reaching students.

23. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DAVID CLAASSEN

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...Carried

24. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE

"Be it resolved that Council approve the amended version of the 2005/06 Final AMS Budget as recommended by Budget Committee."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kevin Keystone explained that the Firstweek budget is being reduced, and the money is going to various places, including the Safety Coordinator’s office and to pay for his trips to Chicago for the Coca-Cola investigation.

25. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE, [SCD 134-006]

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

...Carried

Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

26. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE,

"Be It Resolved That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $80, 000 from CPAC funds for the renovations of the Conversation Pit."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Manj Sidhu explained plans for renovating the Conversation Pit and its furniture to clean it up and make it less susceptible to vandalism and soiling. She presented three options and indicated which one the Renovations Planning Group was recommending.

Ryan Clare suggested that a less expensive option be approved.
Tim Louman-Gardiner said it was not Council’s place to second guess Reno, just to make sure they had followed proper procedures. He also asked about the effect on maintenance costs.

Manj Sidhu said maintenance costs would be reduced; it will be much easier to clean the new furniture.

Chris Batiz said when asking students about what needed to be done in the SUB, cleaning the Conversation Pit was something everyone mentioned.

Darren Peets asked about the fit of the furniture.

Jane Barry said the supplier will be consulted on the issue of height and leg length.

Gavin Dew said it was important to follow Reno’s recommendation of the slightly more expensive bariatric furniture because that furniture was made to be usable by those who don’t fit into standard seating. This was a diversity issue, about inclusiveness; it was something we should set an example on.

27. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE, [SCD 135-006]

"Be It Resolved That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $80, 000 from CPAC funds for the renovations of the Conversation Pit."

Note: Requires 2/3 rds

28. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED QUINN OMORI,

"Be it resolved that Council strike an ad hoc Committee for Auditor Selection to look into who the AMS auditors should be.

Be it further resolved that this committee be composed of:

(a) the Vice-President Finance, who shall be chair; and
(b) four (4) members of Council.

Note: At the request of the Chair, the Treasurer-Controller shall attend meetings of the committee."

Note: Requires 2/3
29. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MANJ SIDHU,

“That Council appoint Jonathan Lam, Ryan Clare and Michael Woodward (Council Members) to the ad hoc Committee for Auditor Selection for a term beginning July 20, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.”

...Carried

30. MOVED DAVID CLAASSEN, SECONDED MANJ SIDHU,

“Be It Resolved That Council approve 99.3 “The Fox” sponsorship contract as presented”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

...Carried

31. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE, THIRD MICHAEL WOODWARD

“Be It Resolved That Council go in camera”

...Carried

P) Discussion Period:

Q) Submissions:
   < Statement of Revenues [SCD 147-006]
   < Statement of Net Contribution [SCD 148-006]
   < Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the AMS Foundation [SCD 149-006]

R) Next Meeting:
   < The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs
MINUTES OF STUDENT Council

Guests:       David Wells (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Paul Dayson (Marketing and Promotions, AMS), Claudia Li (The Ubyssey), Raj Mathur (Music), Ian McKechnie (AMS Elections Administrator), Resha Hamze (Temporary Administrative Assistant)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

AMS Elections – Ian McKechnie (AMS Elections Administrator) [SCD 150-006]

Ian McKechnie summarized the problems facing the Elections Committee, including low voter turnout, a limited budget, and demands by the Constituencies to use AMS resources. He also pointed to accessibility problems for candidates, resulting from an excess of regulations and the expense of conducting a campaign. He described a number of changes to the Electoral Procedures which he would be bringing forward as Code amendments, including the creation of hybrid elections.

Questions:

– Gavin Dew asked about hybrid elections.
– Ian McKechnie: Neither electronic voting through WebVote nor paper ballot voting is perfect. The first is remote and cumbersome to use, and the second is expensive. He would suggest a system in which WebVote was used as an advance polling system for four days, to be followed by a single election day, that is, one day of voting by paper ballots at polling stations, to increase voter turnout. There would be a big push to get students to vote on that day.
– Gavin Dew asked about uninformed voting.
– Ian McKechnie said that is always a problem. He thought it might be a good idea to stop candidates from campaigning on voting day. That way voters would not be pressured by partisans into voting for their candidates.
– Paul Sutton asked about spending and reimbursement limits, and said there was a disadvantage for poorer candidates.
– Ian McKechnie said he would be moving more towards a credit system.
– Kevin Keystone: Budget Committee deferred changes concerning the Elections Committee budget. Do you have those ready now?
– Ian McKechnie said he didn’t want Council to make budget amendments based solely on his word. He would be bringing a formal request for an additional $2,000 for promotions, furniture, and food. Currently, there is no money in the budget for innovative promotional ideas, like streeters on buses. He would like to try some new ideas.

D) President’s Remarks:

UBCSU-O

– Writing a discussion paper and preparing for the meeting tomorrow between the AMS Exec and UBCSU-O. There is a discussion item on the agenda about this.

Lobbying
I met with the Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh to discuss the current federal government’s perspectives on post-secondary education. He is also assisting in setting up meetings with other ministers in the region. Jess Klug and I also met with Dr. Allan Tupper, AVP Government Relations, to discuss joint lobbying with the University where he informed us that the AMS would be invited to Dr. Piper’s lobby trip to Ottawa in March.

CASA

I spent a week at the CASA Board Retreat in my capacity as the Northwest Regional Director of CASA. This is a large reason for the lack of items in this report.

PSC

I had the first meeting of the Presidential Search Committee. Further updates will be made as they come available and it is my hope to have the Chancellor, along with our search consultants, Janet Wright and Associates (www.jwasearch.com) come to consult with Council. We’re currently at the consultation stage in developing a candidate profile and are not discussing individual nominations or applications.

Orientations

I am busy preparing numerous speeches for the upcoming orientations season including GALA Orientations, Parent Orientations, Student Leadership Summit, MUG Leader Training, and Imagine UBC.

E) Executive Remarks:

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

FEDERAL

David Wells (Policy Advisor) and I attended a lobby meeting with Mike Savage – a Nova Scotia MP and chair of the federal liberal caucus on post-secondary education.

On the CASA scene, and as a member of CASA’s Public Relations committee, we are putting together a pretty solid fall campaign that will likely lead us right into a federal election.

There’s been some positive news lately about the Premiers in discussion to make post-secondary education a HUGE priority.

PROVINCIAL

Have been investigating when UBC is expected to receive their funding letter; according to Michelle Aucoin they are hopeful to receive it in September.

David Wells (Policy Advisor) is also working to get a bunch of meetings on the table.

Met with Allan Tupper today from UBC Government Relations; he gave us positive feedback on the Partnership for PSE document as well as other good news about this looking to be a good year to improve post-secondary education the agenda. We also discussed a couple of interesting things:

U-PASS
The U-passes were mailed out this past week, and students should expect to receive them on or around August 15th. The addendum to the U-pass contract is finalized and is on the table for tonight's meeting. The U-pass Subsidy Review committee has been able to review and finalize all applicants for the summer subsidy.

**XCOM and STUDENTS FOR BC Brand**
- Events for the fall are looking good

**OTHER**
- Updated my section on the AMS website and it should be much more organized and fascinating!

**Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:**
- I have been helping Sarah to hire the Firstweek staff
- I have been doing Quarterly Reviews with all of the Services Coordinators, as the beginning of August marks their successful completion of ¼ of the year. We’ve been making a comprehensive game plan for the start of school.
- I have been helping the Advocacy create a referral guide. The Advocacy office has been swamped lately, as the University just sent out letters to all the students who have been revoked re-entry for the fall term.
- I have also been working on First Step. The Art Gallery downstairs is going to be a First Year HQ, where perspective students can drop-in and ask questions and pick up relevant resources.
- The SASC is working on a community announcement to make the UBC and Vancouver community aware that it will be opening and seeing clients again in September.

**Gavin Dew - VP Academic**

**Hiring:**
- Hired for Volunteer Connections Assistant Coordinators: Marta Bashovski and Ruth Situma
- Will be hiring for Deputy Ombudsperson, as our Deputy Ombudsperson will unfortunately be leaving us at the end of August due to educational commitments

**LEAP:**
- Moving along very nicely. Lots of work getting the website together, will be up for start of school. Pleased with the progress and cooperation on this project

**Survey:**
- Have been talking to someone from a consumer polling company with regards to a multi-stakeholder poll on campus that help to provide us with strategic direction
Safewalk:

- Met with Michelle Aucoin and Bruce Lovell along with Trevor, Imran, and Natalie with regards to potential Safewalk partnerships. So far this has been a relatively innocuous course of discussion, and none of the loss of independence feared has been suggested.

Safety Committee:

- Safety committee had the chance to provide input to David Grigg from Campus and Community Planning on new paving options for West Mall. This will be a multi-million dollar project going down all of West Mall, changing it functionally and visually from an automobile road to a pedestrian road.

College of the Overwhelmed:

- Attended an audio conference with some campus health providers (including SASC) on suicide prevention and mental health.

SASC/University Relations:

- Official feedback on the new structure has been promised by the VP Students office, which should be the start of further discussions.

Safety Guide

- Mariana (Safety Coordinator) has completed the long-standing project of the Safety Guide, with many other people providing input. It looks great, lots of copies, copies for council.

International Students Brochure:

- Esther (International Students Coordinator) and I rapidly put together a quick guide to the AMS for international students, to be distributed through GALA. Looks great, big ups to Aaron from promotions.

Campus Development Committee:

- The Campus Development Committee, with Mark Pickersgill, University Affairs Commissioner as project manager, have been putting together a series of policy recommendations in whitepaper form, and will be seeking input from campus resources such as faculty.

South Campus OCP changes:

- Attended an input session with the GVRD/UBC Joint Committee on changes to the Official Community Plan to make the South Campus Neighborhood Plan viable. Generally positive, that's moving along after a long waiting period.

Marine Towers:
Signed up to speak at the GVRD Board meeting, but was bumped due to a process error – spoke to their corporate secretary with regards to improving that process. Sent a letter to all members of the GVRD Board articulating our policy. A motion was passed, creating a “burden of proof” as previously discussed.

GSS Marine Residences policy:

Attended GSS Council where discussion went on about Marine Residences contract terms. They passed a motion to work on it and invite us to be involved. So far minimal communication.

Canadian Summit on the Integration of Teaching and Research:

I spent the latter half of last week at this conference. Very excellent, many noted researchers in the field of teaching and learning, also many university executives present. Based on this and other such conferences and activities, I plan to work on a discussion paper. I will provide reports on both this conference and STLHE in the near future, but have been swamped with more pressing work.

University Town Committee:

While I was in Alberta, I was at the first U-Town Committee meeting since about May. Good updates, information on South Campus water management, presentation by someone from Harvard who has been working on sustainable development. Introduction of Nancy Knight, new AVP Campus and Community Planning, I’ll be meeting her on Friday for lunch with Spencer, Joe Stott, and Dennis Pavlich.

Judicial Office:

Have been in communication with Michelle Aucoin, who has requested feedback on a proposed Judicial Office, with the function of acting as “impartial information body,” with referral to Advocacy/the Ombuds Office. Obviously there are certain problematic aspects, but I feel that the idea is overall positive and has the potential to allow us to concentrate our advocacy and ombuds services more effectively and efficiently on actual advocacy work rather than just explaining processes.

UNA discussion:

Have been in initial talks with the UNA (University Neighborhoods Association) about joint lobbying initiatives. More in discussion period.

University Boulevard:

Met with Linda Moore from University Town today (after speaking with Michelle Aucoin, Spencer, Bernie) with regards to establishing a framework for discussions/negotiations around University Boulevard. We're looking at an augmented version of the existing UBC/AMS Liaison committee as well as a trilateral advisory committee with the UNA.

UBC-O:
Driving up to UBC-O immediately after Council with Trevor, Spencer, and Kevin in a sleek Dodge Magnum to meet with our counterparts.

Going on Vacation!

- I’m finally going on vacation from the 12th-17th!

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

- As I am out of the office on my vacation (aka labouring away for my parents in the hot heat of the Okanagan Valley) from Aug 1st-15th, I think my report might be a bit short because I only really have a week to report.
- I was working with UBC Connect for the last week of July and met some really amazing people and got to talk about the AMS. I was really surprised at how little people know about their student society. They did mention that they can't wait to see the Conversation Pit renovated which I was very happy about.
- Kevin and I had a wonderful chat with Nancy G. (Dean of Arts) at the Think! Cafe on Thursday morning (bright and early 9am!) and it lasted for a good three hours. We bounced some great ideas off of each other and hopefully I will be figuring out some of them and putting them into initiatives sooner rather than later! The Conversation Pit: I have updates!
- The tiles are being delivered on Aug 8th. The painting is set to start on Aug 15-18th. We are waiting for timelines for the electricians and the furniture should be arriving in mid-September where we will do a grand opening. I have goosebumps thinking about this! Also, the Accessibility Project should be starting on Aug 8th (the one that had been delayed due to shipping delays) and the sliding doors to the South and North Entrances should hopefully be done by the time I am back in town!
- Other good news is that the AMS Mural, that was commissioned to Heather Passmor is finally complete! Kevin and Jess were wonderful enough to sort out the hairy details of getting it to the SUB (apparently this is a funny story) but I hope to tie in the unveiling of the mural with the unveiling of the Conversation Pit. Well that is the plan anyways! I think I have around 70 emails in my inbox currently, but my lousy internet connection prevents me from answering all of them while on vacation. Life works in funny ways. =)

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Budget

- I’ve been working on revisions to the budget to improve transparency, clarity and have revised some of the numbers as well. All were approved by Budget Committee and will be presented for approval later this meeting.

Fundraising & Sponsorship

- I’ve been holding more frequent meetings of the Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee with the aim of revising drafts of our Fundraising & Sponsorship Policy. These will eventually go to Council for approval, along with revisions to the appropriate sections of Code of Procedures. This process began with Brian Duong (VP Finance 03-04) and was carried but never completed by Stacey Chiu (VP Finance 04-05).

Contracts

- I’ve been working with Bernie (GM) and Henry (Treasurer-Controller) to develop a template for contracts to be used by our Subsidiary Organizations (especially
Constituencies). I'm also planning on revising the procedures and policy surrounding contracts in Code, to make the process more manageable, reasonable and efficient for both the AMS and our Subsidiary Organizations.

Meeting with Michelle Aucoin and Byron Braley
- My Vice-Chair Sophia Haque and I met with Michelle Aucoin and Byron Braley to discuss various issues specific to FinCom and my portfolio. We discussed the Universities Coca-Cola Working Group meetings I've been attending in Chicago, and possibilities (or lack thereof) for funding from UBC for the investigation. My primary intent of the meeting, which lost time to the Coke discussion, was to discuss possible partnerships with the University on the UBC Tax Assistance Clinic for Students, a volunteer-based clinic largely spearheaded by Stacey (Chiu), and on a Student Financial Education Program I'm hoping to initiate. Michelle was very interested in the SFEP, and stated that the University would be willing to provide funding for programming if a mutually-agreeable partnership were struck. She asked me to speak to Barbara Crocker, Assistant Director of Student Financial Assistance and Awards.

Dean of Arts Meeting
- Manj and I met with Nancy Gallini, Dean of Arts at UBC, to discuss how to best showcase outstanding student outreach initiatives on campus. This was initiated by an address she gave to UBC Connect that Manj and I attended. The discussion, however, quickly broadened to cover many topics, including beautification of Buchanan Buildings, the Foundations Program and planned revisions, the Arts website, and various others. Much productive discussion was had, many interesting ideas were exchanged, and Manj and I look forward to following up with her and with other executives whose portfolios are of greater relation to the discussion.

CiTR Bylaws
- As a member of the Board of Directors, I've been asked to review the bylaws and constitution of CiTR and recommend changes that will be taken to membership within the next couple months. I met with Lydia Masemola (Station Manager) and other student board members to briefly discuss some of the proposed changes. I will be reviewing the bylaws in greater depth and may be proposing changes.

UPass Subsidy Review
- As a member of the Committee, I met with Jess (Chair) and the other members to review proposed subsidy applications from students, and to revise the subsidy application form and policy to be more in line with the needs of the Committee. Revisions have been well received, and the Committee is close to (if not finished) reviewing all applications submitted to date and completing revisions to our form and requirements.

Other (Coca-Cola and Restore the Norm)
- I just got back from Chicago from the second meeting of the Universities Coca-Cola Working Group, and as per usual, I typed several thousand words of notes that are available to any interested Councillor. The meeting was quite emotional, as members from the largest union of Coca-Cola bottling factory workers came to
speak of their experience with harassment, death threats, kidnaping and even physical violence by paramilitaries, allegedly working at the direction of Coca-Cola. I virtually noted verbatim their presentation in my notes, for those interested.

- Restore the Norm Campaign is going well, with two new donations from Studentcare and D&H Group. We’re very excited about future asks and opportunities to campaign at Clubs Days through FilmSoc, and hopefully at the AMS 90th Anniversary Celebrations this October.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Graduate Studies – Lillian Shun
The GSS has spoken to UBC about the rent for the Marine Drive residences. The GSS would like to meet with the AMS to work out a common approach on housing.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Board of Governors: Tim Louman-Gardiner: It is not clear whether UBC Okanagan will have its Board representatives in place by the September Board meeting.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated July 20, 2005 [SCD 151-006]
In camera Minutes of Student Council dated July 20, 2005 [SCD 152-006]
Minutes of the Ombuds Advisory Committee dated June 20, 2005 [SCD 153-006]
Minutes of the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee dated July 28, 2005 [SCD 154-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

“Whereas the University plans to increase total enrollment by an additional 1659 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) spaces above the provincially funded levels for 2005-2006;

Whereas the University increased the total enrollment by 1865 FTE spaces above the provincially funded levels in 2004-2005;

Whereas the increases of the past few years have resulted in overcrowding in student residences, increased pressure on University and AMS services, and a lack of space in University courses;

Whereas the Trek 2010 vision statement of the University of British Columbia says that the University aspires “to be one of the world’s best universities”;

Whereas Trek 2010 also states that “we are accountable to the society that supports us, and must seek ways of responding to its needs and concerns through research, through educational outreach, and through partnerships that bring mutual benefit;” and
Whereas recent enrollment practices place the quality of education at UBC at risk;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AMS call on the University to develop a clear and comprehensive enrollment policy that adequately balances the financial needs of the University with the social and academic interests of students.

Be it further resolved that said policy acknowledge that enrollment numbers should not exceed the number of provincially funded FTEs;

And be it further resolved that in the event that enrollment numbers increase beyond the amount of provincial funding available, the University must consult with the AMS on the best means of ensuring that the needs of students will be met in this situation. In particular, the University must ensure that:
- students are able to enroll in the courses required for their programs;
- there is no overcrowding in student residences; and
- there is sufficient funding for University services.”

Note: Requires: 2/3rds

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: There’s an issue of accessibility. How much higher will the admissions level be raised to reduce the number of students admitted? The University has to play a role in ensuring the accessibility of post-secondary education.

2. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE,

“That Council motion one be amended so that the first “be it resolved” reads: be it resolved that the AMS call on the University to develop a clear and comprehensive enrollment policy that adequately balances the financial needs of the University with the social and academic interests of students, and province-wide accessibility issue”

...Carried

- Paul Sutton: There’s a danger of opening the floodgates on unfunded FTE’s. There are 2000 unfunded students now, and that’s a big deal. The University has said it is not amenable to lobbying for more money from the province. There is a lot of demand for entering the institution, but it is irresponsible for the University to expand without finding ways to fund its students. UBC is saying how great the education is here, but it’s not true. If UBC really cared, it would ask the province to build a new university. He didn’t want to give the University any credit. It was his position never to give the University any credit, because they were doing a really bad job.

- Patricia Lau: The Dean of Science has been saying how high a mark (89%) is required to get into Science. There is talk of considering other qualifications as part of the Broad Based Admission approach. Does UBC have any plan to reduce the high admission averages? Having an accessible university should not come at the expense of quality, but entering admission marks are getting ridiculously high.

- Gavin Dew said this was an issue he could raise.

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: This policy is asking UBC to roll back enrollment, unless the province is going to increase funding, which they won’t. It’s irresponsible to accept students who are not provincially funded, but it’s also irresponsible to cut back on enrollment.

- Paul Sutton: The University should be smaller to make it better again.

3. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE,
“That the first motion be amended to include the following whereas clause:

“Whereas the University has an important role to play in ensuring sufficient university access in the province; and”

...Carried

- Reka Pataky: Do we want UBC to lobby for more funding or do we want them to make the University smaller?
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: UBC is admitting fewer students this year than last.
- Kevin Keystone: By capping or by entrance averages?
- Dave Tompkins: The decision comes from setting the cutoff percentages.
- Edward Cheung: Through Broad Based Admissions, UBC could enforce a cap better than if sticking rigidly to percentage marks.

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- there is sufficient funding for University services.”
5. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE,

“That Council approve the agreement between the Greater Vancouver Transit Authority (TransLink), the University of British Columbia (UBC) and the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia (AMS) amending the terms and conditions of the U-Pass program as submitted.”

Note: adjustment in the U-Pass rate was approved by the AMS membership through a referendum conducted between January 31 and February 7, 2005.

Note: Requires: 2/3rds

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Note: Requires: 2/3rds

7. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED DAVID CLAASEN,

“Be it resolved that ____________ be appointed to the UBC Bookstore Advisory Committee term ending September 1, 2007.”

Note: Available to any UBC student

– Spencer Keys: The appointee will get a discount card for technology and clothing, but not for textbooks.
– Paul Sutton: Is the bookstore’s mandate to make money or to make books financially accessible?
– Spencer Keys: it’s a service. The large profits if makes on some books subsidize rare ones.
– Tim Louman-Gardiner: This may be an important committee because of the University Boulevard project and its effect on accessibility to the bookstore. Since the committee appointment is open to all students, and it’s summer now, perhaps the appointment should wait.
“Be it resolved that _____________ be appointed to the UBC Bookstore Advisory Committee term ending September 1, 2007.”

Note: Available to any UBC student

9. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ABIGAIL ONG,

“Be it resolved that Council accept the 2005/06 AMS Operating Budget amendments as recommended by Budget Committee.”

Note: Requires: 2/3rds

– Kevin Keystone: There are some corrections to the Budget Supplement, some added pages, including a highlights page and other pages. The changes are intended to make things clearer by changing language and by consolidating some lines. Also, additional information is being provided on the funds and on the revenue and contribution from the businesses.
– He noted that Blue Chip cookies is the AMS business making the biggest contribution to AMS net revenues, but this will drop because UBC is introducing a Starbucks in the fall.
– Gavin Dew: Why do we keep updating the budget?
– Kevin Keystone: Really we shouldn’t be. Instead, from now on, he will be simply changing the estimated actuals. The only time to really revise the budget is on big issues, e.g., on elections, the broader question of our approach to elections.

10. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ABIGAIL ONG,

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Note: Requires: 2/3rds

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

11. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ABIGAIL ONG,

“Be it resolved that Time Louman - Gardiner (Council members) be appointed to the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee.”

Note: Requires: 2/3rds

P) Discussion Period:

– AMS - UBC Students’ Union-Okanagan Relationship
– Spencer Keys: The name of the student society at the Okanagan campus will be the Student Union of UBC Okanagan. Their constitution and fees will go to referendum in March. Until then, the Board of Governors has given them the power to follow their proposed constitution and fee levels.
– We need to consider how to work with them at the system-wide level for dealing with the Board of Governors and the province.
There are a number of options: Is 100% independence preferable, with each doing its own thing? Or is it important for us to collaborate so that the University gets the same message regardless of the campus? What level of integration or formal arrangement should there be? Should there be a new student association superseding our two organizations?

If the UBC Board sees two different stances, they may take the one they prefer or take ours because we’re bigger.

He didn’t want to see the UBC-O students marginalized.

His personal opinion was in favour of an official joint voice. The ranking administrators are here at UBC Vancouver. We have access to them, constant contact in an informal way. UBC-O students won’t have this.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: The two issues are what degree of co-operation should there be, and how do we achieve it? He was in favour of co-operating as closely as possible without losing autonomy. It didn’t look good when the AMS and the UBC-O students had different stances at the Board. Of course, we can disagree, but there was lots of agreement that got lost. He didn’t agree that UBC would listen to us necessarily; UBC is committed to making the Kelowna experiment work and will listen to UBC-SUO as much as to us. Our interest is to have a strong union in the Okanagan and to work closely with them.

Paul Sutton didn’t see the loss in having the UBC-O students presenting a letter rejecting tuition increases. He asked if they are in the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students).

Spencer Keys: Yes, temporarily, to be confirmed by referendum.

Paul Sutton: UBC-O students have a better approach to lobbying than we do. They’re pushing. They’re strong and indignant. We have a lot to learn from them.

Andres Ruberg: Have we had any communication with them? Do we share minutes?

Spencer Keys: We have contact. We don’t share minutes. Tomorrow three members of the Executive are going to the Okanagan to meet them, a meeting that’s taken six months to organize. We asked them to join us on one policy; we asked them to sign a letter we were sending asking that international students be allowed to sit on the Board of Governors. They would not sign. They said they would only participate in campaigns that come from the CFS. We’re members of different organizations; they’re in the CFS; we’re in CASA. Those two organizations have different philosophies about how to approach governments. Also, we’re suing the CFS business arm; that’s a thing. They also don’t appreciate our existence; we’re considered to be splitting the national student voice.

Andres Ruberg suggested naming a delegate to send to them, to attend meetings there.

Spencer Keys: That’s a good idea. We have thought of creating a non-voting seat for them on our Council. There would be a cost: $4,000 for someone to attend all our Council meetings, and that’s just the travel costs; it doesn’t include hotels.

Edward Cheung: Rather than UBC-O being marginalized, he was worried there would be the opposite effect. UBC-O’s Senate would have equal powers with the Senate at UBC-Vancouver even though a disproportionate number of faculty are at UBC-Vancouver. Also, the Council of Senates will have equal representation from both campuses, meaning that UBC-Vancouver will be under-represented.

Kevin Keystone: UBC-O will also be over-represented at the Board of Governors. It’s been mentioned that they are indignant and strong. They are indignant, but they are not strong. We’re ten times bigger and we have direct access to the
administration that governs them. We need to seriously address how we are
going to create joint structures.

- Gavin Dew: To some extent, UBC-Vancouver resources are being drained to
subsidize UBC-O. Some administrators aren’t available because they’re up in
the Okanagan. A form of affirmative action may be justified initially because
UBC-O feels marginalized.

- Ryan Corbett: A lot hinges on what they want from us. We shouldn’t bring up our
over-representation concerns. Are we looking for philosophy or immediate
steps?

- Ida Noohi asked about videoconferencing possibilities.
- Gavin Dew said it might be possible to do that to reduce transportation costs.
- Spencer Keys said the focus should be on the next steps, but he wanted to raise
philosophical questions too, and he wanted to act now and capitalize on the
newness of the situation. At the same time he recognized the need to take
things slowly and he didn’t want us to be seen as a large organization
swallowing up a smaller one. But good intentions are not enough and a mandate
is needed.

- Patricia Lau noted the volatile nature of student government because of annual
turnover. The AMS is an example of how one’s year executive can be vastly
different from the next. If discussions are not going well now with the UBC-O
students, perhaps it’s best not to force a mandate. They’re CFS and we’re
CASA; she saw that as a conflict.

- Spencer Keys said he would rather decide to miss an opportunity than just miss
it.
- Reka Pataky: Liaison is good. A delegate is a good idea. We can send each
other our policies for discussion.

- Trevor Gilks: From a services perspective, this is one university and there should
be one student society.
- Dave Claasen: There are two wholly separate campuses with different concerns.
To call it one school is erroneous.
- Ryan Corbett: We should think about taking their interests into consideration, but
it will be uncomfortable if we do it and they don’t. It will seem patronizing. It
would be premature to embark on something binding. We have to see where
they’re at.

University Neighbourhoods Association Relations

- Gavin Dew: As a result of residential development on campus, both market
driven and for faculty and staff, there are new residents here. They are a
growing group and have an organization, the University Neighbourhood
Association (UNA), which is like an AMS for residents.

- Three residents, two UBC representatives, and one AMS representative (Gavin
himself) sit on the UNA. The UNA provides municipal-type services. They also
lobby and have relationships with UBC, for instance concerning development.
They have different concerns and priorities from us in some ways, but in some
cases we have similar priorities: for instance, concerning the preservation of
green space and the UBC Farm and concerning consultation on University Town.

- We lack formal connections with them, and the question is, Does Council think it
appropriate to continue exploring development of a relationship with them?

- Paul Sutton: Though he doesn’t like the UNA, it will be the only thing resembling
a municipal government on this campus, and there are developments now that
require municipal governance. As University Town develops, residents here will
face the same issues students do. We can lobby together.
Tim Louman-Gardiner: The UNA is highly important. He would like the VP Academic to report on them to Council, and he would like to invite a UNA representative to attend Council meetings.

Gavin Dew said he does report to Council on the UNA. As to inviting them to Council, that might be premature now, but it was something to consider for the future. He suggested trying to get the UNA to think of the students as allies, to shift the way the UNA thinks and vice versa.

Edward Cheung asked about relationships between the AMS and students in residence.

Spencer Keys said he had e-mailed them without response.

Dave Tompkins said relations have been sporadic.

Reka Pataky: She liked the idea of the UNA coming to Council. It would also be helpful to have a student residences’ representative here.

Dave Claasen: While we should deal with them, they should be aware that they have chosen to move onto a university campus near a stadium, near students and noise, and they shouldn’t be complaining about those things. We should knock some sense into them.

Gavin Dew: He was talking of working with them where appropriate, not everywhere. Also, the UNA has constituents too; they get e-mails from residents complaining about peeing on bushes, broken bottles, and drug dealing.

World Peace Forum

Kevin Keystone: He has been working with the World Peace Forum (WPF). The WPF takes place annually. This year’s forum has been endorsed by the Vancouver city council, which is also donating $350,000 to them.

The WPF has block-booked the SUB for June 23-28, 2006 and they want us to give it to them for free. They also want us to endorse them.

UBC has endorsed the WPF and is providing block bookings in residences and elsewhere on campus. It’s not clear how much of that will be free.

The block booking of the whole SUB for those six days would have a value estimated at $33,000. Also, the WPF has booked at the expense of another organization which would have paid for the space.

We have had a policy recognizing the UN’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other similar documents, and we have done this sort of thing in the past.

Ryan Corbett: Other than thinking that students are for peace, what sort of tangible reason do we have for doing this? This will be taking money out of our constituents’ pockets. There are many noble causes that would like to get free use of the SUB.

Paul Sutton: In a word, No. He likes peace, but also likes $33,000 being infused into our budget. UBC has more money than we do and can afford to do this. Also, how accessible will these events be? Would students have to pay to get into them?

Kevin Keystone: The WPF brings a lot of socially oriented people to the table, so he would expect it to be accessible.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: In summer, commercial bookings get priority over students for revenue. But in this case students would not be able to use the SUB for those six days because of a booking by a group that would not provide the AMS with any revenue. He wanted to hear the case for how this was in the
of UBC students. If there were possible benefits, he wanted to hear
about them.

- Dave Claassen: Are they committed to the booking? If they have to pay, will they
stay and pay, or will they go elsewhere?
- Kevin Keystone: Given their other expenses, they might bail out.
- Edward Cheung: In not doing this for them, that doesn't mean we're not
supporting the WPF or its goals.
- Spencer Keys: We have a donations line item which was $3,000 last year. In
January Council decided to donate $10,000 for tsunami relief, using up three
years' worth of donations. If we do this, it will not be done by reducing our
conference department's revenues; we would add to the donations line item; we
would be fully accountable. How relevant is this to students? There is a youth
stream in the WPF. We could mandate that only youth stream events occur
here. Also, we'd have an implicit partnership with the WPF. Personally, he was
against it, but not hard against it. It would mean the donations line item would be
eleven times what it should be.

- Gavin Dew: This is outside our mandate. In the past we have rejected things that
have nothing to do with our mandate. We might decide to match other funding
they get, from UBC, for instance, but simply giving them the space for free could
be a financial misstep and a breach of our fiduciary duty. He had pushed for the
tsunami donation but in retrospect he now thought it was a mistake.
- Reka Pataky: Maybe we could do fundraising for them. She didn't think it was
responsible to throw around $30,000. Will they be using our services or
businesses?
- Jonathan Lam: Who came first? The paying group or the peace group?
- Kevin Keystone: The peace group came first. They asked for the block booking.
The other group came afterward.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: There are possible benefits, like the use of our catering
service or our businesses. He still couldn't support it because he didn't have
enough information.
- Patricia Lau: If we're going to debate this later for a motion, we should just come
back to it then.
- Chris Batiz: Can we endorse them without giving them money?
- Kevin Keystone: They probably won't accept our endorsement then.
- Ryan Clare: What is our policy on renting the SUB for free?
- Bernie Peets: AMS clubs and constituencies can book for free, and no one else.
- Ryan Clare: Then there's no way we can do this.
- Dave Tompkins: If they were a club, they could book for free?
- Kevin Keystone: In the summer commercial bookings have priority; a student
club couldn't do that.
- Paul Sutton suggested the AMS no longer accept block bookings for free. We
gave up another conference. Our aim is to bring in revenue for student services.
- Bernie Peets: A block booking can be made without a deposit. Then there's a
point when they have to put up or shut up.
- Ryan Corbett: Can we get the other conference back?
- Bernie Peets: They've already made other arrangements.
- Kevin Keystone: We could still get some other conference.
- Gavin Dew: We need to see an analysis of what precedent this would set. What
criteria should we have to even consider giving free booking or catering?
Everyone thinks their cause is special, different, unique. Everyone thinks they're
a unique snowflake. When a global tragedy strikes, emotions run high, but we
should have a policy in place for the long term to establish clear benchmarks so
that we don't make decisions on a case-by-case basis when we're not in a
condition to decide within the bounds of rationality. He would like to see a
business case for this proposal, providing a cost-benefit analysis.

- Kevin Keystone: I will have WPF create a business report, including the partnership implications and possibly having only the youth stream here. There are ways that this can be done that would be amenable to Council. I have no vested interest in giving this booking for free, and I will abstain when the motion comes. The AMS Mission Statement says that the aim of the AMS is to improve the quality of the “educational, social, and personal lives of the students of UBC.” The Mission Statement also says that the AMS will provide its members with “diverse opportunities to become exceptional leaders.”

< Starbucks

- Paul Sutton said he would like to set up a picket line in front of the Starbucks that the University is planning to open in October in order to protect the revenue of Blue Chip. He said that because the UBC Starbucks employees will be unionized, they won’t cross a picket line.

- Bernie Peets: clarified that they won’t cross a legal picket line.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs  gD:rH
A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

J) Executive Committee Motions:
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   all socially-motivated proposals, and is concerned about any precedent-setting actions that
   could be construed as unfair referential treatment, patronage, conflicting interests or
   exposing Council to a greater quantity of proposals than it already cannot afford,

   Therefore,

   Be It Resolved That the AMS enter into negotiations with the World Peace Forum Society
   for a mutually-beneficial contract, that could include the waiving of booking rental rates of
   the Student Union Building for the WPFS as part of a negotiated exchange of goods and/or
   services.

   Be It Further Resolved that prior to finalizing the agreement, it is understood that the terms
   and conditions will be subject to AMS Council’s approval under the Political Contract
   provisions as per Code of Procedure, Section IX 9).”

   – Kevin Keystone: Council had asked him to bring a business report back to them. He had
     consulted with the World Peace Forum Society (WPFS) and with the AMS General Manager
     and it had been realized that what is really being proposed is a contractual arrangement of
     mutual benefit. So the situation is no longer contentious, but is just a contract that will be
     brought to Council in accordance with the contracts procedure in the AMS Code of
     Procedure. Until then he would simply like Council to approve the entering into negotiations
     with the WPFS. The managers and executive of the AMS will ensure that the final contract
     is for the benefit of the AMS.

   – Tim Louman-Gardiner asked if the booking was already pencilled in even though there is
     no contract.

   – Kevin Keystone: There is always a contract for SUB bookings. The difference here is that
     we may waive the booking fee in return for services.

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...Carried

Noted Abs: Kevin Keystone, Sean Huff

D) President’s Remarks:

< STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

– Today I presented a speech to the opening of the Student Leadership Summit. This was followed by a discussion of the First Year Committee proposal at one of the afternoon “Press Conferences”. Reception to the FYC was good but with some hesitation.

< PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

– Last Saturday we had our second meeting and began interviewing several Deans and Vice-Presidents to develop the candidate profile. This process will end in early October and I hope to have a meeting of Council in which the Chancellor and the Search Consultant will be able to attend and hear your views.

< ORIENTATION PREP

– The last week or so has been dominated by drafting the numerous speeches for various orientations – parents, international students, Imagine, etc.

< AMS INSIDER

– The AMS Insider is ready for distribution and looks wonderful. Our thanks to the highly talented Jackie Wong – Michelle Mayne team that has impressed the Executive so much.

< CODE MEETING

– I recently attended a meeting of the Code and Policies Committee. We discussed the AMS Student Assembly but are putting off a report on that issue for some time as we tackle the very important question of how to set the agenda for such a body. Additionally we discussed the development of a more official reporting relationship between the President and the Vice-Presidents. There shall be another meeting this week.

< CASA Calls

– In my capacity as Northwest Regional Director I have been holding several conference calls with the Northwest region as well as the national Board of Directors. All seems
quiet on the CASA front.

E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

< Hiring:
- Shortlisted for Deputy Ombuds, interviewing tomorrow
- Minischool Assistant Coordinator closing soon.
- Election Committee to be posted soon..

< UBC-O VISIT:
- Visited UBC-O along with Spencer, Kevin, and Trevor – up and down by car in under 24 hours. Interesting meeting, good chance to see the new campus, Spencer provided more information with regard to the substantive content of the meetings with our counterpart organization.

< LUNCH MEETING W/ DENNIS PAVLICH:
- Along with Spencer, had a lunch meeting on August 12th with Dennis Pavlich (VP External and Legal Affairs), Joe Stott (Director, Campus and Community Planning), and Nancy Knight (brand-new AVP Campus and Community Planning). Discussed operational framework for University Boulevard consultation with AMS, etc. as well as other aspects of campus development. At this point, it appears I will be involved “as necessary” with the admin team for University Boulevard. Talks are also underway with regards to setting up a meeting between the architects and representatives from the AMS.

< VACATION: AUGUST 12-17:
- Was on vacation from August 12-17. As described by Trevor, I didn’t do a very good job of it.

< SAFETY COMMITTEE
- Safecom received a presentation by Patricia Mirwaldt, director of Student Health, about a campus survey of health issues. The survey information was enlightening and may be quite useful in future. Patricia has offered to provide further info at our request, and we will be taking her up on the offer.

< LEAP (Learning Enhancement Academic Partnership)
- LEAP is moving forward at lightening speed in order to launch in time for the start of school. We held a roundtable with a variety of students to get input and buy-in and also undertook some comprehensive site review in preparation for launch. I am told that LEAP will be one of a few things Martha will be speaking about with Paul Martin in the near future.

< IMAGINE VIDEO:
- I was attacked by a robot during the making of the introductory video for Imagine, and also stung in the posterior by a bee. Both hurt.
<BREAKFAST WITH NANCY GALLINI:
  - With Kevin and others, had breakfast with Nancy Gallini, Dean of Arts, on Monday morning. We discussed Arts One and Foundations, and she gave us information about a number of proposed programs in the Faculty of Arts that appear to be quite positive steps in the right direction with regards to pedagogical paradigms at UBC.

<THE TYEE:
  - I was interviewed for approximately 90 minutes by The Tyee, an online newspaper, who also interviewed Dennis Pavlich, Al Poettcker, etc. for an extensive series of articles about University Town that should be published in early September.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES WESTERN NETWORK CONFERENCE:
  - Met recently with Lisa Lafreniere and others with regards to organization of a conference for Western Canadian sexual assault support service units. We are aiming for November 12-13.

STUDENT DIRECTED SEMINARS:
  - I have been asked to sit on the selection committee for Student Directed Seminars, which will meet in the next few weeks.

UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION
  - Pursuant to our discussion at the last Council meeting, I have been talking to the UNA about some joint initiatives, from an AMS section in their newsletter to collaboration on a Booster Club with Athletics.

JUDICIAL OFFICE:
  - Met with Michelle Aucoin yesterday with regards to the Judicial Office. Generally a positive meeting, a lot of questions were answered. More information to come in future.

ABSENTEES:
  - Fill those Council seats, constituencies, and make sure your representatives are showing up!

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

While I did spend 9 out the last 21 days at home in Ontario, I do have stuff to report.

PROVINCIAL
  - David Wells, Spencer, and I will be headed to Victoria on September 21st to
meet with Hon. Murray Coell, the Minister of Advanced Education, and we are putting calls in to meet with other Ministers while we are there to make the most of the journey.

**U-PASS**

- U-pass mailout was quite successful – of the nearly 27,000 U-passes that were mailed we only received about 300-350 bounce backs.
- The bad/good news is that the U-pass cards were not coded properly and will as such, work as flash cards this year.
- TransLink is working to resolve this problem with the card supplier and we will likely receive more news about this situation within the next month.
- I have also requested a meeting with the Assistant Registrar Marianne Schroeder and Trek Director Carole Jolly to discuss and debrief the summer program (please send me comments if you have any) and also plan out student consultation for the fall.

**OTHER**

We held our first Ad Hoc Referendum Committee meeting last week and I’ll leave Dave Claassen, the appointed chair to offer any additional information if he chooses to.

**XCOM and STUDENTS FOR BC**

- For the last week and a half I have been consumed with planning and finalizing details and items for Xcom and Students for BC events (I have passed out stickers for all of you to adorn on items you use that will hopefully be visible to other students on campus).
- Just to recap, Students for BC was the website that was set-up for the Provincial Election and has now become my baby. It is a brand I am using to place greater emphasis on lobbying and will be loading up the website with all sorts of goodies with respects to post secondary education (ie. Tuition, financial aid, government funding, and the lobby campaigns that we are running to deal with all of PSE matters). While you may rush home to check out the website – it will not be launched until September 6th, so please stay tuned for that.
- I have been building an oversized mailbox in my office for the past 2 days out of duct tape and cardboard. Why you ask? Xcom and Students for BC will be running TUITION 101 for the first 2 weeks back at school. The number 101 came from calculating the average increase for all programs, based on 2%. We will be asking students to fill out a postcard and answer: What would you do with $101? As a creative media stunt, we will be awarding one student the very thing they filled out on the card. For instance, if we draw a card from a student that said they would buy 90 boxes of Kraft Dinner with $101 but are unable to now because of the tuition increase, then we would buy 90 boxes of Kraft Dinner for them. We have lots of fun things up our sleeves for September, so please read my Council Remarks online next week to get the full story.

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

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**CONTRACTS**

- I’ve pulled together some interested Councillors, Executives and Staff members who I
thought would be interested in discussing the Contract Approval procedure in Code of Procedures. I invited all of the largest and most contract-intensive constituencies to participate, and as a result have a very effective working group. We’re revising Code of Procedures to make the procedure easier and less bureaucratic, but still in keeping with the necessary legal and fiduciary requirements of the AMS and its signing officers.

<  PLANNING

Budget Statements

- I’ve had some great feedback about the monthly expense statements that are distributed to AMS Government, Services and Programs & Publications offices, and I’m working to make them more comprehensive and easier to understand.

FinCom

- With my Commissioners, we’re developing some great and hopefully effective strategies to mitigate the craziness of the first couple of weeks. Some of these include a posted list of Frequently Asked Questions (both in the office and online), revamping the FinCom section of the AMS website to make it more comprehensive and easier to find, and developing a list of issues with the current processes to improve them for next year (including the Club Budget Submission process and the new Waiver procedure). My commissioners are amazingly talented, insightful and hard-working, and I’m very excited to see our tactics in action next week!

<  UNION

- Union Negotiations are off to a great start, with many mutually-agreed upon proposals already off the table. The bargaining teams on both sides are a pleasure to work with (Union reps are Paul Bjarnson, Val Levans and Kari Hewett), and we’ve been sharing many a laugh during negotiations. We haven’t discussed the more controversial proposals yet, which may account for the amicable start, but I have faith that the negotiations will end on as much of a friendly note as they began.

<  STUDENT FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

- I’ve met with Barbara Crocker, Assistant Director of Student Financial Assistance and Awards (SFAA) at UBC, along with my Vice-Chair Brittany and Rella Ng, Student Advisor for SFAA, about the possibility of a joint AMS-UBC partnership on a Student Financial Education Program. As it happens, UBC has already rebranded it’s version of the program, and is doing well in its second year of rebranding, but there are still many ways we can work together. Michelle Aucoin, in a meeting I had with her and Byron Braley several weeks ago, is very excited about the idea and said she’d find funding for programming if it works out. Barbara and I are eager to take advantage of this opportunity, so we’ve agreed to keep in touch and reconnect by the end of September.

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

SHINERAMA

Shinerama is a Cystic Fibrosis Student Fundraiser, it’s not big here, but Shinerama fundraising is a huge status symbol out east. Shinerama is a national campaign, and comparatively, we suck. But this year, Volunteer Connections has put together a killer campaign

- There will a Shinerama booth at Rez move-in promoting the event
There will be a Shinerama raffle happening at all UBC Basketball and Football games for the first week of school.

Today at the SLS they were swamped, and gave out 2 stacks of rack cards.

The Shinerama promotional Cadillac will be making an appearance at the First Night BBQ, Greek BBQ, the NCAA vs. UBC Basketball game.

There will be a Fraternities vs. Sororities carwash day, with the two groups competing for the Greek Shinerama Cup.

There will be a Totem vs. Vanier Shine day on September 10th. Whoever can busk for the most money wins a fooseball table for their rez!

Typical RA reactions to this challenge: “whoa! I’m bringing my whole bleeping floor!”

Our goal is to double last year’s output. We should have no problem…

**FIRSTWEEK**

Quick rundown of events…

- Sunday: Movie under the stars on the grassy knoll featuring Old School
- First Night BBQ on Monday, featuring free admission, cheap burgers, and soccer
- Tuesday is Imagine day! It’s also Comedy Night, featuring Vancouver’s top comedians! $4, free with wristband. 10pm, Norm Theatre
- Wednesday: BMX Bike show! 11:30, 12:30 and 1:30 on the South Plaza. Also, Speaker Series featuring George Stroumbolopolous aka “Stroumbo”. 7pm, Totem Park, $3, free with wristband. Also, ALL AGES POOL PARTY at the Aquatic Centre! 9pm, $3, free with wristband.
- Thursday: UBC Improv! 9pm, scarfe, $2, free with wristband. Also, Candlelight Sessions, featuring Buck 65! At the Pit! $7, free with wristband
- Friday: OPEN SUB NIGHT! Featuring: The Pride UBC Premeire Party; Free Movies in the Norm Theatre; A Gigantic Bouncy Castle; A Skate Park Presented by the UBC Skate and Party Club; The Moustache Bash; Hip-Hop Jams and Dance Lessons; Free Scratch Workshops with Real Live CITR Deejays; A Private Screening of Nardwuar’s DVD release; A Chopper Bike Festival; On The Fringe’s Hair-to-There Styling Show; On-Air interviews at CITR Thunderbird Radio; snow cones, cotton candy, and THE WEAKERTHANS

**First Step**

1000 first year students have signed up for a free faculty-specific tour. Tomorrow & Friday, EVERY faculty is running! So far, groups have ranged from 3 to 85. The evaluations have been overwhelmingly positive

**LEAP**

Your one-stop academic source is coming live to a computer near you! In addition to campus-spanning academia, the site will also encompass a number of fun draws… like student blogging and iPod giveaways.

Safewalk, Speakeasy and Tutoring have all begun interviews and kicked off the training of their fall staff. Applications are still open for Speakeasy desk volunteers.

**F) Committee Reports:**
UBC-SUO

Spencer Keys: AMS Executive members drove up to the Okanagan to meet with the UBC Students Union-Okanagan. Each side explained how its organization works, and UBC SUO agreed to work with the AMS on an issue by issue basis as long as the issues don’t have provincial implications. This is a problem because, for instance, tuition policy connects to provincial policy. They won’t work with us on things that have provincial ramifications; on all those issues they will work only with the CFS. This will be awkward, and it was thus a disheartening meeting. There is still a need to engage with the UBC SUO, but it is up in the air how.

Sean Huff: They aren’t co-operative?

Spencer Keys: They’re members of a provincial lobbying organization. They want to do all their provincial lobbying through them. They’re not interested in joining us in meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education. We told them that makes us the de facto representatives of UBCO students.

Sean Huff: Are they a registered society?

Spencer Keys: They’re still a society, but are changing their name. The UBC Board of Governors has given them provisional recognition, but they have to ratify their fee levels, constitution, and CFS membership by referendum.

G) Constituency Reports:

Science – Patricia Lau
The name of the new science social space building is being changed to insert the word “student” and will be the Ladah Science Student Centre.

Agriculture – Jeff Friedrich
There is discussion in the faculty over how to abbreviate the new name. Should Land and Food Systems be LFS or LAFS? The Dean is against LAFS. There is also concern over the UBC Farm. The Agriculture Undergraduate Society wants it included on campus maps and classified as something other than a housing reserve. They are speaking with UBC VP Dennis Pavlich and Linda Moore of University Town.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated August 10, 2005 [SCD 151-006]
Minutes of the Business Operations Committee dated May 16,2005
Minutes of the U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee dated July 28,2005 [SCD 154-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

"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 broad student
consultation, such as the 453% 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 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 (and revised in 2005) requires the Administration to meaningfully consult with students about tuition fee increases, setting a precedent for consulting with students about fees.

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.

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."

Jessica Klug: This is a renewal of an expired policy. Some of the whereas clauses have been touched up. It is necessary because ancillary fees have been going up.

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...Carried

L) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

“That Council adopt the report of the Code and Policies Committee entitled 'Code Changes 2005: Sponsorship Committee' and thus amend the Code as recommended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

6. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

“That Council appoint Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen (Student At Large) to the Code and Policies Committee.”

...Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

7. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED DAVID CLAASEN,

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $2600 from CPAC funds for installing heaters into the Bike Kitchen space.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

– Manj Sidhu: The previous Bike Kitchen renovation has resulted in the area being too cold, so heaters are needed. Money is needed to purchase heaters and do the electrical installation. She didn't have a budget to present to Council, but the renovation needs to go ahead or Bike Kitchen will freeze.
– Jonathan Lam: Do they have to stay in that space? Can they move?
– Manj Sidhu: The space was customized for them.
– Sean Huff asked about power output and the size of the space.
– Bernie Peets: It’s 2500 square feet; he wasn’t sure about the BTU’s.
– Jonathan Lam: When will the work be done?
– Manj Sidhu: When Michael Kingsmill, the AMS Designer, is free. He is doing work in Whistler now, but he will order the heaters and arrange for the electrical work as soon as possible.
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Note: Requires 2/3rds 

...Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

Minutes of the External Commission Committee dated June 5, 2005
Minutes of the External Commission Committee dated July 25, 2005
Minutes of the Finance Commission Committee dated July 11, 2005

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

Non-students in the SUB

- Manj Sidhu: There is a certain group of people using the SUB who are not students, staff, or faculty, who don’t pay AMS fees, who don’t have the responsibilities of membership, and who are engaging in behaviour that would not be tolerated from students or anyone. There is no policy on this, and the situation is causing a variety of security, maintenance, hygiene, and safety problems. In the 2004 SUB Safety Audit, people reported feeling unsafe in the SUB in part because of non-students in the building.

- Chris Batiz: Is there a way to stop these people from coming into the SUB without stopping guests who we wish to let in?

- Manj Sidhu: At some American universities, SUB doors can only be opened with key cards. At UBC itself, some other buildings have this same problem, and they’ve banned some of these people.

- Jeff Friedrich: If there were violence, he could understand the concern, but his main worry is that if this population exists on campus, what is that saying about health on campus? Closing the doors is the wrong way to go. The SUB should be an open building.

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: There’s a danger of holding “a certain group of people” to a higher standard than students are held to. Do we have greater rights because we pay student fees? He didn’t think so. The SUB is a public building. Rather than penalizing a group of people, he would rather target behaviour such as property damage and threats to safety.

- Quinn Omori: Current laws can handle the situation.

- Gavin Dew: SUB Security needs a policy to know what they should be doing.

- Derry Dance: There has to be a balance. It’s not a bad idea to restrict actions to protect others’ safety. There is the freedom of students and others, the public, to come here. The AMS upholds that. This must be balanced with the fiscal and safety costs. It would be appropriate to make a policy, but it must be one that is sensitive.

- Patricia Lau asked about the number of incidents. She said more information was needed. Are these just perceived threats?

- Manj Sidhu: Perception is important. Because of perception, we spend $146,000 a year on Safewalk. That’s because people don’t feel safe. As to the number of incidents, she would have to look into that. She did have a list of comments.
Reka Patak: Perception can be improved without a policy. Something can be done about the lighting in and around the building and increasing the visibility of SUB Security. Lots of people don’t know they can go to the Proctor or SUB Security.

Manj Sidhu: People have complained about people peeing, and SUB Security can’t do anything because there’s no policy. There’s lots of frustration from the Proctor and Security. And we’ve had to spend $80,000 for new furniture in the Conversation Pit.

Quinn Omori: Isn’t peeing in public against the law?

Bernie Peets: The SUB is not public property; it is a private building. The AMS spent $130,000 in legal fees on a case, the GAP case, in which a judge ruled that we are allowed to make reasonable rules on such things as whether to permit a group into the building. As to the peeing, Security would do something about someone peeing in public, but during the day all there is is a proctor, a 30-something female who is not in a position to remove someone from the building.

Jonathan Lam: If we did have a policy, what would it enable us to do? What would it contain?

Manj Sidhu: The problem is increasing. There is more use of the SUB by those people. A policy would include step-by-step procedures to follow. A verbal warning, a written warning, then banning from the building.

Jonathan Lam: Do we need to be micro-managing?

Manj Sidhu: It’s not micro-managing; it’s providing something for Security to fall back on.

Spencer Keys: It’s not just dangerous and lewd acts. One more or less resident of the building takes food from around the building and stashes it in nooks and crannies. They put paper in cupboards. This creates problems. It attracts mice. It leads to resource allocation. These are not unlawful acts, but they are a burden to staff. Do we want to approve of that? The laws don’t cover all this. The law doesn’t forbid you to stash food in a corner, but it creates a shabby environment.

Sean Huff: We need a comprehensive list of things we should be addressing. Get a committee to draft it. We can’t do anything without first knowing the situation.

Jeff Friedrich: There are not a lot of services for that population. If this is really a significant problem, we could go to UBC and get some services.

Quinn Omori: Isn’t the issue that we don’t have sufficient security during the day?

Bernie Peets: The Proctor can call Campus Security. They will come over. If we had a policy, then she would work with that.

Quinn Omori: We have SUB Security at night. Can we add during the day? It will cost money, but if it’s a problem …

Ryan Clare: We’re supposed to represent students. There’s a safety issue to be addressed by us, even if it is a small number of students.

Laura Levine: Residences have lists of standards. Maybe give a list to the Proctor saying: if someone does this, this is the consequence.

Abigail Ong: We could put half the Security people on during the day, then at night have Safewalk do security.

Kevin Keystone: This could go to the Budget Committee. It won’t happen this year, but maybe next year. Safewalkers in the building; that can be looked at.

Patricia Lau: Our employees are asking us for direction. They are asking their directors for a protocol. Get a list from the staff of what they would like to have to deal with the issue. We don’t have the expertise.

Gavin Dew: The bigger problem could go to UBC. We can lobby them to deal with poverty and homelessness—but it’s really outside the mandate of both us and UBC.

Derry Dance: People staying here are probably not in a great state. This is not a healthy place to live. The policy could be more than just giving Security free rein.

Manj Sidhu said she would take the issue back to the staff.

9. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,
“That Council adopt the report of the Executive entitled ‘Travel Policy Revision’ and thus amend the Travel Policy as recommended.”

- Dave Tompkins: Owing to an e-mail glitch, the policy didn’t go out to Council members.
- Kevin Keystone: The revisions to the policy are intended to make it easier and more reasonable. The current policy is rigid and unreasonable.
- Sean Huff: Is this urgent?
- Kevin Keystone: It’s not urgent.
- Sean Huff said he was not comfortable voting either way without reviewing this.

10. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU,

“That Council Postpone Travel Policy Motion to the next Council Meeting”

- Kevin Keystone: Why not debate it first, then see if we want to postpone it?
- Patricia Lau: If members are not comfortable debating, we should postpone.

11. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU,

“That Council Postpone Travel Policy Motion to the next Council Meeting”

...Carried

12. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive entitled ‘Travel Policy Revision’ and thus amend the Travel Policy as recommended.”

...Tabled

   Noted Abs: Kevin Keystone

L) Committee Motions

13. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ABIGAIL ONG,

“Be It Resolved that Council approve the Final Budget 2005-2006, as amended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Kevin Keystone described some changes related to the SASC and to the Elections budget. The Elections Administrator wants more money for advertising and promotion, also for food and refreshments and for furniture and equipment. There is also money to fund Yes-No committees in referendums, though they are rarely used.
- Quinn Omori: What furniture?
- Kevin Keystone: Refurnishing the office, getting a new filing cabinet, and mostly for new ballot boxes if we have a hybrid (paper and electronic) election.
- Patricia Lau: Some Constituencies have ballot boxes they could donate to the AMS.
- Spencer Keys: The Elections Administrator is proposing a Code change to reduce the number of signatures needed to create a Yes or No committee, so that money might be used.

14. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED ABIGAIL ONG,
“Be It Resolved that Council approve the Final Budget 2005-2006, as amended.”
Note: Requires 2/3rds

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P) Discussion Period:

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Starbucks

– Tim Louman-Gardiner: Did the University ask the AMS what impact bringing in Starbucks would have on the SUB? He was concerned that the AMS didn’t play a role. There was an opportunity here to make a point to the University. Also, did we want to push Starbucks to sell fair trade coffee and hire our students?
– Kevin Keystone: We have approached University administrators, and now Food Services has approached us. Our lease says we are to be consulted about social space. Is this social space? Were students in fact consulted? Students on CABSD? He was personally reluctant to engage in any action that could backfire and increase Starbucks’ revenue. Any über-public attention could backfire.
– Trevor Gilks: The University must consult students or the AMS?
– Bernie Peets: They must consult the AMS about Pacific Spirit Place (the cafeteria), not about social space. But “consult” doesn’t have any legal weight, and we don’t consult them about our new food services either, for instance the Honour Roll. There are no legal ramifications for not consulting.
– Sean Huff: Often we go wrong when we lobby the University when they don’t care what we think. It’s a waste of energy. They’re not going to do anything about it. We should worry about our businesses, stay competitive.
– Manj Sidhu: Blue Chip is one of our most popular businesses because it offers fair trade coffee. Why push our competitors to do this?

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
– The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs
gD:rH
The Alma Mater Society of UBC  September 14, 2005

MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Bernie Peets (General Manager), Resha Hamze (Temporary Administrative Assistant), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Paul Dayson (Marketing and Promotions, AMS), Paul Evans (Ubyssey), Eric Szeto (Ubyssey), Claudia Li (Ubyssey), Abby Ong (CUS), Letlotlo Lefoka (Minischool), Mark Nash (Commerce), Marlon Richmond (Science), Raj Mathur (Music).

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

D) President’s Remarks:

My quarterly report covers most things since the last meeting; warts and all.

Please attend the special meeting regarding the presidential search committee on Thursday, Sept. 22 as this may be your only opportunity to discuss what kind of president you would like to lead UBC and to identify what you will perceive as their main challenges.

Gavin, Jess and I attended the UBC Okanagan Opening on UBC’s dime – food, flight, hotel, and even the movie we charged to the room (no, it wasn’t an “Adult Classic”). We’ll probably do it again if nobody has a problem with it.

E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

See my quarterly for further information on what I’ve been up to

University Town Hall meeting (the first of its kind) is next Tuesday – be sure to come.

Exec and others will be meeting with University Boulevard architects next Tuesday for lunch.

I am still recruiting for the TAG student advisory committee – will email councilors requesting further distribution and people interested in joining.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:

Everything is pretty much in my Exec 2nd Quarterly so please refer to that for updates.

A brief mention of the Conversation Pit: have run into some problems with the light fixture installation but we are working to resolve it ASAP as the furniture is scheduled to arrive next week on Wednesday.

As well, could all constituencies get in touch with in regards to having a representative on the Grad Class Council committee so that they can spend $40 000? I would greatly appreciate that!

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Quarterly Report

I’ve spent quite a bit of time on my quarterly report, and I sincerely apologize for its length – I tried to keep it short, to little avail. I did, however, include a summary page and drew boxes around the key points, so it’s very skimmable if you don’t have the time to read it from cover to cover. Most of my Exec Remarks for today are covered in the quarterly, but I wanted to highlight a couple points…

FINANCIAL AWARENESS DAYS! (OCT 3 – 5, SUB)
Vanessa Vermaas, FinCom Financial Aid Commissioner, has been working amazingly hard on Financial Awareness Days (FAD), an annual series of speakers and workshops on student finances that’s coming to the SUB October 3 to 5. We have an amazing set of speakers from World Financial Group, Credit Counselling Association of BC, UBC Student Financial Assistance and Awards and others, who will cover key topics like budgeting, debt reduction, credit card debt and student loans, grants and bursaries. Everyone should come and show their support, and learn a thing or two about student finances!

Credit Card Policy

After discussion with Barbara Crocker, Assistant Director, Student Financial Assistance and Awards (UBC) and bringing it up at Executive Committee, I’m looking into drafting a policy on credit card companies booking space in the SUB. Credit card debt has recently become one of the largest sources of student debt, and the blame is being partly attributed to credit card companies misleading students with incomplete information and giveaways upon signing up for credit cards. I’m deeply concerned about rising student credit card debt and any complicity on the part of credit card companies, so I’ll be looking into forming a policy that will inevitably come back to Council.

FinCom Procedures/Systems

FinCom has been working hard on processing budgets and the various other forms we receive, but it’s become abundantly clear that our systems require a complete overhaul. The current procedures are cumbersome and frustrating for both FinCom and the constituents we represent, so we’ll be spending a lot of our time over the next few months to develop new and improved systems for everyone’s benefit.

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

Speakeasy is leaving for their retreat tomorrow
The Food Bank opens tomorrow and will be open every Thursday from noon – 3pm
Minischool registration opens on the 19th
Shinerama raised almost $16,000
Read my ¼ly report!!!!

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

I will only make one announcement, because everything else is written in my quarterly report. The Provincial government made changes to the 2005 provincial budget today, which added $15 million to the Ministry of Advanced Education budget (in addition to the commitments made in the February 2005 Speech from the Throne).

F) Committee Reports:

Ad hoc referendum committee:

David Claasen: The committee is looking for a sexy, controversial item for a referendum, something interesting enough to bring people out to vote for the more serious, boring referendum questions – but nothing that will demean the
process or make it a joke. Also, the proposed item should be something the AMS can legitimately do, not something like legalizing marijuana.

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Paul Sutton: How about asking whether the AMS should start a marijuana co-op?

L) Committee Motions:

1. MOVED DAVID CLAESSEN, SECONDED PATRICIA LAU,

   “Whereas the referendum committee meets each fortnight and has realized that many meetings will be necessary to complete its mandate, and;

   Whereas meetings can only be held during the dinner hours due to the various commitments of the members of the committee,

   Be it resolved that the Ad Hoc Referendum Committee receive $100 for food for its incredibly dedicated, hard working members”.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

– Kevin Keystone: This motion is out of order. It has to go to the Budget Committee.
– Sheldon Goldfarb: It should at least specify where the money is coming from.

2. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON,

   “Be it resolved that motion number one be amended by adding the following phrase:

   (from the council food & refreshment line item)”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

– Jonathan Lam: How big is that budget, and how big is the committee?
– Answer: The budget is $7,000, and the committee has five members.

3. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON,

   “Be it resolved that motion number one be amended by adding the following phrase:

   (from the Council food & refreshment line item)”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

...Carried

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...Carried
Abs: Kevin Keystone, Gavin Dew

G) Constituency Reports:

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes were accepted by Council:
Minutes of Student Council dated August 31, 2005 [SCD 167-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

5. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS, [SCD 168-006]

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive entitled ‘Travel Policy Revision’ and thus amend the Travel Policy as recommended.”

Note: Requires: 2/3rds

- Kevin Keystone went through the proposed changes in the policy.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner asked about the rationale for a 50% increase in the discretionary maximum for Executives.
- Kevin Keystone: It is meant to create flexibility. The Budget Committee can still cap it lower.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: So it’s at the discretion of the Budget Committee?
- Kevin Keystone: Yes.
- Paul Sutton: Why would the Executive ever go to a conference and not make a report?
- Kevin Keystone: The reason for restricting reports to conferences costing more than $750 is that if you spend that much, chances are you’re flying somewhere, which means the conference is a bigger deal. He had gone to workshops at Langara which could have been considered a conference. He hadn’t felt it necessary to write a report on how he benefited from going.
- Paul Sutton said these things should be archived. Wouldn’t there be a benefit in producing a summation, a report?
- Kevin Keystone: True.
- Sean Huff: My main belief is that if we’re sending someone to a conference to learn something, there has to be a report back to someone, a bigger group, a successor. There should be a report for every conference. He also objected to paying $35 a day for food. It’s just the cost of living. He also objected to paying for laundry and phone calls. These were perks when there don’t need to be perks.
- Gavin Dew: It’s ludicrous to even consider reducing the per diem. At a conference, $35 for meals is not much. Conference goers gain the most from conversation over dinner at restaurants, and they’re not always eating at Subway.
- Patricia Lau: People should not have to pay out of pocket when going on conference. It shouldn’t be a hardship to go on official business for the AMS. People should be able to go to a conference and come back with the same amount of money. The per diem is okay. But even if short, there should be a report.

6. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED CHRIS BAITZ,

“That Council amend the proposed (Travel Policy Revision) by deleting the following line and thus requiring reports for every conference!
Chantal Lemire asked about the number of conferences there are per executive per year and what the cost is.
• Spencer Keys: 1.4 conferences per executive with an average cost of $1,000. But if you exclude CASA, then it’s one per year on average; occasionally other conferences come up.
• Scott Price: Four years ago there were a lot more. That’s why there was a policy.

7. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED CHRIS BAITZ,

“That Council amend the proposed (Travel Policy Revision) by deleting the following line and thus requiring reports for every conference!

Line to be deleted:
[requiring a proposal to the Executive Committee in accordance with paragraph 6 above]"

...Carried

• Gavin Dew: The cost issue is irrelevant to reporting. If the conference is in Vancouver, there is less cost, but it may still be important to report on. Nevertheless, some conferences are more important than others. Sometimes rather than making a formal report, he incorporates information on a conference into a larger document. He recommended striking the word “formal.”

8. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

“That Council amend the proposed (Travel Policy Revision) by making the following changes:

shall [submit a formal report [in writing]] to the Executive Committee and AMS Council, providing the following information:”

• Quinn Omori: There’s no time limit for a report, so it could be incorporated into some larger document.
• Kevin Keystone: Do you want a 60-day deadline?
• Quinn Omori: No, it should be up to Council to ask for the report.
• Paul Sutton: It’s not up to us to protect ourselves. This policy should serve as a guideline.

9. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

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shall [submit a formal] report [in writing] to the Executive Committee and AMS Council, providing the following information:

...Carried

10. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

“That Council adopt the report of the Executive entitled ‘Travel Policy Revision’ and thus amend the Travel Policy as recommended.”

Note: Requires: 2/3rds

...Carried

Abs: Gavin Dew

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

11. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RYAN CLARE,

“Be it resolved that Ana Himani be appointed to the UBC Bookstore Advisory Committee term ending September 1, 2006.”

Note: Available to any UBC student

– Spencer Keys: This committee will talk about books and services. You'll get a discount card if you’re on it. Filling it was put off to solicit nominees from the general student body.
– Kevin Keystone: Rather than appoint a student at large, he thought it was better to appoint someone with his sort of expertise.
– Sean Huff: Can't you attend the meetings anyway?
– Kevin Keystone: He wouldn’t want to upstage the appointee.

12. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RYAN CLARE,

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Note: Available to any UBC student

...Carried

...Affirmative: Kevin Keystone

13. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE,

“Be it resolved that Council appoint David Claassen (Council Member) to the University Athletic Council for a term commencing September 15, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

...Carried

...Affirmative: Kevin Keystone

14. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JESSICA KLUG,
"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 the international standard of Human Rights as defined by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

15. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED RYAN CLARE,

"Be It Resolved that Council postpone the motion indefinitely"

– Spencer Keys: This policy came about after China’s Falun Gong asked us for an endorsement. Council said no, but sent the issue off to the External Commission, which instead brought back a general policy supporting human rights. We could have just let it lapse, but there is a fundamental question to discuss: whether we should have policy on these sorts of matters.

– Quinn Omori: If we want to debate the scope of our policies generally, we can do that in Discussion Period. It shouldn’t be done in the guise of a discussion of a specific policy, especially a policy like this, which is tantamount to asking us if we like puppies. Who is going to say No? No one here’s against human rights.

16. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED RYAN CLARE,

"Be It Resolved that Council postpone the motion indefinitely."

...Carried
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

Minutes of the External Commission Committee dated July 4, 2005 [SCD 169-006]
Minutes of the External Commission Committee dated August 09, 2005 [SCD 170-006]
Minutes of the External Commission Committee dated August 23, 2005 [SCD 171-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission Committee dated July 18, 2005 [SCD 172-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission Committee dated August 12, 2005 [SCD 173-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission Committee dated August 22, 2005 [SCD 174-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission Committee dated August 29, 2005 [SCD 175-006]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

17. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

“That Council amend the agenda by adding the following motion to it:

That the electoral procedures section of Code be amended to read:

Members of the Elections Committee shall not hold [any other elected or appointed executive position in the Society, including ] <executive> positions within Clubs, Constituencies <or Resource Groups>, while serving on the Elections Committee.

In addition, members of the Elections Committee must not have been members of Council, the Executive Committee, or any of the Commissions during the six (6) months prior to being appointed to the Elections Committee”

– After discussion of the best way to word the proposed amendment to Code so as to allow non-executive members of clubs to sit on the Elections Committee while at the same time not allowing Service Coordinators and other officials to sit on it, it was decided that the amendment was not time sensitive because the JobLink posting for positions on the Elections Committee says the eligibility requirements are being reviewed by Council.

18. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED SPENCER KEYS,

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...Defeated

P) Discussion Period:

< Outreach and Lobbying

– Jess Klug said she wants to make outreach a large part of her portfolio. Her commission had already done an outreach project: the giant orange mailbox labelled Tuition 101,
asking students what they would do with $101. One response will be picked at random, and the AMS will pay $101 for whatever that student wants to spend $101 on, as long as it’s legal.

- Kevin Keystone asked about the effectiveness of the streeter campaign.
- Jess Klug: It was effective inasmuch as the volunteers were enthusiastic.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: It’s more productive to lobby the University than the provincial government.
- Kevin Keystone: But the University may ask for something in return.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: If the University demands a quid pro quo, that’s acceptable. That’s how constructive engagement works.
- Sean Huff: There’s lots of talk of lobbying, but he never sees any results. Are there any examples of successes?
- Quinn Omori: We made headway on campus planning; we stopped tuition increases from being made retroactive to May. On the Marine residences, UBC came to us; they needed us. It was an opportunity for us.
- Paul Sutton: If the University did everything we wanted, there’d be nothing left for us to do. Lobbying is our job. We have to be very attuned to what the University does. The lack of lighting was a big issue; we introduced Safewalk. He likes instances in which we can humiliate the University, like last year’s Let Them Eat Cake protest. Not everyone liked that, but the University raised tuition, did bad things. Not everything has to be a spectacle, though.
- Gavin Dew: We need a strategic policy on policies. He didn’t think the current form of policies, with all the whereas clauses, works. We can’t just say we don’t like something. If we pass a policy and don’t do anything about it, if we don’t do research on our policies, nothing much will be accomplished. But if we are able to identify things when they are happening and can discover precedents at other universities, then we can say more than just, “Make this better.” We can provide a solution. Then we might be going somewhere.
- Ryan Corbett asked about coordinating with other like-minded organizations at other BC universities. Then we could say “We the students of BC” when dealing with the provincial government. That would be helpful.
- Dave Claasen: The best outreach method at the Arts Undergraduate Society was free food. Students require bribery.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: As Paul said, setting up things like Safewalk is a form of lobbying. We should emphasize our successes, make people know our lobbying has made a difference. If people in this room don’t know, how will others know?
- Sean Huff: Everything’s scattered. We have no direction. We don’t pick and choose our battles. We’re not taken as seriously as we might be. We should find some major things to focus our efforts on.
- Spencer Keys: Treat students with respect, as intelligent human beings, and then you can get them engaged. As to focus, the VP External, the President, and the Policy Adviser prepared a document for the cabinet, describing our major focus. We do a poor job of celebrating things that went right, in part because we’re not sure they’ve worked.
- Abigail Ong said there was a need for goals, strategic plans, guidelines.
- Gavin Dew: We do need to track our successes. The Code and Policies Committee could be tracking the successes of our policies. Students don’t necessarily understand our policies; they’re not written in accessible form.
- Dave Tompkins: We have to market the AMS. We have to lobby and let students know we’re lobbying. Could circulate a question to students on the website, asking them to finish the sentence: “If I could change things at UBC, this is what I would do: …”

< AMS Services and the UNA
Gavin Dew: We get University funding for Safewalk because teachers and staff use it. The University Neighbourhood Association wants to know whether Safewalk is available to UNA members. We need clarity about this. Should we encourage UNA residents to use Safewalk? Should we pursue funding from them?

Trevor Gilks: The vast majority of Safewalk users are faculty and students. When we do see an increase in usage among neighbourhood residents, then we could ask for money.

Gavin Dew: We’re not seeing the numbers from them because they don’t know they can use the service. We need to say Yes, you can use it. First do that, then gauge the use.

Dave Claassen: Safewalk is just a pit we throw money into. Lots of Safewalkers sit around doing nothing. If we can get money from others for it, go for it.

Quinn Omori: Not just for Safewalk. We can use this for leverage for other issues. Noise on campus: we can tell them you have to accept that—but you can get a walk across campus at night.

Sean Huff: Safewalk takes a lot of money. The more groups we can approach to share responsibility and costs, the better.

Gavin Dew asked for an indication of whether Council would like him to bring forward a policy on this. Council indicated Yes (through a straw poll).

Ryan Clare: Priority for Safewalk should go to UBC students.

Manj Sidhu: From her experience working for Safewalk, she knew that whoever calls for a walk, the dispatcher simply looks to see if a team is free. No one asks if you are UNA or AMS.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs
MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Bernie Peets (General Manager), Resha Hamze (Temporary Administrative Assistant), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Paul Evans (Ubyssey), Claudia Li (Ubyssey), Sarah Costa (AMS Firstweek), Lauren Roberts (Firstweek), Johann Baart (Forestry), Jen Collins (Senate/Firstweek/Joblink), Mark Nash (Commerce), Victor Wang (Engineering) Raj Mathur (Music).

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

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

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council: [SCD 176-006]

Firstweek – Sarah Costa

Sarah Costa reported on Firstweek, including the big attendance at the First Night Barbecue, the replacement of the outdoor concert with an Open SUB Night, and the success of Shinerama.

- Problems:
  - Kids showing up drunk at the pool party.
  - A spinal injury at Open SUB Night to a girl using a sumo suit.
  - Drunk patrons throwing up and getting into a fight.

- Next time:
  - Have staff trained at spotting intoxication.
  - Have more St. John’s ambulance staff.
  - Have more dialogue with Pit staff and SUB security.
  - She noted that Firstweek came in $28,800 under budget as a result of good weather, partnerships, eliminating the outdoor concert, and being conservative in estimating attendance.

Questions

- In response to a question about concerts being closed to minors, Sarah Costa said there were only three events restricted to those 19 and over, but it would have been nice if the final concert could have been for all ages.
- Sarah Costa: the outdoor concert was for all ages
- Michael Duncan asked about relations with the Residences.
- Sarah Costa: Despite some scheduling conflicts, relations were pretty good.
- Reka Pataky asked about wrist band sales.
- Sarah Costa said the sales had been approximately the same since wrist bands were introduced in 2003: 600 to 700 each year. This year sales were 850, mostly to first-year students.
- Chris Little asked if graduate students were told about Firstweek. He said he’d heard nothing about it in the Law school.
- Sarah Costa: Firstweek is geared to first-year students. In the future it may be more all-encompassing. It doesn’t even reach all first-years: only 850 wrist bands were sold, and there are 5,000 first-years. Also, many of the events are non-alcoholic, which may not appeal to older students.

Senate – Gina Eom [SCD 177-006]
Gina Eom reported on issues at Senate, including:

Concerns over the new Council of Senates, which has no guaranteed student representation on it, and which has very broad, undefined powers that should probably be restricted; the Vancouver Senate has created an ad hoc committee to look into it.

Extended library hours during exam periods. Koerner stayed open till 1 a.m. last spring. There is funding to do this again in December, and then there will be a decision on whether to continue.

The way Senate is run: concerns that it too top-down and over how items are put on the agenda.

Turnitin.

Needs-based awards.

Questions

- Kevin Keystone asked about needs-based awards.
- Gina Eom: Discussion just started at the last Student Senate Caucus meeting. Some feedback (e-mails from students and alumni) has been saying to pursue this.
- Reka Pataky: Until the Council of Senates is actually filled, is anything functioning in its place?
- Gina Eom: It’s very chaotic. The Administration may be doing it. There was an interim academic governing body at the Okanagan in the summer.
- Elizabeth Parfitt asked about the opt-out procedure for Turnitin. She said there had been problems in Medicine.
- Spencer Keys: This is being reviewed. The idea now is that you can opt out in the first week of class. There are some concerns. Also issues concerning intellectual property and privacy. You can submit your work under a pseudonym, so the U.S. Patriot Act can’t affect you; then your work can’t be used against you.

D) President’s Remarks:

- Spencer started his remarks strongly, informing Council that those who attended the AMS/GSS consultation on the presidential search were heard and that he received many positive comments from committee members.
- Spencer then suffered some sort of memory lapse and postponed his remarks.
- After hearing Jess Klug speak, he remembered that he had met with the Minister of Advanced Education, the Solicitor-General, and the Opposition Critic for Advanced Education in the previous week. On balance, they were excellent meetings.
- Spencer also commented on the referendum being held at the University of Saskatchewan regarding membership in the Canadian Federation of Students. He was concerned that somebody in the AMS may have been claiming that the AMS was going to leave CASA, which was a rumour being spread at USask.
- Other items that Spencer worked on in the previous two weeks included festivities for the 90th anniversary, a meeting on system-wide communications issues facing the AMS and UBC, and discussing the referendum for St. Mark’s College to become enfranchised into the AMS.

E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic
< Welcome Back BBQ:
  - A good time was had by all.

< Hiring:
  - Half-way through Elections Committee hiring, FinCom hiring next week.

< Student Direct Seminars Selection Committee:
  - Assessed applications, most went forward. Some strong recommendations were made in terms of improving the structure and process for SDS.

< Presidential Search Committee Focus Group:
  - Attended a focus group with members of the Presidential Search Committee, had an opportunity to provide input on desired values and skills in a new UBC president. Very interesting discussion.

< Campus Development Policies:
  - Had an open meeting today at SCARP, some great feedback. Another such meeting tomorrow evening and also on Saturday at the SYC/SEC conference.

< TAG Student Advisory Committee:
  - First meeting of the TAG Student Advisory Committee that I've been developing with Gary Poole, the TAG director, was right before Council - 5 people showed up, we talked about how to increase attendance, but it's a good start.

< Wellness Centre Revisioning Committee:
  - I wasn't able to attend the first meeting yesterday due to scheduling, but met with Judith Pratt today to update. Will be meeting regularly until December.

< Working Group on Student Evaluations of Teaching:
  - This group has been moving forward, and teaching evaluations will be a discussion item. The group is talking about online implementation, best practices, concerns, etc.

< University Boulevard:
  - Met with the University Boulevard Architects last Tuesday: Exec had lunch, I was involved in a working session of the steering group, at which some potential of getting the bus loop entirely back underground was raised.

< University Town Town Hall:
  - Attended the University Town Town Hall last Tuesday. No Councilors showed, despite me bugging them last meeting, an email to council, and a broadcast email to the whole
university. Let's try to get more engaged, folks!

< Gage South Neighborhood Plan:
- Attended the open house for the Gage South Neighborhood Plan earlier today in the SUB. Mike Duncan is probably a better source of info on that, as he is on the Advisory Committee.

< GVRD/UBC Joint Committee:
- Attended GVRD/UBC Joint Committee in Burnaby last Wednesday regarding Marine Drive Student Residences. Not much substantive change, but a plan for the consultative process was brought forth. Further information on alternative plans, hardship, etc. will be brought next week to the open house and open mic next Wednesday.

< GSS Excom:
- Met with GSS Excom yesterday, further discussion on the Marine Drive contracts issue and rez contracts in general.

< Housing Advisory Committee:
- HAC met yesterday: discussion of housing goals, changes in statistical accounting for policy-mandated goals in order to clarify and provide more disaggregated data. Discussion of increasing the amount of undergraduates residences as well as looking at more targeted graduate student housing. We also agreed to meet more frequently, and will soon be going on a tour of a co-housing project in order to facilitate trying to get some of that going on at UBC. There was also discussion of getting a transportation advisory committee up and running.

< Vicente Fox:
- Attending a breakfast and reception w/ Vicente Fox on Friday. The breakfast is with the Vancouver Board of Trade and is focusing on consolidating strategic economic partnerships between Canada and Mexico, and the reception (in UBC) is focusing on education. Any IR majors, feel free to talk to me after and brief me on current issues in Mexican politics.
- New members: good to see we’ve got our numbers filling out: be sure to talk to me or Resha to get yourself signed up.

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration:
- SAC is getting its leap on with Block Booking Council and Single Bookings Lineup, even after they have just finished their biggest event of the entire year -- Clubs Days! It was definite craziness and there were clubs and clubs. I am very proud of SAC and have had numerous emails about how happy people were at finding Waldo and we are still in the process of giving away a portable DVD player and a microwave through a draw of all those who found Waldo. I also would like to thank Kevin Keystone and his Finance Commission for really going out of their way to help SAC during Clubs Days.
- Inter-Faculty Cup has finally found a space in our wonderful building and I have finally figured out HOW I am going to organize it. I will be emailing out in the next couple of weeks for the names of 5 individuals from your constituency/group so that we can
declare a firm victor and award them the IFC Trophy!

- Impacts met and they are amazing. We are counting days to FarmAde even though there is a little bit of chaos because we are having a hard time finding some volunteers. If you would like to come help out on Friday, please do let me know and we will really appreciate it. FarmAde, for those of you that don't know, is an open-air festival that takes place on the UBC Farm and has face-painting, tours, cheap food, cheap beer and of course, free shuttle transportation to the Farm from campus.

- I have been involved in various forms of blatantly promoting the AMS name over the month of September. Handing out AMS Insiders in front of the SUB and being a part of Place Vanier's Campus Craze is just the start folks. I look forward to reporting more outreach campaigns in the future.

- The Conversation Pit Update: It is almost done but not quite as there are some final alterations going on with the History Plynths and more coffee tables are on order. I have been down in the Pit during the various days of September and even staff members have noted that the Pit is now being fully utilized by 100% students -- even on Sunday evenings. It is with great pride that I thank council for supporting this endeavor to create more welcoming social spaces for our students. Renos has been meeting and will continue to meet and I will be keeping council informed as to projects as they appear on the table.

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Clubs Days

< Clubs Days last week were a huge success, and I thoroughly enjoyed my participation as a member of SAC. Manj will be talking about Clubs Days a little more, but congrats to her and SAC.

Town Hall on Presidential Search Committee

< Unfortunately, as Spencer noted, there were only four students there, myself included. Nonetheless, the discussion was really interesting and important for the committee to hear, and huge shout-outs to Tim (BOG) and Torill (Senate) for effectively voicing many key student concerns.

Snack Vending Bid – Final Presentations

< I attended the presentations of the final two companies in the tender for the AMS/UBC Snack Vending Contract bid. Present at the meeting was me, Bernie, Henry Chen (Treasurer-Controller), Nancy Toogood (F&B Manager), Dorothy Yip (UBC Food Services) and Arlene Chan (UBC Business Development). The presentations were really interesting, and although the group had a feeling about which they preferred, we didn’t conclusively decide at the meeting to give both sides time to confer. A decision will be made very soon.

Walter Gage Committee Meeting

< Yesterday was the first meeting of this term, second meeting of this year’s committee, and congratulations to us for having all student members attend. Shout-outs to Sean (EUS President) for showing up, a much better record of attendance than his predecessor, and kudos on his first meeting of Walter Gage. The student input was diverse and important, and I think we approved some excellent proposals.
FINANCIAL AWARENESS DAYS!

< …are next week! October 3 – 5, and the Arts kids in the room should have all received at least one, if not three e-mails reminding them about the event! The e-mails were purely the result of the hard work and dedication of the amazing Vanessa Vermaas, Financial Aid Commissioner, who has done an incredible job on the event from the beginning. A lot of time, work and energy has been put into Financial Awareness Days, so it’s important that the constituency execs present encourage their constituents to attend. Some great presenters and presentations are lined up, and we hope to see you all there!

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

< Minischool registration is open. Several classes have sold out, even though registration has only been open for a week. Unprecedented!
< Volunteer Connections has wrapped up their Shinerama campaign… bringing an unprecedented $22,000
< Job postings at JobLink are through the roof – jumping 250% since July. There have already been 242 job postings this month. Unprecedented! Also, make sure you all go check out the information job fairs next week co-hosted by Volunteer Connections.
< The Speakeasy training session was last weekend. The Speakeasy information desk is now staffed every week day with fresh peer support volunteers. So, go by, and when you are there, pick up a wristband to support the Suicide Awareness Project.
< There is a new advocate in the Advocacy office. His name is Robert… now you know. The AMS Advocacy referral guide is at the printers, and should be in the hands of deans and disciplinarians all across campus any day now.
< AMS Tutoring is open once again! It operates from 3pm to 9pm in the SUB South Alcove. As many of you may have remembered, Tutoring used to operate out of the Main Library… but then Irving Barber demolished the Dodson Room. However, now that his centre is built, it looks like tutoring might be able to get back up in there.
< The SASC is hosting a Sexual Assault Support conference coming up. And, also: I’ve been talking to UBC First Year Coordinators Steve and Sarah and working out arrangements for making sure the phenomenally successful First Step program returns next year and future years.

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

PROVINCIAL:

- Spent last Wednesday in Victoria with Spencer and David. We had a nice visit to the legislature for question period and then we met with the Solicitor General, John Les. Later in the afternoon we met with Hon. Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education and we discussed his goals for his term and we also got feedback on our own ‘Partnership for PSE’ document. We were also fortunate to have Merv Scott, the Director of Student Services Branch, join the meeting. He gave us some great updates about the student financial aid side of things and we should be working closely with his office in the future to make sure the programs are well communicated to students. -On Friday, Spencer, David and I had a meeting with Gregor Robertson, MLA and NDP Post-Secondary Education critic. We discussed his priorities for his term and also established groundwork for student consultation. He was also very supportive of my idea to fill a bus with students and head to the legislature. In terms of post-secondary education, he said
it could definitely be noisier.

FEDERAL:
– We will be following up on some letters that we sent to local MPs in hopes of setting up meetings this fall.
– CASA’s lobby conference is now scheduled for November 12-18 and many meetings will be occurring at that time.

U-PASS:
– I had a meeting yesterday with Marianne Schroeder, Assistant Registrar, and Carole Jolly of the TREK office to discuss exemption and subsidy processes this fall, as well as possibilities for student consultation (especially among co-op students).
– TransLink has invited Bernie and I, as well as UBC reps, to a meeting in October to discuss U-pass issues, namely the encoding problem.
– I will also be moderating a panel on Transportation in the GVRD for the Student Environment Centre Sustainability Conference this Saturday, and you are all invited to attend.

XCOM:
– Xcom was out at Clubs Week last week handing out our spoof membership cards.
– Xcom also set up a booth at Resource Groups Days to do more outreach.
– Currently, Xcom is working on a strategy for the Municipal Elections and events that we can hold on campus.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

– **Arts:** Dave Claassen – Arts couldn’t use Webvote, so is conducting its current elections by paper ballot.
– **Science:** Patricia Lau – Science postponed its elections in order to use Webvote.
– **Medicine:** Elizabeth Parfitt – Medicine is expanding and the students are now distributed over several campuses, but they are successfully maintaining their cohesiveness.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:
– **Ombudsperson** – Geraldine Chen:
She announced that she is leaving as Ombudsperson.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:
The following minutes be accepted by Council:
Minutes of Student Council dated September 14, 2005 [SCD 177-006]
J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

1. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MANJ SIDHU

“That Council recommend to Senate the appointment of Joseph Mergens as the student representative of the Faculty of Education and direct the President of the Society to inform the Secretary of Senate in writing of Council’s decision.”

L) Committee Motions:

2. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MANJ SIDHU

“Be it resolved that Council strike an Ad Hoc Academic Policy Committee, to be chaired by the VP Academic and University Affairs;

Be it resolved that Council appoint the University Commission Vice Chair, Chris Little, Patricia Lau, Stephanie Ryan, (2 Councilors, 2 members at large, and 3 student senator) to the Ad Hoc Academic Policy Committee”

Note: requires 2/3rd

– Gavin Dew: The AMS doesn’t have such a committee. The University Commission doesn’t really function as this; it’s a co-coordinating body, not an academic policy body. The aim is to produce an overview of academic policy by mid-November.

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4. MOVED DAVID CLAASSEN, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN

“Be it resolved that Council appoint Chris Little (Council Member) to the Code and Policies Committee for a term commencing September 15, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006.”

...Carried
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

5. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED NAOMI GARRISH

"Whereas the UBC University Town project has seen and will see significant increases in the number of campus residents; and
Whereas this demographic shift is creating a new stakeholder on campus and a new set of potential users of AMS services and customers for AMS businesses; and
Whereas the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) represents residents in the local areas of University Town,

Be it resolved that, as appropriate, the AMS pursue strategic partnerships with the UNA to pursue shared values and objectives.

Be it further resolved that the AMS look into how best to deliver its goods and services to the new residents on campus in general.

Be if further resolved that Council direct the VP Academic, the Executive Coordinator of Student Services, and the General Manager to initiate discussions with the UNA about expanding the provision of AMS Safewalk services to residents in particular."

Gavin Dew: At last Council meeting, there was talk of relations with the University Neighbourhood Association (UNA). In a straw poll, Council members said yes to bringing a motion to Council.

Dave Claassen: At the same time as doing this, we should be remembering that students are our first priority.

Gavin Dew: The motion says that we will pursue partnerships with them “as appropriate.” That covers that. At the same time the idea was to have a positive-sounding motion, reaching out to the UNA.

Scott Price: Do they pay taxes?

Darren Peets: People who live in non-institutional housing pay Vancouver-level taxes, some to the province, some to the UNA.

Scott Price: Can we push them to improve the roads here?

Gavin Dew: They don’t have the power to do that.

Darren Peets: They push UBC for road improvements.

Chris Little: Will the results of any negotiations with the UNA be brought back here?

Gavin Dew: Absolutely. Anything that would result in an obligation or commitment will be brought to Council.

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...Carried
Abs: Gina Eom

P) Discussion Period:

Code of Conduct

Spencer Keys circulated a draft of UBC’s proposed new Student Code of Conduct. He said there are a couple of controversial points in it, notably that it covers conduct off campus as well as on.

Trevor Gilks: The Ombudsperson created a Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. This Code of Conduct doesn’t include rights; it would be nice if it did.

Dave Tompkins: There are some rights in it.

Ryan Corbett asked if the Code had been disseminated to students yet.

Spencer Keys said not yet.

Gavin Dew: The UBC Judicial Office that is to be created under this Code will disseminate it.

Spencer Keys: When students register, they will have to accept it. It will be not unlike the Calendar. You implicitly accept all the rules in the Calendar when you register.

Kevin Keystone: Will there be elaboration on some of the rights in the document, for instance enshrining things like access, diversity, and equity?

Spencer Keys said he thought the intention was to provide high-level values to be informed by precedent. It will probably not get more detailed, but we can suggest a high-level term like “diversity.”

Kevin Keystone: Also “equity.” Also, will there be AMS involvement in naming students?

Spencer Keys: That’s a good question.
Geraldine Chen voiced general disapproval of the document. The Ombudsperson and the Advocacy Office were never consulted. What sort of student input was there?

Spencer Keys: It was sent to me for comments. Also sent last year; there was some slow uptake on the AMS end. We can make sure there’s consultation now with Ombuds and the Advocate.

Scott Price: The Calendar is not pro-active. It just sits on the website. It would be better to send an e-mail out to students each year.

Kevin Keystone: Will this Council meeting be construed as consultation? Will a final draft come back to us with adequate time and further opportunity for amendments?

Spencer Keys said he did not know the Administration’s plans.

Kevin Keys: Would it be reasonable to lobby the Administration to have the document come back?

Dave Tompkins: It’s not even going to Senate and the Board, except for information.

Spencer Keys: Because the UBC President has complete power over discipline. It would be appropriate to lobby to review.

Reka Pataky: Is this just an amalgam of existing policies?

Spencer Keys: More or less. He couldn’t say whether every one already exists. The procedures are new. The Judicial Office is new. But mostly it’s just bringing everything into one house.

Reka Pataky: Does it apply just to students? There are lots of people on campus who are not students.

Spencer Keys: The President doesn’t have authority over UNA residents. If applied to faculty and staff, there would be significant issues in collective bargaining agreements. It’s strictly for students.

Dave Claassen: How comfortable are we about non-academic matters affecting our academic records? It seems awfully controlling, affecting transcripts. If it’s not academic, it shouldn’t show up on a transcript.

Spencer Keys: Any decision here is subject to judicial review.

Trevor Gilks: These policies are not being created here; they’re just being documented.

Michael Duncan: University is a time to have fun. It’s best if people don’t mix the academic side and the non-academic side.

Kevin Keystone: In high school, these things would go on your transcript. Then again, we’re not in high school anymore.

Ryan Corbett called for more student input.

Kevin Keystone: The University is private property; in that narrow and technical sense, it is appropriate to have rules. The catch is that they say it’s for us as students.

Darren Peets: The University has put non-academic things on the transcript before, for instance parking. This is a bit alarming.

Dave Claassen: By putting this all in one document, they seem to be saying they’re more intent on enforcing the rules, that we’re under their thumb. There hadn’t been time to look through this document thoroughly, but he was just realizing that it is meant to apply off campus, and that’s just wrong, alarming, ridiculous. The University can’t control our behaviour off campus. That’s frightening.

Michael Duncan: Trinity Western University has rules like this. No one pays attention to them. They’re a joke.

Jeff Friedrich wondered how much an incoming UBC president might use these rules as
a crackdown.

< Teaching Excellence Initiative

- Gavin Dew: He’s on a committee looking into teaching evaluations. This is the third or fourth committee created by UBC’s Senate since 1991 to look into this issue though this one is not technically a senate committee but rather an advisory working group to Anna Kindler. In the past, recommendations by such committees have not been fully implemented. This time the aim is to come up with a strategy to make student evaluations work. He wanted to know what Council thought were the most important outcomes of teaching evaluations. There’s also the issue of conducting evaluations online: what would motivate you to fill out such evaluations?

- Kevin Keystone: A key issue is, Do evaluations get read and taken seriously? Some professors do, some don’t. He’d like to make sure that for professors who do a phenomenal job, their evaluations are taken into account for tenure and promotion. There’s the issue of tenure track for teaching vs. academic.

- Gavin Dew: Whether or not professors read them, tenure and promotion committees do. Professors should be looking at them, but there’s no obligation on them to do so.

- Chris Little: They should be made available in various formats, online, in libraries.

- Gavin Dew: Answers can be made more useful to professors; questions can be customized for a professor specific to that professor.

- Naomi Garrish: In Pharmacy, evaluations are already online. It works well. E-mails are sent out telling you to do it.

- Patricia Lau: There was an Arts pilot project for teaching evaluations, and Science was supposed to follow it.

- Gavin Dew: That’s been in the works for three years now with a $43,000 TLEF grant. That’s just for putting the results online, not for conducting the evaluations themselves online. Where the project stands is unclear. The Dean of Arts says it’s going forward.

- Reka Pataky: You may not get good feedback if it’s voluntary online. Just the students who hate the prof will be motivated to fill them out. That will skew results.

- Gavin Dew: On-line can mean a more engaged response.

- Jeff Friedrich said he uses Ratemyprofessor.com.

- Erica Baird: What happens if students fill out the form and the prof is clearly horrible? What’s the next step? Who takes action?

- Gavin Dew: It could be the Head of the Department. They can recommend teaching seminars. Some do nothing.

- Elizabeth Parfitt: It’s on-line in Medicine and easy to fill out. Should be mandatory, but not 24 questions. Three.

- Gavin Dew: Some schools get a poor response rate online. Some restrict access to the results unless the student has filled out their own evaluations.

- Dave Claassen: The qualitative comments are better than the numerical aggregates.

- Ryan Corbett: If you have to do something, you get spoiled results. Flippant, malicious results. Ratemyprof.com is a good model to tell students about the professors. That niche is filled. But this is going for something different: to improve teaching.

- Gavin Dew: There’s not a lot of respect for the legitimacy of Ratemyprof, and it has limited information.
Chantal Lemire: It would be helpful for students to know the consequences, for instance that good evaluations might help a sessional lecturer who’s been here ten years or bad evaluations might have some effect in the case of a really awful professor.

Gavin Dew asked about meta-evaluations, a system in which each student states their own preferred teaching style and says how that meshes with their profs’ styles.

Patricia Lau asked about web pages for each professor, including teaching evaluations.

Gavin Dew: There is a UBC project called “My CV” which is supposed to include teaching philosophy.

Chris Baitz: Not sure about matching the personal style of a student with a professor. In any case, if only one professor teaches a course, there’s no choice.

Spencer Keys: UBC is planning a program called SHINE, Student Horizons in Education, run by Anna Kindler. There’s talk of listing profs in the top X% of a department or faculty on a website: highlighting professors who are teaching well.

Committee Motions:

6. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED GINA EOM

"Be it resolved that Council amend the number of councilors sitting on the Ad Hoc Academic Policy Committee to 3 councilors;

Be it resolved that Council appoint Chantel Lemire, Jeff Friedrich to the Ad Hoc Academic Policy Committee in addition to the previously appointed members"

Discussion Period:

Coke

Kevin Keystone: An assessment procedure has been proposed for the investigation into Coca-Cola. The document just arrived today, and Council will have to ratify it tonight or delegate the power to ratify to another body. If Council declines to ratify it, he would not feel comfortable remaining on the commission in charge of the investigation.

Jeff Friedrich: If the commission finds Coke unethical, is Council bound?

Kevin Keystone: If we ratify, we are buying into how the investigation is conducted. Presumably that also means we are ratifying the results of the investigation.

Jeff Friedrich: It’s odd that Coke is okay with groups like United Students Against Sweatshops taking part.

Chris Little asked about the ramifications.

Kevin Keystone: This will affect our negotiations with Coke. If the investigation agrees with Coke, if Coke is not found to be unethical, then we cross off that line.

Chris Little asked about the timeline.

Kevin Keystone: The hope now is to have a report done by January 1.

Dave Claassen: Is there a reason not to ratify this?
Kevin Keystone: It’s written by the Workers Rights Consortium, a well-respected group. If we don’t ratify, if we wash our hands and just wait for the final report, then we don’t have any say in the investigation into events in India. If we ratify, we have voting power, speaking rights, constructive engagement, a say in deciding who sits on the investigative team and who will be an observer.

Patricia Lau: Is this time-sensitive?

Kevin Keystone: The investigation will begin within two weeks, before our next Council meeting.

Patricia Lau: Did your Chicago group have input into this draft? We’re in no position to conduct our own investigation. By ratifying, we have a chance to put in our input.

Kevin Keystone: He’d already asked them to make a change to indicate that student associations are represented on the commission.

Patricia Lau: What’s your opinion? Does the draft reflect the meetings?

Kevin Keystone: There are points in here addressing controversial issues, for instance saying “Yes, you can investigate past incidents.” It’s well-written and it enshrines the principles important to the process. He’d put his seal of approval on it.

Chris Baitz: If we don’t agree with the investigation, how can we base anything on the results?

Kevin Keystone: Good question. Council can do what it wants.

Chris Baitz: The ethical issue is not the only reason we will enter or not enter into a contract.

Michael Duncan: This is exactly what we want. There’s no way our ethical committee could do this. Here are experts looking into it.

Ryan Corbett: What will the cost be?

Kevin Keystone: Council can choose to provide funding or not. The total cost is $100,000. There are 20 commission members, so it could be $5,000 to $10,000 if we decide to contribute financially. The bill is currently being footed by the AFL-CIO. A request will come to the AMS. Ratification of this procedure is not tantamount to ratifying money.

Reka Pataky: We’ve come this far. We showed the University and other universities we’re serious. How will final results come to Council?

Kevin Keystone: The final report will come to the Council meeting after January 1, well before we have to make a decision on a Coke contract. We’re still with Coke for two years.

Reka Pataky: There are other countries besides Colombia. India? Do we sign up for other countries?

Kevin Keystone: We may be asked about India.

Reka Pataky: Are we deciding based on one or two countries?

Kevin Keystone: Colombia and India are the hot topics. He’d be satisfied by a conclusion based on those two.

Chris Little: Will this set some precedent with other manufacturers? Weyerhauser or Macmillan Bloedel? Are we opening a can of worms?

Kevin Keystone: The can of worms was opened when we passed the Ethical Purchasing Policy. It’s an important point we’re trying to address. Should we be investigating Weyerhauser? Here there’s a greater movement we can jump on.
7. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

"Be it resolved that Council empower the executive committee to preliminarily ratify the “proposal for assessment of alleged human and labor rights abuses at facilities that bottle and distribute Coca-Cola company products in the republic of Colombia” on behalf of the AMS."

...Carried

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:
   
   The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:
   
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

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Gavin Dew

VP Academic and University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Bernie Peets (General Manager), Resha Hamze (Temporary Administrative Assistant), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing & Promotions), Paul Evans (Ubyssey), Bainey Ellis-Perry (UBC Alumni Association), Mark Mawhinney (UBC Alumni Association), Mark Pickersgill (AMS-Campus Planning & Development), Miriam Isaac-Renton (Forestry), Raj Mathur (Music), Ashfan Charania (Independent Observer).

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

L) Committee Motions:

1. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED GINA EOM

"Be It Resolved That Council, in principle and on the recommendation of the Business Operations Committee, approve the snack vending agreement between AMS, UBC and Lewis Vending as discussed."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Kevin Keystone described Lewis Vending, the company which the Business Operations Committee has recommended entering into an agreement with. They have very good references, are a “Mom and Pop” or “Partner and Partner” business, offer drinks and ice cream, and promise 7-day service 363 days a year. They are offering a guarantee of $150,000 in the first year of a proposed five-year contract, this sum to be divided between UBC and the AMS in proportions still to be determined. In subsequent years, the amounts would be $155,000, $160,000, and $170,000.

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C) Presentations to Council:

[SCD 181-006]

Alumni Centre – Mark Mawhinney and Barney

Mark Mawhinney:
• On the Board of the Alumni Association and on the Alumni Centre Task Force.
• New Alumni Centre intended to be first thing students see on arriving on campus as they emerge from the bus loop.
• It will serve existing alumni and existing students.

Barney Ellis-Petry:
• Alumni Centre will be information centre, a place where students can go for mentoring, and a place for student employment opportunities.
• Alumni affairs embedded in UBC’s Trek 2010, and the VP Students office has created a connection between the alumni association and the University which didn’t exist before.
• UBC currently very unfriendly, lacking a place to ask for information even though it is the third most popular tourist destination.
• The Alumni Centre will function as a welcome centre and provide a café, a hall of fame featuring alumni achievements, a library, meeting rooms, a mentoring centre, student study and social space open 24/7, a place for receptions, etc.
• It will be on University Boulevard, cost $12.3 million and occupy 25,000 square feet.
• Help is being sought from the students in planning the centre through a focus group, AMS representation on the planning body, and putting an AMS representative on the Alumni Association board.

Questions
– Gina Eom: Will this conflict with AMS businesses and thus with funding for AMS services?
– Barney Ellis-Petry: The proposed café would rank somewhere between Sage and 99 Chairs. It would be a different sort of food service than what the AMS offers. Not a cookie place. There could be a pub.
– Mark Mawhinney: It’s on issues like these that we want student input.
– Kevin Keystone: It would be great to work together with the Alumni Association. In addition to us putting someone on your Board, there is a space on AMS Council for an alumni representative.
– Barney Ellis-Petry: We’re putting someone in place who will be naming someone to work with young alumni and someone to come to your meetings, perhaps a former AMS executive.
– Laura Levine asked about the difference between this centre and the new reception area at Brock Hall.
– Barney Ellis-Petry: Brock is for incoming students. The new centre could be located in Brock Hall, but it is more for the general public and returning alumni.
– Paul Sutton: There are lots of food outlets in SUB and a small library in the Resource Centre. He is worried about putting up another building that does a lot of the things the AMS does. How about using the $12.3 million to renovate the SUB, making some space in it for the alumni?
– Barney Ellis-Petry: That’s a great idea. It’s come up. We can talk about it. On the other hand, there is a donor already who is looking for a naming opportunity.
– Gary Andraza asked if alumni from Regent and VST would be welcome.
– Barney Ellis-Petry said he didn’t know the answer to that one. They were looking into Continuing Education students. But Regent and VST are affiliated with UBC.
– Gavin Dew: What sort of upward drift can we expect to see in alumni retention and donations as a result of this project?
– Barney Ellis-Petry: UBC has the worst reputation in Canada for alumni retention and donations. We can only go up. The Alumni Association has names and addresses for only 63% of alumni. There could definitely be an increase in donations by increasing links between the alumni and campus. But fund-raising is not really the focus.
– Mark Mawhinney: Up till now the Alumni Association has only contacted people to ask for money, but this project is more about providing services.
– Sean Huff: A strong alumni presence on campus would be great, but he was not too much in favour of lumping them in with current students in some sort of joint arrangement. He was not too concerned about competition. Once people become alumni, hopefully the Pit is not still their scene.
– Scott Price: If the new Alumni Centre is incorporated in a new Student Union Building, it could become a central feature of the campus, a central nexus. The $12 million could provide a quarter of the funding for a new SUB.

D) President’s Remarks:
Presidential Search Committee
- We traveled to Kelowna to discuss the Search with members of the UBC Okanagan community and have also completed the position profile which will soon go to the Board for approval.

Alumni Relations
- My thanks to Mark Mawhinney and Barney Ellis-Perry for attending Council tonight to discuss the Alumni Centre. The Alumni Centre was recently identified at the Alumni Association Board Retreat that I attended to be one of the main priorities for the AA and I’m happy to hear how much they want to involve students in its design and function. Also, on the evening that the Alumni Association Board Retreat began, I addressed Sigma Tau Chi, the UBC Honourary Society (mostly AMS alumni) about University Boulevard. They were receptive to our remarks but one of the more challenging groups I’ve had the pleasure to speak to.

Student Recreation Centre
- Speaking further to facilities for students, I met with Katy Player from UBC Rec to discuss expansions to the SRC. She is very interested in having our assistance in the design of the building and seeing if we can integrate some of our functions.

Strategic Plan and Code
- These two items are mixed because work that is being done at the Strategic Plan Task Force has ramifications for the Code and Policies Committee. We have been meeting and have developed a rough framework for the annual strategic process but still have some fundamental questions to ask. Part of that development includes changes being made to the committee structure and Paul Sutton will be presenting some of those changes at the next Council meeting for information purposes. As a side note, I met with Paul Sutton to develop a workplan for the remainder of the Code year.

Millennium Foundation
- Jess and I met with Noel Baldwin from the Foundation to discuss student financial aid and how the Foundation functions.

First Year Committee
- The AMS First Year Committee has been meeting regularly. This is a cross-faculty group of students that are interested in the AMS and what it does. Our current project is organizing the annual First Year Dance, which has been named “Fire and Ice.” They are a very enthusiastic bunch, to say the least.

Property Tax
- The Ministry of Finance has been floating test balloons about charging property tax to revenue generating centres on university property that do not conform to “university purposes.” Different student societies are communicating on this one to present a common front that this is a bad idea.
E) Executive Remarks:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

Campus Planning and Development Forums:
- undertook a number of forums (including at the SEC/SYC conference) to gather feedback on policies under development, will discuss further during discussion period.

ECMAC
- Enterprise Course Management Advisory Committee met again, preliminary discussion of how to integrate new WebCT CE6 and what modules to add – further information will be forthcoming regarding cost and implementation before the committee makes a call.

Vicente Fox:
- Attended a breakfast and reception with Vicente Fox, President of Mexico. He spoke of the Mexican educational system, which has developed significantly in recent years to expand accessibility.

Farm Ade:
- Attended Farm Ade, still in a suit from the aforementioned reception. Excellent turnout. Had my photo taken in a chicken coop for the Ubyssey.

Hiring:
- Hiring for Elections Committee complete. Hiring for Fincom ongoing. Hiring for Ombuds complete but candidates not yet informed, so cannot pass a motion to appoint tonight.

LEAP
- LEAP continues to move forward, we are regaining momentum, coming up with new promotional strategies, and making plans for our next TLEF application.

Marine Drive Student Residences Open House:
- attended an “open house” meeting last week regarding the Marine Drive Student Residences Phase 2 where I was called a pawn of the administration and a rich spoiled brat by members of the Wreck Beach Preservation Society and told to “go home and have my father change my diaper” and buy me a cheeseburger. That was nice. Delays and lost efficiencies mean Phase Two will cost an additional $28.2 million above its original anticipated cost which, depending who you ask, translates into an extra $90 or $130 in monthly rent per student due to the cost-recovery nature of UBC Housing. Was also interviewed by the Ubyssey and Globe and Mail regarding this issue.

University Boulevard Mitigation:
- Met with Bernie, Jane, Manj, and Kevin recently to accelerate consolidating our strategic plans with regards to University Boulevard Mitigation.

Wellness Centre Revisioning Committee:
- Attended my first meeting of this new committee, co-chaired by directors of Student Health and Student Development. Quite positive momentum so far, will be meeting every two weeks until December and generating new vision for the Wellness Centre (currently located in the basement of the SUB).

Working Group on Student Evaluations of Teaching:
- This committee has been moving forward, more clarity as to mandate, looks like the outcome will be quite positive. Some inaccurate info in the most recent Ubyssey, not a big
deal, though.

- **UNA Board:**
  - Had a UNA Board meeting last night. The foundations for the Old Barn community centre were laid 3 feet west of where they should have been - UNA/UBC Properties/landscape architect working to mitigate this. Gavin recommended a strategic planning process for UNA, and that will likely move forward soon.

- **Chocolate:**
  - Gavin distributed chocolate tennis rackets and balls around the room, and people generally seemed to enjoy them.

**Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:**

**Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:**

- There really isn’t much going on in the services area right now.
- We will hopefully be doing some kind of services assessment survey, to determine usage of individual services
- The Food Bank volunteer training was last week. It was overwhelmingly successful! There were approximately 50 people interested… we actually had to restrict the number of volunteer shifts people were allowed to sign up for.
- The Food Bank’s annual Trick or Eat event is coming up soon! Volunteers and members of the UBC community will be going door to door in the Point Grey area and saying “Trick or Eat” and asking for canned food.
- It’s so ridiculously successful year after year that the AMS Food Bank won’t be able to handle the full haul. So, about half of the food raised will go to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.
- Joblink and Volunteer Connections ran their first ever Residence-hosted information fairs
- Safewalk is meeting with Campus Security to discuss joint initiatives and working together
- This Friday and Saturday, I am going to a Student Services Assessment conference here at UBC.

**Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:**

- **FEDERAL**
  - David Wells, Spencer, Kevin, and I met with Noel Baldwin of the Canada Millenium Scholarship Foundation yesterday. We discussed the pilot projects that are being implemented this year in BC and across Canada. Noel will be working on student consultation and addressing concerns students have, as well as bringing any recommendations back to the Foundation for consideration.

- **U-PASS**
  - Meeting with TransLink has been postponed to October 20th. I will be bringing your comments from the last meeting at that time. If anyone has comments or concerns they want me to bring to TransLink please send me an e-mail or leave an anonymous note in my folder or under my door.
  - U-Pass Subsidy Review committee has reviewed all paper applicants and will be meeting one more time to review all online applications. The committee will also be reviewing the subsidy amounts, which have previously been $5, and $10 a month, but may be increased to correlate with the increase in the monthly U-pass fee.
  - Had an interview with the Vancouver Sun last week about our U-pass program, and they
took a photo of my bad side for the paper.

OTHER
- Meetings with the Ad-Hoc Referendum Committee are going well. We’ll discuss more about this during discussion period.
- I recently had a meeting with Mariana, AMS Safety Coordinator, and Parker Johnson, of the UBC Equity office to revive the Not On Our Campus campaign. I’ll bring more information about the campaign to the next council meeting.
- Attended the SYC Conference/UBC Student Environment Centre conferences during the first weekend of October. I moderated a panel on Transportation in the GVRD, and while turnout was relatively small we did have a fruitful discussion.

XCOM and STUDENTS FOR BC
- Xcom is working on the Municipal Elections Week: an awareness campaign that will run October 24th-28th. We will set up information booths in the SUB during the week, and we are planning to hold a mayoral candidates forum, and also invite all Vancouver candidates to come and hang out at the Gallery Lounge. As this will be our last council meeting until after the events happen, will be e-mailing you shortly so that you are able to encourage your constituents to come out on Monday, October 24th to participate in Xcom’s Municipal Election events.
- I am starting to compile a list of things that need to be added to the Students for BC website and would really love any feedback you might have regarding the content. If you feel like something is missing, or you are simply curious about certain aspects of post-secondary education in BC or at UBC, please send me an e-mail, or talk to me by other means.

On a personal note: Jagerfest rocked! Congrats Science!

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:
- Arts: Dave Claassen – 2.2% of eligible voters voted in the Arts election
- Law: Chris Little – The Law school is going through its first curriculum review in 20 years.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:
- Board of Governors – Tim Louman-Gardiner:
  - The pool is officially being moved
  - There is a master plan now for UBCO.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated October 12, 2005 [SCD 181-006]
J) Executive Committee Motions:

3. MOVED JESSICA KLUG, SECONDED SEAN HUFF

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Whereas the University defines eligibility to be when an eligible student and his or her family exhaust the financial resources available to them; and

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Whereas many students enrolled in graduate and professional programs can reasonably expect to exceed 80 months in school; 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 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 amend Policy 72 to include the following points under the definition of eligibility so that it indicates that an “Eligible Student” includes:

   a) a student who is not eligible to apply to BCSAP because they have reached the Lifetime Funding limits (80 months) for accessing financial assistance monies through BCSAP; and

   b) a student who is not eligible to apply to BCSAP pending a review and/or appeal of an overaward or an audit by BCSAP.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

– Jessica Klug: This is a renewal, but the policy has been completely amended to deal with the 80-month limit issue.

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED SEAN HUFF [SCD 191A-006]


Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Paul Sutton: This introduction of a clearer reporting relationship between the Vice-Presidents and the President is entrenching something that might have been read into the Code as is. It’s for cases where something goes wrong, like a Vice-President not showing up for nine months.

- Quinn Omori: Because Executives report to Council, isn’t this just adding another level of bureaucracy? The responsibility rests around this table.

- Spencer Keys: The Executive will still report to Council; there will still be oral Executive Reports and quarterly written reports. This is dealing with day-to-day supervisory responsibility. It’s not about being directive; it’s about establishing moral authority. There’s no particular need for this with this Executive, but for the next Executive and the one after that, this will clearly outline the role of the President. The President has responsibility for the Vice-Presidents.
Quinn Omori: This takes power away from Council.

Spencer Keys: Originally, there was an idea of introducing a whole disciplinary procedure. That would have taken power from Council. In the community at large, there is an implicit relationship seen between the President and the Vice-Presidents. There’s an inherent responsibility there.

Spencer Keys: The Executive Committee meets on a regular basis, but that’s a person reporting to a group as a whole. Sometimes issues need to be raised in a more confidential way. That’s the President’s role: to supervise and coordinate.

Spencer Keys: It’s a question of reporting versus directing. Regardless of political differences, the President has the right to know what the Vice-Presidents are doing. He was uncomfortable with the President directing Vice-Presidents; that would take power away from Council. This entrenches one-on-one dialogue.

Gina Eom: Isn’t this happening anyway? Aren’t the Vice-Presidents reporting to you anyway at Executive Committee meetings? How often does the Executive Committee meet?

Spencer Keys: The President directs the Vice-Presidents. No one else is involved.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: This is designed to make things run smoothly.

Sean Huff: Council is the highest decision-making body, but it meets only every two weeks. It’s not around all the time. This makes sense.

Jeff Friedrich: If more power is centralized in the President’s hands, how does that affect a Vice-President’s ability not to be picked on?

Spencer Keys: If all five Executives are equal in every way, and don’t have explicit responsibility to go to Council, where’s the incentive to do that? Is it appropriate for Vice-President X to come to Council and say there’s a problem with Vice-President Y? We do place moral authority in one person: the President. It does break down if the President is the problem. What you’d have then is a bigger problem. At that point, you could have the Vice-Presidents come forward. But this proposal is not about big things; it’s about little things that aren’t worth Council’s time; it makes sure we can deal with the little things.

6. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED SEAN HUFF


Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

7. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED JAMES HENDERSON:

"Be it resolved that Council approve the following appointments to the Elections Committee on the recommendation of the Assistant Appointments Committee for a term effective immediately and ending April 30, 2006:

Peter Rizov: Chief Returning Officer; Lina Li: Matt Austin: Matthews Hayles."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:
N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

Minutes of the Student Administration Commission Committee dated June 28,2005
[SCD 183-006]
Amended Minutes of the Student Administration Commission Committee dated August 17,2005
[SCD 184-006]
Minutes of the Student Administration Commission Committee dated August 25,2005
[SCD 185-006]
Minutes of the Student Administration Commission Committee dated September 1,2005
[SCD 186-006]
Minutes of the External Commission Committee dated September 9,2005 [SCD 187-006]
Minutes of the External Commission Committee dated September 12,2005 [SCD 188-006]

8. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED DAVID CLAASSEN

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- Jessica Klug: Municipal elections have a role in our lives. She wants to put on an election awareness campaign for the upcoming municipal elections, with posters and maybe leaflets. Maybe food incentives to attend our events.

- Ryan Corbett: A substantial number of our members aren’t on the voters’ list. They’re not resident in the GVRD. Also, municipal government has little effect on students. Why spend students’ money on this?

- Paul Sutton: Actually, the vast majority of students will be eligible to vote in the city elections or for the director of GVRD Electoral District A. And it would be good to get someone knowledgeable about UBC on the GVRD.

- Brad Pyke: Even if some students can’t vote, we shouldn’t forget about those who can. We should provide students with an opportunity to find out what’s going on.

- Sean Huff: Will we be able to vote on campus? And what will be done with the money we allocate?

- Gavin Dew: Yes, there will be voting on campus.

- Jessica Klug: Space will be used in SUB to tell people how to vote. Candidates may be invited to come. Posters will go up providing information.

- Patricia Lau: How much is in the External and University Lobbying Fund?

- Jessica Klug: Currently, $120,000. This request will be for less than 1% of the fund.

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: The GVRD is hugely important for students through its powers over building and transit. He was surprised the request was for only $1,000. This is what the lobbying fund is for.

- Ryan Corbett: Students can obtain information like everyone else. They don’t need our special information campaign. He was also not sure that all the money in the world would make students interested in municipal politics.

- Gavin Dew: In theory, people should be able to find things out for themselves. But there’s a lack of clarity out there. Most people on this Council didn’t know who was eligible to vote, so our informing them will be a good thing.
9. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED CRAIG POWELL:

“Be it resolved that Council amend motion number 7 to change $1,000 to $5,000 and to add a clause reading:

‘Be it further resolved that the AMS call upon the university to allocate funding to increase engagement in municipal politics as per the trek 2010 mission statement goals.”

- Quinn Omori: Some of us don’t think we should even spend $1,000. Why raise it to $5,000?
- Ryan Corbett: Calling on the University to do something doesn’t work. When we say it would be swell if you did this, it seldom happens. And $5,000 is a lot of posters and food. What else will it be spent on? A booth?
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: With $5,000 there’s the potential to do a lot. There’s not much point to calling on the University, though; he’d rather see direction given on how to spend the $5,000. There’s also the issue of whether to be partisan or non-partisan.
- Gavin Dew: Supporting municipal politics is specifically in the UBC mission statement. Instead of funding, we could ask for the use of UBC resources: for instance, UBC could send an e-mail to every student. If we got someone elected who is a student, that might be a good use of 4% of the lobbying fund.
- Ryan Corbett: If we’re not being partisan, that’s not lobbying. Are we trying to influence votes or just encourage voting? If we’re prepared to be partisan and bring forth the name of someone who somehow benefits us, that would be understandable. But merely to encourage participation …
- Jessica Klug: It might be in our interests to be partisan on the issues rather than choosing an actual candidate. $5,000 is a lot of money. She would be interested in suggestions on how to spend it.
- Sean Huff: Why don’t we just provide a service to our students and let them know this is going on? Why can’t we just tell them and let them make up their own minds? People would appreciate that.

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- Karen Burnett: A lot of people need to learn how to vote, how to register.

11. MOVED GAVIN DEW:

‘That the word ‘funding’ in the amended motion be changed to ‘resources’.

..... Carried

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12. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED QUINN OMORI

“Be It Resolved That Council refer this motion to the External Commission to determine how to spend the $5000.”

- Reka Pataky: Is this time-sensitive?
- Jessica Klug: It is. The External Commission is planning stuff for October 24 and needs the money.
- Scott Price: The VP External has proven herself to be frugal.
- Gavin Dew: A budget can be brought next time, and Council can tell Xcom to cease on that front if they don’t like what the money is being spent on.

13. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED QUINN OMORI

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Defeated...

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Carried...

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

P) Discussion Period:

- Campus Planning

  - Gavin Dew presented a draft policy paper, including ten policies, from the Campus Planning and Development Committee, and asked for feedback.
  - Re Policy 2 (Incorporate Feedback):
    - Scott Price found the description of the campus environment as one of “cynicism and mistrust” too strong; he suggested using the term “apathy” instead.
    - Jeff Friedrich: What teeth does this policy have? What is the utility of this document?
    - Gavin Dew: A lot is congruent with current UBC policy. The idea is to emphasize aspects where we want congruence between policy and reality. The idea of these AMS policies is to use the power of opinion and engagement, to make people aware that policies exist, to put the policies on the desks of those with power, to have a public impact.
    - Jeff Friedrich: This document is a good framework for getting people like Dennis Pavlich and Brian Sullivan doing this. How can you get them to read it?
    - Gavin Dew: People are expecting this; higher-ups in UBC’s Campus Planning are interested
in hearing what we have to say. They have open meetings. The sad reality is that no one shows up, but the process goes on. There’s a discrepancy if we complain about not being listened to and we don’t talk when asked.

- Reka Pataky: There should be more stakeholder-specific consultation. The University should consult students, the UNA, and Wreck Beach people separately.
- Gavin Dew: Outreach? Going to groups like this Council?
- Reka Pataky: Yes, and we want more specific policies, and we can tell the University we expect them to send out mass e-mails or put up big posters.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner praised concise expression. He didn’t want over-simplification, but said there is value in having one sentence to explain what each of these ten policies means.
- Gavin Dew: An executive summary?
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: An executive summary is a wonderful thing.
- Elizabeth Parfitt: Not everyone is informed. There should be something showing why we’ve come up with these policies.
- Gavin Dew: In introducing this, we cab say how things have gone wrong and why we are doing this.
- Re Policy 3 (Communication Strategies):
  - Manj Sidhu recommended that when students apply to UBC, they be able to indicate their areas of interest. Those interested in campus planning, for instance, could be added to a list to receive information on that topic.
  - Chris Baitz said first-year students don’t know what they’re getting into. Asking them for pro-active participation won’t work.
  - Scott Price recommended using layman’s terms.
  - Jessica Klug recommended using residence newsletters and signage in businesses.
  - Mahtab Nazemi asked about getting a booth in the SUB.
  - Gavin Dew said there had been booths in the SUB.
- Re Policy 4 (Using Local Talent):
  - Gavin Dew: This means By UBC, For UBC.
  - Tim Louman-Gardiner: That’s my point. That phrase is more effective than 200 words.
  - Reka Pataky: How is this different from what UBC thinks it is already doing?
  - Gavin Dew: We did look at existing policies at UBC. It takes reminding to get people to do what they should be doing.
  - Reka Pataky: Our policy should tell them where they’re not doing that.
  - Tim Louman-Gardiner: That’s why this could be a very important policy. This gives context and common ground to get UBC to, for instance, preserve the grassy knoll.
- Re Policy 6 (Standardizing Development Language):
  - Chris Little said this policy is redundant and badly worded, and the irony is that it’s about language.
  - Gavin Dew encouraged more Council members to provide feedback, the idea being to hear not from planning experts but from those who are closer to ordinary students. He asked Gary Andraza, the new VST representative, to comment.
  - Gary Andraza said the draft policy looked like a fine document and he was sure Gavin had put a lot of work into it. [Laughter from Council members.]
- Re Policy 9 (Density and Sustainability):
  - Gavin Dew: Actually, UBC is a leader in sustainability.
- Re Policy 10 (Campus Circulation):
  - Gavin Dew: What do people want? Walkways that keep feet dry? Or new buildings?
  - Ryan Corbett: No more puddles.
  - Laura Levine: Why was there no proper drainage in the first place? It’s Vancouver. It’s rainy.
- General Comments:
  - Mark Pickersgill: This is about engagement. Planning processes are long term. Most here
won’t be around to see the effects, but these are the things that have importance for the future. Everyone has a responsibility to be a voice for their constituents.

- **Gavin Dew:** The world of tomorrow is predicated on the actions of today.
- **Trevor Gilks:** When people don’t say anything, sometimes it means they think the policy is fine. He objected to Gavin Dew’s negative tone.
- **Gavin Dew** apologized, saying he was sick. But he said tacit consent can be problematic. Should silence be construed to mean endorsement?
- **Jeff Friedrich:** There’s a lot of value here. His concern was about using the document, ensuring continuity for next year’s Executive.
- **Gavin Dew** said the hope was to pass the policy on, to make it a living document.

**Referendum questions**

- **Dave Claassen** said the referendum committee is thinking of recommending three referendum questions:

  1) a $1 fee increase in support of the UBC Farm;
  2) a bylaw amendment to make it possible for people like co-op students to opt into AMS services and membership;
  3) a controversial, sexy issue, such as:
     - opting out of the turnitin plagiarism-checking system;
     - introducing a $40 fee, in return for which all programs at the Student Recreation Centre would be free;
     - telling GAP not to come to campus.

- **Tim Louman-Gardiner** said he was not sure the abortion question on GAP would be a good one. It could tie the hands of the AMS. He also questioned whether we can allow people to opt in to services like the U-Pass. There’s a contract with Translink.
- **Dave Claassen** said he was seeking feedback on the the controversial issue tonight, not on the other two questions.
- **Laura Levine:** The idea of a sexy question is to get students out to vote?
- **Sean Huff** said he’d love to be able to vote on controversial questions like the GAP.
- **Paul Sutton:** UBC won’t listen to us on GAP. He would like to see a $15 increase in student fees to keep the AMS out of economic crisis.
- **Chantal Lemire:** Lots of people don’t know what GAP is. As to the $40 recreation fee, that would get people out to vote. Music would come out in a bloc against it.
- **Dave Claassen:** $40 question is sexy, but serious. If it works out, great. He’d opposed silly questions, like a nuclear submarine for the President.
- **Spencer Keys:** It wasn’t nuclear, just a regular submarine.
- **Marina Kaplanovska:** Provocative questions are very good. It would be interesting to know people’s opinions.
- **Michael Duncan:** Are we serious about the rec fee? If that happens, it would be good.
- **Darren Peets:** Having a controversial question means you’re trying to get something else passed, but he didn’t see anything that looked important to pass. The rec fee would go down to a resounding defeat. Another question might be about green space at the Marine residences.
- **Elizabeth Parfitt:** A good question might be, Do you support Coke at UBC?
- **Gavin Dew:** The AMS is fee-starved. There should absolutely be a question on fee increases. It’s problematic to have everyone pay for intramurals; not everyone wants that. Re the GAP question, UBC has argued against banning GAP, citing freedom of speech. Even if 22,000 out of 23,000 students voted to keep GAP out, that would not be right. It would be like 22,000 voting to exclude an ethnic group. He suggested a question dealing with the fact that UBC has colossal issues with stress, sleep deprivation, etc. The question could be, Do you want to see UBC take action to reduce the culture of stress?
- **Dave Claassen:** But who would vote against that?
- **Bernie Peets:** Thinking of the Cold Beverage Agreement with Coke, a question might be, Do
you support a $10 fee increase, in return for which there would be a guarantee that the AMS would not enter into a new Cold Beverage Agreement?

- Spencer Keys expressed support for that idea. Re the GAP question: would GAP listen?
- Brad Pyke: If the rec fee passed and programs were free, the Rec Centre would get overloaded.
- Dave Claassen: Obviously, there would have to be discussion with the Rec Centre. A lot of programs are already full. It’s a legitimate concern.
- Quinn Omori: Students already pay $180 for the Athletics and Recreation fee. It’s just that UBC decides how much each gets. They could send more to Recreation instead of to Varsity Athletics.
- Trevor Gilks: There’s no downside to being sexy. There is no pressing issue at the moment, but there’s no downside to getting people out to vote. Even opinion polls can make a strong statement.
- Kate Bisnaire: She would rather lobby for more free access to the pool or to other gyms.
- Dave Claassen: The idea of free recreation programs did not come from nowhere. Other universities have free intramural programs.
- Reka Pataky: On the stress issue, why not ask to add a reading week in first term? On the UBC Farm issue, what is the relationship between the AMS and the farm? Why send AMS money to them?
- Jeff Friedrich: The farm is paid for through short-term Faculty contributions, grants, and sales. It needs external support.
- Chris Baitz questioned the idea of running opinion referendums. He asked about other bylaw questions.
- Dave Claassen: The committee decided not to overload the ballot with technical bylaw questions. One a year maybe. The opt-in issue is the most important.
- Lianne McLean said opinion questions are useful, though she questioned the sexiness of the turnitin question.
- Gavin Dew: It would be interesting to know our constituents’ views on tuition increases. Some people are in favour of more tuition if needed to get more stuff at the University because the government isn’t paying enough.
- Spencer Keys: We did some surveys. The students don’t want to pay more tuition.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner: Opinion polls can bind us, if not legally, then morally. Re the GAP question, we would be singling out the activities of an AMS club, Lifeline, and he feared the tyranny of the majority on this issue. What would the AMS look like if the referendum passed?
- Paul Dayson: If you put the GAP question, you’re inviting war on campus, and you’ll have this stuff in your face for months. Money is central. If you ask for a large sum like $40, it’s an issue, and people will turn out to vote.
- Elizabeth Parfitt: When is the referendum?
- Dave Claassen: At the same time as the January elections.
- Laura Levine: We should be careful in picking the third question. It can sway the vote on the other questions. If it’s on the grassy knoll, a green space question, you would be drawing pro-Farm voters. You may not pull everyone in. You may pull a very specific group.

A straw poll showed strong support for the question suggested by Bernie Peets about agreeing to a $10 fee increase in return for a guarantee that the AMS would not seek out a new Cold Beverage Agreement.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 6:00
p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S)  **Adjournment:**
    There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

T)  **Social Activity:**

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Gavin Dew  
VP Academic and University Affairs

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MINUTES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Guests: Bernie Peets (General Manager), Resha Hamze (Temporary Administrative Assistant), David Wells (Policy Advisor), Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist), Paul Dayson (AMS Marketing & Promotions), Alexandre Beaupri-Havallee (Federation of Student Unions of University of Montreal), Miriam Isaac-Renton (Forestry), Raj Mathur (Music), Michael Kingsmill (Designer)

A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

Committee Reform - Spencer Keys [SCD 192-006]

- Seeking procedures by which Council can better fulfill its responsibilities
- Current committee system and even the structure of Council meetings an impediment to Council fulfilling its responsibilities
- There are currently too many committees, resulting in duplication and mis-communication
- Things are sent to committee to die, in expectation of that
- The proposal is to reduce the number of committees and restrict their membership to Council members
- Also reduce the number of committees each Council member serves on, so they can focus on a particular issue or two and become good at those
- There would also be a division between strategic committees and short-term working groups
- Currently there is poor participation on committees, and Executives drive them, with Council not having a real say
- The proposal is for the first of the two Council meetings a month to break out into committee meetings which would report back at the end of the evening for discussion by Council as a whole; then actual motions would come forward at the second Council meeting of the month
- The idea is to shift from an Executive-centred structure to a Council-based structure

Questions

- Michael Woodward: What if a Council member is on two committees? How can they attend both?
- Spencer Keys: If there are only five members on a committee, then each Council member need be on only one committee. Or if on two, the member could spend the first hour of the Council committee meeting at one committee and the second at the other.
- Gary Andraza: What about non-voting members?
- Spencer Keys: It can be arranged that they vote on committee even if they can’t vote at Council.
- Sheldon Goldfarb: Currently, there are non-Councillors who are voting members of committees (e.g., Students at Large).
- Quinn Omori: Why is this proposal coming forward now after not flying for the past two years?
- Spencer Keys: It’s more thought through now. Other Executives have expressed interest in the proposal, in having Council take on more responsibility. He’d received generally positive feedback on the idea, and it’s fundamentally different from earlier versions.
- Scott Price: Before, there was an attempt to reduce the size of committees. This plan will make them bigger. Why the change?
- Spencer Keys: In the proposal, the hiring committees, the ones it was attempted to make smaller, do not exist. There is an attempt in this proposal to reallocate Council responsibilities, to draw a line between Council responsibilities and Executive responsibilities.
- Scott Price: Will the proposal lengthen Council meetings?
Spencer Keys: The first Council meeting would be the same length. There would also be a reduction in the number of committee meetings. The second Council meeting will deal with items already hashed out; there will be greater legitimacy of committees then.

Patricia Lau: What are the next steps? A bylaw change?

Spencer Keys: No bylaw change is required. Only the Budget Committee is in the bylaws. Everything else is in the Code. The issues to look at include: what is the role of vice-presidents on the committees? how many should be on a committee? should Council members serve on one or two committees? He would like the Code and Policies Committee to discuss the details. He had already drafted some Code changes which he would circulate.

Mariana Payet: What happens to non-Council members of committees?

Spencer Keys: This is controversial and he is flexible on this point. The proposal would eliminate Students at Large on the grounds that committees of Council should be made up of members of Council. At the very least, Councillors should be the majority, the vast majority. Also, working groups set up to help Executives could have any voting structure they want.

Kevin Keystone: How can we ensure that people attend over the summer?

Spencer Keys: It would be no different than the status quo. We would be more likely to get people out for a Council meeting than a committee meeting.

Kevin Keystone: If the non-Executive chair of a committee is away, would the Executive on that committee take over?

Spencer Keys: Even if that did happen, there would still be a net reduction in the committee burden on the Executive and an increased responsibility on Council. The proposal talks of non-Executive chairs, but what is meant that the committee chooses its own chair, and the committee could choose an Executive as its vice-chair.

Scott Price: Some committees require outside people to attend, people who work a regular business day.

Spencer Keys: These would be the minimum number of meetings. There could be additional meetings held during the day to accommodate visitors. Visitors are the exception rather than the rule.

D) President’s Remarks:

Student President Summit

Bernie and I spent the last week at an organizational development summit of similarly sized student societies from across Canada. We will be submitting a full report once the minutes of those sessions are sent out. In brief, discussions included issues such as establishing effective continuity and transition between executives, communicating with students broadly, enhancing revenue streams, working jointly to reduce the costs of academic materials to students, and that status of society-university relations across the country. Bernie and I were very pleased with the conference and felt it was more substantial than the annual Canadian Congress of Student Associations (CCSA) and more cost effective.

Health and Dental

Kevin and I met this morning with Studentcare Networks (Lev Bukhman and Graham Senft) to discuss several issues, including conducting a Request for Proposals (RFP) for our insurance underwriters (Studentcare is the broker and SunLife are the underwriters), and the renewal of the Studentcare contract, all of which will be going to the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Committee.

We have also met to discuss opt-out appeals as a part of the Health and Dental Plan Committee.

Strategic Plan Development

Tonight you saw the Preliminary Committee Reform Proposal which should be coming to
Council in a more complete form soon. This is an important aspect of the Strategic Plan because it establishes certain bodies that will govern that process. Beyond that, the Strategic Plan Task Force has been meeting and has completed its work on the ninth theme of the items that came out of WOW: Establishing an ongoing strategic planning process. From this point, we will be developing the values and statements guiding the remaining themes.

CASA Board
I have also been on several Board calls with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, dealing with the recent referendum of the University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union.

First Year Committee
By the time we have our next meeting, the first event of the AMS First Year Committee will have occurred. This was a new initiative from my office to try and engage first years with the AMS. On November 4 we will be hosting the First Year Dance with UBC Student Development. It’s sure to be an exciting event.

E) Executive Remarks:

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration

Student Leadership Conference:
Been VERY busy and the planning committee and me are in the thicket of organization. There are multiple meetings every week but it will hopefully all be worth it in the end. The theme for this year’s conference is “SHIFT” and the date that has been set for the conference is January 14th 2005. Please be on the lookout for when the registration deadline will be posted as I know it is a great experience that everyone should go through at least once.

SAC:
My SACees are just finishing up Block Bookings Council & Single Bookings Lineup and thanks to the great work of Holly Ma, the SAC Bookings Commissioner who coordinated those two events. The AMS Art Gallery Volunteer committee has been formed thanks to the efforts of Aliyah, my Art Gallery Commissioner and my Vice-Chair is ever in the midst of club dramas. But as always, they are all working very hard.

Renovations Planning Group:
We have been busy little bees! Thanks to Erica and Chris who are die-hard Renos fans. If it wasn't for them, I would be spending CPAC money all by myself (just joking!). Conversation Pit renos are wrapping up nicely as we are simply awaiting for the history plynths to be finished and the remainder of the coffee tables to be arriving. Whistler Renovations that were approved a couple months ago are due to wrap up soon. Renos also has two recommendations to put forward during this meeting so I won't say anything about that yet, but will gladly talk about it more afterwards.

Walter Gage:
Kevin and I went to our monthly Walter Gage meeting yesterday and we delightfully read many applications and helped to endow money upon worthy recipients. It is one of the most efficient and wonderful committees that I have had the pleasure of sitting upon. I wish everything could run as smoothly as Walter Gage Committee.

Inter-Faculty Cup:
Due to a lack of response from the constituencies, (namely only two!) there will be no Inter-Faculty Cup this term.

AMS/UBC REC Partnership:
I have been working closely in regards to drafting some policies with David Wells (AMS Policy Advisor) as well as trying to place something on paper in regards the AMS/UBC REC partnership.

**Impacts Committee:**
Will be meeting next week and Union Negotiations are as complex as ever -- apparently the meetings are going to become more numerous as the weeks progress and I look forward to them in hopes of reaching agreements soon.

**Other:**
In other personal news, I resigned from my 'other' job and am now finding myself happily sleeping in on Sundays. It is a great feeling.

**Gavin Dew - VP Academic**

**ISSOTL:**
< Attended the second International Society for the Study of Teaching and Learning conference last weekend. Very good but also very tiring, because it started at 7:30 in the morning on Saturday and Sunday.

**E-Strategy Advisory Council:**
< Attended E-Strategy Advisory Council, where we discussed strategies to improve and leverage the wireless network, as well as the impacts of VOIP.

**Campus Development Policies:**
< Much work has gone into this, and it is now functionally complete.

**Hiring:**
< Hiring has been underway for Deputy Ombuds, results will be finalized by the end of the week. Jasper Lin has been hired as Finance Commission Special Projects Commissioner.

**Barn Mitigation:**
< Attended a meeting with the UNA to discuss how to mitigate the impact of the surveying error on the Barn Community Centre. In my opinion, the alternative proposal is actually better than the original.

**Wellness Centre Revisioning Committee:**
< The Wellness Centre Revisioning Committee has been going well. We conducted focus groups with students last Friday. So far, I'm pleased with the receptivity to ideas.

**World Urban Forum:**
< I attended the opening event of the UBC lead up to the World Urban Forum 2006, which featured the Honourable Mike Harcourt and Dr. William Reese from SCARP. It was very interesting, and I'd urge you all to check out www.wuf3.ubc.ca and sign up for some of the sessions.

**Safety Committee:**
< The Safety Committee met, we're in the early stages of discussing how to maximize the effectiveness of the committee, especially in the context of potential committee reform.

**LEAP:**
< I'm the model in a a new LEAP competition. Check it out at www.leap.ubc.ca.

**Strategic Assessment:**
< Met with Michelle Aucoin yesterday regarding assessment mechanisms and procedures.
I had initially hoped to expand the scope of a cooperative survey instrument that we've been in discussions with Classroom Services about, but left with a high probability that we will strike a Strategic Assessment committee to deal with overall strategy around issues of assessment, information, and accountability, which would provide AMS with more opportunities to acquire information and strategic drivers. The U Penn "Pulse" is a model for this.

**Opportunities Watch:**
- I'm in early discussions with Janet Teasedale about a project involving social networking, work and volunteer opportunities, and peer mentoring/opportunities to network with alumni. Think LEAP 2.

**Canada West Foundation:**
- I will be attending a public policy focus group with Canada West Foundation on November 7th.

**Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:**

**Coca-Cola Investigation Commission**
The students on the Commission representing USAS have withdrawn from the Commission effective today. They were unsatisfied with the length of time the process has taken, and are unconvinced that the investigation will take place in a reasonable time period. The implications of this on whether the investigation will be credible in the eyes of students is unclear; however, the University Administrators on the Commission all seem united in the process and investigation moving forward. A conference call of the remainder of the Commission will take place this coming Saturday – the discussion is sure to be interesting.

**World Peace Forum Negotiations**
As per the motion of Council, negotiations took place between the AMS and the World Peace Forum Society, and unfortunately a financially acceptable agreement could not be reached.

**Tax Policy Update**
Changes to the University Act are being proposed by the Tax Policy Branch of the provincial Ministry of Finance that could have tax implications for the AMS. We were originally deeply concerned, however after having met with members of the Branch, we've discovered the changes are not as material as we originally thought.

**Vancity Sponsorship Meeting**
I met with Vancity to discuss possible sponsorship opportunities for proposed student financial programs, including Financial Aid Awareness Days. It was good timing for the meeting, as Vancity is currently creating their budget for next year, and the meeting went well. I'm eagerly awaiting their reponse.

**First Installment of Constituency Fees**
The first installment of Constituency Fees are in as of October 21st:

- **Commerce** - $586,000
- **Science** - $149,000
- **Engineering** - $144,000
- **Arts** - $138,000.

**Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:**
Advocacy
- Created a referral guide for UBC disciplinarians for differentiating the Advocacy office from the Ombuds Office.
- Created promotional posters which will be up soon.

Joblink
- Internship program is starting to recruit new interns (over 60 have been placed)
- Unpaid invoices have been sent out.

Speakeasy
- Helped Mariana (Safety Coordinator) with the Women’s Month movie presentation.
- Are working to reduce the noise of the buzzer.
- You may have seen the board-game themed posters around campus.

Safewalk
- Meeting with Bruce Lovell, Director of Campus Security, to work on some joint initiatives between Safewalk and Campus Security/Security Bus.

Volunteer Connections
- Shinerama and International volunteer fair have been wrapped up – presentation at next Council meeting.
- VeX program is being launched again (it will combine the old VeX program with Volunteer Match).

Minischool
- The second week of classes is upon us!

Food Bank
- This Monday (Halloween) is the 2nd annual Trick or Eat Halloween Food Drive. If you’re interested, meet at the Food Bank (SUB 58) at 5pm. There will be free food, drinks, and prizes for the best costume.

Personal
- I attended an assessment conference, and as a follow-up I am working with the university to create an assessment survey of the student affairs on campus.
- LEAP – working with OLT to create an online tutoring component of AMS Tutoring.

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

CIVIC ELECTIONS:
< After the previous council meeting, and after discussing with Paul Dayson, Marketing and David Wells, Policy, it was decided to hold an Electoral Area A Director candidates forum rather than a City of Vancouver mayoral forum.
< Here are some things Xcom and I have been working on:
< Submissions for The Ubyssey AMS Interactive, as well as Ubyssey ads
< Posters (#1 for the October 24-28th Week of SUB concourse tabling, and #2 for the 2 main events in November)
< A questionnaire was sent out to the Electoral Area A Director candidates and all candidates running in the City of Vancouver election for their responses about several important issues.
< Answers from the questionnaire will be used to create a rack card for a street team to distribute on campus, and they will also be posted on www.studentsforbc.ca
< Events:
< October 24th-28th: Elections kick-off with tabling in the SUB Concourse. Monday and Tuesday for parties: NPA, COPE, and Vision Vancouver. Thursday and Friday for
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independent candidates. The Civic Outreach team is also present each day with a non-party information table about how to become a voter and where to vote.

< November 7th: Electoral Area A Director Forum in the SUB Conversation Pit at 12pm.
< November 8th: Candidates Meet & Greet at the Gallery Lounge, 6pm-9pm.
< November 17th: Anti-Apathy Day. Tabling in the SUB Concourse will address major issues for the civic elections and remind students to vote on November 19th.

U-PASS:
< I went to the U-pass Service Review Committee last week at the TransLink head office in Burnaby. I brought the comments that Council gave me a few council meetings back. Here are the things that came out of that meeting:
< U-passes to be reissued. Due to the encoding problem, U-passes will be mailed out again in early December and students should be receiving the new orange U-passes on or around December 8th, 2005. The current U-passes will have a grace period until January 15, 2006.
< Important service changes effective December 12th, 2005:
< #44 will be extended to 8pm
< #49 increase trips in peak hours
< #480 extended to 7:40pm
< #99B Line will increase from every 4 mins to every 2 mins in peak hours. This is good news, but is accompanied by the sad phase out of the 99Special due to capacity issues.
< #84 is a new route running from Millennium Station to UBC along Great Northern Way, 2nd Avenue and 4th Avenue – beginning January 6th.
< ALSO: a number of buses will be replaced in June 2006 and extra buses are expected for September 2006.
< The U-Pass Subsidy Review Committee approved subsidy increases from $5 and $10 a month to $7 and $12 a month to correlate with the increase of the U-pass fee. The Committee also finalized all subsidy applications received for this term.

PROVINCIAL:
< Contacted Merv Scott, Director of Student Financial Aid this week to follow-up on our meeting in Victoria several weeks ago. I wanted to follow-up with him about the new changes to BC SAP and he will be forwarding me that information; I will be posting his information on www.studentsforbc.ca.

FEDERAL:
< CASA Days are coming! Xcom will be putting on CASA Days in the SUB Concourse on November 1st & 2nd. Xcom will be tabling to inform students about the Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA: www.casa.ca) and the current photo contest that will form the lobby stunt for the Ottawa CASA conference in November.

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:

Education: Mahtab Nazemi – Students held rallies in support of the striking teachers.

Graduate Studies: Darren Peets announced that he is running for the position of Director of GVRD Director A in the upcoming municipal elections.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:
J) **Executive Committee Motions:**

1. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE,

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   Whereas clarifying the Bylaw definition of membership is important in determining which students must pay AMS fees and which ones are eligible for AMS membership benefits and services such as the U-Pass and the AMS/GSS Heath and Dental Plan; and

   Whereas Bylaw 21(2)(i) states that Student Court is ‘the final interpreter within the Society of the meaning of the Constitution, Bylaws and Code of the Society,’

   Therefore be it resolved that Council request Student Court to render a written opinion upon the portions of the Bylaws defining membership in the Alma Mater Society, focusing in particular on whether co-op students, students in the Commerce diploma programs, and students in similar categories are members of the AMS and entitled to receive AMS membership benefits and services such as the U-Pass and the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan in return for paying AMS fees.

   Be it further resolved that the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs notify the Clerk of the Court of this request by Council so that the Clerk may notify the Chief Justice.”

   – Spencer Keys: There is confusion about AMS membership. At the last meeting there was talk of a bylaw amendment to allow co-op students and Commerce diploma students to opt in to membership or to get the U-Pass. We want clarification on whether these people are already members.

   – Tim Louman-Gardiner expressed concern about the Court declaring these people to be our members. Wouldn’t TransLink have something to say then? What are the implications for the AMS?

   – Spencer Keys: This will not affect existing agreements with other organizations. It would have ramifications for future agreements. A ruling by the Court would be tantamount to a bylaw.

   – Paul Sutton: We could go to BC supreme court.

   – Spencer Keys: If there were some cause, if we were breaking some rule.

   – Dave Claassen: This is just a clarification of what rules should always have been followed. It’s not changing, just interpreting.

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K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT,

“Be it resolved that, on the recommendation of the Primary Appointments Committee, Council appoint Robert Stibravy as Ombudsperson for a term from October 17, 2005 to April 30, 2006.”

– Gavin Dew noted that there had been no quorum at the meeting to recommend a new Ombudsperson. An e-mail he had intended to send to the committee members inviting them to attend the meeting did not send. But he had spoken to committee members afterwards and they had been fine with the recommendation.
– Reka Pataky: The motion seems to be making the appointment retroactively.
– Gavin Dew: The motion was originally supposed to go forward at the last Council meeting, but couldn’t because not all the applicants had been notified. The new Ombudsperson did start working on October 17, and that’s what his contract says, so yes, it is retroactive.
– Michael Woodward: What happened to the previous Ombudsperson?
– Gavin Dew: She resigned for personal reasons.
– Muhammad Kalas: It was shocking that the committee met without quorum. The process needs to be more democratic.
– Dave Claassen: He’s been on this committee and the Council members are extraneous. He had confidence in Gavin, in his having done due diligence.
– Gavin Dew: Chronically, no one shows up for these meetings. In this case, it was his fault because the e-mail didn’t send, but in the past no one showed up when they were alerted. And Council members were not familiar with the positions and were extraneous, as Dave said.
– Ryan Corbett: This discussion is not germane to the motion.
– Michael Woodward: Gavin did send out an e-mail afterwards and then sent all the minutes to the committee members.

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5. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RYAN CORBETT, [SCD 194-006]

“Be it resolved that Council adopt the Campus Planning and Development Policies as presented”
Gavin Dew: This is the updated draft of the policies he brought to the previous meeting for discussion. It’s a set of seven comprehensive policies addressing concerns about processes and advocating constructive implementation strategies.

Reka Pataky: What are the changes in this draft?

Gavin Dew said he had added an introduction, changed the formatting, and made some grammatical changes. He removed one policy that didn’t fit and added implementation strategies.

Reka Pataky: What happened to the recommendation of adding road signs?

Gavin Dew: He didn’t want to complicate the policy, and it didn’t jibe with the aim of promoting pedestrians rather than cars.

Reka Pataky: It’s a safety issue for pedestrians.

Gavin Dew: We can look at that and add something about road signs.

Chris Little said he’d like to see a final draft earlier than the meeting at which he was being asked to approve it.

Gavin Dew: The changes since the first revised draft, sent out on Monday, are just 20 words and the introduction.

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Whereas this referendum has passed and St. Mark’s College has agreed to collect all associated fees and remit those fees to the Alma Mater Society;

Be it resolved that Council accept the results of the St. Mark’s College referendum to join the Alma Mater Society, titled “AMS Membership Vote,” and

Be it further resolved that Council establish a non-voting Council seat for a representative of the Student Association at St. Mark’s College in accordance with Bylaw 5(2)(b)(iii);

Be it further resolved that Council invite the Student Association at St. Mark’s College to designate a constituent to fill the seat at their earliest convenience.

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Spencer Keys: This is exciting. We’re enfranchising new members. The vote was 27-1 in favour of joining the AMS.

Scott Price: How many were eligible to vote?

Spencer Keys: 190.

Sean Wilson: If only 27 out of 200 voted to join the AMS, that’s not that strong a statement.
Patricia Lau said she disagreed. If people are given a chance to vote and don’t, then they have given up that right. St. Mark’s has told us what they want, and we should follow that.

Dave Claassen: They got over 10%; that’s way better than in Arts elections.

Ryan Corbett: There’s low turnout across campus.

Darren Peets: What are the U-Pass implications?

Spencer Keys: They’ll be members. Their numbers are not substantial enough to skew things.

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11. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED CHRIS BAITZ,

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M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

13. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED CHRIS BAITZ, [SCD 195-006]

"That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $3700 from CPAC funds for the AMS Events Wall Renovations."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Manj Sidhu: The Events Manager has asked that the wall dividing his area from that of his assistants come down to create a more conducive space. One big expense will result from the cables in the wall.
- Scott Price: Can we relocate them so we don’t have to destroy a wall?
- Manj Sidhu: They requested an office move, but the one they wanted, their old office (224), is occupied by the AMS promotion team now. SAC turned them down.
- Reka Pataky asked about the exterior doors.
- Michael Kingsmill: The doors will remain. Removing them would be costly.
- Dave Claassen: Can we afford this $3700?
- Kevin Keystone: CPAC this year has $450,000.
- Patricia Lau: In future, can motions state how much money is in the fund they are drawing from?

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15. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED CHRIS BAITZ, [SCD 196-006]
"That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $298,215 from CPAC funds for fire and electrical code renovations and other maintenance and refurbishing items as presented for the AMS Whistler Lodge."

Note: RPG recommends that the allocation be $200,000 in Fiscal 2005/2006 and $98,215.00 in Fiscal 2006/2007.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Manj Sidhu:
  - Whistler Lodge is owned and operated by the AMS.
  - The building dates back to 1968 and there have been no major fire code or electrical renovations to it.
  - In September, Whistler inspectors requested bringing the lodge up to code. If we don’t comply, the building will be condemned and closed as of November 1.
  - There are safety issues with the electrical wiring; also the handrails and walkways are not adequate.
  - At a bare minimum, just to keep the lodge from being closed, we need to spend $169,300.
  - There are also some other maintenance issues, such as the old water boiler.
  - The total to do all the repairs would be $298,215.
  - If we built a new lodge, it would cost $2,221,800.
  - Tim Louman-Gardiner: What would we get if we sold it?
  - Bernie Peets: A million dollars.
  - Manj Sidhu: But we would have to get permission through a referendum first.
  - Tim Louman-Gardiner: How did it get to be such a problem? How was this unaddressed for such a long time? Is there any thought of putting new structures in place so this doesn’t happen again? Is this a sinkhole we’ll have to keep putting money into?
  - Bernie Peets: When built, it was done to the code of that time. Things were loosey-goosey then. A lot of work was contracted locally. Small renovations were done over the years. There hadn’t been an inspection for years.
  - Other hostels are in the same boat.
  - There used to be a Whistler Lodge Reserve Fund for ongoing renovations. That was done away with.
  - This motion addresses the situation. It will bring the lodge up to a safe level.
  - There are liability issues.
  - Old buildings always cost money.
  - It works out to $7.40 per student.
  - Compare this to spending on the SUB. We’ve done front of the mind expenditures on the building here instead of allocating money to Whistler.
  - Jonathan Lam: Does CPAC have the money?
  - Kevin Keystone: CPAC could cover all of it in this year, but he would not be averse to dividing the expenditure over two years. It would be prudent, but yes, we have the money.
  - friendly amendment here to change the Note to a Be it further resolved

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"That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $298,215 from CPAC funds for fire and electrical code renovations and other maintenance and refurbishing items as presented for the AMS Whistler Lodge, Be It Further Resolved that RPG recommends that the allocation be $200,000 in Fiscal 2005/2006 and $98,215.00 in Fiscal 2006/2007."

- Darren Peets: Do we have to install a sprinkler system? And why is there a 25-foot gap required between the lodge and the trees?
Michael Kingsmill: On the sprinkler issue, we are waiting to hear. On the foliage issue, there is no loophole.

Nathaniel Lim: How much are we making through the lodge?

Bernie Peets: Our net is $30,000. We could make more, but we’re trying not to use the lodge as a cash cow. It’s been in the black for seven years.

Dave Claassen: The building will never be brought up to code?

Kate Bisnaire: It doesn’t have to be. It’s grandfathered.

Mohammad Kalas: Later on we’ll just have to allocate more money.

Michael Woodward: Is our motivation to make profit? Or provide service? If service, okay. If not, we should review our options. We could build a bigger lodge.

Manj Sidhu: We can’t build a bigger one. Fire regulations prevent it.

Sean Wilson: It’s not really in the black if we have to do $300,000 worth of renovations. Maybe we should raise the money from the students.

Quinn Omori: How many students use the lodge?

Bernie Peets said he didn’t have the exact numbers, but it was a large number.

Patricia Lau: For $300,000, how long will the life of the lodge be extended? $2.2 million seems like a lot, but it’s not really if the new building would last 50 years and if the alternative is putting in $300,000 every ten years.

Michael Kingsmill: A new building would have lower maintenance costs, but not for 50 years. Reno decided that the renovation would be a good investment.

Jeff Friedrich: Have green methods of construction been considered?

Manj Sidhu: Right now we’re just seeing if Council wants to get the renovations done, but we can make note of that for the future.

Spencer Keys: We don’t have retained earnings. None of our businesses keep earnings to do renovations in their space. It’s all remitted to services. For tax reasons. We have substantial obligations for the next year to people who have booked. There’s an immediate need for $200,000. The remaining $100,000 is a separate question.

Scott Price: There’s a lot of space in the lodge but limits on the number of beds because of an earlier fire code inspection. We had to reduce the number of beds from 60 to 42 because of code compliance last year. Maybe we should create a two-tier Whistler Lodge system; besides the dormitory beds, some expensive hotel rooms to make some money.

Reka Pataky: A lot of students do use the lodge, get use out of it. Here’s a sexy third referendum question: whether it should be sold.

Ryan Clare: It’s useful for retreats. He wouldn’t want it sold. If we didn’t have it, we’d have to go somewhere more expensive for retreats or not have them. It’s too expensive to rebuild; let’s do the renovations.

Laura Levine: Set up a fund to address the long-term situation. Do the immediate renovations and then have a committee looking into it so ten years from now we’re not hit by a truck.

Paul Sutton said he didn’t think enough students would come out in a referendum to vote on selling the lodge, so there is no choice. Best to pass this and refer it to the Business Operations Committee. It’s good for students to get a subsidized stay at Whistler, but it doesn’t have to be that subsidized. Then in 2010 we can rent the rooms for $500 each.

Quinn Omori asked when the problem first came to light. Why was all this happening at the last minute?

Manj Sidhu: Reno got the numbers last night.

Bernie Peets: The inspection was in early September. We had till October 6 or 10 originally for compliance. Just doing a report on the situation took that long. We let them know we couldn’t meet that deadline. Everything was done as quickly as possible without a day to spare.

Dave Tompkins: It could have been brought to Council before.

Manj Sidhu: We didn’t know the costs before. And it is documented in Reno’s minutes.

Quinn Omori: If it’s a valuable service, then we should vote in favour. Later we can discuss if there’s a better way to run things.
17. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED CHRIS BAITZ,

“That Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $298,215 from CPAC funds for fire and electrical code renovations and other maintenance and refurbishing items as presented for the AMS Whistler Lodge.”

Note: Be It Further Resolved that RPG recommends that the allocation be $200,000 in Fiscal 2005/2006 and $98,215.00 in Fiscal 2006/2007.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...Carried

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

Minutes of Student Administration Commission Committee dated September 12, 2005 [SCD 197-006]
Minutes of Student Administration Commission Committee dated September 26, 2005 [SCD 198-006]
Minutes of Student Administration Commission Committee dated October 5, 2005 [SCD 199-006]
Minutes of Student Administration Commission Committee dated October 12, 2005 [SCD 200-006]

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

18. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LAW:

“Be it resolved that the Ad Hoc Executive Performance Review Committee be formed;

Be it further resolved that the Committee will:

1. Perform a comparison study of the quarterly reports from the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 Executives against the current Executive;
2. Distribute a confidential survey rating Executive performance to student and permanent staff;
3. Perform a confidential interview with each Executive.

Be it further resolved that ________________, ______________, ________________, ______________, ______________ and ______________ (Council member(s)) and the Ombudsperson be appointed to Chair the Ad Hoc Executive Performance Review Committee.

Be it further resolved that ______________ be appointed to Chair the Ad Hoc Executive Performance Review Committee.

Be it further resolved that the Committee report on its findings at the November 9, 2005 meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Paul Sutton:
- This his last meeting, and he is bringing a “legacy motion.”
- Not leaving simply because he was elected to the TA union executive.
- His intentions were impure in running for Council: after losing the election for President, he had been trying to impose his ideas of a Presidency through his one vote on Council and his membership on three committees. For that, he apologized.
- Working for the TA union, he will be able to work for students at risk, like TA’s who went through the TA strike in 2001-02 and who surrendered a term and the tuition they’d paid,
only to be legislated back to work with no raise, no tuition protection, and no class size protection.
- This illustrates how this particular condition of being a student has been at risk here since 2001.
- And working-class students who don’t want tens of thousands of dollars of debt are just out of luck.
- He questioned how accessible UBC is: there is some token academic outreach to the Downtown Eastside and for some First Nations students, but UBC remains largely monolithic and exclusive.
- Bachelor's degrees have become mere commodities, instruments of success.
- In this situation it is essential that students intervene to improve things, to act in the face of atrocities such as the construction of residences on unceded Musqueam territory, the presence of anti-feminist GAP displays on campus, and the occurrence of sexual assaults.
- He has been told that his is the only voice expressing this view at Council, but Council does not actually provide space for his voice: that he had to obtain two signatures and give two days’ notice to obtain this time to talk shows that there is a bureaucracy silencing dissenting voices.
- His working experience was blemished by harassment by the Executive under whom he worked last year.
- Currently, half the AMS staff think the AMS operates well, but the other half think it is poorly managed and feel consistently disrespected and undervalued.
- He has heard reports of harassment by a few members of this year’s Executive of staff who fear even going to the Ombudsperson for fear of putting their jobs in jeopardy. He would like the proposed review committee to gather information on this situation.
- He had looked at past quarterly reports and saw that in past years more work got done.
- It would be useful for Council to establish clear expectations for the next Executive.
- It will also be useful for the proposed committee to hear from the Executives themselves.
- Quinn Omori: The idea is great, but it should go through proper procedures. Also, November 9 is too soon; November is not a good time. He would prefer that this be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.

- Friendly amendment to divide the motion.

19. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LAW:

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2. Distribute a confidential survey rating Executive performance to student and permanent staff;
3. Perform a confidential interview with each Executive.

Be it further resolved that the Committee report on its findings at the November 9, 2005 meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

20. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED MOHAMMAD KALLAS:

“That motion #19 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.”

- Darren Peets: Doesn’t this committee already exist?
- Dave Tompkins and Spencer Keys explained that Council did create an ad hoc Executive Review Committee, but it had never met.

- Gina Eom: Is the only objection that this is mid-term time?

- Quinn Omori: It's too aggressive a timeline. It's hard to get agreement that quickly.

- Gina Eom: Then instead of referring to committee, just change the date in the original motion. This proposal is actually in line with the President's promise of oversight.

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: The review is something that needs to be done, but this proposal is flawed and should be referred to committee. Benchmarks beyond the quarterly reports are needed, and two weeks is unreasonable. Also, it will not do much for this year's Executive. It might do more harm than good.

- Spencer Keys: He had talked with Paul on the need for more effective oversight. The Code and Policies Committee has lots to do over the next few months, so he was not sure it would be productive to refer the motion there.

- Chris Baitz: This motion seems directed at this year's Executive, but it won't happen before elections.

- Michael Woodward: A lot of this is already covered in the committee reform plan. When will that plan come into play?

- Spencer Keys: Optimistically in a month.

- Reka Pataky: Definitely send this motion to Code and Policies. The motion doesn't fit the mould of the proposed Oversight Committee, and there's a timeline problem. It's unfair to implement this near the end of the year; it should be brought in with a new Executive so expectations are clear.

- Ryan Corbett: If it's meant to affect this year's Executive, it's too late. If it's for next year's, that's different.

- Sean Wilson: Does the AMS adhere to an external best practices code as Commerce does?

- Kevin Keystone: We don't. Different student unions vary too much. The AMS is much bigger than most.

- Sean Wilson: Commerce at UBC is one of the largest undergraduate societies.

- Jeff Friedrich: The concerns in this motion are immediate. The long term is already being discussed at Code and Policies.

- Derek Eidick: The original motion should go ahead. A time commitment should be made. Setting a precedent is the main thing. There is talk of disrespect and harassment by the Executive.

21. MOVED QUINN OMORI, SECONDED MOHAMMAD KALLAS:

“That motion #19 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.” …Defeated

22. MOVED GINA EOM, SECONDED PAUL SUTTON:

“That motion #19 be amended to read:

‘Be it further resolved that the Committee report on its findings at the November 23, 2005 meeting’.” … Carried

- Dave Claassen: If the object is to deal with reports of harassment, this is not how to do it. It should be done by the Ombudsperson.

- Sean Wilson: What was the object?

- Paul Sutton: To review the current Executive based on reports he had received.

23. MOVED JEFF FRIEDRICH:

“That motion #19 be amended by striking:
1. Perform a comparison study of the quarterly reports from the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 Executives against the current Executive.

- Reka Pataky said she did not understand the goal now. Paul’s long preamble contained accusations of harassment. She was still not clear what creating this committee would achieve; creating a committee is not a good way to deal with harassment; that’s why we have the Ombudsoffice. This is not setting expectations for performance or behaviour. Will it just be an airing of grievances? This is now a hostile and unfair motion.

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: This isn’t about Executive reform anymore. This is about finding out about harassment in a back door way. But it doesn’t achieve that and it also doesn’t set out benchmarks. This is now simply an employee satisfaction survey as a way to ferret out harassment, which is disingenuous. He could see the spirit behind the original motion as important, but he was against this. It’s a witch hunt.

- Patricia Lau: Without direction except for what’s been said, she wouldn’t know where to begin. If there is harassment and people are not comfortable speaking to the Ombudsperson, will they speak to students on a committee?

- Gavin Dew: This survey will answer only one question: are there workplace politics? Only a small portion of his job involved dealing with staff. It would not be a proper performance assessment if that’s all it looked at.

- Bernie Peets: The AMS has a sexual harassment and discrimination policy with very strict guidelines about how a case of harassment is to be dealt with.

- Trevor Gilks: If this committee reported that the Executive did consistently harass, what actions should be taken by Council?

- Paul Sutton: If anything unpleasant or particularly damning was found, censure would be in order.

- Michael Woodward: He didn’t know why Council was now discussing employee harassment. Executives do so much more. This has changed from an Executive review.

24. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“That motion #19 be amended to read:

2. Distribute a confidential survey rating Executive Performance to AMS staff.”

... Carried

25. MOVED PAUL SUTTON, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“Be it resolved that the Ad Hoc Executive Performance Review Committee be formed;

Be it further resolved that the Committee will:

1. Distribute a confidential survey rating Executive performance to AMS staff;
2. Perform a confidential interview with each Executive.

Be it further resolved that the Committee report on its findings at the November 23, 2005 meeting.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Dave Claassen: This whole motion needs to be flunked. It’s junk. Don’t refer it to committee, just fail it.

26. MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:
“That motion #25 be referred to the Code and Policies Committee.”

Abstentions: Quinn Omori, Manj Sidhu, Jess Klug, Gavin Dew, Kevin Keystone, Gina Eom
... Carried

P) Discussion Period:

Executive Review

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: Does Council want the Code and Policies Committee to do something on the referred motion this year?
- Dave Claassen: It’s your job to figure that out.

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

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Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs

GD:rh
A) Call to Order and adoption of the agenda:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

UBC Endowment - Byron Braley (Associate VP, Treasury)

The Endowment is a big pool of money resulting from 90 years of philanthropy. Includes 24 commingled funds run like a mutual fund.

Money is from the government and (the Number 1 source) private individuals, especially alumni; some but not a lot from corporate donors.

The Endowment provides a margin of excellence to pay for what government money and tuition do not.

Philanthropists see ways to improve society by creating endowments for universities.

In March 2005 the market value of the Endowment was $697 million; in October 2005 it was estimated to be up to $780 million, it having been a good year for donations.

Donations are directed according to donors’ wishes.

Medicine, Forestry, and Commerce receive a lot.

The amount for Arts doesn’t correlate with the number of Arts graduates because Arts graduates don’t have the same philanthropic wherewithal.

The aim of the Endowment is to benefit each generation of students equally (Intergenerational Equality).

Spending can only be at the rate of return and must be reduced in rocky years.

Some money comes from leasing land on long-term (99-year) leases, but no University land is sold.

Questions:

- Gavin Dew asked about near and long-term goals.
- Byron Braley: The Development Office is the greatest tool for increasing the Endowment, greater than leases. They bring in approximately $100 million a year, though not all of that goes into the Endowment.
- Darren Peets asked about the connection between donations and reputation. Which is cause and which effect?
- Byron Braley: Hard to tell, but success breeds success.
- Darren Peets: Are there problems getting money?
- Byron Braley: No, the opposite.
- Darren Peets: How many scholarships result?
- Byron Braley said he didn’t have those numbers, but he said there was $9 million in student aid total.
- Patricia Lau asked whether the main motive behind campus development was to increase the Endowment.
- Byron Braley: Certainly that’s one reason, perhaps the Number 1 reason. But there are other reasons for campus development. There’s also geography. We’re isolated and need to build a community.
- Gavin asked about the money to be raised by University Town.
- Byron Braley: The estimated amount by 2025 is $600-700 million.
- Spencer Keys: How does our Endowment growth compare with other places?
- Byron Braley: A baby compared to Harvard, but our record in the last few years is second to none. Our investment return annualized over the last 10 years is 7.9%. A separate company was created to manage it.

AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan - Kristin Foster/Graham Senft (Studentcare.net/works)

< Graham Senft gave an overview of the plan, now in its seventh year. Studentcare.net, the largest provider of student health plans in Canada, serves as an insurance broker, getting the best insurance deal possible for the AMS; in addition, and this is the biggest part of studentcare’s job, it administers the plan, managing the office, handling opt-outs.

< Kristin Foster: The past year was the first one in which claims did not vastly exceed premiums. In five of the six last years, claims were so high that the insurance company suffered a loss, which led to difficult decisions in order to make the plan work. In 2004-05 the plan was finally in balance.

< On the medical side, 94% of the premiums went back to the students. On the dental side, it was only 74%. Overall, it was 80%. If over 90, then there’s a loss for the insurance company, so now there’s a bit extra, which means some new benefits can be added and a reserve fund can be created.

< On the medical side, 77% went for drugs, 72% direct and only 5% through reimbursement. There was 6% for hospital and out of Canada expenses, which is high.

< On the dental side, periodontic (scaling) benefits were reduced, having a small impact on a large number of students.

< Graham Senft: With the extra money this year, orthotics benefits were introduced and a reserve fund created. Students are also using the special provider network for dentists, which now covers 100 dentists who give discounted rates. Students saved $400,000 by going to those dentists.

< Overall, 72% of students are in the plan, and 28% have opted out.

Questions:

- Gary Andraza asked which drugs are the most commonly purchased.
- Kristin Foster said anti-depressants lead the way, as opposed to ten years ago, when it was birth control.
- Christopher Little asked for an explanation of the discrepancy between the amount of claims submitted and the amount eligible.
- Kristin Foster: Only certain drugs are eligible, and people sometimes submit claims for ineligible drugs. Also, only 80% of the cost is covered. And there are annual maximums for things like counselling.
- Reka Pataky asked about monthly fluctuations.
- Kristin Foster: There’s a blackout period in September-October during the opt-out period. In November, when that’s over, there are more claims.
- Naomi Garrish: Students can still submit in the blackout period?
- Kristin Foster: Yes, they’re still covered, just they can’t get their money then.

Shinerama - Charles Voon (Volunteer Connections)

< Net donation $13,000, double last year and surpassing this year’s goal of $12,000
< 450 students involved in raising the money to seek a cure for cystic fibrosis
M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:

1. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

   “Be it resolved that Council, on the recommendation of the Renovations Planning Group, approve an amount not to exceed $12,605.00 from CPAC Funds for the Ballroom Curtain Replacement Project.”

   Note: Requires 2/3rds

   - Manj Sidhu: Reno is recommending new curtains for the Ballroom. The old ones have deteriorated, and using temporary pipe and drape instead costs $1,000 each time. The new curtains will be velvet and fire retardant, which makes the price go up.
   - Dave Claassen: Do they have to be velvet? Couldn’t we get something cheaper?
   - Manj Sidhu: That’s the quotation. That’s what it costs for stage curtains.
   - Jonathan Lam: $12,000 is a lot of money. We could get someone to sew it more cheaply. He could do it.
   - Manj Sidhu: They have to be made to our exact specifications. The company will install and do the labour; that’s included in the price. It will save us money for pipe and drape.
   - Gina Eom asked about upkeep.
   - Manj Sidhu: There’s no upkeep cost. They’re industrial/commercial quality. They don’t have to go to dry cleaners.
   - Darren Peets asked the colour.
   - Manj Sidhu: Black velvet.
   - Laura Levine: She sews and she knows the difficulties of making curtains for special purposes. These will be on a pulley system. She wouldn’t question the cost.
   - Ryan Corbett: We’re professional. We don’t want to do things cheap. The committee no doubt considered all of this.
   - Nathaniel Lim: Why do we take down the temporary pipe and drape?
   - Manj Sidhu: After an event, it comes down to be used elsewhere. Also, if left up, it could be damaged.
   - Nathaniel Lim: If we bought extra pipe and drape, it could be left up.
   - Manj Sidhu: It would not stay up.
   - Ryan Clare: There’s only one quote, but it seems reasonable.
   - Gary Andraza: There was less quibble over $260,000 for the Lodge than for this $12,000.
   - Abigail Ong: Are there other new projects?
   - Manj Sidhu: The servery floor, carpets and table in the Council chambers.

2. MOVED MANJ SIDHU, SECONDED REKA PATAKY:

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   Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

D) President’s Remarks:

Refer to my Quarterly Report [SCD 204-006]

E) Executive Remarks:

Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

Refer to my Quarterly Report [SCD 205-006]

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration
Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

**The Food Bank**
Trick or Eat was a success! Between 300 and 400 people showed up and we raised about 7,000 pounds of food! We will be working with the UBC Library on Food for Fines. This year, the food raised from Food for Fines will go to the AMS Food Bank, and the campaign will help create awareness of the food bank.

**Joblink**
There were 158 job postings in October. There are 6 interns working in the services area: Minischool, Speakeasy, Volunteer Connections, Tutoring, Advocacy and the Ombuds Office all have interns who are gaining valuable experience.

**Minischool**
This is the last week of Beer Tasting and Wine Tasting and the second-to-last week of everything else. Registration surveys will help Coordinator Letotlo Coco Lefoka and Assistant Coordinator Kevin Quinlan plan promotional strategies and new classes for next term.

**Safewalk**
Coordinator Imran Beg has also been meeting with Campus Security director Bruce Lovell and Community Liaiser Paul Wong regarding joint initiatives. Campus Security is going to come back to Safewalk in the next couple of weeks with a more detailed proposal. We will especially be looking out and pushing for improvements in safety services and provisions. Look for updates coming to Council soon.

**Speakeasy**
The Promotions Intern has helped them create the game-board themed posters around campus and the menu-style standups located in food outlets all around campus. And next week is the Wellness Fair.

**Tutoring**
Online Tutoring took another step forward this week, as AMS Tutoring created a WebCT account and purchased tablets and headsets for the tutors.

**SASC**
SASC finished their volunteer training last week, and this coming weekend is the Sexual Assault Support Conference that the SASC is hosting. There will be delegates from Women’s Centre’s and SASCs from all over Western Canada in attendance.

Gavin Dew - VP Academic

Refer to my Quarterly Report

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Refer to my Quarterly Report

F) Committee Reports:

G) Constituency Reports:
H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Tim Louman-Gardiner - Board of Governors
< The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2005.

Gina Eom - Senate
< Senate will meet on November 16, 2005

Ombudsperson
< Hired an assistant.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated October 26, 2005 as amended [SCD 210-006]

J) Executive Committee Motions:

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:

L) Committee Motions:

3. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That Council appoint Laura Levine (Council member) to the AMS Safety Committee for a term ending March 31, 2006.”

... Carried

Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m. for a five minute recess.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

4. MOVED RYAN CORBETT, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That Council appoint Mahtab Nazemi, Nathaniel Lim and Christopher Little (Council members) to the Ombuds Advisory Committee for a term ending March 31, 2006.”

... Carried

5. MOVED DAVE CLASSEN, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That Council appoint Patricia Lau (Council member) as Chair of the Ombuds Advisory Committee for a term ending March 31, 2006.”

... Carried

6. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That Council appoint Gina Eom (Council member) to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund Committee for a term ending March 31, 2006.”
Abstained: Gavin Dew  ... Carried

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:
Minutes of the Communications Planning Group dated September 26, 2005

N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:
Minutes of the External Commission dated June 23, 2005  [SCD 212-006]
Minutes of the External Commission dated September 30, 2005  [SCD 213-006]
Minutes of the External Commission dated October 7, 2005  [SCD 214-006]
Minutes of the External Commission dated October 14, 2005  [SCD 215-006]
Minutes of the External Commission dated October 21, 2005  [SCD 216-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 8, 2005  [SCD 218-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 20, 2005  [SCD 219-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated September 27, 2005  [SCD 220-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 4, 2005  [SCD 221-006]
Minutes of the Finance Commission dated October 25, 2005  [SCD 222-006]
Minutes of Student Administrative Commission dated October 19, 2005  [SCD 223-006]

L) Committee Motions:
7. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:  [SCD 224-006]
   “Be it resolved that Council amend the Campus Planning and Development Policies passed on October 26, 2005 as presented.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds
   - Gavin Dew: This was passed last time, but there were a couple of changes people wanted. Some wording, some housekeeping, nothing substantive. The new version had been sent out

8. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:
   “Be it resolved that Council amend the Campus Planning and Development Policies passed on October 26, 2005 as presented.”
   Note: Requires 2/3rds  ... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:
P) Discussion Period:

Council Meeting Reform - Jeff Friedrich

Jeff Friedrich: There are some long-winded things during Council meetings. He’d like to scrap Constituency Reports. Also, for Executive Reports, he’d prefer if the Executive each submitted a written paragraph, then just added things orally if necessary.

Dave Claassen: He agreed about Executive Reports. He zones out during them. The written quarterly reports were better. But on Constituency Reports, he liked hearing what the other Constituencies are doing. For Exec Reports he recommended just presenting two highlights orally and writing down the rest.

Dave Tompkins: There’s a new model for Council meetings coming.

Dave Claassen: It’s still hypothetical.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: The Code and Policies Committee will be looking at how Council meetings are run. It would be useful to hear from Councillors.

Chris Little: Being from an isolated faculty (Law), it is interesting to hear what’s going on in other Constituencies. And he enjoyed Executive Reports too.

Gavin Dew: We can’t lose the sense of Council oversight. It’s important that Council members engage.

Trevor Gilks: A lot of interesting things happen to the Executive that might not get read in a written report.

Quinn Omori: The Executive needn’t tell us about going to beer gardens and other social events. If they met with Byron Braley, that’s important.

Spencer Keys: Do people want the Executive to highlight the single biggest issue of the previous two weeks to talk about and just write up the rest?

Dave Tompkins: You could have three bulleted points up on the screen and expand on them.

Jeff Friedrich: It’s important to offer people a chance to speak if they have something to say. But if they don’t have anything to say, yet are required to speak, they will look for something to say.

Laura Levine said she would rather hear about a variety of things rather than a whole presentation on one thing. And if there is nothing important to say, it would be okay to say Pass.

Patricia Lau: We are the Board of Directors. The Executive deserve the opportunity to tell us what they’re doing. People won’t read written reports. She zones out too, it’s true, because the oral reports are made too quickly; there’s not enough time.

Dave Tompkins said his experience at the GSS was that people do not read reports.

Reka Pataky: Reporting is a very necessary process. The bulk of wasted time at Council is in repetitive discussion of motions or not trusting committees to have checked all the estimates.

Gina Eom: Could Executive reports be typed before Council and distributed first, then read, then commented on?

Dave Claassen: Facetious Constituency reports are the only things that help him survive Council meetings. Otherwise the meetings are horribly boring. For Executive reports, bulleted points are a good idea. They’d make it easier to focus. Otherwise people zone out, and that’s why they want to get rid of them.

Ryan Corbett: There are two reasons to streamline. One would be to make things more effective, which is fine. The other is just to make things faster so we can get to the Pit.
Quinn Omori: He agreed that the Executive needs to report, but Council doesn’t need to be told every minute of their time. If something needs an opinion from Council, fine, ask us. Or if it’s important.

Darren Peets: At the Board of Governors, they get through things in a big hurry. They trust their Executive. But he wasn’t sure that was the model to use.

Gary Andraza said he likes Constituency reports, especially for him as a representative of an affiliate (VST). He gets to find out about UBC.

Gavin Dew: The problem is that people feel they’re only getting an overview. To shorten Executive remarks would be to achieve the opposite of what is intended. To find out more about something in an interesting way, more time is needed, not less. The two or three minutes for an Executive report is not very long.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: There’s a tension. Our role as directors isn’t strictly decision-making; primarily we have to approve other levels’ jobs. The Board of Governors does rush through some things, but they nitpick on some things. It’s not our job to micro-manage, but we have to ensure due diligence.

Ryan Corbett: We’re going a little in circles. Not looking for structural changes. We’re just asking for reports to be relevant and succinct.

Spencer Keys: We’ll try and bullet things.

Jeff Friedrich: He was not necessarily seeking things be made shorter or saying reports are boring. He just wanted Council to focus its efforts. He appreciates accountability. He was not sure it was being achieved.

**AMS Survey - Gavin Dew**

Gavin Dew: There’s a possibility of a collaborative survey with UBC’s Classroom Services, perhaps in January. Recent surveys of ours spent money asking questions already asked by other surveys. He wants questions that help shape the Society’s strategic direction: for instance,

- Why aren’t students engaged in student society elections? What could get them engaged?
- How do you prefer to be contacted about campus development events?
- How do you define research (getting at whether students think undergraduate work can be called research)?
- What services do people want?
- What do students want from the AMS? Services? Community building? Lobbying?
- Given the lack of provincial funding, what’s the best way to cope? Increase the Endowment? Increase tuition?

Tim Louman-Gardiner: There’s a profound disconnect between the aims of the University and the aims of students. There’s a need to get at undergrads’ experience. What are the gaps at UBC? Why don’t students feel a connection to the University?

Gavin Dew mentioned the Penn State Pulse: each month they ask ten questions on a specific, targeted issue, such as school spirit, tuition, date rape, town and gown. He warned against having too many surveys, survey burnout.

Gary Andraza: There are pinpoint surveys for specific issues and larger ones looking at the broad disconnect. We might want to find an Education PhD student to do research on what students at UBC are thinking in the grand picture sense.
< Gavin Dew: A survey would cost $7,000. Should we be spending more money on surveys, on finding out what’s going on in the minds of our constituents? Often we have no quantitative data on what students think.

< Tim Louman-Gardiner: Do we want to use the surveys for lobbying or for internal AMS decision-making? They’re useless unless the University is kept outside.

< Gavin Dew: In the past we made our surveys independent of UBC to maintain our independence, but that undermined their validity. We should focus on internal AMS decision-making.

< Spencer Keys: Independent surveys are still good, making sure we have full control. You don’t have to have the University onside; you just have to make sure it’s a competent survey. There can be only so much denial of reasonable data. It’s important for the AMS to understand the aspirations of the students.

< Dave Tompkins suggested a question like: Do you think it’s worth four years of your life to get a degree?

< Gavin Dew: The University of Alberta had questions like that.

< Laura Levine: She’d be curious to know why people are here. She wasn’t here to debate ideas or learn for herself or expand her brain. Her parents wanted her to get a BA so she could get into law school. Are people here to use university as a stepping stone, to help them get a good job?

< Gary Andraza: These are the kinds of questions you can’t use statistics to answer.

< Gavin Dew: But you can make correlations. Are the students who are here to develop their minds more likely to care about the student society? That sort of thing.

Innovative Projects Fund - Spencer Keys

9. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RYAN CLARE, DAVE CLASSEN:

“This Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

10. MOVED MICHAEL DUNCAN, SECONDED RYAN CLARE, SEAN HUFF:

“This Council remain in camera.” ... Defeated

Q) Submissions:

Minutes of U Pass Subsidy Review Committee dated October 7, 2005 [SCD 225-006]
Minutes of U Pass Subsidy Review Committee dated October 20, 2005 [SCD 226-006]

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.
S) Adjournment:

11. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RYAN CLARE:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Abstained: Sean Huff ... Carried

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

T) Social Activity:

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

B) Membership: new members, declaration of vacancies:

C) Presentations to Council:

Tuition Consultation - Brian Sullivan (VP, Students) [SCD 227-006]

- Tuition fees will be the same at both campuses
- UBC is no longer producing an efficiencies catalogue, but there will be more detail in the budget.
- Last year tuition was limited to a 2% increase.
- This year there are no guidelines yet, but it is expected that it will be the same as last year.
- Increases will be effective May 1st.
- The limit does not cover international fees or mandatory ancillary fees.
- For international students, the Board of Governors has decided on a 2.24% cost-of-living increase, raising the fee per credit from $554 to $566.41
- There is also a proposal going to the Board in January for an additional increase of $33.33 per credit for new international students, as of May 1st, 2006.
- Current international students will not pay it.
- The proposed increase results from a government audit and is meant to cover the cost of international students’ classroom and learning space.
- The idea behind it is that domestic students are not to subsidize international students.
- The number of international students has increased from 3.5% to 9%, still short of the maximum of 15% set by Senate.
- The increased number of students is a good thing; it enriches the campus environment.
- Differential tuition exists for domestic students: Pharmacy, Commerce, and Applied Science students pay a different amount than students in other faculties.
- This is not true for international students, but the appropriate deans are discussing the situation.

Questions:
- Spencer Keys: How was the classroom fee calculated?
  - Brian Sullivan: The replacement cost of physical plant is $2,160 per student per year. Of that, 13 to 15% is strictly classroom, which equals $500. The figure of $33.33 works out to $1,000. The proposed increase of $33.33 does not cover the whole $2,160 cost per student, but it is more than the cost of just classroom space. It was decided to settle on something in between.
- Spencer Keys: How much revenue will this increase generate?
  - Brian Sullivan: Perhaps $2.5 million per year.
- Kevin Keystone: What is there in physical plant besides the classroom and learning spaces?
  - Brian Sullivan: This will come to be known as the capital contribution, covering formal and
informal learning space, such as International House, science labs, etc. It will cover
to what this money will go to anything besides International House and
classrooms and labs?
- Brian Sullivan: It will go to capital purposes. Discussions are still underway. By the time
of the proposal to the Board in January, the ground rules will be clear.
- Jeff Friedrich asked if the effect of these increases will be that the University is inviting only
rich kids from overseas. The cost will be $17,000 per year. There is little political
representation to go against this; international students are a minority voice. Why were
these changes not included with the increase made a few years ago? Why was there a
government audit now? Is the Administration just looking for more money?
- Brian Sullivan: In 1996, the international student fee was established on the basis of full cost
recovery. The government came in and said make sure it is. There are needs-based
scholarships averaging $25,000 a year; a substantial number of international students
receive these.
- Jeff Friedrich: The marketing principle of Trek 2010 is to attract international students, but
how many scholarships will be available to them?
- Brian Sullivan: There is access to scholarships. There is fundraising to make sure
international students can come on exchange. It is important to be accountable in a political
context. Canadian immigration law says you cannot get authorization to study here without
evidence of ability to pay.
- Tyler Bryant: In 1996, what percentage of regular domestic tuition were international
students paying?
- Brian Sullivan: They were paying 2-1/2 to 3 times the amount of domestic tuition. Now they
are paying 4 times. The differential has increased.
- Tyler Bryant: This is a disgrace. We say Canada is better than the U.S., but look at the
situation here. And there is buck-passing, blaming the provincial government.
- Brian Sullivan: UBC went this way in 1996. It was UBC’s decision, not the provincial
government’s. They simply initiated the audit to see if we are doing what our policy says
we should be doing.

AMS Elections - Ian McKechnie (Elections Administrator)

- Aiming for accessibility, information awareness, convenience, and fairness (i.e.,
  accountability).
- UBC has been co-operative about sending out a broadcast e-mail.
- There have been more information sessions this year.
- The Elections Committee is seeking greater media ties and is working with the
  School of Journalism.
- The Committee is also seeking faculty co-operation.
- Aiming for a hybrid election process involving both online voting and paper ballots.
- There will be four days of electronic voting and one day of campus-wide paper
  balloting.
- The hope is that this will increase turnout.
- There are certain logistical problems that may require that some paper ballots be put
  in envelopes with student numbers on them; the plan is to have laptops at polling
  stations which can have information on whether any individual has already voted,
  but if laptops are not available, the envelope system will be used.

Questions:
- Dave Claassen: Will attaching student numbers to ballots be a problem? It’s not the names,
  just numbers, but will that affect the secrecy of the ballot?
- Ian McKechnie: No. The procedure will have to be advertised, but it will work. It’s the best
  way to authenticate votes if laptops are not working.
- Patricia Lau asked about reducing the voting period from seven to five days.
- Ian McKechnie: For paper balloting, Code says elections should be for between two and five
days. When electronic voting was introduced, the voting period was set at seven days to
make sure the electronic system would work, but that is not an issue anymore.
- Patricia Lau: One of the proposed amendments is to put Constituency names on the ballot.
What is the motivation for that?
- Ian McKechnie: Some students just vote randomly, and we were thinking that if we could put one piece of information on the ballot that was unbiased and valuable, this would be it.
- Christopher Little asked about reducing the paper balloting time from five days to one.
- Ian McKechnie: If the feds can pull it off, we can too. Having one particular day to vote will reduce voter procrastination.
- Christopher Little: Many people are not on campus Friday.
- Ian McKechnie: That’s why there’s advance voting.
- Manj Sidhu suggested holding election forums in conjunction with the Student Leadership Conference.
- Ian McKechnie said he was already in touch with them.
- Mike Woodward asked about campaigning near polling stations.
- Ian McKechnie: There will be no campaigning at all on paper balloting day.
- Omar Sirri asked about the number of polling stations.
- Dave Claassen: Would it be the same for a referendum: four advance voting days online and one paper ballot day?
- Ian McKechnie said this was the first he’d heard of holding a referendum at the same time as the election. He would advise against it because the Elections Committee would have lots on its hands already.
- Reka Pataky: There will be lots happening on Thursday night before the Friday voting day: compiling the eligible voters database, for instance. Can all this be done from midnight to 8:00 am?
- Ian McKechnie said he plans to close electronic voting Thursday at 8:00 pm.

D) President’s Remarks:

E) Executive Remarks:

Manj Sidhu - VP Administration

SAC has made its list of activities that need to be done next term and they include the SAC Wyne and Cheese (a thank you to all the hard work of the AMS subsidiaries and constituencies), SAC Single/Block Bookings for Term 2, figuring out how to survive without the Online Database that is now dead, Office/Locker/Parking Pass allocations (with individual interviews for all groups that will be applying), Grad Class Council has started by my Vice-Chair and the club presentations keep coming in. Yes folks, life is good for SAC. Some of my commissioners are so keen that they have already started on their transition reports...although I can't tell yet whether this is something that is good or bad.

There was a breakdown of communication within the event organized by the Israel Advocacy Committee and the AMS that was held at the Norm Theatre on Monday, November 21st @ 12:30. This breakdown of communication between the AMS, the numerous organizers led the AMS, its executive and its staff at the doors to believe that we were implementing agreed to security measures for the event. However, other arrangements had been agreed to at a subsequent meeting. As the VP Admin of the AMS and as the chair of the Student Administrative Commission, I not only take whole responsibility for the breakdown of communication in regards to this event on behalf of the AMS and I am truly apologetic to the problems that this break in communication caused to constituents of the Society or to any members of the wider community during this event. Furthermore, SAC and myself are working very hard towards developing SAC policies to ensure that this breakdown of communication does not happen again in conjunction to any bookings in the Student Union Building. I will be keeping Council posted.

Renos: life is also good for Renos as we have concluded our last meeting for this term, this year in fact! Renos has been SOOO fantastic that I don't even have to send out reminders anymore so thank you to Erica, Chris and Ryan for always being there. There are a number of proposals on the
table right now that include: (no pun intended) refurbishing the AMS Council table, replacing the lovely mouldy green carpet in Council Chambers, replacing flooring in the SUB. We finished the Conversation Pit Renos underbudget at around $73,000 for the budget that was set at $80,000. Ballroom Curtains are being sewn as we speak.

The Student Leadership Conference is chugging full-steam ahead and promotions blitzes have started; there have been bus loop campaigns where we are giving out nifty business cards and lots of posters have gone up; it is scheduled for January 14th 2006! I highly encourage everyone to come out if you want to learn more about getting involved with leadership opportunities around campus, if you want to perhaps share your leadership skills, improve the leadership skills that you have or if you want to come for the keynote speakers in the Chan Centre. Check out the website www.ams.ubc.ca/slc and register. Deadline to register is January 7th so if I don't see your faces among the 750 students that are expected, I will be very sad.

Trevor Gilks - Executive Coordinator of Student Services:

Food for Fines
- This event is being run jointly by the UBC Library and the AMS Food Bank.
- It will take place between November 28th and December 2nd.
- Every food donation will result in $2 being waived from your library fines.

Minischool
- Classes are over and student evaluations have been collected.
- The Minischool staff are now working on ideas for promotions and classes for next term.

Volunteer Connections
- Volunteer Fair: January 16 -18th. It will focus on international opportunities.

Speakeasy
- Speakeasy will soon be putting out a call for volunteers who want to attend the Peer Support Conference (which takes place at UNBC this year).

Advocacy
- Advocacy created a reference binder for quick referrals for drop-in cases.
- Promotional posters are done and going up.
- A promotional pamphlet is being made now.

Tutoring
- The online tutoring test project took place this week.

Joblink
- 98 jobs posted so far in November (as of Monday).
Jessica Klug - VP External Affairs:

Municipal:
We held 2 Civic Elections events during the week of November 7th. The Electoral Area A forum on Monday had a very small turnout, much like the voter turnout for this race. The turnout for the Gallery Lounge event on Tuesday night was also discouraging. Despite the free food that was intended to attract students, there were more candidates than students present. A final report and budget should be coming to the next Council meeting.

Provincial:
On Monday, November 7th, David Wells and I attended a meeting with Dr. Moura Quayle, Deputy Minister for Advanced Education and ADM Tom Vincent. We discussed a multi-year funding model for universities, the quality of teaching and learning, and student financial assistance. Highlights from the meeting include hearing about the Ministry’s interest to conduct a system-wide review of post-secondary education in the province. The last provincial report of this caliber was the MacDonald report in 1962, so this is very exciting.

Federal/CASA:
As Spencer mentioned, we both consider last week in Ottawa as part of the CASA Lobby Conference an extreme success! Highlights from my week include a meeting with Mr. Gilles Duceppe, as well as sitting in the House of Commons Finance Committee on Monday, November 14th when Minister Goodale announced over $9.2 Billion for post-secondary education over the next 5 years. Within that Economic Update, commitments for 2 out of 4 of CASA’s lobbying priorities for the week were included. Here are the 4 points that CASA was lobbying on for the week; the first 2 were included in the government’s “mini-budget”:

1. An expansion of the Canada Access Grant to the full 4 years of study from the current 1st year only grant.
2. A review of the student financial assistance system.
3. A removal from the Canada Social Transfer (CST) to create a dedicated transfer for post-secondary education.

The meeting with Mr. Gilles Duceppe was quite interesting. It took time, but we were successful in having Mr. Duceppe agree that a pan-Canadian accord was important for post-secondary education, although Quebec would not want to be included in this discussion.

All in all, this conference was one of the best experiences I’ve ever had, not just in my political life, but overall. I learned so much in Ottawa and actually came back to Vancouver feeling like a completely different person. As this was my last CASA conference, I also had to say goodbye to the most wonderful students from across the country, all of them have a shared passion in the Canadian post-secondary system. This may be getting sappy, let me just end these remarks by saying that a conference report will be coming to Council in late January 2006.

Kevin Keystone - VP Finance:

Gavin Dew - VP Academic
F) Committee Reports:

Code and Policies Committee - Tim Louman-Gardiner (Chair)
- Tim Louman-Gardiner reported on the Executive review issue that Council had referred to the committee. He said the review would be folded into the new committee designed to do oversight in the committee reform plan.
- The tensions involved in such a committee had been the subject of discussions; there is a need for a body to respond to issues, but there was also the problem of having such a body looking over shoulders and nitpicking.

G) Constituency Reports:

Abigail Ong - Commerce Undergraduate Society
- Grad Class started Food Bank drive.
- Attended National Business School conference.

Sean Huff - Engineering Undergraduate Society
- Everyone invited to join in Holiday caroling on December 22.

Dave Classen - Arts Undergraduate Society
- All invited to the MASS birthday party on December 2nd.

Patricia Lau - Science Undergraduate Society
- Council members invited to the SUS holiday party to be held next Thursday in MASS.
- Science faculty applied for TLEF to review Chem 233. Please provide feedback.
- Reka - will be having her own holiday party in the SUS lounge on Friday.

Jeff Friedrich - Land and Food Systems
- Reminded everyone to attend the Allies Pancake Breakfast being held from 7:00 am - 11:00 am tomorrow morning.

H) Board of Governors, Senate and Ombudsperson Reports:

Tim Louman-Gardiner - Board of Governors
▶ The Board Standing Committees are meeting Thursday, December 1st and Friday, December 2nd, 2005.

Gina Eom - Senate
▶ Senate will meet on November 16th, 2005
▶ Master’s of Food Science issue:
  - UBC contracting out to third party in China.
  - Recruiting international students for tuition of $25,000 (US).
  - Benefits UBC economically: about half a million dollars.
  - Concerns about financial transparency and due diligence.

I) Minutes of Council and Committees of Council:

The following minutes be accepted by Council:

Minutes of Student Council dated October 26, 2005 as amended [SCD 229-006]
In-Camera Minutes of Student Council dated October 26, 2005 [SCD 230-006]
Executive Committee Motions:

1. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

"Be it resolved that Council approve an expenditure of up to $10,000 for a 'student-wide poll' to be divided between the External & University Lobbying Fund and the Student Services Fund, at the discretion of Executive Committee, based on the objectives of the poll questions."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Gavin Dew: Past surveys focused on tuition, but now the idea is to focus on developing a list of areas to ask questions on, such as the quality of our businesses, the direction the AMS should be taking, etc. The two different funds may be the source of money for the poll because we’re not sure exactly what the questions will be; some might be on the Services.
- Mike Woodward asked for possible topics.
  - Gavin Dew:
    - Customers’ perceptions of AMS businesses.
    - SUB use.
    - Best communication methods.
    - What do people want to know about?
    - Why didn’t you vote in the AMS elections?
    - Priorities for the AMS.
    - Are you a club member?
- Mike Woodward: Where will the $10,000 be spent? If students aren’t voting in our elections, why will they respond to our survey?
- Gavin Dew: The money will go to a survey research group and covers the cost of the survey and a report. More students respond to polls than vote. There may also be prizes as incentives to participate and promotion. He would guess at a 15 to 20% participation rate.
- Patricia Lau asked about the last survey.
- Gavin Dew: In the last few years there’s been an annual tuition survey, but it just duplicated other surveys.
- Patricia Lau asked if the cost would be the same.
- Gavin Dew: Approximately.
- Patricia Lau: Who looks at the data?
- Gavin Dew: The Executive and Executive support staff. It can be passed along to Councillors. We can use the information to help our Services and businesses or improve promotions.
- Mike Woodward: You can get a survey done by Survey Monkey for $19.95.
- Gavin Dew: Survey Monkey is a quick and approximate tool. It does not include correlations. This polling company (CRI) has been recommended.
- Quinn Omori: It sounds like a lot of the answers from this will be intuitive, so why spend $10,000? The money could be spent on a more worthwhile purpose.
- Gavin Dew: Some answers may seem intuitive, but they could be wrong. Our assumptions could be wrong. Information from this survey may allow us to make changes that could make us money.
- Kevin Keystone: One thing we can agree on is that Council is not necessarily representative and we don’t know what the students want. He wasn’t elected by quorum. This is an opportunity to put forward a smart survey with a smart company. It’s not Ipsos-Reid; that would be unaffordable. But it’s better than Survey Monkey. CRI is reputable.
- Quinn Omori: We could use Sauder students to do a survey.
- Kevin Keystone: Sauder students are doing a survey of Blue Chip cookie consumers, which will be useful. The CRI survey will be broader in scope. It will include lots more questions
about all of our businesses and our Services. It will tell us how students use our Services and businesses. It will tell us how to prioritize our resources.

- Spencer Keys: We are buying the name, the reputation, the reliability, the professionalism. We could hire Statistics students or use Survey Monkey, but CRI is a company UBC uses and respects. They will have professionally designed questions.
- Dave Claassen: What does CRI stand for? [No one was quite sure.] Huge name recognition. [Laughter.]
- Spencer Keys: The point is this is something we need to do on an ongoing basis. We need to do yearly surveys, to gauge trends, to find out what students actually believe in. Getting this data is vital.
- Quinn Omori: Do we want the information for lobbying or for our own internal information purposes?
- Gavin Dew: Both.
- Ryan Corbett: We are a professional organization; we should act professionally. Is the cost warranted? If anyone here really believes they fully understand the wants and needs of their constituents, then vote this down. I don’t know and I would encourage us to find out. [Applause.] The students don’t know about the AMS and we don’t know about them.
- Dave Claassen: If we have no concept of what students want, this Council shouldn’t exist. This is representative democracy. That’s why we exist, to convey the wishes of students to Council. There are too many surveys.
- Tristan (guest): Will the survey address issues of equity and racism?
- Gavin Dew: Not on our survey, but in other places.

2. MOVED SPENCER KEYS:

“That motion #1 be amended to strike ‘objectives’ and replace with ‘distribution’.”

... Carried

3. MOVED GAVIN DEW:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

4. MOVED GAVIN DEW, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

"Be it resolved that Council approve an expenditure of up to $10,000 for a 'student-wide poll' to be divided between the External & University Lobbying Fund and the Student Services Fund, at the discretion of Executive Committee, based on the distribution of the poll questions."

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

K) Constituency and Caucus Motions:
L) Committee Motions:

5. MOVED DAVE CLASSEN, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

"Whereas the AMS encourages maximum participation in electoral activities.

Whereas financial barriers can often adversely affect candidate’s campaigns or prevent potential candidates can running.

Be it resolved that Council allocate an additional $2,000 to AMS Elections for the purpose of candidate reimbursements."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Kevin Keystone: This is out of order. All changes to the budget must go through the Budget Committee. He was not against the spirit of the motion; perhaps Council could approve in principle and send the proposal to the Budget Committee.

- Ian McKechnie: It needs to be decided by December 1st.

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Tabled

7. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN: [SCD 231-006]

"Whereas the elections section of Code has been reviewed by the Elections Committee.

Whereas changes have been recommended by the committee to further enhance the electoral process by providing greater convenience to candidates and more information to students.

Be it resolved that Council adopt the changes to Code entitled 'Modified Campaign Period'."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ian McKechnie: Usually there’s a circus after the All Candidates Meeting. Election fever, people rushing to put posters up. It’s a major obstacle to candidates. The idea behind this change is to give the Elections Committee the power to delay the start of the campaign period. There will be a pre-campaign period during which the Elections Committee can gather information from the candidates and in which the candidates can get ready. Also, there will be no campaigning on voting day.

- Sheldon Goldfarb: Campaigning used to be banned during voting week, but that led to a number of complaints about candidates violating the ban. In an attempt to decrease the number of complaints, the rules were changed to allow campaigning while voting was going on.

- Darren Peets: There’s less anarchy at the All Candidates Meeting now that there are no
slates. Also, this amendment assumes there will be a happy and working Elections Committee in place in time to set the dates for the campaign period. What if there isn't? There should be a fallback.

- Ian McKechnie: Code should be written on the assumption that the rest of the Code is working. The hiring is supposed to happen.

- Manj Sidhu: Classrooms won’t be accessible during the day. And what if a candidate can’t make the assigned starting time for the campaign? There was a reason for doing it at night. It made all candidates equal.

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: There will always be people who can’t make it. The plan does depend on the functioning of the Elections Committee. It might be the case that if you give this responsibility to the Elections Committee, that may be helpful in getting the Elections Committee chosen.

8. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Whereas the elections section of Code has been reviewed by the Elections Committee. Whereas changes have been recommended by the committee to further enhance the electoral process by providing greater convenience to candidates and more information to students.

Be it resolved that Council adopt the changes to Code entitled ‘Modified Campaign Period’ as amended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

Friendly amendment by Christopher Little - additions in bold.

Code IX A Article 1, Section B

10. The Committee must not introduce new rules or regulations, or alter existing rules or regulations, during the period lasting from twenty-four (24) hours prior to the beginning of an election or referendum campaign until the final determination of the election or referendum results.

Article 2 - Nomination and Campaign Regulations

7. Campaigning

(a) There shall be an Official Campaign Period beginning immediately after the conclusion of the All Candidates Meeting at a time and for a duration as determined by the Elections Committee no later than December 1. In no case shall the Official Campaign Period be less than five (5) school days in length. Referred to in paragraph 4 above and continuing until the end of voting in an election.”

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Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

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“Whereas the elections section of Code has been reviewed by the Elections Committee.

Whereas changes have been recommended by the committee to further enhance the electoral process by providing greater convenience to candidates and more information to students.

Be it resolved that Council adopt the changes to Code entitled ‘Hybrid Elections’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ian McKechnie: The Code amendments will mean the Elections Committee gets discretion to decide how big an electronic component there will be in an election. As to the reduction from seven days to five for voting, seven was a cautionary number adopted in order to work out bugs. Now we know how the electronic system works, so the extra days are superfluous.

- Patricia Lau: Did the Elections Committee look at data on the seven days question?

- Ian McKechnie said he had. There is usually a burst of voting on Day One, then it trails off. Seven days are not needed.

- Ryan Corbett: The variance in voter turnout depends not on the day but on whether UBC sends out a broadcast e-mail. Make sure that takes place. It doubles the amount of votes.

- Darren Peets: It is frantic in the opening hour of voting, and before that.

- Darren Peets: If someone votes for some positions electronically, will they be blocked from voting altogether via paper ballot?

- Ian McKechnie: Yes, we will have to make that clear.

Friendly amendment to strike ‘electronic component’ and replace with ‘electronic voting component’ in Section IX A, Article 13 and to strike ‘refer’ in Section IX A, Article 13 (a).” ... Carried

11. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Whereas the elections section of Code has been reviewed by the Elections Committee.

Whereas changes have been recommended by the committee to further enhance the electoral process by providing greater convenience to candidates and more information to students.

Be it resolved that Council adopt the changes to Code entitled ‘Hybrid Elections’ as amended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

12. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN: [SCD 233-006]

“Whereas the elections section of Code has been reviewed by the Elections Committee.

...
Whereas changes have been recommended by the committee to further enhance the electoral process by providing greater convenience to candidates and more information to students.

Be it resolved that Council adopt the changes to Code entitled ‘Referenda and Significant Changes’.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ian McKechnie said candidate statements have caused a problem recently. Some candidates have waited for other candidates' statements to go up on the Elections website, then have in effect answered their opponents in their statements. There has also been revising of statements. He wants to change that to set a deadline for statements, after which candidates cannot change their statements on the Elections website. They can still change their own websites.
- Re moving up the financial reporting deadline: the idea is to create an incentive to submit on time.
- Re referendum funding: there have been no Yes or No committees ever, which is wrong. It should be easier to create these committees and obtain funding. He hopes to entice students to form a committee and take part in the referendum.
- These amendments will also put candidates' Constituency next to their name on the ballots.
- Trevor Gilks: A candidate's faculty is not relevant and may give unwarranted advantages.
- Quinn Omori: A joke referendum campaign could be set up if the signature level is as low as 75. The system could be abused.
- Kevin Keystone: For the Yes and No committees, the Elections Committee will just be designating who receives funding. Spending will be totally up to the Yes or No committee.
- Chris Little: It would be better to allow people not to have to provide the name of their Constituency.
- Ian McKechnie: It already says that they can choose not to.

13. MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That motion #12 be divided by Article.” ... Carried

14. MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Electoral Code IX A Article 2 - Nomination and Campaign Regulations

5(e) Candidates who decline to be interviewed or who fail to submit a 200 word web site statement by established deadlines shall have a statement to that effect published by the Elections Committee.

(f) Once submitted, statements, pictures, and other requested information may not be changed without approval from the Elections Committee.”

- Darren Peets: The 48-hour deadline for submitting financial statements will mean the deadline will fall on the weekend.
- Ian McKechnie: In our technological society, that shouldn't be a great inconvenience.
- Tim Louman-Gardiner suggested giving the Elections Committee discretion if a candidate wanted to change their statement.
- Ian McKechnie: The Elections Committee would prefer not to be given that discretion. If there is no discretion, there is no appeal.
- Patricia Lau: The Elections Administrator provided an excellent reason for having a deadline. It's not fair for candidates to read others' write-ups before submitting their own.
No one should get an advantage.
- Darren Peets: What if someone is sick and can’t make the deadline?
- Dave Claassen: How catastrophic will it have to be to stop you from doing 200 words? If it’s that catastrophic, you’ll be pulling out of the election.

15. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED SEAN HUFF:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...

... Defeated

16. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“That Section 5(f) be amended to read:

(f) Once submitted, statements, pictures, and other requested information shall not be changed without approval from the Elections Committee.” ...

... Carried

17. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Section 5(e) be amended to read:

5(e) Candidates who decline to be interviewed or who fail to submit a 200 word website statement by established deadlines shall have a statement to that effect published by the Elections Committee at the discretion of the Elections Committee.”

... Carried

18. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...

... Carried

19. MOVED TIM LOUMAN-GARDINER, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That Section 5(e) be amended to read:

5(e) Candidates who decline to be interviewed or who do not submit a 200 word web site statement by established deadlines shall have a statement to that effect published by the Elections Committee at the discretion of the Elections Committee.” ...

... Defeated

20. MOVED RYAN CLARE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ...

... Defeated

21. MOVED EDWARD CHEUNG, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That Section 5(e) be amended to read:

5(e) Candidates who decline to be interviewed or who do not submit a 200 word web site statement by established deadlines shall have a statement to that effect published by the Elections Committee.”
Kevin Keystone expressed concern that the Elections Committee would say that a candidate had “failed” to submit a statement. It’s one thing to leave it blank; it’s one thing to say a candidate declined to be interviewed. But if the Elections Committee can say that a candidate “failed,” it will taint the election process and affect the vote. Is that impartial?

Sean Huff: It’s a good indication of character if you can’t submit a spiel about yourself. Voters will want to know if you can’t write 200 words.

Dave Claassen: It’s not biased to say they failed to turn it in; that’s not bias, just facts.

Ryan Corbett said he didn’t see any harm in just leaving a blank.

Chris Little asked if it is mandatory to submit a statement and was told it was optional.

Ryan Clare: There’s a difference between leaving a blank and not submitting.

22. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“That the above amendment be amended to read:

5(e) Candidates who decline to be interviewed or choose not to submit a 200 word web site statement by established deadlines shall have a statement to that effect published by the Elections Committee.”

Michael Duncan: If someone forgets, that’s not choosing.

23. MOVED DAVE CLASSEN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried

24. 19. MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“That Section 5(e) be amended to read:

5(e) Candidates who decline to be interviewed or choose not to submit a 200 word web site statement by established deadlines shall have a statement to that effect published by the Elections Committee.”

... Defeated

25. MOVED EDWARD CHEUNG, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That Section 5(e) be amended to read:

5(e) Candidates who decline to be interviewed or who do not submit a 200 word web site statement by established deadlines shall have a statement to that effect published by the Elections Committee.”

... Carried

26. MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

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5(e) Candidates who decline to be interviewed or who do not submit a 200 word web site statement by established deadlines shall have a statement to that effect published by the Elections Committee.

(f) Once submitted, statements, pictures, and other requested information shall not be changed without approval from the Elections Committee.”
27. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Electoral Code IX A Article 4 - Referendum Regulations

5. Yes and No Committees:

(a) Council shall allocate up to a maximum of $1,000 to fund one Yes committee and up to a maximum of $1,000 to fund one No committee in every referendum.

(b) To qualify for funding, a Yes or No committee must:

i) obtain a copy of the referendum handbook referred to in paragraph 7 below; and

ii) submit to the Elections Committee a petition for funding on which must appear the following:

1. the signatures and student numbers of at least 500 seventy-five (75) active members; and

2. a list of the members of the Yes and No Committee identifying them as members of that committee.”

- Ian McKechnie: The Elections Committee will still be an oversight committee over these Yes and No committees. They won’t be able to spend on just anything. But we need these committees. Our referendums look one-sided. These committees would lend legitimacy.

- Kevin Keystone: If we want oversight, make these committees submit a budget. He agreed that 500 signatures was huge, adding that 75 is tiny.

28. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That motion #27 be amended to read:

1. the signatures and student numbers of at least seventy-five (75) two hundred and fifty (250) active members; and

3. a budget outlining any proposed expenditures.”

- Tim Louman-Gardiner: A budget will mean just another obstacle to forming these committees, a procedural hurdle.

- Reka Pataky: Committees won’t actually be reimbursed till the Elections Committee approves the receipts. That should be the focus of oversight, not making it harder to form the committees.

29. MOVED KATE BISNAIRE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the above two amendments be divided.” ... Carried

30. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That motion #27 be amended to read:

1. the signatures and student numbers of at least seventy-five (75) two hundred and
fifty (250) active members; and

31.MOVED MICHAEL WOODWARD:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

32.MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That motion #27 be amended to read:

1. the signatures and student numbers of at least seventy-five (75) two hundred and fifty (250) active members; and ... Defeated

33.MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That motion #27 be amended to read:

3. a budget outlining any proposed expenditures.”

34.MOVED REKA PATAKY, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

35.MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That motion #27 be amended to read:

3. a budget outlining any proposed expenditures.” ... Carried

36.MOVED DAVE CLASSEN, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That motion #27 be amended to read:

1. the signatures and student numbers of at least seventy-five (75) one hundred and fifty (150) active members; and

37.MOVED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

38.MOVED DAVE CLASSEN, SECONDED OMAR SIRRI:

“That motion #27 be amended to read:

1. the signatures and student numbers of at least seventy-five (75) one hundred and fifty (150) active members; and

Opposed: Sean Huff ... Carried
39. MOVED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Council adjourn for a ten minute recess.” ... Failed for lack of a seconder

40. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“Electoral Code IX A Article 4 - Referendum Regulations

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1. the signatures and student numbers of at least one hundred and fifty (150) active members; and

2. a list of the members of the Yes and No Committee identifying them as members of that committee.

3. a budget outlining any proposed expenditures.” ... Carried

41. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“Article 6 - Ballots

6. After each candidate’s names shall be the name of the Constituency they are a member of, according to the list of Constituencies in Bylaw 5(2)(a). Where membership cannot be determined, or is not provided, the space shall be left blank.”

- Sean Huff said he would like to see the Constituency name on the ballot as an extra piece of information. He didn’t think it would sway the voters.

- Spencer Keys: Voters might be swayed. With the VP Finance position, voters might want someone in Commerce. With the VP External, they might want someone in Arts who might be expected to know more about politics. These are possibilities that should be considered. It’s reasonable to think about these things; if candidates think their Constituency membership is relevant, they can always bring it up in their write-ups.

- Jeff Friedrich said the idea tends to discriminate against the smaller faculties and also encourages stereotypes about faculties.

- Quinn Omori said he was strongly against. It added a biased fact that shouldn’t make any difference in making a rational decision.

42. MOVED QUINN OMORI:

“That the question be called.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried
43. MOVED SEAN HUFF, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

“Article 6 - Ballots

6. After each candidate’s names shall be the name of the Constituency they are a member of, according to the list of Constituencies in Bylaw 5(2)(a). Where membership cannot be determined, or is not provided, the space shall be left blank.”

... Defeated

44. MOVED SCOTT PRICE, SECONDED MICHAEL DUNCAN:

“ Whereas the elections section of Code has been reviewed by the Elections Committee.

Whereas changes have been recommended by the committee to further enhance the electoral process by providing greater convenience to candidates and more information to students.

Be it resolved that Council adopt the changes to Code entitled ‘Referenda and Significant Changes as amended’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

45. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED DAVE CLASSEN:

“That the meeting be extended until 10:43 p.m. and Council adjourn for a five minute recess.”

... Carried

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 p.m.

46. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE: [SCD 234-006]

“Whereas the elections section of Code has been reviewed by the Elections Committee.

Whereas changes have been recommended by the committee to further enhance the electoral process by providing greater convenience to candidates and more information to students.

Be it resolved that Council adopt the changes to Code entitled ‘Streamlining & Revisions’.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- On the partial reimbursement proposal, Ian McKechnie said some candidates don’t try because they figure they can’t get 10% of the vote and thus won’t be eligible for a reimbursement, so they reduce their expenses and in effect defeat themselves for fear of not getting their money back.
- On the random order of candidates’ names on ballots, Tim Louman-Gardiner asked about producing three or four different ballots, each with its own order.
- Ian McKechnie: You would pay seriously for that in counting time and errors.

47. MOVED DARREN PEETS, SECONDED SCOTT PRICE:

“That Electoral Code Section IX A, Article 2(10) (f) be amended to read:

‘Elected candidates and those receiving at least ten percent (10%) of the total votes cast for a position (excluding spoiled votes) divided by the number of elected candidates
in that position, shall be eligible for reimbursement up to the upper reimbursement limit for campaign expenses'."

Abstained: Sean Huff

48. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

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Whereas changes have been recommended by the committee to further enhance the electoral process by providing greater convenience to candidates and more information to students.

Be it resolved that Council adopt the changes to Code entitled ‘Streamlining & Revisions as amended’.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

49. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

"Whereas the smooth operation of the electoral process is placed in jeopardy by inconvenient Code requirements with regards to nominations procedures.

Whereas significant additional steps have been taken this year to inform students of nominations procedures and have stressed the importance of coordinating elections plans early.

Be it resolved that Council suspend Code Section IX:A, Article 2, Paragraph (a) to allow nominations to close on January 9th, 2006 instead of January 13th, 2006."

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Ian McKechnie: Because Code requires that nominations continue till the end of the first full week of the second term, and because Code defines a full week to mean a week with four school days, this year that would mean keeping nominations open until the 13th. The spirit of the Code is to ensure at least four days for candidates to get their nominations in at the beginning of second term, and those four days will be available if nominations close on the 9th.

50. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED CHRISTOPHER LITTLE:

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Note: Requires 2/3rds

M) Planning Group Minutes, Reports and Motions:
N) Commission Minutes, Reports and Motions:

51. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MANJ SIDHU: [SCD 235-006]

“Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendation of the Student Administrative Commission, ‘Code Changes 2005 - Contracts and Signing Authority’, and adopt the changes to the Code of Procedure therein.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds

- Kevin Keystone explained the plan to streamline the contracts process. The plan has received support from the Constituencies and from SAC. The changes will reduce the lead time for submitting contracts from four weeks. Contracts will now go through in three days, except if there needs to be insurance for off-campus alcohol events.

- One change he wanted to make to the proposal coming from SAC was to restore SAC’s power to create contract templates. After further discussions, it was decided that SAC should still have that power.

52. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE: (Friendly Amendment)

“That the Contracts and Signing Authority section of Code of Procedure be amended by reinstating Section IX B, Article 9, Section 8.”

... Carried

53. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE, SECONDED MANJ SIDHU:

“Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendation of the Student Administrative Commission, ‘Code Changes 2005 - Contracts and Signing Authority’, and adopt the changes to the Code of Procedure therein as amended.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds... Carried
54. MOVED KEVIN KEYSTONE:

“That the meeting be extended indefinitely.” ... Carried

O) Other Business, Including Notices of Motions:

L) Committee Motions:(Cont)
- There was further discussion on the tabled motion to allocate an extra $2,000 to the Elections Committee to implement the partial reimbursement plan for candidates. It was noted that Bylaws require the Budget Committee to meet to recommend such a change in the budget.
- It was suggested that the Council meeting recess to allow Budget Committee to consider the proposal. Another suggestion was to wait until January and change the budget then. In the meantime the old numbers could be given to candidates with the understanding that they might change.

P) Discussion Period:

UBC Student Social Space Committee - Patricia Lau
- Patricia Lau: The University’s social space committee affects students. Brian Sullivan has suggested a presentation in January to see what areas of campus students want developed.
- Kevin Keystone: The committee funded social space beside Starbucks and donated to the Restore the Norm campaign. One complaint has been that there wasn’t proper consultation over Starbucks. He would like to talk about that.
- Gavin Dew: It would also be good to talk about CABSD, the overarching body to which this committee reports.

AMS Referenda - Quinn Omori
- Jessica Klug: The referendum has to be called at the January 11th Council meeting. The questions being considered now are:
  1) a $1 fee for the UBC Farm, which seems like a good idea;
  2) a $40 non-opt-outable fee to go to UBC’s Intramurals program and the University’s Student Recreation Centre in return for a reduction of fees for participants in Intramurals and at the SRC by up to 75%; this was the sexy question the Referendum Committee had looked for; and
  3) Bylaw amendments to pull some things out of the Bylaws so that Council can in future amend them, such things to include the date for Executive turnover and the rules for what the AMS can invest in.
- Reka Pataky: Have we decided to run this with the election?
- Quinn Omori: Usually referenda run with the elections.
- Spencer Keys: What happened to the suggestion of asking if students wanted us to stop talking to Coke in return for a $10 fee increase?
- Quinn Omori: There were a bunch of issues with that question. What year would it apply to? What about other producers? There were a lot of side issues. When it was first put forward, it seemed like the best question, but the more we talked at the committee, the more it seemed like a major headache.
- Ryan Clare said he had a huge problem with raising fees. Any new fee should definitely be opt-outable. He would hate to see more of his money being wasted.
- Quinn Omori said the question would be put to the students for them to decide. He’d vote No too.
Ryan Clare: Then why waste the students’ time?

Dave Tompkins said there could be a full debate in January.

Sean Huff: Is the main aim Question 3 (the bylaw changes)?

Quinn Omori: No, that came later, after the sexy $40 one.

Sean Huff: So the original reason was for the farm?

Quinn Omori: That was the first question that came to us.

Sean Huff: It seems like we’re just grasping at things to put on for the sake of having a referendum. And there could be a sexier question than the $40 fee.

Omar Sirri: The Engineers should talk to their constituents. It is a sexy question, and it has a chance to pass.

Tim Louman-Gardiner: The question didn’t come out of nowhere. Expanding the SRC has been talked of forever. It’s an excellent question. It will produce lots of discussion and division.

Kevin Keystone: There have been complaints from students. They don’t support non-opt-outable fees. Our referenda are not really representative; a mere 4500 students can impose their will on 45,000.

Quinn Omori said he didn’t think this was a good time to debate. The questions will go out by e-mail.

Patricia Lau: But it would be good to solidify the questions before January 11 and not try to pick a new question then.

Sheldon Goldfarb said that in recent years referenda have not been held at the same time as the elections, but they were in the 90’s.

Ryan Clare: We need to know the capacity of the Bird Coop at the SRC. How used is it?

Dave Tompkins [to the members of the Referendum Committee]: Send out an e-mail with the information.

55. MOVED SPENCER KEYS, SECONDED RYAN CLARE, DAVE CLASSEN:

“That Council move in camera.”

Note: Requires 2/3rds ... Carried

Q) Submissions:

R) Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Student Council will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in SUB Room 206.

S) Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 p.m. due to the fire alarm.

T) Social Activity:

Gavin Dew
VP Academic and University Affairs   GD:pr